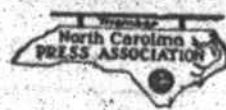




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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience. Romans 5:3.

War of Mud

Steve Mitchell, National Democratic chairman, went out on a new tack last week when he charged resident Eisenhower with succumbing to the influence of his golfing partner, ex-Champ Bobby Jones, on the recently negotiated contract on the power plant to take up the slack as TVA serves the Paducah, Ky., atomic installation.

The contract, Mr. Mitchell said, went to the Dixon-Yates syndicate at \$140 millions, though the government could have contracted with another syndicate for \$90 millions. Tennessee Valley Authority claimed it could build the plant even cheaper.

The connection between the successful Dixon-Yates syndicate is the fact that Mr. Yates is chairman of the board of Southern Company, the power utility, which numbers among its directors Bobby Jones.

Following the Mitchell blast, political effort to remove some of the glitter from the President's heró halo, the Republicans yelled "foul" quite loudly and the Office of the President issued a denial, as did Mr. Jones.

Unquestionably, the area subject to examination is the \$50 millions of alleged difference in the negotiated contract. The lack of competitive bidding in itself is certainly open to question though most observing folk would reject the TVA plea as typical of government agencies which can always "do it cheaper" until the doing starts. It is conceivable, too, that the unsuccessful syndicate gave insufficient evidence of ability to handle the job as, indeed, the Eisenhower administration contended in an answer to the charges published Sunday.

In short, most folk, Republicans and Democrats alike, credit President Eisenhower with complete honesty of intent and purpose, though many in both main political parties question his political acumen and his basic ability for coping with the many different imponderables which he must face.

The fact that most folk feel as they do should not shield the President from the look-ins of the investigators, for investigation of the facts will show one of two results: 1) The Mitchell charges are correct, or 2) the Mitchell charges are incorrect.

If incorrect then Chairman Mitchell will be excoriated for launching a campaign of personal assassination and the excoriation will boomerang to the heavy advantage of the President and his party.

The Bethware Fair

Work is already well-underway on the 1954 Bethware Community Fair, a Number 4 Township event, to be presented the weekend of September 8-11 for the seventh consecutive year.

On Wednesday night, the Bethware community entertained fair exhibitors, sponsors and program advertisers at the annual pre-fair barbecue, always a delightful outing.

The Bethware Fair has met the test of getting bigger and better each year, and the good work undoubtedly will continue for 1954.

Congratulations to Meek Carpenter, incoming president of the Kings Mountain Little Theatre, Inc. In view of the large job of the Little Theatre in presenting an annual summer outdoor drama of a month's duration, it is easy to assume that the presidency of the Little Theatre is one of the city's most arduous and mammoth civic responsibilities. It reminds that congratulations are also in order to Mrs. P. G. Padgett, retiring president, for a job well done.

Congratulations to I. Ben Goforth, Jr., who received the degree of Master of Arts in education and mathematics at Appalachian State Teachers college last week.

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.

S. R. Suber received a letter Sunday morning from a Mrs. Stroud of Taylors, S. C., appraising him of the fact that his son, Sgt. Bobby Suber, was a German prisoner and a patient in a prison hospital, where he is recovering from a wound, having been shot in his arm June 13th.

Social and Personal Mrs. Humes Houston received

a letter from her husband, Lt. Houston, informing her that he had arrived in England.

Miss Sara Barber from Monroe General Hospital spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Banks Barber. She was accompanied by her class mate, Mrs. Helen Harrison.

Lt. Luther Morrison who was wounded in the South Pacific

sometime ago, arrived at the Government hospital, Swannanoa, N. C., Tuesday, and hopes to come home for a visit after a physical check-up.

Wilson Griffin and Baxter Payser have met in Africa and it would have been worth a lot to have witnessed that meeting. Here's hoping these two fine boys see a lot of each other.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

Kings Mountain has had its share of summer storms in the past two weeks, and while the rains have been much needed and appreciated, the heavy winds and lightning have wreaked some havoc.

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Last Thursday's storm was no exception, resulting in several claims for damages under extended coverage insurance clauses, and resulting in plenty of extra work for the city's power department, the phone company service corps, and others who have the job of fixing the damages.

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The blow on August 18th caught the Herald just as the press had started rolling on the final run. Perhaps 25 papers had been finished of the 2325 press run, when there was a crackle near the front door. The stuff Ben Franklin fiddled with hit the transformer nearby, press and folder ground to a halt, and the lights faded out. Frank Blanton, of the city corps was called and asked, "Are you already wet?" To which came the practical reply, "Nope, and I'm not gonna be until this lightning stops."

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But the storm had done worse damage in other areas, felling lines and blacking out a portion of East King street and clipping four major power lines on North Gaston near the substation. These lines controlled the pump which brings water from the city lake to the filter plant and demanded first priority. A fire while the water supply was disengaged could have been rough. At any rate, Hunter Allen pressed ex-line-man, now policeman, Jack Stone into service, and the Herald got in action again after a 105-minute delay. Jack reported he finished up Thursday night about 11 o'clock. Next day, numerous rural area lines were still down and some rural folk were still without telephone service.

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Last Wednesday's storm finished what an earlier one had started. The McGinnis Furniture Company television aerial, left dangling by an earlier blow, was completely decapitated last Wednesday. Another victim was the Optimist Club's traffic safety sign at Battle-ground and Mountain. The stanchions were nicely bent about 18 inches from the ground, giving the sign the general appearance of the proverbial leanin'-drunk sailor.

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Some people are more afraid of storms than others, but I daresay no person could say truthfully he enjoyed them.

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Two Kings Mountain golfers were out on a recent Sunday when a blow came up and one became obviously alarmed. To bolster his confidence, he asked of the partner, "You scared of storms?"

The second golfer answered, "Only on a golf course on Sundays when I probably should be somewhere else."

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If I lived in Florida, I'd want to emigrate during the storm seasons.

m-m

I am indebted to my friend Price Harmon for this tale: A normally rough-talking fellow was attending church and listened attentively. After the sermon he shook hands with the preacher and said, "Preacher, that was a damn good sermon, I really enjoyed it!"

The minister replied, somewhat sternly, "Friend, I'm glad you enjoyed the sermon but I can't say I like your language."

Unperturbed, the layman continued, "Yeah, I liked it mighty good, so well I dropped a \$100-bill into the collection plate!"

"The hell you say!" the minister ejaculated.

m-m

Reunion season is well underway for 1954, and reports indicate that the country has been out in force, not to mention the delectable pastries and cakes which tickle delightfully as they go down the red lane.

It reminds of a waistline-reducing conversation I heard between Fred Plonk and Bob Lewis, the dairyman, last week. Fred was outlining the diet requirements and Bob was willing to forego sugar in his coffee, bread and potatoes, but when it got around to eliminating apple pie, Bob threw up his hands. "My problem has always been to find weight enough to enjoy the picnic."

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-39.

Geographical IQ

- ACROSS: 1-North America's highest point (pop.) 2-Scriptures of the Mohammedans 3-Spanish gentleman 4-Measure of distance 5-To stray 6-Native of India 7-Close friend 8-In reference to 9-The Captain in the legend 10-Isle in the world 11-Isle 12-Parent 13-Participle to an island, heavily bombed in World War II 14-Other 15-Old Ontario (abb.) 16-These Europeans whose language descended from ancient Rome 17-City in Wisconsin 18-Roman numeral 19-Garden vegetable 20-Suffix of official numbers 21-Conjunction 22-Their covering 23-Belgian city 24-Fruit denoting three 25-Cookbook 26-Greek letter 27-Large container 28-Popular communicating device (abb.) 29-Nominal 30-Natives of a European country 31-Microbe 32-Preposition 33-Honorary Educational Association (abb.) 34-Combining form meaning one 35-Asbestos is a narrow 36- of land 37-Notable event 38-Parcel of land 39-Hawaiian food

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

Viewpoints of Other Editors

GOAL SHOULD BE BALANCED BUDGET

Republican leaders have indicated that the struggle for the control of the House and Senate during the next two years will be no namby-pamby affair. They intend to try to hold every seat they have now, and will seek a comfortable margin over the Democrats by unseating some of the present members of Congress.

Here in North Carolina, the Republicans already have one Congressman, and after surveying the situation, have decided that perhaps they can also elect William Stevens over Hugh Alexander in the Ninth district.

President Eisenhower is having his picture made with more than 100 individual Republican congressmen and senators as well as new candidates like Mr. Stevens. The pictures will be used in the campaign to show the folks that Eisenhower wants these men in Washington.

Economic conditions will be a determining factor in the fall elections. A man who enjoyed prosperity during the 20 years of Democratic rule, but who voted Republican in 1952, may be inclined to vote Democratic again this fall if he is without a job, or is working on short time.

Knowing this, the administration is already priming the pump gently, and will likely do more of it ere November arrives.

The present administration set out to balance the federal budget but soon found that this would not be possible yet. Some expenses have been cut, but many observing people are fearful that perhaps they have been cut at the wrong places, because it will be disastrous short-sighted to reduce our fighting strength to the point where we are easy prey for our enemies.

Taxes have been cut sharply, and there is certainly some question as to the wisdom of this step, particularly in certain cases where the large corporations are to benefit extensively. They are the ones, incidentally, who have always been able to pass on taxes to the ultimate consumer.

We feel that it is extremely important that the federal budget be balanced as soon as possible if our economic structure is to remain sufficiently sound to meet the tests to which it will be put by changing world conditions.

The Democrats never showed too much concern about balancing the budget, and it would appear that the Republicans have not been sufficiently concerned about it.

Certainly, it would be in order for the leaders in both parties to make some definite pledge with regard to this very vital matter before election day. — Stanly News & Press

ENFORCED IDLENESS

Recently one of the unions at Kilmat had a long session with the management discussing a 35-cent-an-hour pay increase and a 40-hour week.

The content of one of the workers on these discussions is noteworthy. He said: "An increase in pay is just what I need but my complaint has not been the rate of pay per hour but the few hours only which I am allowed to work at the rate. On a rough calculation of 168 hours to a week, I find I sleep 70 hours, line up for food 3 1/2 hours, eat food 7 hours, lie on my bed or have nothing to do for 40 hours and work 48 hours. It will, therefore, be easily understood why I do not wish to find myself working for 40 hours and flopping a

SUMMER PEEVE

The average newspaper reader is not expected to know about the techniques of headline writing nor of the troubles the writer has in making things fit a limited space, all the while retaining the thought he seeks to express.

That's why there are so many references to President Eisenhower as just plain "Ike." There is no familiarity or disrespect intended. "Ike" fits lots better than the man's full name.

But don't get us wrong — we are not condoning the practice. This one or nor any of the others that continue to crop up from time to time in this newspaper and in others.

Here of late the Democrats in North Carolina have been in the news for one reason or another. In numerous of the exchanges that come across this desk there have been headline references to "Demos" — the story following identifies them as Democrats except in one case, heaven help us, where the body of the story carried out the headline contraction and referred to a meeting of "Young Demos."

Once was bad enough... but when the darn thing kept recurring we began to notice an edginess in our usually mild temper. At first we charged it all to the hot weather. Why concern oneself with such trivia?

But the thing haunted us and we lay awake nights thinking of ghastly headlines referring to Methodists as "Methos" and Presbyterians as "Presbys" and Baptists as "Baps" — oh, yeah, there were other contractions that haunted us — the thought for instance, how millions of words had been written in protest against the use of "Knaaf" for Christmas — all to no avail.

We nearly forgot to mention this — there are also such things, to the lazy headline writer, as "Repubs." — Chatham County News.

PROFESSOR STORY

Another University professor was visiting a friend one day and happened to sit down in an overstuffed chair which had a coat-hanger placed on the back. During the course of the conversation the coat-hanger slipped down in the prof's collar. When it was time to leave, the professor rose from his chair, gripped his back, and groaned, "I'm getting old. The most terrible pains are shooting up my back." The friend grinned and pulled out the source of the pains.

The pains — Chapel Hill News Leader

round unproductively for 48 hours per week. The only major commercial disadvantage of Kilmat to me is that the hours of work are not long enough and thereby follows that the consequent pay checks on an hourly basis is also insufficient."

Enforced idleness as a result of the 40-hour week must be particularly unwelcome on projects like Kilmat and others in remote places in Canada. Nor is enforced idleness really welcome in more populated centers — but in these places the workers can do some thing about it. In fact, the 40-hour week has created a new class of workers known as "moon lighters." These are men and women who have two jobs. They do one job during the short workday of the 40-hour week and have another job to occupy their evening hours.

The fact seems to be that many workers do not really like idle

Traffic Accidents Took 4,400 Toll In Nation Last Year; Biggest Killer

"A total of 4,400 children under 15 years old were killed in traffic accidents last year," Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., said today.

Mr. Logan said that this terrible child death toll in itself would be reason enough for the child traffic safety program which the police department is sponsoring in Kings Mountain in cooperation with the National Safety Council.

"But the number of fatalities is only part of the picture," he said. "In addition, approximately 225,000 children were injured in traffic accidents in 1953, according to the National Safety Council."

Many of these injuries, Chief Logan pointed out, will leave the youthful victims maimed or scarred for life.

There is no quick, easy remedy for this deplorable situation on our streets and highways," he said.

"Instead, it will take a long range program of public education to bring about a lasting improvement. Motorists must come to realize their responsibility for the lives of unpredictable children and must exercise extra caution when driving in areas where youngsters may be walking or playing. And parents, too, must be made to understand the serious danger involved, and teach their children safety precautions.

"Many people today do not realize that traffic is the number one killer of children between the ages of one and 14."

Traffic accidents kill more children in this age group than any one of the highly-publicized childhood diseases, Chief Logan said. "Figures for 1951, the most recent year for which complete statistics are available, show that for the one to 14 age group there were 3,888 deaths due to motor vehicle accidents," he said.

"This was five times a many child deaths as were caused the same year by polio, and three times as many as were caused by tuberculosis. There were 800 few-

er deaths from pneumonia and 600 fewer from cancer, in all its forms, than from traffic accidents in this age group."

Chief Logan said that if we are to improve this tragic situation we all will need to remember and act on the traffic safety slogan being featured this month in the program of the Kings Mountain Police Department and the National Safety Council: "Watch Out for Kids."

North Carolina's 1954 wheat harvest is estimated at 6,952,000 bushels, 15 percent below the 1953 crop.



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