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## TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure, 1 Timothy 5:22.

## Let's Buy Knowledge

To put it mildly, Mayor Glee A. Bridges' pronouncements about the spending of portions of the \$600,000 bond money voted on January 16, did not sound too good, and may have had some people regretting, in retrospect, that they supported the bond issue elections. Particularly distressing was the statement concerning the employment of a salaried engineer to supervise the work. The indication here is that the city will have a glorified foreman handling the work, and not a licensed, responsible engineer. W. K. Dickson who supplied the estimates for the recent bond issues, may not be the desired expert, but he has already collected \$2,200 off the city for engineering work, and that amount is a big down-payment on the percentage fee his original contract stipulates. Mr. Dickson has done a great amount of public works, and our guess would be that he is competent.

The same situation exists with respect to Recreation Engineer Charles Graves, of Atlanta.

Some people in this community have never had much respect for experience and education. They feel they can do a job better and cheaper themselves, and their patchwork results have been no boon to the welfare of the community nor the public treasury.

The Mayor's plea concerning employing local labor is good vote-getting talk, but there is no reason to assume that private contractors, knowledgeable in the field of big construction, can't nor won't employ local folk.

Last year it was quite hard for Charles E. Wilson, now Secretary of Defense, to understand the impropriety of owning stock in General Motors Corporation and still doing business with General Motors.

Now, it appears, we have a comparable small-scale situation here. The city administration could pull off its projected purchase of the Lynch-Cox-Grantham private club much easier if Commissioner Grantham were not a party to the ownership. Our understanding is that this private lake now represents a total investment of not more than \$7,000. Indeed, the increase of the supply of water in this manner may be quite in order, but, like Mr. Wilson and his General Motors stock, it just doesn't look good.

The really important matter, though, is competent supervision of spending of the bond money, via contracts to low bidders.

It is now possible to buy stocks on the installment plan, just as it is possible to buy refrigerators, television sets, automobiles, homes, or anything else. The stock brokers, squeezed between rising costs and lower volume of sales, hope their installment plan will increase their profits and will also provide a great reservoir of cash for the expansion of American business. Undoubtedly, the monthly or quarterly stock investment plan will have much appeal for many people, including those who lack the nerve to "plunge" with the more conventional purchases in 100-share lots.

The United States Public Health Service representative told Grady Howard, the hospital manager, last week, that the over-riding consideration on adding beds to Kings Mountain hospital should be the need for beds, and he tended to poor-pool, as irrelevant objections voiced in some quarters on grounds of required increase of operating room facilities, kitchen, and other allied quarters. The inspectors found the hospital not only full of patients but over-full. If the state officials take the same attitude, then it would appear that further hospital expansion here is quite possible.

## 10 YEARS AGO Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events THIS WEEK taken from the 1944 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Dr. V. A. Neasham, head of the Kings Mountain National Park, will address members of the Kiwanis club at their regular weekly meeting this evening at the club house.

A total of \$191,200.00 in bonds had been sold up to yesterday afternoon, according to Chairman J. R. Davis.

### Social And Personal

Honoring their pastor, Rev. P. D. Patrick and Mrs. Patrick on their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, members of the Woman's Auxiliary of First Presbyterian church entertained at a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neisler on Gaston street last Saturday night.

Mrs. A. H. Patterson and Mrs. C. E. Warlick entertained at supper last Wednesday night. Guests included members of the Senior choir of Central Methodist church and their organist, Mrs. Aubrey Mauney.

Mrs. S. R. Suber, Jr., of Rockingham, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Weir.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

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

If this piece had a title, which it doesn't anymore, it could be called "Cleaning the Hook", meaning the stick-hook which serves to protect many items from the wastebasket until they finally get handled, or, due to old age, finally deserve wastebasket treatment.

On the bottom of the pile was an interesting item I clipped months ago, from another newspaper, which, in turn, had clipped it from the Chapel Hill Weekly, obviously from the personal column of some talker. It was an interesting story, in its own right, but is even more timely here at the moment for February is just around the corner, and February in Kings Mountain is banquet season.

"One of the most satisfying after-dinner speeches I ever heard," the story-teller relates, "was delivered by Marjory Saunders a few weeks ago at the dinner celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Chapel Hill Kiwanis Club. Mr. Saunders' assignment was to welcome the guests from out of town. When his turn came and he was introduced by Toastmaster Roy Armstrong he rose to his feet, said 'Welcome!' and sat down. Just that one word was his speech. The diners were so astonished that for a few seconds they didn't make a sound. Then, when they realized that the speech was all over, that not another word was coming from Mr. Saunders they burst into ecstatic applause."

I don't suppose the one-word welcoming speech would work all the time, but quite frequently the No. 2 and No. 3 speakers on a program over-do it, when a few words would be sufficient.

A neighboring newsmen wrote a piece like this several months ago, if the tattered, yellowed clipping I have on my desk is any indication. And the general theme was on the wonderfulness of being able to forget.

The thesis developed is that hardly a week, or an issue, passes but that some member of the staff, publisher or errand boy, doesn't get a good cussin', for some mistake he made, or some mistake he didn't make. The neighboring editor notes: "One lady called me up recently and said 'you handle the news too darn fast,' and a man wanted to know just last week how long it took us to find out the news and print it. Still another chap couldn't understand why his name was left out of a list who had received honors, and one who had been required to appear in court wanted to know if his name could not be omitted. Still another, due to a mess-up in the addressograph arrangement, did not get a newspaper after leaving the money for his subscription. We explained that the addressograph tab change had been inadvertently missed, that we were sorry, and he assured us it would never happen again with him. We are always happy to learn of reasonable men who inhabit this earth."

Newspaper folk can think of nothing worse than failing to mail a man a paper after he's put his money on the line, unless it is failing to mail a paper to a LADY after she has paid her script.

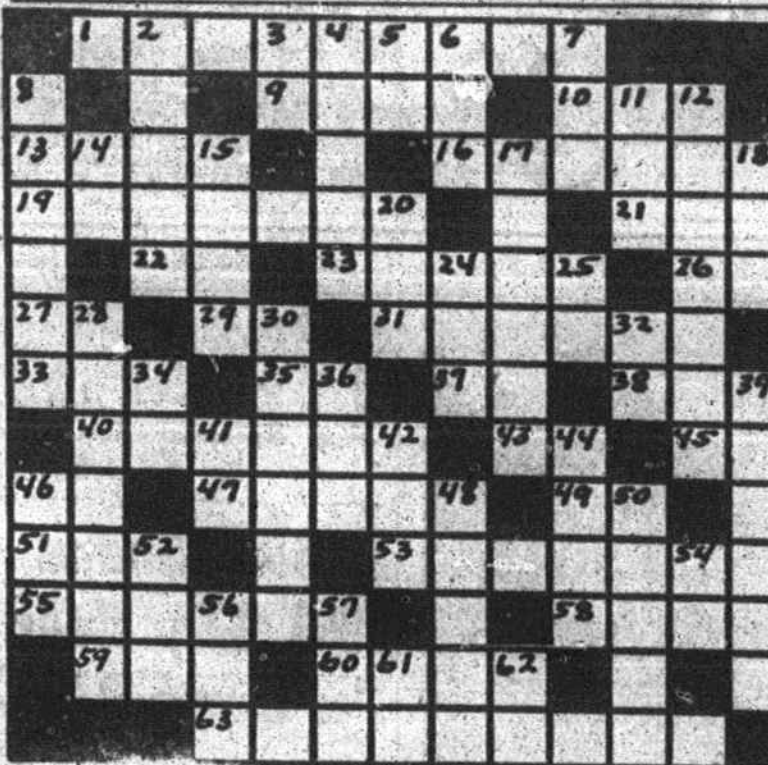
On the other hand, a certain illustrious citizen dictated a sarcastic tome the other day after his paper had been stopped for non-payment of dues. He accused us of trying to be big, hard-boiled businessmen. It wasn't that at all. All circulation men know, and experience proves, that a flabby circulation policy breeds extreme waste in the billing department and disrespect for the publication. It does help to forget.

Cigarette sales aren't doing too well these days, due to the dire medical implications, the increase in cigar purchases, or some reason, but it reminds of a comment I ran across recently, which may or may not be true: "If you see a package of chewing tobacco, in a man's back pocket you can be pretty sure that he's free from stomach trouble and ulcers; for that reason you may envy him."

And from the same source, "Next to being young and pretty, the best bet is to be old and rich."

Pick-ups: Friday night's snow was the first in some seasons to hang around long enough to see it, and it was really accommodating for the school youngsters, coming on a Friday night, and being ready for a free Saturday. The city's new street signs look pretty good, and it's now possible to find one's way about the community. . . . big mail boxes being posted around indicate that the expanded city carrier service is just around the corner. . . .

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



**ACROSS**

1—Ancient Roman sporting arena  
9—Action of the roulette wheel  
10—Gaseous element  
13—To storm  
16—Take part in a popular indoor "sport"  
21—Parlor posing game  
22—Compass direction  
23—In the neighborhood (abb.)  
24—Catcher of lampreys  
25—Educational Censate (abb.)  
26—Abbreviated sport  
31—Badminton sporting event  
32—Petcock in a sense of speed  
33—United India (abb.)  
34—Latin "and"  
35—English title (abb.)  
36—Descriptive of a gymnast  
41—Shortened science  
42—Prosecuting officer of a district (abb.)

**DOWN**

2—Musical instrument  
3—Bone  
4—Playing card  
5—Yes, in Spain  
6—Terminate  
7—Checker piece  
8—Participant in a target game  
11—Necessity to hockey  
12—Failed to follow suit in bridge  
14—Exclamation of satisfaction  
15—Bobbles the baseball

**17—Skilled sport performer**  
18—A bridge game failure  
19—Poetical always  
20—Tennis stroke  
21—Eastern U.S. state (abb.)  
22—Card game  
23—The bread-and-butter of professional sports  
24—The sign of "no good"  
25—Chemical symbol for nickel  
26—Ailing  
27—Polo implement  
28—Parent  
29—Poetical "even"  
30—Professional athletic team  
31—Dance step  
32—Pleasure craft  
33—One who endeavors  
34—Naval aviation  
35—Navel  
36—Before  
37—Lila  
38—Side Lo-Loers (abb.)

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

## Viewpoints of Other Editors

### THE SOUTH: NO HAVEN FORECASTING FEMALES FOR SWEATSHOPS

The president of the New York State CIO Council and those Southern industrialists who don't want new industries established in their communities have something in common. They are, in effect, strengthening the position of sweatshop industry in the South. But not only that, they are taking their stand against higher living standards in the South generally.

The president of the New York State CIO Council is Louis C. Hollander. Last week Mr. Hollander cried out against the movement of Northeastern industries into "Southern sweatshop areas" and demanded that Governor Dewey do something to halt the migration.

Unfortunately, for the victims themselves and for all of us who earn livings in the South, there are some sweatshop industries in the Southern states. But the real story of Southern industry in our time is its great progress away from sweatshop status under an increasingly enlightened leadership. Burlington Mills, which has worked wonders with its Smithfield industry, is a prime example of enlightened leadership in Southern industry. The once backward South is coming of age, industrially as well as otherwise. But one sure way to retard our progress and give sweatshop industry a new lease on life is to keep new industries from coming into the South. We need more industry to give employment to displaced farm workers. A large unemployment plus sweatshop wage scales adds up to an economic drag that is felt in terms of a lower living standard by every business or professional man in the South, or by every Southerner for that matter.

The New York CIO official understandably is worried by the movement of industry out of the Northeast. Every time a factory pulls up stakes and moves on, workers are thrown out of employment, and difficult economic adjustments have to be made. It takes time for remaining expanding industries of the Northeast to take up the employment slack. But the CIO leader need not be worried about a growth of sweatshop industry in the South, for the very thing he complains of will tend to eliminate Southern sweatshops as it expands Southern employment.

One can readily understand why some Southern industrialists don't want new industries established in their communities. They take a short view, and all they can see in the new-industry movement is a dwindling labor supply. Lack of a labor surplus, they fear, will bring on worker unrest and demands for higher wages and better working conditions. This is a self-centered view which cannot be defended, certainly not on ethical grounds. Nor is it easily defended on economic grounds. For low pay and bad working conditions don't stimulate productivity, and unproductive factories turn out to be poor investments. High wage scales have been one of the main factors in the country's recent prosperity. Factories, like stores and farms, thrive when workers generally are well paid and unemployment is at a low ebb.

We in the South should welcome solidly-financed new industry, whether it comes by migration from other regions or springs from local capital. The ultimate result of the Southern capital movement will be a further decline of the sweatshop, a more stable economy, and higher living standards in the region. — Smithfield Herald

## Girl Scout News

The Brownie Troop 1, of Central Methodist church, met at the church Thursday, January 21. The roll was called and dues collected. Then we practiced the investiture which will be held Thursday, February 4. We did the Hokey Pokey, the Bunny Hop and Here We Go To Zoodeo. Then the refreshment committee served popcorn. We sang the Brownie Goody-bye song. Leaders of the troop are Mrs. Madge Rhea and Mrs. Paul Hendricks.

Reporter, Carley Shore

are meaningless without the means of obtaining knowledge. Freedom of thought, of expression, of the press, together with freedom of worship, are basic tenets of our way of life and each and all of these are predicated upon the individual's opportunity to obtain and evaluate information.

Representatives of the judiciary and of law enforcement officers combined with members of the press, radio and television, to keynote before those in attendance the realization that secrecy in government is an encroachment on our fundamental liberties; that free access to information is vested in the people and not, as some may believe, in newspaper, radio and television commentators.

The meeting was impressive in that there seemed to be few areas of disagreement among those represented on the two panels that took up the major portion of the day. There seemed also a willingness to iron out what misunderstandings may have been built up in recent years largely through lack of public interest. It appeared, too, that there was a general agreement that secrecy has crept into every level of government often under the guise of being in the interest of either national security or greater efficiency.

Of all the quotable "quotes" that came out of the meeting probably the most penetrating was that voiced by Federal Judge Johnson J. Hayes who said that "publicity is the terror of tyranny."

One did not have to be an astute student of history to recognize the significance of Judge Hayes' remark. One could simply recall the sorry history of totalitarianism to realize that evil men come to power once they have won the battle for men's minds by shutting off access to the truth.

This conference can only be termed a successful beginning since its deliberations were confined to relations between the judiciary and law enforcement agencies and public information media. There are other fields equally as important and equally as needful of thoughtful exploration. But it was a beginning and those in attendance came away with the belief that there will be other conferences out of which will come a more widespread understanding of the underlying principles of the people's right to know. — Chatham County News

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