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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, I Timo thy 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

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.

School Space Needs

On Monday, the county board of commissioners is going to be asked to offer a county-wide bond issue election of \$2,-500,000 for school construction funds. The amount is about all the school

boards of the three county districts think they can ask as the present time, if not all that they need. Kings Mountain's part would be 12.04

percent (the percentage of Kings Mountain district school pupils in the county) or \$301,000. That amount is insufficient, but it would be a great help.

According to the school folk, the county tax rate would have to be increased 24 cents per \$100 valuation to take care of the principal payments and interest charges, based on the county's present taxable valuation of \$82 millions.

Some think it is a bad time to be upping tax bills, and, of course, there are many who feel there is never a good

They may be right, but the facts of crowded classrooms are staring the people in the face. One way to handle the problem would be to put school operations on a two-shift basis, but the only time such a method has been used is during a real emergency, such as occurred here in 1932 when the Central plant burned. Our guess is that the parents would rather pay a bigger tax bill for expanded plants.

Ike's First Budget

President Eisenhower has presented his first budget, at least his first from the standpoint of having sole responsibility for it. Last year, just in office, the President presented his quickie version of Harry Truman's budget.

Of the huge total of \$65.8 billions for 1954-55, two dollars of every three is earmarked for national security, including planes, guns, atomic weapons, ships, shells, and servicemen's pay.

The other biggest lick is for interest, 10-plus cents of each dollar going to pay interest on a menagerie of government obligations, including the familiar "E" bond almost everyone has held at sometime during the past dozen years.

Generally, President Ike is being credited with presenting a "tight" budget. Certainly it is a reversal of the trend which found each succeeding budget

If there is any particular "fat" in the budget, the North Carolina Congressional delegation would have us believe it is in foreign aid, which is becoming a very popular whipping boy indeed. If other Congressmen feel the same way, then President Eisenhower's budget-which allows for another \$2.9 billion in red ink -might wind up balanced.

The language of the North Carolina Utilities Commission order granting a certificate of convenience and necessity to the City of Kings Mountain for distributing natural gas was definitely "reluctant." The commission, most obviously, favored Public Service Company of North Carolina, a private utility, but was confronted with the refusal of the city to grant Public Service a franchise and with the tentative allotment of natural gas to the city by the Federal Power Commission. While some citizens declined to get particularly excited about the matter, it does seem logical for the city, already in the utilities business with its water and power distribution, to distribute the additional, and in some measures competitive, utility . . . tural gas. The certificate should ease greatly the task of the city's engineers mayor and city attorney, in the ary 8 hearing at Washington

seems that the tentative allotnies. become permanent.

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

the club house had been sold up to yesterday af- ception at the home of Mr. and J. R. Davis.

Social And Personal weekly meeting this evening at versary, members of the Wo-A total of \$191,200.00 in bonds terian church entertained at a reternoon, according to Chairman Mrs. Paul Neisler on Gaston ingham, spent the weekend with street last Saturday night,

Mrs. A. H. Patterson and Mrs. Honoring their pastor, Rev. P. C. E. Warlick entertained at sup-Park, will address members of D. Patrick and Mrs. Patrick on per last Wednesday night. Guests the Kiwanis club at their regular their twenty-fifth wedding anni- included members of the Senior choir of Central Methodist church man's Auxiliary of First Presby- and their organist, Mrs. Aubrey Mauney.

Mrs. S. R. Suber, Jr., of Rock-Mr. and Mrs. Sam Weir.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

If this piece had a title, which 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,

m-m On the bottom of the pile was an interesting item I clipped months age, from another newspaper, which, in turn, had clipped it from the Chapel Hill Weekly, obviously from the personal column of some staffer. It was an interesting story, in its own right, but is even more timely here at the mo-ment 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 Maryon 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.'

m·m 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 if, when a few words would be sufficient.

A neighboring newsman 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 for-

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 'youhandle 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 arrange. ments, 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 falling to mail a man a paper after he's put his money on the line, unless it be 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 publiciation. 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 hat reason you may envy him."

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

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 pos-sible to find one's way about the community....big mail boxes being posted around in-dicate that the expanded city carrier service is just around the corner.....

By Martin Harmon

it doesn't anymore, it could be

ACROSS

-Ancient Roman sport-47—Bowlers' thoroughfare
49—Army officer (abb.)
51—Beast of burden
53—A good-looking cast of
the dice
55—Important part of golf
club swinging
58—Popular sport vehicle
(colloq.)
59—Consumed
60—College cheen ing arena 9—Action of the roulette 9—Action of the roulette
wheel
10—Gascous element
13—To storm
16—Takes part in a popular indoor "sport"
19—Parlor posing game
21—Compars direction
22—In the neighborhood
(abb.) (abb.)
23—Catcher of lampreys
26—Latin "and"
27—Educational Canasta

(abb.) 29—Abbreviated sport 29—Abbreviated sport
31—Rodeo sporting event
33—Partook in a game of
speed
35—United India (abb.)
37—English title (abb.)
38—Preclous stone

FOR SWEATSHOPS

in their communities have some-

thing in common. They are, in

ligher living standards in the

The president of the New York

State CIO Council is Louis C.

Hollander. Last week Mr. Hol-

lander cried out against the

movement of Northeastern indus-

areas" and demanded that Gover-

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 leader

ship. Burlington Mills, which has

worked wonders with its Smith-

field industry, is a prime example

of enlightened leadership in Sou-

thern industry. The once back-

ward South is coming of age, in-

dustrially as well as otherwise.

But one sure way to retard our

progress and give sweatshop in-

lustry a new lease on life is to

keep new industries from coming

into the South. We need more in-

dustry to give employment to

displaced farm workers. A large

unemployment plus sweatshop

wage scales adds up to an econo-

mic drag that is felt in terms of

lower living standard by every

business or professional man in

the South, or by every Southerner

The New York CIO official un-

derstandably 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 em-

ployment and difficult economic

adjustments have to be made. It

takes time for remaining expand-ing industries of the Northeast

to take up the employment slack. But the CIO leader need not be

worried about a growth of sweat-

shop industry in the South, for

the very thing he complains of

sweatshops as it expands South-

One can readily understand

why some Southern industrialists

don't want new industries estab-

lished in their communities. They

take a short view, and all they

can see in the new-industry move

ment 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 easi-ly defended on economic grounds.

For low pay and bad working conditions don't stimulate pro-

ductivity, and unproductive fac-tories turn out to be poor invest-

ments. 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 we

come solidiy - financed new in dustry, whether it comes by mig

ration from other regions or springs from local capital. The ultimate result of the Southern

capital movement will be a fur ther decline of the sweatshop,

ore stable economy, and highe

tend to eliminate Southern

for that matter.

will

rn employment.

South generally.

the migration.

CROSSWORD . . . By A. C. Gordon The Sporting Side

-College cheers -Participants in a popu-lar television sport

DOWN

17—Skilled sport per-formers

18—A bridge game feilure
20—Poetical always

32—The sign of "no good 34—Chemical symbol for nickel

48—Pleasure craft 50—One who endeavors 52—Posed

ed prices are from ten to twenty

lewer duds than in 1953,"

Now any ordinary husband can

see a certain logic in this fore-

cast. The closet, at last glimpse,

has absolutely no more room,

And while the closet is full the

pocketbook is empty. No busi-

ness prophecy we have seen all

Still, we greet the opinion of

these experts with as much re-

serve as all the other prophecies. Experience counts for nothing

with an expert because as soon

as he has had some he knows that

he isn't, But experience in a fami-

ly with fer ales of assorted ages

induces a certain humility about

forecasting they will acquire few-

er duds, especially if they are marked down twenty per cent. —

WIDER UNDERSTANDING

OF SECRECY TREND IS

NEEDED IF EVIL IS TO BE

ABATED

North Carolina's Conference

on Freedom of Information, held

ast Thursday in Raleigh, can be

considered successful if measured

only by the intense interest dis-

played by the people who attend

ed the all-day session. But there

s more to it than that; the con-

erence marked a beginning in a

battle for wider acceptance of the

ed from a commencement ad

Wall Street Journal.

year sounds more rational,

ds for this price fore-

kitchen.

See The Want Ad Section For This Week's Completed Puzzle ernment often under the guise of Viewpoints of Other Editors

THE SOUTH: NO HAVEN FORECASTING FEMALES Two of this newspaper's re-The president of the New York porters in Los Angeles have come State CIO Council and those up with some happy news for husbands. The forecast is that "publicity is the terror of tyran-

want new industries established feminine fashions will cost less. This new year's prophecy is based on the opinion of some five effect, strengthening the position thousand experts on what women of sweatshop industry in the want and what they are going to South. But not only that, They do; they are the manufacturers are taking their stand against of milady's clothes and the buywill sell best in the nation's retail stores, The Messrs, Rees and Webster, who interviewed these experts for us at the Los Angeles

This conference can only be fashion showing, report that quottries into "Southern sweatshop per cent below a year ago. The reductions seem to apply to judiciary and law enforcement nor Dewey do something to halt everything from distantly admir. agencies and public information Call On Us. ed mink coats to aprons for the media. There are other fields east is a forecast on what the tion. But it was a beginning and ladies will do. This year will see those in attendance came away some snappy changes in styles... with the belief that there will be hemlines and necklines will ap other conferences out of which proach each other and shirts and will come a more widespread unskirts will break out in a rash of derstanding of the underlying

Girl Scout News

The Brownie Troop 1, of Cen-tral Methodist church, met at the church Thursday, January 21, The rol: was called and dues collected. Then we practiced the investiture which will be held

Phursday, February 4.
We did the Hokey Pokey, the Bunny Hop and Here We Go To

Then the refreshment commit tee served popcorn. We sang the Brownie Goody-bye song. Leaders of the troop are Mrs Madge Rhea and Mrs, Paul Hen

Reporter, Carey 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 informa-

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 general agreement that secrecy has crept into every level of gov-

eing in the interest of either ngtional 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

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 you can eliminate the fire by shutting off access to the

termed a successful beginning your home values with since its deliberations were confined to relations between the equally as important and equally ul of thoughful exploracolor. Nevertheless, and here we principles of the people's right quote, "The experts think the fenales in your family will buy News

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