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A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. Proverbs 15:1.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Charles Miller

**Expanding Business** 

Governor William B. Umstead has told the legislature he wants the State highway system, through both normal split up into 15, rather than ten, divisions, and the recommendation has brought forth much comment, some pro,

At first thought, it might appear that the Governer is out-of-order in recommending this half-again-as-much expansion of the State Highway Department. There would be five more commissioners, five more division engineers, five more offices, five more office staffs, etc., etc. It looks like a big bill is going to be added to the administrative set-up.

Actually, the addition probably wouldn't be as large as it seems. Generally speaking, it must be assumed that the highway commission now employs almost enough folk to do the job. The split-up would mean addition of engineers, principally, and would cut the load of the present over-worked, hardpressed division staffs.

The argument of Governor Umstead is that the great expansion of the state highway system, through borth normal growth and the \$200 million bond issue. has increased the workload sufficiently to require the expanded set-up.

An opponent says it might have been all right to expand it when the road bonds issue was passed, not now, a statement which assumes that the state's major road-building job is done. The statement is hardly correct. Between building and re-building, to accommodate the increasing number of cars and trucks, it can be safely said that the state's road-building program is little more than well-started.

Governor Umstead's suggestion is a provocative one. The soundest reasoning is that an expanding business must have increased persennel, executive as well as operative. And North Carolina's highway business is certainly expand-

## **Battle Lines Form**

"It's starting mighty early," has been an average comment on announcements for city political office. May does seem a considerable distance away, but the way time moves off like a jet propulsed plant, maybe it isn't.

Usually, most folk are ready for the spring political wars, after a momentary cessation, but during the past two-years, there has been a steady political diet

With considerable disagreement emanating from City Hall during the past 20 months, plus the regular county, state and national elections, there has been little surcease from matters political.

Thus the battle lines are forming now for the May voting, whereby various citizens will contest for the right to both regular and special municipal headaches, of which there will be no small amount of each.

Who will inherit the city's defective, inadequate sewage plant? Who will be victorious, the endorsers of the city manager system, or the endorsers of the long-used council-mayor system? Who will get the duty of carving up the near half-million dollars which comes into city coffers annually, but which never is enough to meet all needs?

All these questions are to be answered, come May, and they are already making a leading topic of conversation among almost all citizens of the community.

Our congratulations to Boyd Harrelson, who will serve as president of the Bethware Progressive club during the coming year.

**Teapot Tempest** Many people must have thought, on reading the first crying headlines about Operation Smack, that President Eisenhower's honeymoon had already ended. Indeed, they may have read further, looking for the name of the dissident, dissonant Democrat who started the

Not so! The whole list read Republican, from Rep. Hoffman, of Michigan, who seemed to be the biggest talker, to Rep. Bray, and others.

The charges of holding a "dress raid" for the benefit of high brass and newsmen were of the most sensational type and undoubtedly inspired by someone who had an axe to grind, or by someone hoping to make a stir-up.

Many people are unfriendly to and suspicious of the military, and with good right. The services have more than their share perhaps, of brass who are dull, vainglorious, and wasteful. But basic humanity does not admit to staging "show raids."

A reading of the factual follow-up stories from Korea made the whole tempest look pretty silly, and there's hardly a World War II veteran around who won't report many a raid closely observed by high brass and newsmen. As a matter of record, some of the high brass and newsmen got wounded or killed for their pains.

In the tempest, the identity of the person or persons who made the Operation Smack pot boil over may have been overlooked. They should be feretted out and marked for irresponsibility, at the very least.

The army, navy, marines, and air corps are anything but sacrosanct, and undoubtedly deserving of criticism in many directions. But the latest tempest seems to be a very low blow.

Various and sundry are always pointing out defects in the much-amended city charter, but it seems to the Herald that one defect is the provision which allows filing for office as late as five days before the election. It hardly gives the clerk time enough to get the ballots printed. Another defect is the questionable definition of a quorum, much-aired during the past two years. Some, of course, think the pay of city mommissioners is somewhat brief. At present, a commissioner gets \$10 per month, provided he attends the regular monthly meeting. The special meetings don't

It won't be long, County Commissioner Hazel Bumgardner says, before citizens will be receiving notices of property assessments as a result of the current revaluation work, a job long overdue in Cleveland County and never done on anything approaching a scientific basis. Mr. Bumgardner says the citizens need not worry about excess taxation, which is encouraging, and he makes bloods boil when he reports such property "findings" as 35-unit housing developments. Many, who have thought they were getting by the tax collector cheaply have, in fact, been penalized, Mr. Bumgardner says.

With the first of February past, taxes already listed, old tax bills paid and new, shiny auto tags on the car, everyone can relax momentarily until the approach of March 15 brings on another deadline day. Life seems to be one continual meeting of deadlines, particularly the taxing kind.

Our congratulations to J. W. Webster, who has been elected chairman of the Kings Mountain district Boy Scout organization for the coming year.

## YEARS AGO Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events WEEK taken from the 1943 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

The infantile paralysis drive she has been visiting her husband, I for funds which was conducted J. B. Falls who is in the Air Corp, past three months has been emhere last week totaled \$405.29 ac and stationed at Painefield. cording to Supt. B. N. Barnes.

Social and Personal Mrs. Luther Cansler was hostess to members of the Home

ternoon.

Mrs. Wendell Phifer has re-68 young men will depart to turned from a visit with her hus. C. A. Oates until she joins her morrow morning (Friday) by band at Albuquerque, New Mexi-

special bus at 9:52 a, m, for in- co. duction in the army at Fort Pvt. D. H. Welch, a member of Dayton, Ohio. the Paratroopers at Fort Bragg is visiting friends and relatives Tuesday morning for Waynes-

Miss Sara Herndon, student at Arts Club on last Wednesday af Furman University in Greenville, aged father. S. C. was accompanied home for Mrs. J. B. Falls has returned a short visit by her roommate of with a cold. from Everett, Washington, where Plainville, New York.

Mrs. Floy Oates, who for the ployed in a defense plant in Canton, N. C. is visiting Mr. and Mrs. husband, Lt. "Bus" Oates who is now stationed at Wright Field,

Mrs. H. R. Parton left early vifle where she was called on account of the critical illness of her

Miss Betty Lynch has been sick

## MARTÍN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

Ingredients: bits of news. wisdom, humor, and comment. Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid over dosage.

#### Auctions

For who knows how long, the auction has been an interesting selling device to dispose of property of one kind or another, and virtually every kind of property, from fine silks to real estate, have changed hands through this interesting selling method.

Auctions have long been a favorite method of disposing of livestock, such as horses, cows, prize bulls, etc., and it will be remembered that only a short time ago Neisler Mills auctioned its fine registered herd of Guernseys.

A growth of another type auction, typical of the age, is the automobile auction, usually limited to dealers. It seems like a pretty good stunt. If a dealer has an auto which has been hanging around the lot too long, he can put it on the block and find himself a different model that might move better.

The attraction of auctions to buyers is, of course, the hope of the buyer of obtaining a bargain, which sometime occurs and sometimes doesn't. About the only time a buyer can be sure of a chance at a bargain is when the auction is "absolute", when the property is sold under court order and sure to be knocked down, regardless of the bid. Usually, a bid of this kind can be raised within a given period of time, necessitating another auction, but, eventually, somebody gets it.

Non-absolute auctions, unless the bids go high enough to suit the owner, can be "bid in" by the owner and the sale ended.

Some people I know find it quite dangerous to go to auctions. The excitement of the bidding pervades them and they lose all sense of restraint, Women, especially, are noted for this failing at auctions, particularly where the articles offered are gleaming silver, big diamond rings and other similar stuff. It also helps if the ladyfolk operate out of a joint bank account. The success of this type of auction, customarily using the come-on give-away gimmick, can be judged from the fact that it has swept all the resort areas in the past few seasons. Once upon a time, the auctions of this type of goods weren't too plentiful.

The dictionary notes that the word "auction" originates from the Latin "auctio", which means "an increasing". That ties in very well and indicates that the auction business had its beginning in Old Italy.

But I learned of a new type of auction by examining the dictionary, and this is a "Dutch auction". The pattern here is vice versa. An auctioneer, or seller, puts a price on an article offered for sale. It is obviously too high. Then the auctioneer lowers the price. The first peep or nod of the head gets it.

The best auction held around here recently was conducted at the Lions club last week. Carl Mauney agreed to contribute \$50 to the March of Dimes provided other members of the club would tally up \$150, Dr. Nathan Reed, the spec man, was doing the auctioneering and at first it wasn't going too well. Gradually, attention was spotlighted on Dave L. Saunders, well-known and self-advertised as a man who never delights in parting with coin. Frame-up or not, this guy and that guy kept extricating bills and conditioning their gifts on a matching bill by Dave. Among the chief cheerleaders in this business was Dr. D. M. Morrison, another spec man, also a well-known and self-advertised penny-pincher and nickle-squeezer. Slowly but surely Dave's blood began to boil. His hand went to his wallet pocket, and, as the "encouragement" of many mounted, Dave seemed to take exception to Doc Morrison's blandishments, and addressed him with a challenge. "I'll match you dollar for dollar," Dave said, Dr. Morrison slowed up and winced perceptiblybly but only for a minute.

ty together,"

"That suits me", he replied, "get out your money." With that Dr. Morrison extricated a bill which turned out to be a twenty. Dave, who is somewhat fantry Division in Germany.
A former New England Nabalding, turned sickly pale all over, including his head, until Doc muttered, "You give me your ten, WE'LL give the tewn-

pany, 172nd Infantry Regiment, arrived in Europe last August. He entered the Army in March The club had a lot of fun and the March of Dimes was \$204 nearer it's quota, after the

# This and That 42—Optic infection 44—Preposition 45—Sesame 47—Laughing sound 48—Bone 50—Male child 52—Roman 99 53—Tuneful 56—Degree of the medical man ACROSS 11—Preposition 15—Perform 16—Public conveyance (abbrev.) 19—Indifferent 22—Affects with grief 24—Paid announcement 26—An attack 27—Greek letter 29—Gaseous element 30—Title of respect 31—C-shaped 32—Division of geological time -Parental nickname -Skill -Kind of bean 5-Kind of bean 7-Exclamation 9-Exude 10-Hied 12-Smooth 13-Compass direction 14-Journalistic revisers 17-Registered Statutes (abbrev.) 18-Tavera 20-Mystic Sanskrit word 21-Either 22-To seed 23-Everyone individually (abbrev.) man 57—Advice 58—Exist 59—Combining form 32—Division of geological time 35—Unimpaired 37—Preposition 39—Chemical symbol for virginium 40—Muscle connector 42—Dinner course 43—Mountain singing meaning "oil" 60—Man's nickname 61—Incline the head

CROSSWORD . . . By A. C. Gordon

See The Want Ad Section For This Week's Completed Puzzle

DOWN

62—Allow 63—Novel Notions (abbrev.)

1—Subservient 2—So be it!

3—Dined 4—Puts in order 5—Hair net 6—Affirmative

## Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### STILL THE WELFARE STATE

(abbrev.)

33-Pronoun

27.—Parental nickname 28.—Praises 31.—Fruit drink

34—A point in debate 35—Perform 36—Miscue

NEWS OF ORANGE COUNTY Americans are characteristical y humanitarian. They are known he world over for this trait. Friends and enemies alike take advantage of it. It has been a lations with the Communists - pel Hill and former vice president they confuse it with softness. And of the Julius Rosenwald Foundaright here in our own country our tion, says has happened in the

An excellent recent example inolves the report of the Presi- ty." dent's Commission on the Health the lines is another story, an old duced wealth.

The report recommends the exto almost every problem is addithe question of how these funds ander. are to be raised, in the background of all these endeavors urks the shadow of federal con-

Health is conditioned by food, housing and education, so the report advances the old argument that control of all these factors as well as health measures per se should come under the direction of an all-wise federal government. In other words, without naming it the report has described the welfare state.

We are all interested in the teady improvement of health and medical care. However, the cotton and Switzerland reaped pecially Great Britain, has shown that good medical care and health | raw material. cannot necessarily be bought at a given price. Here in our own country, ever since the founding of the nation, we had continuous and in late years spectacular growth in both living standards and medical achievements. These great advances have been a normal development in a land where people are free to pursue their chosen occupations and live their ives without interference from government. Whenever government interferes, progress stops. And in the last analysis, every health proposal that has so far been submitted for federal legislative action would mean abandoning the way of freedom and adopting the old world philosophy that government can do for us better than we can do for our-

This philosophy is a dead end road at the end of which lies servitude. When 'confronted with such a philosophy, no matter how attractively presented, the American people must not let their humanitarian instincts betray them.

## Kenneth L. Hamrick Returning To U.S.

WITH THE 43RD INFANTRY DIV. IN GERMANY. - Pvt. Kenmeth L. Hamrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hamrick, Grover, N. C., is returning to the U. S. after a tour of duty with the 43rd In-

tional Guard outfit, the division came to Europe in October 1951 and joined the NATO Army. Private Hamrick, who was rifleman in Heavy Mortar Com-We Call For and Deliver

#### OUT OF THE BARREN DESERT

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SMITHFIELD HERALD More chickens, pigs, beef and

dairy cattle have produced better race relations. That, in substance, is what Dr. complicating element in our re- W. W. Alexander, farmer of Chanumanitarian instincts often lead | South, where a great change has taken place from what he calls

"a barren desert of rural pover-

Dr. Alexander's opinion accords Needs of the Nation. Not long ago with that often expressed in these when the report was released columns - that up until recent many of the country's leading years there has not been enough publications, after a cursory wealth in the South to meet the glance, headlined it as a boon to needs of one race, much less two. the country. The introduction to And racial conflicts have resulted the report is a masterly appeal to from attempts to divide a too the humanitarian. But in between scanty portion of the 1. ation's pro-

There has long been needed a change from a great devotion to penditure of more than two bil- a one-crop agricultural and social ion dollars of tax money. The system, which in the past has answer proposed for the solution produced a living but not much more. That change is taking place tional federal funds. Aside from in the direction noted by Dr. Alex-

> Now what is plainly needed in addition to a more diversified farming system is a fair admixture of agriculture and industry. North Carolina, for instance, is still sunk largely in the role of producer of raw materials which, except textiles, are manufactured

In the old days of 5-cent cotton North Carolina would buy back that cotton from the Swiss factories in the form of lace costing \$1 to \$5 a pound.

So North Carolina raised the experience of other nations, es- the profits. The percentage always ran against the raiser of the

Evidence of the improvement in agriculture is visible on every hand. The next step is to add improved industry to improved agri-

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## Joseph Hullender Gets European Duty

TAMPA, FLA. - Airman Third States Air Force, son of Mr. and on electrical power units. Mrs. Frank J. Hullender, Route 2, Kings Mountain, has been transferred overseas for duty in the European Theatre.

Young Hullende attended Kings Mountain High School and received his diploma through the Air Force educational program. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1951 and attended electricians school in 1952.

Prior to his transfer the Kings Mountain native was stationed at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, where he was assigned to the 1928th AACS Squadron, one part | SUBSCRIBE TO THE HERALD

of the far flung alrways and air communications service that maintain and operate navigational aids for Air Force planes all over the world. As an electrician Class Joseph A. Hullender, United he performs maintenance work

The young airman expects to spend several days at home visiting relatives and friends before departing for his overseas assign-

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