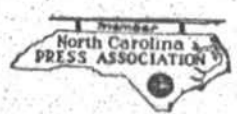




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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Thou has forsaken me, saith the Lord, thou art gone backward: therefore will I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee; I am weary of repenting. JEREMIAH 15:26

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

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

T-Day Again

Time has rolled on and on and here we are on the threshold of another T-Day, better known as tax day, at which time the several directors of internal revenue, lately the collectors of internal revenue, scoop up dollar upon dollar from the people of the land.

Time was when T-Day meant all of the year, or harvest time, for the big tax payment, once upon a time, was "state-and-county." A man doesn't have to be especially aged to remember that happy time either, and many a person still refers to the county tax bill as "state-and-county tax."

Now the state takes care of itself, with a tax bill and a tax collector of his own. He comes in on March 15, too, to qualify for his cut of the cake.

This year, due to a calendar break, taxpayers get a whole extra day to get up the money. Postmarks don't have to be on the envelopes until midnight March 16, which is Monday, in Kings Mountain, however, it will behoove all last-minute tax-payment mailers to get 'em in by 5 p. m. There's no night dispatch these days, which means some penalties could be assessed for late payment — even though the collector won't get to sift 'em out for days or weeks.

The income tax, like the airplane, is a 20th century invention, which some would call a monstrosity. It is not quite as old as the auto, but has taken a greater hold on people. Just about everybody does business with the tax man, whether he owns an auto or not.

Whoever started the income tax business was credited with being pretty smart. Since the rates were low and the exemptions high, only the wealthy got stuck. But like Topsy, it just grew, and today a guy is supposed to eat, dress and sleep under a roof on \$600 a year, according to the tax schedule at least, for that is the personal exemption for a person's living costs. Actually, on that amount the dressing and sleeping under a roof would have to be left off.

But speaking of leaving off, it doesn't pay to leave off the government when it comes to paying, and on time. These "revenoors", as they were once known in the wilds of the Western North Carolina hills, can adopt a very nasty attitude, I am told. There is everything from a tax lien to a cell at Atlanta's federal reformatory for those who are reluctant to cough up, and all too many have learned the hard way.

Thus, for those who have not yet mailed off their returns, it is time to do some soul-searching, perhaps, to think real hard to remember about all the income of the past dozen months. The correct rule is to list it all, and people who've had T-man troubles are quick to agree.

Usually each year, beginning the latter part of February, the newspapers and magazines all manage to print several articles about the tax-paying business. This year, for instance, the American Legion magazine had a list of 50 suggestions "to save taxes". Last year, the Saturday Evening Post did a story on the general theme of "You Can't Beat the Tax Man", and it purportedly reported case histories of tax-fraud discoveries which showed that the T-Men at least equalled the Canadian Mounties in always getting their share, if not their man. Usually, the dead or alive. If the man were dead, his estate would be hit a heavy lick, undoubtedly causing the decedent to do hand-springs in his grave.

Another character had buried his cash and the tax men never noted it, until he tried to spend it. The mildewed money looked funny, first attracted the attention of law enforcement officers who suspected theft, then the T-Men, who quickly claimed their share.

That's the trouble with trying to beat the tax man. Money's no good unless it can 1) be spent, or 2) be available for spending. Tax dodging gains show up, sooner or later.

I know at least two regular Democrats who voted for Ike last fall and the prime reason was that they had had difficulties with the T-Men, both due to their own failure to comply with regulations. They blamed the Democratic administration. Not much wonder how it'll be under the new folk. T-Men are like wives on Saturday night,

CROSSWORD ~ ~ ~ By A. C. Gordon

Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-61.

- ACROSS: 1-In a 'u' manner, 2-Cloak, ag. sur, 3-Lamprey, 4-Spool, 5-Color, 6-A conditioner, 7-Pedal digit, 8-Compass direction, 9-Absorb literature, 10-Thoroughfare (abbrev.), 11-Thus, 12-Negative, 13-To gratify, 14-Combining form meaning "three", 15-Bronson, 16-Parent, 17-Girl's name, 18-Part of the leg, 19-In reference to, 20-A holy person (abbrev.), 21-Preposition, 22-Devotions of time, 23-Delirium tremens, 24-Time past, 25-To form a mental image, 26-To escape again, 27-English school, 28-An optic swelling, 29-Pile of hay, 30-Signaled by a gesture, 31-Mental images, 32-Printer's measure, 33-More discreet, 34-Preposition, 35-The firmament, 36-Sash, 37-Skilled performer, 38-Street railway, 39-Release, 40-Comparative suffix, 41-Legal right to control property, 42-To hold in affection, 43-Damp, 44-Corded fabric, 45-High mountain, 46-Chemical symbol for cesarium, 47-Fruits, 48-Lubricators, 49-Spanish affirmative, 50-Preposition, 51-Golf mound, 52-To care for, 53-Unit of power (abbrev.), 54-Windy traveling implement, 55-Border, 56-Nautical propelling implement, 57-Roundabout sign, 58-Legal ownership, 59-Prefix meaning eight, 60-Negative, 61-Affirmative vote, 62-Previous to, 63-Roman 99, 64-A boxing knockout.

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

Viewpoints of Other Editors

OF SUCH IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

SMITHFIELD HERALD
Too much of any day's news is distressing. We read about wars and rumors of wars, deaths on the highway, atomic explosions, diplomatic disgraces, thievery and bribery and corruption, divorces and murders among the adults and delinquency among the juveniles. There ought to be a column of "Good News".

We are glad to report that there is such a column. It appears on the first page of the Saturday Review, an intelligent weekly magazine which devotes most of its pages to reviews of books and plays and movies and records but which is also constantly vigilant about the State of the World. It more often Views with Alarm than Points with Pride.

But under the title of "Good News" are such encouraging events as these on the world horizon:
A campus-wide campaign at the University of Toronto has provided gifts of books and special equipment for three universities in India and Pakistan.

As a gesture of friendship, school children of Japan have gathered 100,000 cherry tree seeds to be distributed to American citizens which would like to have them for their parks and schoolyards.
Youngsters in East Poultney, Vt. — and in our own Raleigh for that matter — added a new trick to their Hallowe'en "trick or treat" by collecting children's clothing, money or other articles for distribution overseas instead of their usual quota of candy and fruit.

In Malone, N. Y., eight prisoners volunteered to donate a pint of blood each at a Red Cross clinic. When they returned to jail the sheriff cooked steak dinners for them — and the steaks were donated by a market owner who offered a pound of porterhouse to every blood donor in the community.

Such instances of "the helping hand" are indeed good news around the world. And such instances of good will, wherever they are found, will help to cement friendship between individuals and between nations. Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.

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The guy who warned Caesar to beware the Ides of March had something.

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ANTI-SOCIAL CAMPAIGN GROWS

LEAKSVILLE NEWS
More and more sentiment seems to be developing in Congress for getting the federal government out of commercial business — this is, abandoning state socialism.
A good example occurred recently on the nationally-telvised "Meet the Press" program. Reporters interviewed Senator Walker of Idaho. One question was: "Would you be for turning the Tennessee Valley Authority over to private enterprise now?" Senator Walker answered, "I certainly would. I would be glad to turn over TVA to private enterprise or sell it to the bondholders as advocated by Charles E. Wilson not so many months ago."

Another question was, "As I understand it from the Hoover Commission, there's something like \$20,000,000,000 worth of business now being done by government... Would you favor turning all that back?" Senator Walker replied, "I certainly would, because I know that private enterprise can do anything more efficiently and cheaper than the government can."

During the interview Senator Walker also expressed his strong opposition to a Washington bureaucracy dictating to the people concerning their water rights, their electric power rights, or any other rights.
There is only one real argument that can be made against this attitude — and that is the Socialist-Communist argument that the government should own everything and boss everything. Those of us who don't believe in dictatorship should wholeheartedly support the fast growing campaign to turn thumbs down on Socialism and reaffirm our free American traditions and principles.

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Period Of Confinement For Children Sick Aged Can Be Made Entertaining

Being sick and confined to bed is no fun for anyone — particularly for young children who are eager to be outside playing with their friends. But this period of confinement can be made easier for the child in bed by giving him some quiet recreation, says Corinne Grimsley, State College extension specialist in family relations.

Have you got last year's Christmas cards lying around anywhere? If so, bundle up a few of them, get some plain white construction paper, a jar of paste and some blunt-end scissors. Your child can have a lot of fun cutting out figures from the greeting cards and pasting them on white paper to create any number of interesting pictures. Maybe he'd even like to create his own personal holiday card for next year.

It seems that almost every mail delivery these days brings a colorful seed catalogue. Why not let your child plan his own flower or vegetable garden while finishing out those last few days in bed with a cold? You might help him draw up a diagram using any available ground space to the best advantage. He can decide upon the various plants he wants to grow, plan their arrangement, and then — with your help — order the seeds. It'll give him something to look forward to while he's getting well.

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10 YEARS AGO Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events THIS WEEK taken from the 1943 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.
Captain O. C. O'Farrell, retired Southern Railway conductor was appointed Judge of the newly authorized Kings Mountain Recorder's court at the City Council meeting held Tuesday night. The court will begin operations as of April 1st.
World Day of Prayer will be observed in Kings Mountain Friday from 12:30 until 1:00 p. m. in Central Methodist church, according to announcement of General Chairman, Mrs. W. M. Gantt.
Social And Personal
Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Douglas Plonk and Lieutenant William H. McElwee on Tuesday of this week in Raton, New Mexico's Presbyterian church.
Lieutenant Howard Jackson spent the past weekend with relatives here.
Pfc. Charles W. Patterson has returned to Key Field, Meridian, Mass., after spending a ten day leave with his parents.
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thompson and Mrs. Earl McGill visited relatives in Union, S. C., during the weekend.
Mrs. M. A. Ware returned Wednesday from New York City where she attended the marriage of her youngest sister, Miss Billie Petty.