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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase. Proverbs 3:9

LBJ Says MOVE!

Kings Mountain school officials, along with majority of others in North and South Carolina (188 school districts) must have been pleased, as well as relieved, with President Lyndon Johnson's instructions on Monday to the Office of Education.

Evidently someone finally got upstairs to the President to inform him of the "maybe yes, maybe no" dilatory operations of the federal office of education on the business of approving pupil assignment plans designed to meet both letter and spirit of the 1964 civil rights act which provided that federal funds be withheld from school districts not complying with the act.

Kings Mountain school district never had any intention other than to comply with the act, but surmounting the bureaucratic red tape thus far has proved insurmountable.

Sample is the Office of Education's initial action, informing the Kings Mountain board its plan was "not approved". Telephonic inquiry brought the dippy-doodle reply that the communicate did not mean the plan was disapproved, merely not approved. What did that mean?

More telephone calls failed to produce any definitive reason Kings Mountain plan, modeled after the approved Craven County plan was not kosher. There followed trips to Raleigh, more telephone calls, and, from the Washington folk, more suggestions "that might or might not make the plan acceptable".

The Herald, in an effort to convey the news of the situation to its readers, also used the telephone lines to Washington, only to receive the same frustrating and angering run-around.

If the umpiring Office of Education couldn't call the signals, who could?

The news account of President Johnson's plain memo related that the Office of Education had been working seven-day weeks, which appears from results to be a clear waste of overtime pay.

It is anticipated some clerk in the Office of Education will now dust off the "APPROVED" stamp, get a fresh ink pad, and start stamping, as he should have when majority of the assignment plans first reached Washington weeks ago.

Like Father....

Though an election is held annually, the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association, like many other organizations, starts its future presidents up the ladder at the point of lower echelon vice-presidencies.

A few seasons ago, when he was nominated for one of these lower echelon positions, Charles D. Blanton, Jr., deprecated, "I believe I'm the guy who's supposed to lose."

Lose he did not. In the natural course of subsequent events, the Kings Mountain pharmacist has been voted by his fellow pharmacists of the state president-elect of the state association for 1966-67.

As a top student in the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy, topman on the state board examinations, and, perhaps more important, a progressive pharmacist and pharmaceutical merchant, Charles D. Blanton, Jr., has the background and qualities to serve well his state association.

It must be particularly pleasing to him that he will be following in the footsteps of his late father as president, North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association.

Industrial Development

Kings Mountain and the surrounding area has been in the industry-wanting section for many, many years. Since 1957, it has been actively in the industry-seeking division, if on relatively small scale, and has recorded some success through the activities and hard work of Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., and the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce.

With last week's developments, the Kings Mountain area moved to a higher classification in the industry-seeking league.

Formation of an industrial park, with stated prices for sites and arrange-

ments for the physical facilities industry requires (water, power, gas, rail and highway needs), will take the guesswork out of the area's industry-seeking effort. Vice-presidents and engineers who make location tours are in a hurry. They have little time to spend at any one prospective site. Where the questions of site, water service, etc., are "iffy" and "maybe", the location engineers, if their firms are not of the fly-by-night variety, pass on, meantime crossing the "iffy" site off the prospect list.

Other side of the coin is formation of a mayoral industry-seeking committee, headed by Harold Phillips, with this committee's principal assignment obtaining of prospects.

Mr. Phillips is ideally equipped for the chairman's role. A former city commissioner (1953-55), he is knowledgeable of government, progressive in spirit. His role as a salesman carries him to many places and thereby provides many contacts with firms interested in expansion.

Owners of the industrial park have provided a non-profit corporation a five-year option on a 400-acre tract and J. E. Herndon Company, rebuilding after a fire, will be the tract's first industrial resident.

With several prospects already interested in locating here, it is reasonable to assume that the Herndon Company will acquire neighbors in the not-too-distant future.

Shave and Haircut

Several folk sought to enter a local barber shop Wednesday morning but found the door locked.

A sign read, "Closed All Day Wednesday".

The decision of the barbers to join the five-day week brigade (withal not two off-days together) followed by only a fortnight decision of the barbers to increase their tariffs — an action in itself that always brings the barbers in for scathing criticism from their patrons who vow they'll stretch the days between tonsorial treatments. Some even threaten to purchase clippers, get a bowl, and put barbering in the do-it-yourself category.

In 99.9 percent of the instances, the threats never materialize as getting the complaints off the chest by bombast prove sufficient.

But the males are loud in their complaints on the all-day closings, indicating they feel the barbers are adding insult to injury through the juxta-position of upping prices then rendering less service.

One irate male charged, "The barber's union has gone too far!"

Though no check has been made, it is a safe guess that barbers per 1,000 population today are less numerous than in the Great Depression. With the NRA, barbers failed to stagger schedules and sent the shaving business to Gillette and Remington. The bootblack's chair in majority of local barber shops is either non-existent or an unused heirloom. Never have the local barbers provided tired males a petite blonde manicurist.

And, of course, with 6 p.m. Saturday closing hours, the barber shop quartet can be heard only occasionally and then via the video boob tube in the confining confines of home living room.

Sweet Ad-o-line, wherefore art thou!

Battle Celebration

After years of community comment that Kings Mountain should "do something" about annually celebrating the Battle of Kings Mountain, Kings Mountain Little Theatre produced a battle drama. Out of the resort district, Kings Mountain could not afford a paid cast and, eventually, the volunteer actors found the demands of a summer's acting too much to continue.

In 1963, the Merchants Association launched Mountaineer Days, relating the promotion to the battle anniversary.

This year, the city joins the fray, with plans to resume the patterns of bygone years in bringing to Kings Mountain a national personage. The invitee: Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey. Whether or not Mr. Humphrey accepts (we have high hopes he does), a visitor of nation-wide prominence is promised.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By MARTIN HARMON

Kings Mountain, noted at least by the homefolk as a community of "characters", acquired another in mid-summer 1951 when Dr. William P. Gerberding arrived to assume the ministry of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, Kings Mountain's oldest, dating from 1875.

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A native North Dakotan, son of a Lutheran minister, this gray-headed but youthful and pixieish man of the cloth had long pastoral experience, largely in the Mid-West and his thinking was, at times, different and therefore at variance with that of his parishioners and other neighbors.

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Though not my pastor, he became quickly one of my best friends, which could be said, and has been, by his many friends of other denominations.

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Dr. Gerberding was a sports devotee, both as spectator and participant, and his activity and energy belied his age. Furniture-dealer Hubert McGinnis remarks, "He could walk you to death on the golf course."

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He adored the Milwaukee Braves and mid-Western college football, Minnesota being a particular favorite.

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One of my most pleasant memories is a football jaunt to Chapel Hill in 1906, with Dr. Gerberding, Ollie Harris, Jr., and I as guests of Ollie, the elder, to see the Notre Dame-UNC game. The conversation was bright. The World Series was underway, too, and Dr. Gerberding was heartily and heavily partisan to the National League's Pittsburgh champions as next best to Milwaukee and he was counting on the Pirates to knock off his hated Yankees. But that day wasn't a good one for Dr. Gerberding.

Whitey Ford was in process of breaking Babe Ruth's World Series consecutive scoreless-inning record and Mickey Mantle and company were unloading on the Pirates to the tune of about 10.0, if my memory is right. But the Pirates came through for him before it ended in the seventh game.

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In contrast to the traditional Southerner, Dr. Gerberding was a Republican and proud of it, and the banter between us during political seasons, if friendly, was intense and direct.

During the 1960 campaign, my wife had a small-scale crisis. She had arranged a program for her book club several weeks in advance of the date. About five hours before meeting time, the speaker's wife called to say her husband had gone to New York on business and that she had just learned he couldn't complete it in time to fill that afternoon's 3:30 speaking engagement. What could my wife do? I suggested that she ask Dr. Gerberding to pinch-hit, with full confidence that he, as well as any and much better than most, could fill the bill on short notice.

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Anne called. Dr. Gerberding said he would be glad to accommodate her. Then he warned: "You being a good Democrat, you might not like what I say, but I suspect I'll talk on politics." Greatly relieved, Anne laughed, "Don't you dare!"

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Doc did dare. Just short of telling the good ladies to drop in a ballot for Dick Nixon and Henry Cabot Lodge, Dr. Gerberding delivered a slam-bang Republican campaign speech and in addition brought along several books concerning the subject which he invited the book club members to carry home for perusal.

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His friendships transcended all ages, whether his own, like his friend Fuller McGinnis, William Plunk, Moffatt Ware and Glenn White, or teen-agers.

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As most strong-minded persons are, Dr. Gerberding was sometimes paradoxical. Most ecumenical in his personal relationships, he was a ritualist in his church. He demanded that weddings be conducted in accord with church tenets and he disapproved the teaching of Bible in the public schools, largely on grounds some teachers tended to transcend the missionary field in behalf of the teachers' particular denominational faiths. He was a minority of one in the ministerial association on the question of operating movie houses on Sunday, later took leave of absence from that body when a fellow member got through a motion to outlaw smoking at ministerial association meetings. "It was aimed at me," he remarked. "The others don't smoke."

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All men of the cloth are not mutually able at being both preacher and pastor. There has been no harder-working pastor in this community and I never heard him from the platform, whether sermon, after-dinner

Viewpoints of Other Editors

MUST MERCY WAIT?

The public should inquire why hearings are so long delayed on identical bills S. 1071 and H.R. 5647. These bills, aimed at securing more humane treatment for laboratory animals, have languished in committee ever since their introduction early this year. Introduced by Sen. Joseph S. Clark and Rep. James C. Cleveland, they are now the only adequate bills of their kind in committee. Rep. Claude Pepper having withdrawn his former adequate bill and having transferred his sponsorship to a weak one.

No bill on this subject can be considered adequate unless it provides for (1) unannounced inspection, (2) individual licensing, (3) pain limitation, (4) humane care and housing, (5) restrictions on student work as distinct from work by qualified scientists, (6) obligatory record-keeping. Humanitarians should not allow themselves to be misled by the spate of weak bills now flooding Congress.

Sen. Lister Hill or Rep. Oren Harris, chairmen of the committees involved, could at any time institute hearings on S. 1071 or H.R. 5647. Why the delay?

Also, recent proven cases of traffic in stolen pets have given rise to two more bills, H. R. 9743 and S. 2322, which would require all dog and cat dealers and laboratories purchasing from them to be licensed by the Department of Agriculture. Both theft and mistreatment of these animals would be a federal offense. Hearings on these bills also should be called at once by the chairmen of the committees involved, Rep. Harold Cooley and Sen. Warren G. Magnuson.

The cause of mercy has already waited too long.
The Christian Science Monitor

... AND THREE BABY PLOVERS

For a brighter, cheerier note in the day's news, we think we've found just the thing. We have no hesitation in recommending a news exclusive known as the Voice of Audubon. One doesn't flip on radio or television; he just reaches for the nearest telephone.

One discovers that here is a news cast that takes him beyond the tedious talk of hawks and doves encountered in other news summaries. It introduces a wide range of ornithological color.

Today we learned, for example, that one laughing gull and one glossy ibis were sighted at Nauset Lighthouse on Cape Cod. Spotted at Plum Island were two short-billed marsh wrens and an adult little blue heron. At Plymouth over 1,000 sanderlings were reported.

Seen at Annisquam were two rough-winged swallows, one black-billed cuckoo, one red-breasted nuthatch, and eight still sandpipers. Moreover, the barn swallows are beginning to flock. And at Marlborough and Herford Streets in Boston the sparrows are still singing.

Since all of us cannot always do our own reporting, it is good to know that an able, alert, binocular-equipped field army is continually sending back to Audubon headquarters the latest reports from the front. We chirrup our delight.
The Christian Science Monitor

speech, funeral tribute, or toastmaster, that he didn't have "something extra".
Dr. Gerberding was both.

Rub-A-Dub-Dub



Viewpoints of Other Editors

TOMATOES IN IRAQ

The self-help style of giving featured by CARE has introduced vegetable gardening to the children of Iraq. Seed packets, tools and know-how are being circulated through the schools in that country to supplement a lunch program dependent on surplus foods from the United States.

The CARE organization faced an unusual problem in establishing the garden project. Growing vegetables is considered beneath the dignity of the proud Iraq farmer, who concentrates his efforts on grain. It took a little school persuasion and the sight of enormous tomatoes, cucumbers, and the like to convert the children into enthusiastic gardeners.

Some of the produce is eaten at school. The rest the children take home to share with their families. Many of the vegetable gardens grow in a desert region. In these instances the children dig irrigation ditches and in some cases, carry water two or three miles to fill them. There are two plantings a year. Since there are also three school sessions a day, the need for the food program is great.

The CARE project is commendable. An imaginative program which results in better nutrition and offers the satisfactions of creativity and self-help to a proud but needy people is hard to beat. Let's hope there will be many more like it.
Turlock (Calif.) Daily Journal

AID FOR THE VICTIM

California has recently come up with a couple of laws that make a start toward righting some of the tragic injustices that so often result from crime.

One—the first of its kind in the United States—makes public funds available to help innocent victims of violence. The amount provided is small (a total of \$100,000 a year to cover all claims, with need a key factor), but at least it establishes the principle of community assistance. The other law provides indemnities for private citizens injured while trying to help catch criminals or prevent crimes.

The contagious spread of violence calls for imagination not only in thwarting the violent but also in helping the victim. Keeping the public peace is, after all, a community responsibility.
New York Herald Tribune

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about King Mountain area people and events taken from the 1955 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Lambeth Rope Corporation announced this week it was raising wages of all hourly-rated employees by five cents per hour.

Everette L. Carlton, Kings Mountain high football coach, was awarded a master of arts degree in education at exercises at Boone last Thursday night.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
Martha Louise Weiss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Weiss, observed her first birthday last week.

Larry Bumgardner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bumgardner, observed his seventh birthday Friday and was honored at a party at his home on York road.

WHO WRITES TO THE EDITOR?

W. R. Tarrant analyzed some characteristics of persons who wrote letters to the Eugene (Ore.) Register-Guard during a six-month period in 1956.

He found that few of these persons were crackpots. To the contrary, they were above average in education, economic status and church attendance.

The most frequent letter writers were older than average; had more children than average; had written letters to their Congressman (66 per cent had done so); belonged to the Republican Party and were readers of books.

There are also cranks who write letters. Three psychologists, for example, analyzed the 51 letters and documents which were sent to the Bend (Ore.) Bulletin over an eight-week period in 1959 in reaction to an obituary editorial which commented adversely on the career of an extremist.

The analysis showed there was a communication network which connected certain kinds of extremists; in this case, a bi-monthly

Non-Farm Employment Up 2,800

RALEIGH, Aug. 18 — Total non-farm employment increased 2,800 in North Carolina during July and topped the State's year-ago job figure by 52,100, the State Department of Labor reported today.

Labor Commissioner Frank Crane said job gains of 2,500 in the construction industry, 900 in service trades, 800 in wholesale trade establishments, 400 in food processing, 500 in public utilities, and 300 each in tobacco stemmeries and machinery manufacturing were the largest increases reported during the month. Other gains included about 100 each in stone, clay and glass products, primary metals, electrical machinery, paper products, printing, mining, and finance, insurance and real estate, Crane said.

Non-farm jobs totaling 1,379,900 in July were 2,800 higher than in June and 52,100 higher than in July, 1964, Crane stated. Factory employment totaled 571,700 in July — up 500 from June and 24,000 above July, 1964. Non-manufacturing jobs totaling 808,200 in July were up 2,300 from June and were 28,100 above the July, 1964 level.

The July increases in 14 employment groups were partly offset by mostly seasonal decreases in ten other industries, Crane reported. July decreases included: lumber 200, furniture 400, apparel 400, transportation 800, retail trade 800, Federal government 800, and a drop of about 100 each in fabricated metals, textiles, schools, and State and local government agencies.

Hourly earnings of the State's 571,700 factory production workers gained a penny in July, rising to an average of \$1.82. The workweek was down by 36 minutes to an average of 40.7 hours. The decreased average working time brought average weekly earnings down 68 cents below June levels to a July average of \$74.07, Commissioner Crane said.

ly entitled "Common Sense." The letters came from 37 communities in 20 different states.

The psychologists concluded that the chief motive of the writers who rebuked the editor was to tell him they hated him because he did not hate the groups the writers hated, viz., Negroes, Jews and Communists.
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