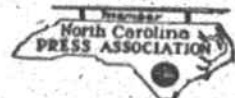




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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work, II Corinthians 9:8.

Mr. Howard

Our congratulations to the hospital board committee on its appointment of Grady Howard to assume the duties of administrator of Kings Mountain Hospital.

Almost coincidentally with the appointment of Mr. Howard, a neighboring editor was bringing forth from his typewriter an editorial entitled "Hospital Administrator Has the Hardest Job of Any Man in the Community and Here's Why".

The "Why" consumed a couple of columns of space and some seven reasons, all steeped in truth and logic. The general theme was that the hospital administrator is in the center of a not-too-concentric circle of varying groups each of which is inclined to press the administrator heavily at varying times. When all groups press at the same time, the administrator gets badly squeezed. There are the trustees, the doctors, the nurses, the technicians, the hired help, the patients, the families of patients and, finally and seventhly, the public, as the neighboring editor points at.

A lot of folk to please and to keep happy.

The hospital trustees of Number 4 Township are aware of the job to be done and they feel right proud of themselves at the appointment of Mr. Howard.

His background of business experience and of working with people will stand him in good stead in a difficult task.

We wish him well and elicit for him the cooperation of the several groups. If he receives it, as he should, the hospital will continue to render the type of service to which the people of the area have become accustomed.

The Tax Appraisals

Generally speaking, thinking people will not envy the position of the county board of commissioners during the next few weeks, for they are getting ready to complete the task of re-appraising all real property, as well as much personal property, in the county.

Tax matters are always exciting to the taxpayers and some will undoubtedly think their appraisals too high, no matter what the figure.

The county commissioners have final responsibility in confirming, or changing, the appraised value as determined by the firm of experts working on the matter for the past year.

Arrangements already made by the commissioners for processing the complaints of those who feel themselves over-assessed, appear to be quite reasonable.

Special prepared forms are available on which to file complaints. Before the county commissioners touch them, the appraising firm makes a re-check, against the possibility of error. Then the matter comes before the commissioners. Meantime, as some will want to do, they may obtain appraisal comparisons at the tax supervisor's office.

All in all, the commissioners don't expect too much trouble, on the basis of past experience of the appraising firm.

Congratulations to Jack Pamsaur Mauney, who has been awarded a fellowship for further study in biology by the National Science Foundation.

Congratulations to Sherrill Spears, Norma Lee Sipes, Susan Moss, Anne Dilling and Ranny Arnette, recently inducted new members of the high school society.

Mayor J. H. Thomson, and Councilman W. K. Mauney, M. A. Ware and L. W. Hamrick filed late yesterday with City Clerk, S. A. Crouse for re-election in the City Election to be held May 4th.

Mr. Donald Lee Parker, of Hendersonville, N. C. has arrived in Kings Mountain to replace Mr. James P. Martin as athletic director of the Kings Mountain High School.

Miss Marjorie Helen Rhea became the bride of Mr. Edward Jackson Beamon of the United States Navy and Fountain, N. C.

on Sunday afternoon, April 11, at 5 o'clock in a ceremony of lovely simplicity at the First Baptist Church of this place.

Mrs. W. L. Ramseur has returned from a visit with her sister in Norfolk, Va.

Pvt. Edward Byers of the U. S. Army, Ft. Bragg, spent last week in town visiting friends.

Miss Florence Rhea and Miss Rachel McClain, students at Mars Hill College spent the week end at their respective homes in Kings Mountain.

Pvt. Burton C. Bennett has been promoted to Sergeant, and

is also returning back to Desert Center, Calif. after spending the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bennett.

A. H. Patterson, Secretary and Treasurer of the Home Building and Loan Association, accompanied by Building and Loan officials of Shelby left Tuesday to attend the annual convention of the North Carolina Building and Loan League held in Raleigh last week.

I. Ben Goforth, Jr., student at Appalachian Teachers College, Boone spent the weekend at his home in King Mountain.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

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

Birds

Since this is the new season of the birds and the bees, today's topic should be in order.

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However, it is not the rising of the sap in the trees that brings forth this piece but some reconsideration on the bird sanctuary business, as ordered by the city board sometime ago at the behest of one of the garden clubs. At least one person I know is buttonholing all candidates to get their positions on the bird sanctuary matter, not because this person wants to hunt birds inside the city limits, but because of a backyard full of feathered friends, which go to work prior to the morning alarm clock. Needless to say, there are no sourpuss birds in the lot, with all of 'em chirping and tweeting in a menagerie of antiphonal calls.

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I sympathize with this position, after our annual visit from a woodpecker. For several seasons now we've had a two-week visit at my house from a rather industrious woodpecker, who goes rat-a-tat-a-tat-a-tat at a very early hour indeed. Thankfully (I hope) he's completed his 1953 stopover and is now doing alarm-clock work in Charlotte, Richmond, Washington, or, at least, in someone else's backyard.

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Aside from the noise, there are other unfortunate aspects of birdlife and lore which do not bear mentioning in this particular place, other than to say that one well-known Kings Mountain lady, unblest with doors on her garage, has done the next best thing. She carefully strings an old counterpane over her carefully-polished auto after rolling it into the shed each night.

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On the credit side, birds have a lot to offer. The tweeting and chirping don't bother at all after the second cup of coffee and, in fact, kinda zip me up for the day's labors. Some of them are very beautiful, too. One of our visitors of last weekend was a gorgeous red-and-black cardinal, and we have been hosts recently to a group of sleek ravens and another covey of yellow-throated jays I haven't identified as yet.

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Like people, the books say, there are good little birds and bad little birds. If I am not mistaken, the English sparrow doesn't have a very high rating, nor does the carnivorous crow, who'll ruin a corn crop, one local gardener was complaining the other night that a troop of some kind of marauders annually carries off his strawberry crop. But good birds, I recall from the grammar grade studies, are hard on the insect crop, which should enable a saving on DDT this summer.

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In spite of the political wars, this bird sanctuary business is probably here to stay.

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The great name connected with birds is that of John Audubon, long popular as the painter of American birds, but never really famous until he posthumously made television on the "Omnibus" show the other Sunday afternoon. That fellow Audubon was quite a guy. Had it not been for him, there would be mighty few crookedly-hung bird prints gracing Kings Mountain living rooms.

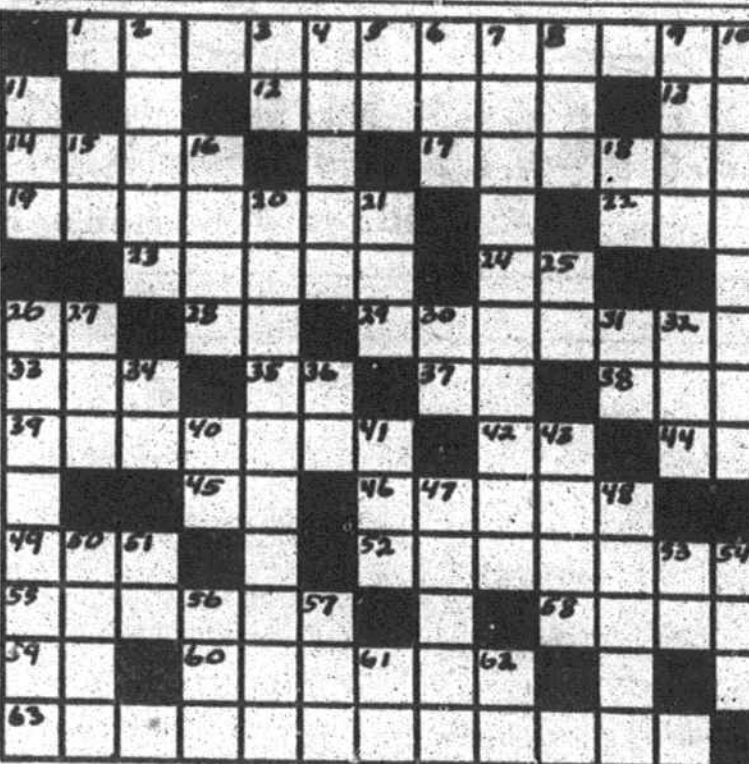
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Of course, not all birds are of the feathered variety. There are human birds (spelled "booids" in Brooklyn), too. Just about anyone can qualify for this kind of bird, for, try as one might, none can attain the goal of being completely normal. In each and all of us are questionable quirks of character and personality which qualify us for the "booid" description. Naturally, the individual himself is the last to learn of, or to acknowledge, such description. But his neighbors can fix him up in short order, and, painfully, sometimes a neighbor does.

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It would be less than humane to suggest that what this country needs is not a good five-cent cigar, but a bird sanctuary for all the human "booids". As was told in the Jaycee minstrel tale last weekend, the sanctuary, like that place in the nether regions below, might become so crowded the work could be shared and made light on everyone.

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon



This and That

- ACROSS**
- 1—Involved in a crime
 - 2—A legal deed or bond
 - 3—District Attorney
 - 4—Washing containers
 - 5—Finality
 - 6—British poet
 - 7—Color
 - 8—A game
 - 9—Exclamation
 - 10—Prefix denoting "again"
 - 11—Drinking cup
 - 12—Sea eagle
 - 13—Latin abbreviation for "note well"
 - 14—Aerial train
 - 15—Beverage
 - 16—Manufactured
 - 17—Preposition
 - 18—Printer's measure
 - 19—Preposition
 - 20—Sicilian mountain (poet.)
- DOWN**
- 1—A vessel for landing army tanks (abbrev.)
 - 2—V-shaped indentations
 - 3—Draw forth
 - 4—Weight of container
 - 5—Thus
 - 6—Fastidious
 - 7—Made more powerful
 - 8—Inventor of dynamite
 - 9—Prefix denoting "back"
 - 10—Small plot of ground surrounded by water
 - 11—Roman 1100
 - 12—Vexation
 - 13—Indifferent
 - 14—Reverential fear
 - 15—Rim
 - 16—Reverie filled with pleasing visions
 - 17—Possessive pronoun
 - 18—Over
 - 19—An overbearing person
 - 20—Public transportation (abbrev.)
 - 21—Extremely loud
 - 22—Fabled Arabian bird
 - 23—Man's nickname
 - 24—To wander
 - 25—Variation of the prefix "e"
 - 26—Trousers
 - 27—C-shaped
 - 28—Compass direction
 - 29—East
 - 30—Preposition
 - 31—Mental perception
 - 32—Jaw appendage
 - 33—Lair
 - 34—An aperture
 - 35—Musical note
 - 36—Comparative suffix
 - 37—Situating
 - 38—Shortened code
 - 39—Scottish "touch"
 - 40—Chemical symbol for nitron
 - 41—Archaic "the"

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

Viewpoints of Other Editors

YOU READ A NEWSPAPER

MOCKSVILLE ENTERPRISE
You pick up your newspaper. The dateline on it reads 1964 or maybe it's 1965 — the date is of little consequence.

You glance at the bulletin released by the public relations office of the N. C. General Assembly that is in session in Raleigh. The bulletin reads: "The work of the North Carolina lawmakers is reported to be progressing satisfactorily. They hope to adjourn in a few weeks at which time their accomplishments will be made public by this office."

As you read the bulletin you wonder just what is happening in the General Assembly. You wonder just what laws are being enacted. You wonder how your tax money will be appropriated this time.

As you ponder over your lack of knowledge concerning the governing body of your state, your thoughts go back only a few short years. You recall that it all started with the enactment of a law in 1953 that barred the press from attending the sessions of the Appropriations Committee or any of its sub-committees. Next the law was widened to cover other committees on which its members sought the cloak of secrecy.

The practice of secret sessions spread from one committee to another, until finally it was enacted as the policy of the entire General Assembly. The reasoning was that it would make for more productive legislative action if the deliberations were not made public. That if the lawmakers did not have to synchronize their actions with political pressure they could do a much better job. You recall that was why it was adopted — but that was not how it worked.

Since the enactment of secret sessions no one knew anything at all about the individual performance of their representative. All revelations concerned only the entire team — the General Assembly. Secret sessions also had made it possible for certain politicians to perpetuate themselves in office. It made it easier to keep political promises made for the support of powerful groups. The average man — the average newspaper reader — was left holding the bag.

A sudden jangling of bells awakens you to the realization that you have been dreaming. You arise, dress, and go out for your morning newspaper. You glance at the date line — it's 1953. You glance at the headlines which read: "Secret Sessions Win Approval In Legislature." You wonder?

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