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#### **TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE**

Charles Miller

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. Proverbs 3:13.

#### Peace Feeler

Of all the words written and doubts cast by various and sundry officials, commentators and other opinion- makers regarding the latest series of indications that peace in Korea may be possible, the statement of John Foster Dulles, secretary of state, is the one most valid.

The reason is that he has at his fingertips more information than anyone else on this particular situation.

The word of the Secretary of State is that the nation must keep its guard up, in spite of any dulcet emanations from the Kremlin, and even if the peace moves do result in a much-wanted ceasefire in Korea.

Much-wanted is certainly the correct expression for the feelings of Americans who are sick of the piecemeal war, and it may very well be the correct description for the Chinese and Russian attitudes, for the nasty business has been costly in men and materiel of the enemy, and with no gains totted up.

Mr. Dulles' warning undoubtedly referred as much to a possible time after cease-fire, or outward peace, as to the present period of watchful hoping that ending the business can be attained.

The real danger to this nation would come after a peace arrangement. Who can forget the painful, fast demobilization of the great machine which brought victory in World War II?

Undoubtedly the prospects of lowered defense expenditures and consequent lowering of tax bills would be a tempting piece of fruit. If eaten, the fruit could prove deadly.

#### Revenue Down

Bad news has been received by the members of the North Carolina General Assembly from the revenue department. Income tax payments by North Carolina citizens for the year 1952, while quite prolific in number, were down on the receipts side by about three million

To a legislature already confronted with a potential deficit, requests for more borrowing for permanent improvements, school buildings, and better mental hospitals, it was unwelcome

On the other hand, many have taken the view that the situation is not as bad as it seems, and that, while the income tax take may be down, other tax schedules will bring the total back to record

One certainty: the new outlook on revenue will give the legislators some excuse to slice budgetary requests on the good grounds that the money isn't available, if excuse is needed. And perhaps it is, for government, more even than boom-happy individuals, has appeared to be unduly regretful in late years of paring budget expenditures.

The old idea asking double the expected amount has been replaced with a new creed.

The warning note from the revenue folk does show what can happen to state revenue due to North Carolina's tax structure. When the business barometer is at high levels, the income flows in. But when the barometer drops, so does revenue. Fair enough, none denies, but it's hard to predict for two years in the fu-

Our sympathies to the family of Joseph W. Grimes, who died suddenly last week. Mr. Grimes was a man of friendly personality and keen good humor and he was known to his many friends of the Lake Montonia community and Kings Mountain as a good neighbor.

#### Two Years' Service

Kings Mountain Hospital enjoyed its second birthday last week, April 2 marking the completion of two years of service to the people of the community and surrounding area.

Coincidentally, the hospital had published a statement of operations for the calendar year 1952, and, as is not always the case, the statement was a good one. Hospitals, through the years, have not been the type of investments that showed profits, at least in dollars and cents. The profits were limited to service and

But Kings Mountain Hospital almost showed an operating profit last year, exclusive of tax moneys, gifts, and other outside sources of revenue. Including these additionals, the hospital ended 1952 very nicely in the black by more than \$9,000, no mean feat in a day of mounting costs.

It will also be noted that the hospital's per room charge is rather well under tne market of surrounding hospital

There were some who at first doubted the wisdom of constructing a hospital here. Undoubtedly, they were thinking of the maximum ideal of big-city plants which would attract the most specialized surgeons, forgetting the great service to be rendered the great majority of patients who require care, nursing, and more routine treatment.

The present expanded plant should be sufficient to serve the area for a number of years to come, but it may not be, for Kings Mountain hospital has established for itself a reputation for good service which will attract to it an ever-increasing number of patients.

There should be many more "Happy Pirthdays" for Kings Mountain Hospital.

Another precaution sought by President Eisenhower is the standby power to invoke price controls for 90 days, which he indicates would be used only in case of sudden war. This is a power he should be given. All remember the Johnny-come-lately business of the most recent effort to control prices. The result was undue red tape and work for many business people throughout the nation, plus the concurrent waste of another bureau which tried to lock the gate after the mule had left the barn.

Currently underway in Kings Mountain is the fund campaign for the American Cancer Society, with a small quota of \$750 for the city. Last year, surprisingly, the same quota was not quite reached. All know and fear the dread word "cancer", and \$750 is not a large amount to ask for the worthy purpose of research to find preventives and improved methods of treatment. Dr. Craig Jones, well-known here, is the county chairman, and Mrs. Hubert Davidson is the city chairman.

The General Assembly has received a bill to repeal the press-hated Secrecy Act passed hastily and rather thoughtlessly by the legislators recently. A pique at one or two reporters caused a stampede, which the supporters of this bill will likely regret at their leisure. Whether the Secrecy Act will be repealed is not known, and doubted in some quarters, but it is another mark against the current General Assembly which doesn't seem to be sprouting many medals on its collective chest.

The new traffic arrangements into well-manicured Mountain Rest cemetery are worthy of commendation.

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

day for retail merchants to regis- of the First Baptist Church at fer their processed foods with the her home Tuesday evening. Ration Board.

At a meeting of the Red Cross, Rev. P. D. Patrick presented Mrs. day. C. E. Neisler a pin sent her from National Headquarters in Wash- Concord visited relatives in Kings C. L. Fulton Monday, ington, D. C. representing 20 Mountain Sunday years of service in Red Cross

Social and Personal Mrs. E. H. Crouch most de-

Saturday, April 10 is the last members of the Gleaners Class latives in Kings Mountain. Mesdames Hunter and Joe Neis-

ler were Charlotte visitors Mon-

Pvt. Richard Baker of Florence spent Thursday with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Baker.

Word has been received here lightfully entertained members of that Staff Sergeant Vernon Cros- who was recently transferred her circle of Central Church Mon. by has safely arrived in India. Mrs. Isaac McGill entertained Meade, Md, has been visiting re- Kings Mountain.

Sgt, and Mrs. William B. Wells of Fort Benning, Ga., have been visiting in Kings Mountain,

Brumer Bess of the U.S. Army San Francisco, Calif., was a visi Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long of tor at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Yeoman First Class Clemonsee McDaniel of Norfolk, Va., has been on a visit at his home in Kings Mountain,

Pvt. Hoyle (Snooks) McDaniel from California to a camp in Ala-Pvt. T. O. Bennett of Fort bama, is visiting his mother in

#### MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

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

#### **Spring Notes**

With Easter past, it can be safely assumed that spring is definitely at hand. But the nip in the air on Easter morning was easy to note. The sun was out, the birds were chirping, and everything looked like blithe spring, But King Winter's breath still lingered. And Easter Monday looked like bleak mid-winter, But it's the last dying gasps and another week or two will find plenty of folk inspecting their budgets to determine whether an airconditioning plant can be squeezed into it.

Pastures are now green and a ride through the countryside will reveal just how much the landscape has changed in the Kings Mountain area, indeed, throughout the Piedmont section, during the past few years. Where once all the cleared land, or almost all of it, was being row cropped with corn or cotton, now much of it is merely a long stretch of green, with herds of Bossies contentedly munching out their betweenmeal snacks.

Piedmont Carolina is becomng cattle country.

Many think that this area will eventually wrest beefgrowing laurels away from the Mid-West, due to the fact that grass grows wonderfully well around here. Funny thing, The cotton farmer has to battle the grass. The beef farmer has to propagate it. All a matter of

Some will report, of course, that pastures always look greenest from the far distant hills. Thus, as one of the lampooners of this department likes to laugh, the editors are always telling the farmers how to make a million dollars. He doesn't come right out and say it, but my lampooner friend implies that the farmer would quickly go broke if he listened to a bunch of typewriter punchers. I suspect the lampooner may be right.

But this department makes no pretenses of being in the farming know-how, even to the extent of a vegetable garden. Once upon a time, when I was a youngster, I planted a row of corn and a row of beans, but the experience (and the eating thereof) is a very dim memory.

Gardening, though, is big business throughout the nation, and, with the several soil conditioners supposed to transplant the seed catalog from living room to garden, it should get bigger. The most barren land, the ads say, will become a modern Garden of Eden with a few sprinklings of THE particular conditioner. If results determine the extent of a man's gardening, there should be a lot of puttering around in the

A lot of latter day gardeners do their digging on the golf courses of the nation,

Dotted notes: Spring is the season when the automobile business supposedly booms. The nice spring air makes folk want to get out and go.....which reminds that some of the new car salesmen around here, replying to charges of alcoholic ·like gas tanks on the newer models, are taking the J. P. Moragn approach on their potential customers ..... The wealthy banker, supposedly, was asked by an acquaintance how much it would cost to operate a yacht, adding that he was thinking about buying one .... to which Morgan gave the legendary reply, "If you have to ask how much it costs, you can't afford one."

This department got by April Fool's Day without a single trick being played....or playing one either.....which must be a sign of old age....never saw the like of posles the ladies were wearing on Easter Sunday

.... and the youngsters were dressed up cuter than ever .....time to see a baseball game, with the majors getting off in the next few days..... the spring weather is bringing out the office-seekers, who are

lining the street corners and wearing broad smiles..... Morganton had an election Monday.....too early in the season to get warmed up much, it would appear.

Borrowed definition: A good assistant is a man who will stop what he is doing and do for you what you don't want to

# CROSSWORD . . . By A. C. Gordon

#### Biographical

35-Library of Congress

37-Metal

- ACROSS 1-Famous British states-man of the 19th century 8—Scandinavian explorer 9—Ancient Roman
- emperor

  11—Small fastener

  12—Combining form
  denoting "ill"

  14—By word of mouth
- 38—Lubricate.
  39—Male title
  40—Animal
  42—Author of "Uncle
  Tom's Cabin"
  44—Container
  45—Former Russian ruler
  47—Unit
  48—Lave
  49—Fencing implement
  51—Side of a ship
  52—Famous Scottish writer
- 16—Some 17—U.S. Vice President under Coolidge 19—Winter sport implemer 20—Prefix denoting "back" 21—Distant 22—Abbreviated continent 24-Chemical symbol for
- 25—This accompanied
- 26-Scorch 28-Author of "Les Miserables"
- 29-Part of speech 30-Jacob's brother
- 8-Sea eagle
- elegy
  2—Cover
  3—Kind of electric current
  4—Famous Irish dramatist
  5—Preposition
  6—Combining form meaning "new"
  7—Goes astray
  8—Sea easts
  44—Farming structure
  45—Profit

1-Writer of a famous

10-Trees
11-French sculptor of the
Statue of Liberty

DOWN

- 12-Former English queen 13—Famed American general (poss.) 15—First solo flier across
- 18-French author of "Mysteries of Paris"
- 21-American poet 23-Composer of a famous bolero 25-Time past
- -Three-toed sloths 32—Poetical "as far as"
  33—American inventor of
  the sewing machine
  34—East Indian Election
- 48-To court
- 50-College degree 51-Postscript

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

## Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### TOY REFORM THE LINCOLN TIMES

In this "Age of Plastics", we have been overlooking, pretty completely, the most important plastic of all — the minds of little children. This was the finding of a juvenile 'disarmament confer-Fair in New York.

First step in correcting the orrors that seem to be providing us with a rising generation of potential gangsters and neurotics, according to William M. Lester, the conference chairman, is for toymakers to put less emphasis very-young America,

In constituting himself a sort of modern Pied Piper to lead the toddlers' minds into peaceful, serene and constructive play time channels, Mr. Lester, who is founder and president of Pyro Plastics, of Union, N. J., is producing a whole series of examples. These are amiable, amusing, animal pull-toys that simulate the everyday vehicles with which children are familiar.

For instance, there's "Caw-Caw, the Taxi" and "Snally Chu-Chu" and "Convertible Myrtle" and many others. Each of them is equipped with a six-inch plastic the scene, they must depend on - in a Wonderland of lollypop woods, gum-drop mountains and soda-pop rivers, and an atmosphere of joyous theme music. And, if all this were not enough these Wonderland toys also teach thrift by functioning as coinbanks.

Mr. Lester says he is not a specialist, or a psychologist, but pounds produced in February a just a parent who is horrified at | year ago. the impressions that many of the playthings and much of the juvenile entertainment are planting in these plastic minds. And he is betting an investment of \$250,000 that disarmament in the toyworld will end our most disturb

ng behavior problems. We hope for the sake of all of us, as well as the rising generation, and for the future of our country that the gentleman wins But, after all, it's Junior's parents - and grandparents - who will have to decide that maybe he shouldn't have a pair of brass-knuckles for his birthday.

#### State Patrol Gives Report For February

RALEIGH - State Highway Patrolmen arrested 10,159 traffic law violators in February and ordered another 6,371 to appear in The arrests and citations were

reported today by Col. W. B. Lentz, commanding officer of the In the report Col, Lentz said his men drove 1,708,832 miles on routine patrol, inspected 132,216

drivers' licenses, investigated 1,587 motor accidents, inspected 78,087 vehicles, and handed out 6,917 warning tickets. During February the troopers investigated 7,589 complaints, weighed 911 vehicles, and extended 17,135 courtesies They recovered cars and pro-

perty valued at \$80,355.00 during American farmers will plant about 271 million acres of 16

major spring crops this year,

compared with 266.7 million last

#### THE RALEIGH RUMPUS THE FRANKLIN PRESS

What is the rumpus in Raleigh, between newspapermen and legislators, all about?

When a sub-committee of the joint appropriations committee last week voted to go into execuence" held at the American Toy tive (secret) session, why did the reporters present refuse to leave?

Why do newspapermen always feel they have a right to attend the meetings of public bodies?

They have that right for one reason, and one alone - because the people, whether it be the people of a community or a state or and crime in the playthings of what happens in a state or what happens in these meetings public bodies.

> To the newspaper mind, the case in Releigh boils down to

> It is the people's money, it is the people's government, and the legislators are the people's servants - no more, no less. The people have a right to know not only how their money is spent, and what actions their legislative servants take, but why. They are entitled to know the facts and arguments and considerations

that determine legislative action. And because it is humanly impossible for the people to be at record by which he tells of his the press for that information. own adventures in story and song That places on the newspaper reporter a tremendous responsibility to get the facts, and publish them. When he fails, he is betraying a trust.

> The 8.5 billion pounds of milk produced in February was a new high for the month, an increase of 5 per cent over the 8.2 billion

The 7. 6 million people at work on American farms in February represented a decline of 1 per cent in a year.



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