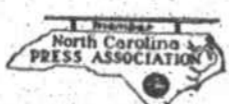




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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way: and he that hateth reproof shall die. Proverbs 15:10.

Bond Votes Again

The General Assembly, which will not go down in history as one of the greatest North Carolina has known, finally passed its bond issue measures.

One of them provides that the citizens will vote on a \$50 million school construction bond issue, and on a \$22 million mental institution bond issue. The other measure provided for issuance of a \$14.5 million bond issue, without vote, for construction at other state institutions.

Some think the Assembly got it exactly backwards. The big need, these think, is for school and mental institution expansion and improvement. They think the state buildings (colleges, etc.) could wait two years.

Thus the citizens are not offered the opportunity to vote on the one least likely to succeed. They will contest at the polls over the other two.

Kings Mountain received something in excess of \$80,000 from the last \$50 million school bond issue, voted in 1949. It is not a large amount, but it would be that much toward the great building needs in evidence here. The mental institutions are crowded and it is unthinkable that any state as wealthy as North Carolina should have to maintain a waiting list for entrance to these institutions.

Both these issues will have a great amount of popular support, in spite of the financial distaste involved in putting the state, just a few years ago owing nothing, further into debt.

Another Winner

The Kings Mountain school band came home from Greensboro last week with another rating of "superior", highest attainable, and therefore the chief aim of musicians throughout the state.

The "superior" rating puts the Kings Mountain musicians in rather rarified atmosphere, for not too many individuals or organizations can attain this sought-after status.

Moulding a musical organization is no easy task, for either the moulders or the musicians themselves. Hours of patient work are invested, to the point that all sometimes wonder whether the hard work is justified.

After the deed, the answer is a very plain affirmative.

Congratulations are in order to Director Joe Hedden, Assistant H. H. Hauss, and the individual members of the band. A good band is a tradition here and it is a fine tradition to continue.

Saturday is the final day to register for the forthcoming city election. Those at all in doubt about whether they are registered should have their registrars check the pollbooks. It always happens. Someone comes up to the polls and finds himself unregistered. And it will happen on May 12, too.

Our congratulations to Jerry King, the newly elected master councillor of the Shelby Order of the Demolay, and to Susan Moss and Ann Mobley Dilling, who will represent Kings Mountain high school at annual Girls' State.

A best bow to Dr. Nathan H. Reed, who has been appointed a member of the county welfare board.

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.

The only race in the city election to be held Tuesday is in Ward 4 as the other four candidates for City Council and the two for the School Board are uncontested. Ward 1: For council, W. K. Mauney, Ward 2, M. A. Ware; for School Board: Charles Thomason, Ward 3: L. W. Hamrick, for School Board; C. G. White, Ward 4, Charles S. Williams, W. M. Gantt; Ward 5, J. H. Thomson.

Social and Personal
Miss Sarah Bess Ledford of Shelby, and Jack Ormand of Kings Mountain and Traverler's Rest, S. C. were united in marriage in a pretty ceremony Friday afternoon at five o'clock in the First Baptist Church in Shelby.

In a ceremony characterized by charm and simplicity, Miss Dorothy Plonk of this place became the bride of Robert Edward Lewis, Jr., of Lumberton, N. C., on Easter Sunday afternoon at four o'clock in Central Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Sanders of route 2, announce the marriage of their daughter, Sara Ruby to Yates W. Connor on August 7, 1942, at Chester, S. C.
Mrs. Aubrey Mauney and Mrs. Haywood Lynch are representing the Senior Woman's Club at the meeting of the Federation in High Point this week.

Pvt. James Everhart of Will Rogers Field is on a weeks visit at his home here.
Mrs. R. D. Goforth is on a buying trip to New York City for Myers Dress Shoppe.
Mr. and Mrs. Erle Powers and baby son spent the Easter holidays with relatives in Lumberton.
Pvt. Sam Hamrick of Camp Howe, Texas spent last week with his wife.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

Straw Hat Day

Friday has been decreed as Straw Hat Day in Kings Mountain by the president of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association, J. C. Bridges, and all good males of the community should not let the day pass without visiting their haberdasher and donning a new model.

s-h-d

The above recommendation goes for J. C. himself and other bareheads who have never become addicted to the habit of wearing a hat. Being an avid member of the Loyal Order of Hat Wearing, I must do all in my power to expand the membership.

s-h-d

On the original news story about the Straw Hat Day decree, no mention was made that the decree applied solely to male members of the community's population. The women-folk, of course, have been wearing straws since the first robin showed itself back in February. Men, always behind the lady-folk, are now due to come along, as they customarily do.

s-h-d

Kings Mountain's straw hat day comes a few days in advance of the national choice of mid-May for donning panamas and other straws. Being in the sunny Southland, summer just naturally comes earlier, and May 1 is the traditional throw-away-the-felt-day here.

s-h-d

From the recent attitude of the weatherman, the choice of days will be all right. Summer tried to break through last weekend, and, though the wind acted as if it thought March were still around, it otherwise appears that plenty of warmth will be on hand Friday to spur males to part with their five-spots in return for lighter, cooler headress.

s-h-d

In support of the straw hat proclamation, I had fully intended to get the three mayoral candidates lined up for a photograph, each donning a new straw fedora, but like many plans this one stumped its toe several times. Candidate George Allen was quite agreeable, but before I even mentioned the gun and was already out with a 1953 sailor. Then the horrible thought occurred that Glee Bridges, like his son J. C., is a member of the No Hat cult. No sale there. Thus it goes, straw hat day will have to stay out of politics.

s-h-d

I understand that all the local department stores are well-fixed for the approaching season and that a man can get about any design and any flavor (vanilla, chocolate, burnt almond) he wants.

s-h-d

Some men buy two hats to start the season. They wear one for "everyday", and have another they keep in the closet for "Sunday" or "nice". This is very practical, for it is not uncommon to get caught in the rain on the first day out. The result is definite parching or yellowing, which is not overly becoming. Others prefer to buy only one hat, wear it until it becomes too soiled, then pick up another at the mid-summer straw hat sales. This is all right, and protects the pocket-book, but it is sometimes hard to find a fit in the middle of summer.

s-h-d

Time was when the sailor was the real favorite. Now it's the Panama. A couple of summers ago, when I returned to the sailor department, my mother-in-law threatened to take her daughter back. The sailor straw memory of the Roaring Twenties she wanted no further part of. "I just can't stand 'em," she said.

s-h-d

About the biggest advantage the sailor has over the more conventional model is that it is a better driving hat. Speeding along the highway with windows open, a flapping Panama brim can become very worrisome indeed. But the Panama is lighter and, many say, much more comfortable.

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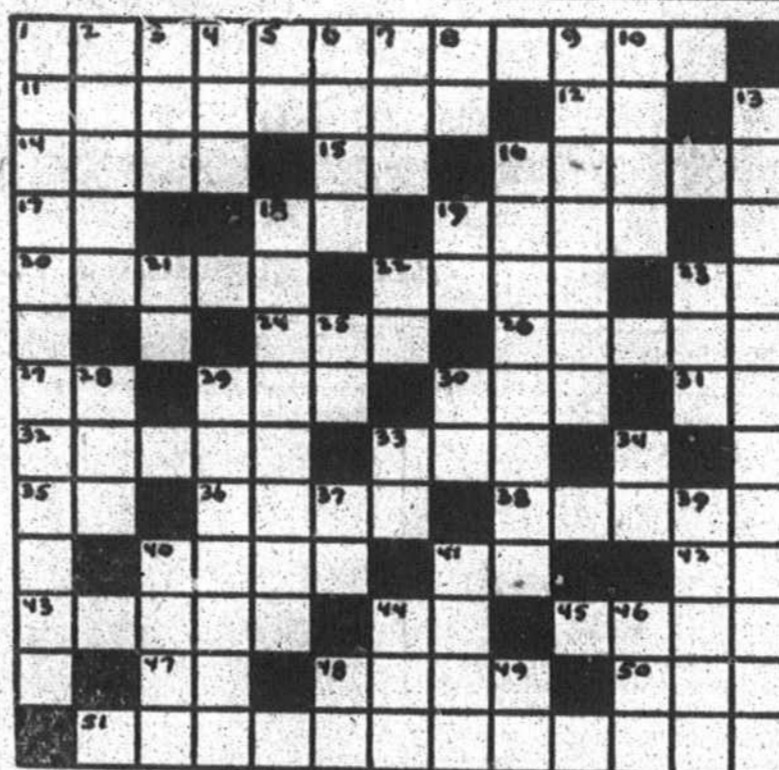
The name Panama, of course, is a lift from the Central American country of the same name. According to the dictionary, a Panama is a hat made of unexpanded leaves, closely plaited, of the screw pine, of Central America.

s-h-d

Friday's the day, men, so don't let ourselves be caught out-of-season.

CROSSWORD

By A. C. Gordon



ACROSS

- 1—To perceive wrongly
- 11—Further, remoter
- 12—Compass direction
- 14—Is situated
- 15—Latin connective
- 16—A standard of perfection
- 17—Chemical symbol for tantalum
- 18—Bone
- 19—Breeding horse
- 20—Language peculiar to a people
- 21—Part of a bridge
- 22—Part of verb "to be"
- 24—A distinctive doctrine
- 26—Relaxes
- 27—Behold
- 29—Beast of burden
- 30—Dance step
- 31—Spanish affirmative
- 32—Presses
- 33—Humor
- 35—Chemical symbol for cesium
- 36—To scoff

General Interest

- 38—A fragrant oleoresin
- 40—A kind of fruit distilled into a drink
- 41—Like
- 42—Feminine suffix
- 43—Something that serves as a symbol
- 44—Indefinite article
- 45—Bough
- 47—Comparative suffix
- 48—To declare openly
- 50—Nothing
- 51—State of shining brilliantly

DOWN

- 1—A great number
- 2—One of Homer's great epic stories
- 3—Feminine abbreviation for "rain"
- 4—Variation of the prefix "re"
- 5—Two things of a kind (abbrev.)
- 6—Pastries
- 7—Decay
- 8—Comparative suffix
- 9—Suffers patiently
- 10—Want
- 11—That may be grouped or segregated
- 16—Repeat
- 18—State of being left out
- 19—Spanish affirmative
- 21—Pronoun
- 22—Abbreviated afternoon
- 23—Possessive pronoun
- 25—Sea vessel (abbrev.)
- 28—Unrefined mineral
- 29—A kind of fish (pl.)
- 30—Greek letter
- 33—Personal pronoun
- 34—Part of verb "to be"
- 37—To exist
- 39—To ape
- 40—Implement of snow travel (variation)
- 41—Soon
- 44—Thoroughfare (abbrev.)
- 46—Tavern
- 48—Man's nickname
- 49—War Department (abbrev.)

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

Viewpoints of Other Editors

NORTH CAROLINA AS A VIOLENT STATE

SMITHFIELD HERALD
North Carolina leads all the states in number of aggravated assaults per 100,000 inhabitants. In 1951 the murder rate in North Carolina was more than twice the rate for the United States.

The figures supporting these statements are furnished by the latest University News Letter as based on reports from the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Any inhabitant of North Carolina, looking around him and noting the peacefulness of his street, town, or community, must feel astonished at these findings. Yet they are backed up by reports from the Attorney General of North Carolina.

What is the source of the repeated crimes of violence for which this state gets top ranking in the statistical columns?

One theory puts the blame on racial factors. Yet South Carolina, where the races have often clashed, stands lower than this state, and Mississippi is lower still in the crime column.

Another theory blames the frontier spirit. But North Carolina is among the oldest of the thirteen original colonies and had civilized communities when other states were a wilderness.

A third theory finds a tendency to violence in the so-called southern code of honor. Yet North Carolina's crime rate is ahead of all the southern states, even those supposed to be more romantic and hot-headed than the conservative and prosy Old South.

Evidently there are some hidden factors here which we must learn more about. In our leading colleges and universities we have sociologists who have been trained to delve into just such problems. Why shouldn't they be employed to get to the bottom of North Carolina's crime rate, and tell us why this state has an assault record of 400.1 while Iowa, for example, has a rating of only 6.4. Are tempers that much worse in the Middle Atlantic than in the Middle West?

When in the course of the second world war it was revealed that this state had the highest rejection rate among all drafted men examined for health, the whole population was hocked and at once demanded remedies.

Why shouldn't the state be equally shocked by its high assault and murder rate?

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RESORTS
A new attraction at Pinehurst is tournament lawn bowling. The first annual Lawn Bowling tournament is scheduled for April 27-29, following the North and South Amateur Golf tournament. Try-on's Block House Hunt attracted the largest gathering ever. The end of April found dogwood, the State flower, in bloom from coast to mountains with some of the best displays in the Piedmont and at the Mid-South resorts.
Some 583,809 bales of 1952-crop cotton was ginned in North Carolina last year. Robeson County produced 53,052 bales, Cleveland 49,494, Halifax 32,970, Northampton 32,340 and Harnett 27,171.

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