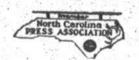


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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. I Timothy 4:12.

## Odd Form Of Giving

Dr. W. L. Halberstadt, who spoke to the Lions club the other night after a recent trip around the world, expanded on a theme many speakers, returning from overseas, have advanced in the past few years.

He charged a great mistake to the United States and Great Britain in fostering the independent state of Israel. Dr. Halberstadt said he doubts the wisdom, at any time, of displacing five persons to accommodate a lone additional

Merely being practical, he is worried he said, about the attitude of the Arab world, which is one of the largest population groups.

To the more important question of ethics, he doubts the ethics of taking one man's home on the grounds of making better use of it.

The world is shrinking, through faster ships and eight - mile - per - minute planes. His thought that we have become a neighborhood, without becoming a brotherhood, is an intriguing one. Who is to operate the police force, and how tough a job will the poor policeman

## Lower Than Expected

The first unofficial estimate of the city's property valuation for tax purposes was somewhat disappointing to some people, many of whom had anticipated that the former valuation would double. Actually, the increase is going to be only about half the figure first guessed by these optimists.

Nonetheless, the figure of \$9,500,000, or thereabouts, is much more realistic than the old low figure of \$6,500,000, and will ease somewhat the strain of the city fathers as they squeeze out future

The city board of this year, or future years, is not going to go wild and increase tax rates.

But the principal advantage is in the change of the bonded debt-to-valuation

The improvement in this formula will enable city boards to plan for public improvements with more freedom.

Advantage to the property owner will vary. Some will get a bigger tax bill, some a smaller one. Theoretically, the one getting the smaller bill has been paying more than his share all along, and vice versa.

But, then, equity was the will-o-thewisp being sought after from the start.

It is good news to many friends that Ben Bridges is returning home to join the Kings Mountain Building & Loan association. It is always good news to learn of young people returning home, for a community which does not keep its young people soon withers and dies away. Without making a close inventory, it seems to the Herald that the number of Kings Mountain young people returning to take responsible positions in the community has been on the increase during the past few years. If that is correct, it is a good sign.

Our congratulations to Ollie Harris and the other newly elected officers and directors of the Kings Mountain Lions club: Mr. Harris, in succeeding to one of the community's more responsible civic positions, has the equipment to assure the club one of it's more prosperous

Our best wishes to C. J. Gault, Sr., who has retired after 60 work-filled years. All would quickly agree that Mr. Gault has earned a rest. Best guess, though, is that the habit of work holds the upper hand and that his retirement will be more official than actual.

## School Consolidating

The Herald approves, and heartily, the current effort to consolidate the schools of Number 4 Township into one administrative unit, and, in turn, to build two township-wide high school plants.

Indeed, a great many citizens feel such a consolication would be a great stride forward in providing better education, more cheaply, for all the young people of the area.

The principal advantage in the educational realm would be the broadening of the number of courses offered to the young people of the township. Several years ago, a young Bethware senior remarked that he wished he could have had a course in typing, rather than agriculture. But agriculture (which he felt his father was supplying in both regular and concentrated form) was required, and no typing was offered. Conversely, it could be assumed that plenty of urban students would benefit greatly by a little learning about the soil and how things grow. After all, the farmer is the backbone of the nation, and everything begins in the soil.

The principal advantage to the tax-payer would be to give him more and better education, for his children and for

his neighbor's children, for less money. Almost all the high school plants involved in the suggested consolidation area are bursting at the seams at the moment, and the prospects are that the student population will get larger each year. That has been the case for many years past. The alternative to getting together and building two fine, weliequipped, modern plants which would be expandable as future student load requires, is a multitude of small, struggling high schools, doing, at best, a limited job with patchwork facilities.

The present high school plants, once the consolidated ones are in operation, would be available to accommodate adequately the incoming elementary and grammar pupils for many years to

There are problems, to be sure, but the major one undoubtedly is the initial outlay. After the original outlay is handled, the schooling bill for Number 4 Township would be cheaper.

With good paved roads and modern transportation, the problem of getting the youngsters to school is no longer a major one.

The Herald agrees with a number of its friends, representing almost all of the various districts involved, in feeling that the many side issues involved should be satisfactorily answered prior to final action. But there should be no slowness in proceeding with the investigation of these side issues, and, where snarls exist, finding ways to straighten them.

Grover school patrons answered resoundingly the question on the split term issue last Friday, voting almost 2 to 1 to abandon this old-fashioned, outworn method. Grover patrons are to be commended on their farsightedness and in their interest in seeing that the children of their community are not handicapped by a stop-and-start school term.

Best bows are in order to Dr. W. P. Gerberding, E. E. Marfowe, and B. T. Wright, Sr., who have just been appointed to membership on the city recreation commission. New ideas take a long time to sell due to more factors than mere newness, though that one, sometimes, is a major one. At any rate, public recreation has been advocated by a gradually growing group here for almost a decade now, and one of these days the idea will produce major, and desired, re-

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

Total sales made on Poppy Day | Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Hulin Kings Mountain Saturday a lender are announcing this week mounted to \$65.85, according to the marriage of their daughter, Rhyne college, spent the week report of American Legion Auxi- Jennie Frances, to Sgt. George liary officials.

Social And Personal

A wedding of much interest in Kings Mountain was that of Miss Rosalie Bennet Polk of Rockingham, N. C. and Corporal Samuel Robert Suber, Jr. of Kings Mountain, which took place Thursday ing. evening, May 20 at 8 o'clock in

M. Gasky which was solemnized tain. on May 5 in Gulfport, Miss.

Mrs. Garland E. Still was hostess at six tables of bridge, entertaining at her home on Piedmont avenue last Thursday even-

Elizabeth Plonk, a member of the graduating class at Lenior end with her folks in Kings Moun-

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Murray had as guests Friday a former pastor, Rev. F. R. Barber and Mrs. Barber of Marion, N. C.

Messers C. J. Gault and C. J. Gault, Jr. are in New York City evening, May 20 at 8 o'clock in the Camp Kilmer chapel in New ton spent the weekend with Mrs. bert E. Gault who is stationed with the armed forces near there. better still, ask to try out his ton spent the weekend with Mrs. bert E. Gault who is stationed with the armed forces near there.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

possible, but avoid overdosage.

Writing anything, particularly a personal essay, has been anything but a nice chore during the past few days, with the cool mountainous climate again run off by another heat wave. It just plain looks like the weatherman is in collusion with the air-conditioning dearers. At five down and five a

kids in the 1953 wars, and there is a glimmer of quiet optimism in the attitude of Coach Hal Dedmon and Legion officials. seasons.

They also like the arrangement of eliminations this year. All teams play through a 14game stand for the area title. However, the final winner is determined by a round-robin playoff, similar to the Shaugh-nessy playoff used by many of the pro leagues, except that all teams are involved. It means that a team which loses its first five games doesn't throw in the towel and quit. The change should help the spirit of all teams, and the general condition of the several team treasuries, too.

most promotin' baseball promotor in this town in recent Henry was running the semipro Kings Mountain Vets, he yard improvements. Another of is out of reason." Ollie qualified for the "John Henry" title administration to provide some light rate relief on ballyard tenants. He was successful, and, from the tenure of last Fri-

best brand of all from the spectator standpoint, Anything can happen, and quite frequently does, when Legion teams hook up for a nine-inning setto.

Dotted jots: Grady Howard,

agent in Stanly County (Albemarle, county seat).....his immediate superior will be Vernon Hunneycutt, promoted from the assistant's job, and onetime agriculture teacher at

ingredients: bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment. Directions: Take weekly, if

week, could we lose?

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Thursday night is opening night for the Legion baseball They like the looks of their players and they feel they'll do better than in some previous

Ollie Harris is the athletic officer this season, and I have already nicknamed him "John Henry Moss" Harris, John Henry, now operating out in Wisconsin, having been the seasons. Back when John was also on the city board of commissioners, and John was always bringing up needed ballhis pleas was, "That light rate when he invited the present day's game, it was a good thing.

Legion baseball remains the

rapidly learning the intricacies of operating a hospital, says one of the things he's already learned is that no hospital, large or small, ever has all the various types of equipment it needs.....recently the Kings Mountain plant had need for a portable X-Ray machine, because it couldn't move some patients injured in a wreck, even as far as the X-Ray room. Grady wonders if some civic group wouldn't like to make a donation.....At the recent pharmacy association convention at Pinehurst, Charles Blanton, president of the Junior Pharmacy association, made a report on the activities of the Junior group.....and among the prizes offered to the druggists attending were a pair of chinchillas.....

A. U. Tindall, the Southern Railroader, is also a good gardener in his off moments, and was vending tomato plants last Saturday ..... sorry I'm no gardener, for I know Mr. Tindall's are nice 'uns.....Mike Milam, now a New York salesman for Neisler Mills Company, was in town briefly last week, he has not bothered to pick up a Yankee accent as yet . . . . Ray Kiser, son of Gus Kiser who lives up the Cherry. ville Road, has recently received a promotion in the county agent's organization, having been appointed assistant county Grover.....

Speaking of air-conditioning again), one of my neighboring friends doubts the advisibility of air-conditioning churches. He says a preacher will have a hard time bringing up visions of Hell and the smell of brim-stone, if his hearer is too cool and comfortable. May be right.
....And, since they're airconditioning cars, it would not

be amiss to let Amos Dean give a demonstration of this form of summer motoring comfort.

## CROSSWORD . . . By A. C. Gordon

By Martin Harmon June Opener

Around the World

ACROSS 1-The country known as

- 1—The country known as "down under"

  9—French river famous in World War I

  10—English textile city
  12—Vehicles
  13—Water on the geographical map
  15—Wholly absorbed
  17—Abbreviation for a southern continent
  18—Facing toward the direction from which an overriding glacier impinged
  20—Abbreviation for a world-famous desert
  21—Small U S state (abbrev.)
  21—River in Great Britain
  23—Small bag

- 23—Small bag 25—Latin abbreviation for "that is" 26—Water-surrounded tract of land
- 28-City once famous for its culture 30-Indefinite article 31-Chemical symbol for 32-An old German state

- (poss.)
  European country 12-Large southern
- 35—Asiatic country 38—Printer's measure 39—Thus 40-Latin connective 41-Real Land (abbrev.) expanse of water
  14—Eligible Orders
  (abbrev.)
  16—Division of northern
- 41-Real Land (abbrev.)
  42-Playing card
  44-French city
  48-Discharge a debt
  49-Alaskan city
  51-A watery expanse
  between Arabia and
  Africa
  52-Profits
  53-African river
  55-Largest river in
  France Orecce (poss.)

  Japanese coin

  To rest

  Natives of a
  Scandinavian country

  The theater (abbrev.)
- 57—Western dam named after a U S. presi-dent 29-To diminish 33-City in the Canal 34-Correlative of "neither"
  -Legal for "the thing" DOWN
- 1—Swiss river (poss.)
  2—Ancient city of the
  Chaldees (poss.)
  3—Chemical symbol for 37—Angry 43—Arabian military
- for "that is"
  47—Roman 1555
  48—Sprightly
  50—The self
  52—Nothing
  54—Enlightened Offers (abbrev.) 56-Old English (abbrev.) 8-Girl's name (poss.)

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

stannum 4—Experimented

(abbrev.)

6-Landed Educators

## Viewpoints of Other Editors

### MUST WE FEAR THE "CONTROVERSIAL"

SMITHFIELD HERALD

American books used on foreign information programs are ans are applauding Governor Umhereafter not to be written by Communists, fellow travellers, or persons who might be considered controversial."

This strange decree comes rom the State Department at ticularly because it could mean Washington which is asking an end to politics in this vastly book publishers who submit important state agency. books for these purposes to certify that they are clean of such record of outstanding service, Mr. influences.

If this official trend is main had as clean a record as has the tained we can look forward to FBI when it comes to getting athe time when an American citi long with whatever political parzen will be a kind of neuter, ty is in control. blank in the head and carrying |

judgment are ordinarily expected, the past, the political maneuveramid controversy, rebellion, and motor vehicles picture. In the deflance of constituted authority, first place, the commissioner's The government of George III job is one of the choicest plums was objectionable to the found that falls to the Governor to hand ing fathers, and their spokesman out, often as a reward for politiquestioned it and denounced it without stint although thousands of people on both sides of the

sound if not sacred. The republic set up by feeble colonies in the latter part of the 18th century has passed thorugh many storms and stresses, and has weathered a thousand controversies and a million differences of opinion, without being overthrown. Are we now so afraid of Communist opinion and R. Fisher succeeded Rosser with doctrine that we must take fright Governor Umstead subsequently at controversy lest it lead into exercising his perogative to re

The State Department used to be regarded as one of the solidest difficult to see what political imgovernment institutions. But here plications there could be in such ately it seems to be suffering a course, Mr. Scheidt has been from nerves as indicated by a out of North Carolina for a numtendency toward nightmares and ber of years — adding to his stature as an able law enforcement of dark nights. What has be come of the Uncle Sam who used member of any "ring" or "elique" to be pictured as a fearless figure that could prove valuable in poliwith asquare jaw.

Final census ginnings for the 1952 season indicate a North Carolina cotton crop of 569,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight, compared with 542,000 bales in 1951, and 181,000 in 1950.

NORTH CAROLINA CLEVELAND COUNTY IN THE SUPERIOR COURT Flora Allen, Plaintiff

NOTICE

The defendant above named

Elmer Maynard Allen, Defendant

will take notice that an action as above entitled has been commenced in the Superior Court of Cleveland County, North Carolina, wherein the plaintiff seeks a divorce from the defendant; that said defendant will also take notice that he is required to appear at the Cierk of Court's Office at Shelby, North Carolina, within twenty (20) days after the 29th day of June, 1953 and answer or demur to the complaint now on file in the Clerk's Office, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. .... . This 29th day of May, 1953 ... E. A. Houser, Jr. Clerk Superior Court

## POLITICS THE CHATHAM NEWS

APPOINTMENT WITHOUT

Sound-thinking North Carolinistead's appointment of Ed Scheidt, former FBI man as Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, They are applauding the appointment on several counts but more par-

As an FBI man with a long Scheidt surely has learned how Thus is one more nail being to keep politics out of the addriven into the coffin of free. ministration of an important job. Few agencies in government have Even the most amateur of ob-

a vacuum where knowledge and servers will have discerned, in The United States was born ing that has been a part of the cal support. In recent years the job has

been a political "hot spot". Gr. Atlantic revered it as good and ernor W. Kerr Scott's retent. of Chatham's Landon Rosser as a holdover from the Cherry administration caused many people to forecast an end to politics. Governor Scott subsequently

fired Rosser because of differences in last year's primary campaign even though it was generally conceded that Colonel Rosser had done a creditable job. L.

In appointing Ed Scheidt it is tical contests that loom in the

# Personal Style

By Charlene Padgett

For the third season the procal dramas

Mountain Little Theatre, Inc., in the play and want to see it and the entire cast and produc- succeed. The result of this is a tion crew of over 150 people are smoothly-staged, professional in the venture purely out of love production, only person who gets any mon- tors appearing in the play.

held and all of the main roles p. m.

are usually filled by actors with Battle Drama Has are usually filled by actors with years of experience in various non - professional groups. They come from Gastonia, Shelby, Kings Mountain, Besemer City, N. C., and from Rock Hill and

York, S. C. Backstage an even higher deduction of the historical drama gree of professional skill has about the Battle of Kings Moun- been utilized. Electricians offer tain, "The Sward of Gideon" puts their services as lighting men; into effect its own personal style carpenters build sets and stages; in the realm of outdoor histori- beauticians act as make-up girls; all in their spare time, and It is sponsored by the Kings all for free because they believe

for the theatre, or the desire to A proposed project this year is see their section of the Carolinas to award dramatics scholarships put its best foot forward. The to outstanding high school ac-

ey is the author, who receives a The production will be given 12 times this summer in the By throwing the drama open Kings Mountain National Millto all interested groups and in- tary Park amphitheatre, begindividuals, a great reservoir of ning July 23rd and continuing talent has been made available on Thursday, Friday, and Satur-Intensive talent auditions are day through August 15th, at 8

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