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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it. St. Luke 11:28.

Facts of Life

In the process of introducing Vice-President Barkley to the Illinois State Fair last week, Candidate Adlai Stevenson delivered of himself some very basic remarks that explain as fully as any we know the reason the federal government has been on a spending binge, domestic-wise, for two decades.

He said: "The people will demand the services and if they don't get them at home they will turn to Uncle Sam. . . . We talk about and implore incessantly the increased centralization of power over our lives in Washington. But that tidal drift toward the capital will go on and on unless those necessary functions of government which don't have to be performed in Washington are performed, and properly performed, at the state or local level. . . . Every dollar you send to Washington to pay for them will shrink before it gets back home. . . ."

That statement has been a theme of the Herald for some years. In other words, let's do the spending on local level, rather than on federal level. More value is received for the city and county tax dollar than for the state tax dollar. And more is received for the state tax dollar than for the federal tax dollar. It has always been true, the more the handling, the less the return.

Presidential Candidate Stevenson is eternally correct and there are many evidences.

If local government had handled its roads and schools problems, the center of these two major functions would not be in Raleigh. In turn, if other states handled their school problems as well as North Carolina, there would be less cry for federal aid to education.

In pointing a means to economy in government, Candidate Stevenson was stating the basic facts of governmental life.

Our congratulations to the city street department on its completion of several street-paving jobs. A person who has never lived on a dirt street cannot comprehend the difference in pleasantness of living for the considerable number of citizens now out-of-the-dust. One point of view would hold that elimination of dust would be hard on the paint salesman. Another would hold that people living on dusty streets will now be able to paint their homes without feeling they are wasting their money.

While not many people are affected by the Korean War, in comparison to the great total in World War II, the Korean War, with its more than 100,000 casualties, is a very real trial for many people. The increased call for men by the army for October will be felt all over the United States. Here in Cleveland County, September's pre-induction quotas indicate that October inductions will be up. All pray that the recent stepped-up aerial pounding of enemy objectives will put the North Korean-Chinese Communists in a frame of mind to agree on truce terms.

Our sympathies to the families of Boyce Stone, and Bobby Hord, both of whom died at ages when virtually their whole lives were considered ahead of them.

Add note on the discussion of the city's profit from sale of power: According to the Shelby Star's report of the power operations of the City of Shelby for the year ending June 30, the excess of receipts over disbursements was \$267,421.

Law Board Bust?

Statements from members of the State Board of Law Examiners have been somewhat vague regarding the board's refusal to let Myron H. Ross take the bar examination.

The statements of Ross himself, while they don't indicate that he is in tune with the majority thinking of North Carolinians, indict the members of the law examining board, or, at least, those who ruled Ross out of the examination.

Needless to say, the views on labor and politics held by Mr. Ross do not mesh with those of the majority of people of this state, nor with the citizens of the sixth congressional district, where Ross was soundly defeated when he sought a seat in Congress.

But who would deny Ross the right to put his name on the ballot?

The Gastonia Gazette comments with this measure of restraint: "It seems to us that the State Board of Law Examiners owes a better explanation than it has thus far given of its refusal to let Myron H. Ross, brilliant University of North Carolina law graduate, take the state bar examination."

The incident reminds that various and sundry groups have set up self-regulatory agencies which, according to stated purpose, are to keep and/or raise the standards of the particular profession. To practice in North Carolina medicine, dentistry, accountancy, pharmacy, law a person must be licensed by a state board. And there are many more. An embalmer, a barber, a plumber, an insurance salesman, an electrician, all must have a license from one of these quasi-governmental agencies.

Many think North Carolina has gone too far in this direction, and incidents of the Ross type further that thinking.

School Construction

While the most desirable Negro school building project here would be the building of a complete new plant, to replace the old Davidson building, there isn't that much money available for use by the city school trustees.

The inadequacy of funds is no new situation, and half-a-loaf is much better than no loaf at all.

State Board of Education approval of local intentions to build a Negro classroom building for elementary pupils on a new site means that the trustees can forward the work by obtaining a site and plans for the new elementary plant.

Remembering that the Davidson plant is badly out-moded, that it is hazardously heated by coal-burning stoves, and that its sanitation facilities are poor, citizens will regard the report of approval for the elementary building as good news.

Majority of the retail members of the Kings Mountain Merchants association are participating this weekend, Friday through Monday, in "Opportunity Days", a trade promotion similar to last May's "Dollar Days". The dates were set several weeks ago to give merchants plenty of time to obtain special low-priced merchandise for the event, and almost all of them have been successful in these efforts. Quality goods will be obtainable at unusually "right" prices this weekend in Kings Mountain.

A Republican friend of this newspaper's remarked the other day that Harry Truman had named both the 1952 presidential nominees. On the face of it, the statement seemed a little large to swallow, but the Republican friend is no crack-pot. It's worth a thought, anyway.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

Opportunity

What is opportunity?

Dr. Webster defines opportunity as, "Fit or convenient time or occasion; a time favorable for the purpose; suitable time, combined with favorable circumstances."

There are other definitions, too, all related to the basic definition. Opportunity could be called a will-o-the-wisp, a chance, a flirt, a flicker.

It is generally accepted that opportunity, sometimes known as a door-knocker, does not linger around if the residents don't answer the knock.

America, in the days of the early settler, was known as the "land of opportunity". It was the place where a man could obtain land, where he could change status, in a short period of time, from serf to lord of the manorhouse. It was the land where he could be free to speak his piece, to rear his family, and to worship as he pleased. America is still known as the land of opportunity, though the frontiers are no longer populated with dense forests, wild beasts and hostile Indians, all dangers accompanying the 1600-1800 opportunity for the benefits of freedom.

Unquestionably, hindsight is better than foresight in determining what particular knock on the door was actually opportunity. A friend of mine has been heard to remark, "If I had my schooling to take over again, my other activities, my business life, I would do it just as I have." In other words, he feels he answered all the knocks where Dame Opportunity was really knocking. That is very unusual, for most folk can think of many, many favorable situations in which they did not exhibit the proper timing on the action factor. Thus a gambler can't understand why he didn't place a heavy bet on the "sure thing" that did come in to win. The investor regrets not having sold at its peak his stock that went down, and, conversely, not holding the stock that continued to advance.

All have heard the expression, "I never had a chance." Such talk is the talk of the pessimist and particularly disdained by the group which takes the position that opportunity must be invited to dinner occasionally. Stated differently, this group feels the situation sometimes requires forcing, or, as with the Ty Cobb-Leo Drocher-Eddie Stanky cult of baseball men, that "you make your own breaks". That was the way Wallace Wade beat Pittsburgh in the snow in 1938 to take the Duke football team to the Rose Bowl for the first time.

Thousands of life stories tell the same tale. Many a young man or young woman, completely divested of cash, make up for the difference in energy, imagination and hard work, to put themselves through school, or to advance themselves to top positions in industry and commerce. One local executive one time took a pay cut in order to get a transfer in the same plant, just to learn a new job and to better equip himself for the future. The fact that he today rates the "executive" title, with comparable financial return, indicates the wisdom of twisting opportunity's arm and making it knock.

The nation has before it a current example of what sometimes happens when a man backs up from opportunity. Adlai Stevenson kept saying he didn't want the Democratic nomination for president. Opportunity wasn't satisfied with the answer and kept knocking.

The person who makes the most out of opportunities are usually people capable of analyzing a situation quickly and of coming to a decision quickly. It's a fine hairline of balance, for all are acquainted with a big group in the "green pastures" category. Like the cow, the grass in the next pasture looks greener. The opportunity under the nose is missed.

All the above is probably too much philosophical treatment for the forthcoming weekend's "Opportunity Days" promotion of the Kings Mountain Merchants association. If last May's "Dollar Days" was a sample, and merchant comments indicate it was, big opportunities for savings are being offered the city's buyers on Friday, Saturday and Monday.

Lucky You by Dick Shaw



Lucky you—you slammed through traffic and escaped the consequences

Viewpoints of Other Editors

GOP HAD BETTER NOT FIGHT STEVENSON AS A UNITARIAN

By Belmont Banner

We have heard many comments on Governor Stevenson being a Unitarian and some of our Republican friends, not all of them, and some of the Democrats have made some statements that may be cannot be backed up.

There have been, and are now, many Unitarians that have won distinction for themselves and for the country. We read on the editorial page of the Charlotte News of Tuesday, August 5th, a very impressive article on Unitarians written by a Methodist. We will give you some of the names and facts about the Unitarians as was described in the Charlotte News.

There are 83 names in the American Hall of Fame. Eighteen of these names come from the Unitarian church. Some of these are John Adams, an ex-president of the United States, John Quincy Adams also an ex-president, Susan B. Anthony, the famous woman crusader, Ralph Waldo Emerson, one of the greatest of all philosophers and poets; and Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence.

Some other famous Americans, not in the Hall of Fame but who left their mark indelibly impressed in American history, include Oliver Wendell Holmes, who was perhaps the greatest Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court with the possible exception of John Marshall, Benjamin Franklin and Daniel Webster were also Unitarians as was William Howard Taft.

Edmund H. Sears, a Unitarian, wrote "It Came Upon A Midnight Clear", and Julia Ward Howe, another Unitarian, wrote the "Battle Hymn of The Republic."

So with such impressive names as the item in the Charlotte News described above, it seems that being a Unitarian is nothing to be ashamed of but will have its advantages if the religion of Governor Stevenson is attacked.

WE ARE SOLVENT

GASTONIA GAZETTE

After what must have been quite a chore in arithmetic, the U. S. News and World Report comes up with the word that this country is worth one trillion dollars, as is, FOB, on the hoof.

That figure includes buildings, land, equipment and goods. It does not include oil, coal and other underground minerals, perishable consumer goods, military assets, land-improvement costs, and works of art.

Residents are the biggest single item of our wealth, totalling \$190 billion. Land is \$160 billion; other buildings \$138 billion; factories, machines and offices, \$113 billion; stocks, etc., \$110 billion; goods in factories, stores and warehouses, \$110 billion; autos, appliances and household equipment, \$103 billion, and gold held in this country, plus assets abroad, \$44 billion.

Actually these items total only \$693 billion, but what's a few billions here or there when you've got a chance to make a man, like Uncle Sam, a trillionaire?

The most startling thing to emerge from all the figures is that the national wealth has more than doubled since 1940. It has almost doubled since 1944, when the figure stood at \$499.1 billion.

Interesting also is the percentage ration between the national wealth and the national debt, both public and private. As of the end of last year the public debt — federal, state and local — was \$241 billion, and the private debt against physical assets was \$270 billion. Together they were 52.8 per cent of our national wealth.

That would seem to make us pretty solvent, and anyway, what other item is there in the world with a trillion-dollar price tag on it except the United States?

occurring in swine slaughtered. There were 53,300 head of animals slaughtered in June a year ago.

June Pork Poundage Marketed Is Heavy

RALEIGH — Commercial plants in North Carolina slaughtered a total of 18,459,000 pounds live-weight of meat animals during the month of June, according to a report released today by the State-Federal Crop Reporting Service. This is a decline of 8 percent from total live weight slaughtered in May but is 17 percent above the total live weight slaughtered during June a year ago.

Of the total live weight slaughtered during June this year hogs amounted to 11,687,000 pounds — the highest of record for June and compares with 9,623,000 pounds in June 1951. The slaughter of other species was at about the average monthly level with cattle totaling 5,918,000 pounds, calves 837,000 pounds, and sheep and lambs 17,000 pounds.

The number of animals slaughtered during June at 68,400 head was 5,000 head less than in May, with practically all of this decline

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Fair Educational Exhibits Planned

Exhibits showing how counties in every section of the State are meeting "The Challenge" in the United Agricultural Program will be a new feature of the 1952 N. C. State Fair to be held in Raleigh October 14-18. D. S. Weaver, director of the State College Agricultural Extension Service and chairman of the procedure committee of the N. C. Board of Farm Organizations and Agencies, which is sponsoring "The Challenge Program," says five counties representing every area of the State have been invited to arrange and present exhibits.

The counties are: Haywood, Cleveland, Pender, Rockingham and Pitt. "The five counties will not only be representing themselves," Weaver said, "but will also compete as an area representative for \$2,750 in cash prizes which have been offered by Dr. J. S. Dorton, fair manager, for the best exhibits showing how the county, or one of its communities, is meeting and plans to further meet one or more of the objectives of "The Challenge Program."

The six objectives of the program are: (1) increased per capita income; (2) greater security; (3) improved educational opportunities; (4) finer spiritual values; (5) stronger community life; and (6) more dignity and contentment in country living.

The prizes, which are among \$11,525 offered this year in the Educational Departments of the State Fair, range from \$850 for the best "Challenge Program" exhibit to \$350.00 each for the fourth and fifth best exhibits.

Other Educational Departments of the Fair, and the amount of premium money offered by competitive exhibits in each, are: 4-H Clubs, \$2,575; Vocational Education Division of the N. C. Department of Public Instruction, \$2,150; Negro 4-H and Home Demonstration Clubs, \$2,150; Home Demonstration Clubs, \$1,200; and public school exhibits, \$700. A catalog and premium list, showing these

Phamplets Out On Sheep, Bugs

Two new publications just prepared by the State Agricultural Extension Service are available to persons interested in skippers in cured meat and sheep raising in the State.

Noting the increased importance of sheep in North Carolina's farm economy, J. S. Buchanan, animal husbandry specialist for the Extension Service, has authored a 15-page booklet, illustrated with nine photographs, depicting the different phases of sheep raising in the State.

Buchanan writes that "sheep are one of the most profitable livestock enterprises in North Carolina," and proceeds to support this assertion with facts, figures, and photographs.

The booklet discusses annual feed requirements, selecting the flock, the breeding season feeding and management of lambs, the wool crop, parasites and diseases. The back cover is devoted to statistics showing that "the wool pays your food feed bill."

The circular may be obtained by writing for "Raising Sheep in North Carolina," (Reprint) Extension Cir. No. 356, Publications Department, N. C. State College, Raleigh, or obtained from the local county agent.

"Skippers in Cured Meat" tells how to protect prize hams from these maggoty insects. It may be obtained by title as Extension Folder No. 90 from the above sources.

and other departments of the State Fair, is available free upon request to: Manager, N. C. State Fair, P. O. Box 1388, Raleigh.

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It's A Black Business But We Treat You White

10 YEARS AGO Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events THIS WEEK taken from the 1942 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Sugar Stamp number 8 is good for five pounds from August 22 to October 31, according to W. E. Blakely, chairman of the Local Rationing Board.

News and Personals
Sandra Evans celebrated her fifth birthday by entertaining a number of her little friends at her mother's apartment on Gold Street Saturday afternoon.

Pfc. Coy Fredell has returned

to Fort Bragg after visiting friends and relatives here.

Miss Dorothy Cornwell of Bishopville, S. C. is spending her vacation in Kings Mountain.

Mrs. Manly Moorehead was a visitor in Greenville last Thursday.

Miss Dorothy Hayes who has been employed in Washington left today for Winston-Salem

where she has accepted a position.

Mrs. Lona McGill accompanied by Mrs. Elmer Spencer and Mrs. D. A. Garrison left yesterday for Bonclarken.

Mrs. Clyde Cole and children have returned from a visit with relatives in Boone.

Mrs. R. E. Farely of Covington, Va. is visiting her mother, Mrs. Daisy Osment and other relatives.