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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Every word of God is pure; he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him, Proverbs 30:5.

Korean Armistice

The Korean War, though a skirmish compared to the great conflict of 1939-45 known as World War II, lasted half as long, and killed people just as dead as its more comprehensive predecessor.

Great majority of the casualties were in the first year, the past two years having been taken up with truce talk which finally paid off. Nevertheless, the fighting had been going on at all times, with varying degrees of intensity.

There is no agreement, among anyone, about the efficacy of the Korean War. The Communists immediately took to the radio to brag about beating the Yankee. At least, the United Nations, or its main contributor the United States, has made no boasts about winning anything.

Many people are hopeful that the three years of limited action has served sufficient notice on the Communist expansionists that such action will not be tolerated in the future. But President Eisenhower, Generals Clark and Taylor, indeed, no American leaders, offer any encouragement that the armistice is more than just that.

Few responsible Americans criticize this nation for leading the United Nations into the Korean conflict. The emotion of helping to defend against the invader was noble, and the reasoning that aggressors can be stopped in their tracks better than after their giant steps, as with Hitler and Mussolini, was sensible and practical.

The conduct of the war is what came in for criticism. It helped to cost the Democrats the 1952 election, and the continuance of the piecemeal war policy has not heightened the regard for the Eisenhower government.

Time will tell whether the military resistance to Communist aggression was in vain, and whether, as some think, the Korean truce will soon compare with "the Munich umbrella" as a sad phrase in the history of the free peoples of the world.

Meantime, all will rejoice with the parents of draft-age youngsters that the shooting war has halted. May there be no cause for its resumption.

A Friday Date

Ten Kings Mountain citizens have given a gallon of blood via the Red Cross Bloodmobile program, which means that they have visited the Bloodmobile unit eight times to help save the life of someone else.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile unit comes here again on Friday, with the ever-present need for blood more pressing than ever.

The big new reason is "g. g.", or gamma globulin, a blood derivative that scientists think will prevent infantile paralysis from wreaking its terrible crippling effects on those it strikes down.

Some advance news of gamma globulin was heard here last March when the Red Cross was conducting its annual fund drive. A big part of the Red Cross contributions go into the blood collection program. The results of experiments on polio were reported as quite amazing and quite wonderful.

Little did local chapter officials know at that time, nor did anyone, that 1953's polio onslaught would hit heavy in nearby Newton, Hickory and Lenoir. There, unfortunately, the mass inoculations of youngsters with gamma globulin will give an ever great test to the efficacy of "g. g."

If ten people give a gallon, a 150 and more can give a pint.

Friday's the day. Make a date with the Bloodmobile registrar.

Best wishes to Dr. P. G. Padgett in the difficult, important position of Blood Program chairman of the Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter.

Same Old Sandy

It took a long time and a veteran shooter-from-the-hip to accomplish it, but the Umstead administration has finally caused a yelp by its political head-chopping, whereby it is merely practicing an old game made popular by that venerable Democrat General Andrew Jackson and a game better known as the spoils system.

Reference is made, of course, to the dismissal of Miss Sheffield as the superintendent of Woman's Prison, a job which doesn't sound like it was meant for a female in the first place.

All in all, the Umstead firings and dismissals have been handled with the greatest of ease. Most politicians, who found themselves on the wrong side of the fence, knew what was coming and politely handed in their resignations. Others, liking the pay and having nothing else to do, sat around and waited for the dismissal letters. The Governor even legislated some of 'em out by getting the General Assembly to change the expirations on terms of office of the Board of Conservation and Development, and there was no audible complaint.

Now, comes along Highway Chairman Sandy Graham and tries to ease out a lady.

"How come?" the lady wants to know. "I'm running my job and I deserve an explanation."

Ordinarily, one would be shocked at this shocking display of lack of knowledge of the facts of political life, except that the memory box will recall the wailing of 1949, when then-Governor Scott was trying to get his team in office.

Miss Sheffield's protest and the accompanying furor causes two interesting memories, the wails of '49 being one of them, and the personality of Highway Chairman Graham another.

Graham comes of the old school of government in which the officeholder appears to have no great interest in what people think of the job he is doing. The officeholder makes a decision, the decision is right because he made it, and there's no requirement for reasons. It was the same sort of attitude that kept Mr. Graham in hot water as Governor Cherry's dictatorial, though efficient, highway commission chairman.

In the particular instance, it is rather easy to agree with Mr. Graham. It is a personnel matter, he desires to make a change, and that is within his full province, reason not withstanding. But it is easy to see that no change has been wrought in the personality of the man from Hillsboro, who will build and maintain our roads, in addition to superintending our maldoers, for the next four years.

All will hope for the repeal of the tax on motion picture admissions. Principal reasons are that 1) a sick industry needs some succor, and 2) it's high time some of the wartime taxes came off. None will ever be removed unless a start is made. Another tax that might well head for the chopping block is the excise tax on telephone rent. Telephones have become a necessity of life.

One of the more efficiently functioning boards in local government is the county hospital board of trustees. Thus it is a pleasure to commend the retiring members on their good service, and to congratulate both the new members and the officers elected to serve during the coming year. Our best wishes to the new chairman and vice-chairman, Parris Yelton, of Shelby, and C. F. Harry, of Grover.

Resignation of Rev. Vance Daniel as pastor of Resurrection Lutheran church came as a source of real regret to members of his congregation and to the community, too. Mr. Daniel feels he has completed his particular task with the Resurrection church, and, indeed, the two plus years he has been here have been most productive, the physical plant and affairs of the church show.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

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

Today is the last day of city-wide Clean-Up Week, and, by now, everyone should have busied himself with the spray gun, mop, lawn mower, and duster and be living in the midst of purest and most sanitary sanitation.

Of course, everyone hasn't cooperated with the cleaning effort as he might have, which reminds that it is hard to get 7,200 souls to do everything the same way, or thinking the same thoughts at any given time. But Clean-Up Week is all right, and the city would do well to organize a Clean-Up week about twice each year, in spring and fall, perhaps, to get the eyesores removed and the disease breeders eliminated.

I heard some objections to the city's spraying job, but it wasn't what I had thought it might be. I wondered about the low flying plane hovering close over housetops to douse the mosquito-infested creek banks. But the yelling I heard, in several spots, was that the spraying man did too good a job. He ran the skeeters out of the creek banks, and into the homes. Such an accusation I cannot make. It isn't safe to be outside the screening on Mountain Street at night at anytime from June to October and I am trying to find the source of the trouble, without success.

Cleaning up can be fun. The Herald, coincidentally, got it's spring cleaning started a few months late and just as Clean-Up Week got underway, Mike Everhart and his painting crew invaded and made the paint and rubbish fly. It has been quite sometime since this treatment had been applied in any direction, and the production headquarters hadn't been treated since the building was built. For anyone who wishes to try it, I am happy to report that, on a non-paintinging marathon, the first five years are the hardest. After that the dirt doesn't show as fast.

But I don't recommend it.

We'd made several false starts toward the clean-up job and were fogged many times, for as many reasons. Finally we got the bulging building cracks daubed, then the roof covered, then the carpentry repaired, and finally came the painters. The repair program really started last January and is being more or less completed eight months later.

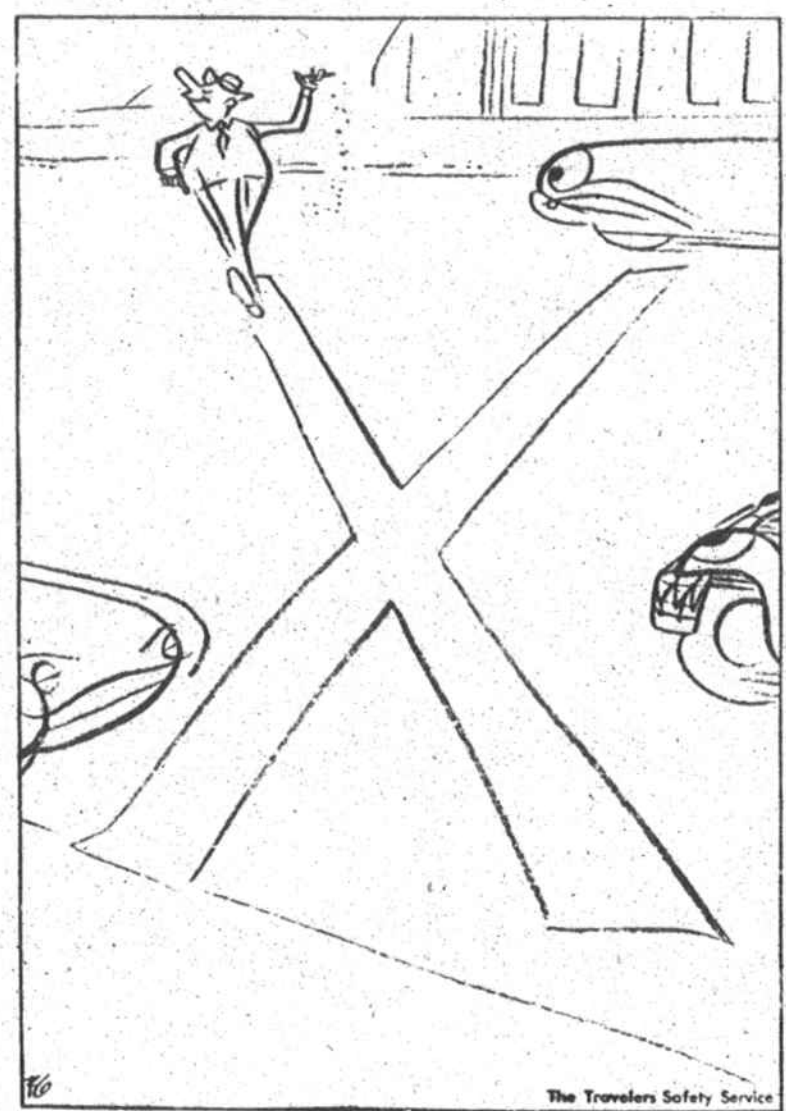
What's the old saying? It's easier (and cheaper) to build than to repair. I am inclined to believe it.

Speaking of cleaning up reminds that a number of folk got to preview an interesting motion picture last Friday morning with Ed Tutor, the new Joy-Dixie combine executive, as host. It was entitled "Reaching From Heaven" and is booked for public showing a couple of weeks hence. The film, as Ed says, "carries a message" and an age-old one. It suggests that Christianity is practical in a workaday world and it portrays some rather graphic examples of the messes in which folk can find themselves. The picture is entertaining and the message is not offensively given. Neither, as Dr. W. P. Gerberding noted, is the story filled up with the sort of blackmail practiced in the religious technicolor movie of not too long ago. I forget the name. No seven veils in it, but plenty of believable make-believe. If cleanliness is next to Godliness, then the world could use an extra dose of "Reaching From Heaven".

Hugh Falls may not have been cleaning up last Friday, but a bumble bee cleaned up on him. Unusually, or it seemed to Hugh and me, no trouble resulted for about four hours. Then the stung spot started swelling and hurting. Bumble bees are not nice folk to do business with. Claude Hambright, long a long-day worker who used to be the first breakfast customer to the earliest opening cafe, still puts in the same sort of day but the hours have changed some. "I don't get up 'till 6:30 now." Claude confides. "I still sounds something like the middle of the night to a 7:45 man. . . . and had you noticed the fallish tinge in the air? . . . still plenty of hot weather ahead, but nights will be cooler, and quilts will get some early morning attention from the ladyfolk, who, usually, are either too hot, or too cold. . . . and Byron Keeter says he sold a winter coat the other day to an early-bird buyer. . . . made me swelter to think about it. . . . but believe it or not, little ones, school bells will be ringing a month hence. . . ."

Who, ME?

by Robert Osborn



In 1952, 8,650 pedestrians were killed and 265,000 hurt. Only YOU can prevent traffic accidents!

Viewpoints of Other Editors

FOR THE CHILDREN, GIVE PINT OF BLOOD

The polio epidemic in Caldwell and Catawba counties has emphasized the need for more donations of blood to the Red Cross. In Caldwell County nearly 13,000 children were inoculated with gamma globulin. Catawba County is asking for enough to give shots to 15,000 children. If this demand is met, 28,000 shots will be required for the children of the two counties. The average shot is one unit, or five cubic centimeters, depending on the age of the child, and it takes a pint of blood to process one unit. To meet the demand for gamma globulin in these two counties, therefore, will require 28,000 pints of blood, not to mention the calls from other counties all over the country.

For the sake of the children of North Carolina, now is the time for everybody who is in physical condition to give a pint of blood to give it at once. The Red Cross processes the blood for gamma globulin, and the supply is desperately short.

This blood can be made to serve a double purpose, because, after the gamma globulin is extracted, the blood elements left can still be used on the battlefields in Korea and in cases of serious accident.

Gamma globulin does not prevent polio, but in many cases it will prevent the crippling effects of the disease. The child who has had a shot in time has a much better chance for complete recovery. The pint of blood you give, therefore, may make the difference between a child's return to health and his being a lifelong cripple.

It is worth a pint of anybody's blood. — Charlotte Observer.

Rites Conducted For Mr. Sellers

Funeral services for W. P. Sellers, 56, resident of Paw Creek, S. C., and native of Kings Mountain, were conducted Friday at 5 p. m. from McEwen West Chapel.

Rev. Charles Auten, pastor of Thrift Baptist church, officiated and burial was in Forest Lawn cemetery.

Mr. Sellers died at his home early Thursday morning. Born November 27, 1896, he was the son of David W. and Roxanna Adams Sellers of Kings Mountain. For more than 33 years, he was employed by the Thrift terminal of Esso Standard Oil Co. He was a member of Thrift Baptist church.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Julia Falls Sellers, three daughters, Mrs. H. L. Walker of Durham, Mrs. Joyce T. Bolton of Richmond, Va., and Miss Carolyn Sellers of the home, and one son, Charles Curtis Sellers of the home.

Also surviving are three brothers, Giles Sellers of Kings Mountain, C. B. Sellers of Charlotte, and Ralph Sellers of Cliffside; two sisters, Mrs. Marvin Goforth and Miss Emma Sellers, both of Kings Mountain, and five grandchildren.

Day-to-day and year-to-year changes in farming techniques present the American farmer with many problems.

ON THE MATTER OF SHAPE

We note that The Charlotte News and the Asheville Citizen are entangled in the challenge of putting square ice cubes in round bottlenecks.

That the editorial battle of the Smithfield ham still rages between Eastern North Carolina and the all of Virginia; That The Greensboro Daily News has opened a whole new field of study in seeking the final answer as to which of the berries—straw, rasp, dew, etc.—is the tastiest;

That the North and the South are locked in deadly journalese on the merits of grits. (Shall we eat 'em or use 'em for plaster?) All this on the heels of last year's devastating editorial battle on the palatability of the catfish. (In Eastern N. C. they throw the cats back; in Western N. C. they are a delicacy.)

This reminds us that nobody has taken time out to whip up interest in the fellow working on the theory that hens should lay square eggs.

The square egg idea fascinates us. You can stack 'em better, sit 'em on the sidewalk and they'll sit there, and put 'em in a square sandwich and they won't run around the edges.

Of course, The News and The Citizen might have difficulty cooking a square egg in a round pan; North Carolina and Virginia might be thrown into armed conflict if the egg question further clouds the ham argument—the same for the North and South on grits; and the egg debate might go away forever with the catfish discussion.

A full airing of the question, nevertheless, might throw some light on a long-standing egg question. At the moment the fellow who's working on the new idea says positively that, square or round, you still can't unscramble 'em. — Shelby Daily Star.

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Current prospects for the 1953 North Carolina apple crop point to a total production of 844,000 bushels, compared with last year's record high of 2,053,000 bushels.

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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.

Social and Personal
Mrs. John Randall is visiting her husband who is stationed at Fort Pierce, Fla.
A. H. Patterson is vacationing at Waynesville and Lake Junaluska.

Mrs. Clarence Plonk, Jr. entertained with a miscellaneous show at her home on King street Tuesday night complimenting Miss Phyllis Patterson, bride-elect.

Mrs. H. E. Lynch was hostess to her bridge club last Thursday afternoon at her home on Ridge street.
Etc. John Costner who is stationed at Daniel Field, Augusta, Ga., is visiting relatives here.

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