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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

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 cease-fire 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 dollars.

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 news.

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 heights.

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 future.

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.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

Saturday, April 10 is the last day for retail merchants to register their processed foods with the Ration Board.

At a meeting of the Red Cross, Rev. P. D. Patrick presented Mrs. C. E. Neisler a pin sent her from National Headquarters in Washington, D. C., representing 20 years of service in Red Cross work.

Social and Personal
Mrs. E. H. Crouch most delightfully entertained members of her circle of Central Church Monday afternoon.
Mrs. Isaac McGill entertained

members of the Gleaners Class of the First Baptist Church at her home Tuesday evening.

Mesdames Hunter and Joe Neisler were Charlotte visitors Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long of Concord visited relatives in Kings Mountain Sunday.
Pvt. Richard Baker of Florence spent Thursday with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Baker.

Word has been received here that Staff Sergeant Vernon Cross has safely arrived in India.
Pvt. T. O. Bennett of Fort Meade, Md., has been visiting re-

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

Bruce Bess of the U. S. Army San Francisco, Calif., was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Fulton Monday.
Yeoman First Class Clemonsee McDaniel of Norfolk, Va., has been on a visit at his home in Kings Mountain.

Pvt. Hoyle (Snooks) McDaniel who was recently transferred from California to a camp in Alabama, is visiting his mother in Kings Mountain.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

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 air-conditioning 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 between-meal snacks.

Piedmont Carolina is becoming cattle country.

Many think that this area will eventually wrest beef-growing 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 emphasis.

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 punners. 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 conditions 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 future.

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. Moraga 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 posies 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 do.

CROSSWORD

By A. C. Gordon

- #### ACROSS
- 1—Famous British statesman of the 19th century
 - 8—Scandinavian explorer
 - 9—Ancient Roman emperor
 - 11—Small fastener
 - 12—Combining form denoting "ill"
 - 13—Combining form denoting "mouth"
 - 14—By word of mouth
 - 16—Some
 - 17—U. S. Vice President under Coolidge
 - 19—Winter sport implement
 - 20—Prefix denoting "back"
 - 21—Distant
 - 22—Abbreviated continent
 - 24—Chemical symbol for platinum
 - 25—This accompanied Caesar across the Rubicon
 - 26—Scorch
 - 28—Author of "Les Miserables"
 - 29—Part of speech
 - 30—Jacob's brother
 - 33—Listen
- #### DOWN
- 1—Writer of a famous elegy
 - 2—Cover
 - 3—Kind of electric current
 - 4—Famous Irish dramatist
 - 5—Preposition
 - 6—Combining form meaning "new"
 - 7—Gives astray
 - 8—Sea eagle
 - 10—Tree
 - 11—French sculptor of the Statue of Liberty
 - 12—Former English queen
 - 13—Faded American general (poss.)
 - 15—First solo flier across the Atlantic
 - 17—Barrier
 - 18—French author of "Mysteries of Paris"
 - 21—American poet
 - 23—Composer of a famous bolero
 - 25—Time past
 - 27—Color
 - 31—Three-toed sloth
 - 32—Postical "as far as" (abbr.)
 - 33—American inventor of the sewing machine
 - 34—East Indian Election (abbr.)
 - 36—Small sheltered inlet
 - 39—Sailing pole
 - 41—Intervals
 - 43—One time only
 - 44—Farming structure
 - 46—Profit
 - 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 conference" held at the American Toy Fair in New York.

First step in correcting the errors 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 on mayhem and bloodshed, war and crime in the playthings of very-young America.

In constituting himself a sort of modern Pled 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 record by which he tells of his own adventures in story and song—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 coin-banks.

Mr. Lester says he is not a specialist, or a psychologist, but just a parent who is horrified at 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 toy-world will end our most disturbing 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 6,271 to appear in court.

The arrests and citations were reported today by Col. W. B. Lentz, commanding officer of the troopers.

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 7,588 complaints, weighed 911 vehicles, and extended 17,135 courtesies.

They recovered cars and property valued at \$30,355.00 during the month.

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