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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ. Galatians 1:3.

Cheaper To Talk

The late Sir Winston Churchill said aptly it is much cheaper to talk than to shoot.

Thus the United States is pursuing that course in the USS Pueblo incident with North Korea.

U. S. Representative Basil L. White, opining the President is following the right course, put it this way, "We don't want those navy boys murdered."

Thus it is angering, both to the President and the whole nation, when South Korea, a nation befriended and defended with the lives of Americans and sustained economically by the United States, sounds off against the United States for not starting another shooting war with North Korea.

The natural reaction is to pull out and tell the South Koreans to tend to their own knitting.

Again, however, haste making waste applies, for a United Nations (largely the United States) pull-out would result in the whole of Korea going to the Communist bloc.

Likewise, in Viet Nam, where morality in government is almost non-existent, second thoughts dictate continuation of the effort to repulse the North Vietnamese, though, on the short term, it would be cheaper, both in treasure and blood, to wash United States hands of the whole sordid business.

The important fact, as stated by an eminent French strategist: a pull-out of Southeast Asia would lose the key to the Pacific. In that event, he added, "you can forget your Pacific pond". That implies the Philippines, subsequently Hawaii, one of the 50 United States.

The uneasy truce between North and South Korea has been uneasy for 14 years, with border incidents causing casualties breaking out intermittently.

A Model City?

It is to be hoped that Kings Mountain will be selected for the second round of the federal government's model cities program.

The federal program of grants-in-aid for public projects to cities and other agencies of government is based on the thesis that the federal establishment will help those who help themselves.

Fact that the Department of Housing and Urban Development sent a representative here to outline requirements for approval as a model city is indicative that regional officials in Atlanta, as well as in Washington, feel Kings Mountain is endeavoring to help herself.

There are many cases in point, major among them being the willingness of the citizens to vote debt upon themselves to alleviate two major problems, sewage disposal and water.

Another case in point is the recent honor in which the city won honorable mention in the national clean-up contest. It underscores "We're trying".

Benefits of designation as a model city are more than monetary. Planning fund grants enable a city so designated (Charlotte is the lone one in North Carolina to date) to tie in its several programs into a composite long-range project.

All hope the HUD people will use the "APPROVED" stamp on the Kings Mountain application.

Congratulations

Congratulations are in order to: W. K. Mauney, Jr., re-elected president of the Industrial Association of Greater Kings Mountain, Inc.

Edward H. Smith, re-elected chairman of Cleveland County Republicans.

L. E. (Josh) Hinnant, again in the chairman's seat for the annual appeal for the Heart Fund.

Legislative Candidates

State Senators Jack H. White and Marshall Rauch, representing the 29th district, and State Representative W. K. Mauney, Jr., of the 43rd House district, are seeking re-election.

Two new faces seek the other two seats in the 43rd in the persons of Lester D. Roark, the Shelby city commissioner, and Robert Jones, Jr., a Forest City lawyer. Incumbent Representative William D. Harrill, by indirection of saying he would run for state superintendent of public instruction, apparently won't seek re-election and Representative Robert Z. Falls is still weighing decision on whether to seek a third term.

There's a change of arrangement in the House district voting. The General Assembly adopted the numbered seat plan, rather than the former sweepstakes arrangement. Thus, Rep. Mauney has filed for Seat Number 1, Commissioner Roark for Seat Number 2, and Attorney Jones for Seat Number 3. The three will not oppose each other and future candidates, if any, will decide who of the three they wish to oppose.

The Herald is glad to see Senators White and Rauch and Representative Mauney offering again.

In about any field, experience has long been acknowledged the best teacher, and the axiom very definitely applies to politics.

While not as important as in the United States Congress, it is still a fact that experience counts heavily in Raleigh, as was demonstrated by Senator White in his second term, as he introduced and won passage of legislation of state-wide import.

In the freshman terms, both Senator Rauch and Representative Mauney made effective contributions, maintained close contact with their constituents and did their best to follow their constituents' wishes.

Good Training

Kings Mountain, since Scouting's earliest days, has been a "Boy Scout" town. Countless elder citizens of today and a large number of today's youth have been and are participating in this practical program which combines fun with practical education and moral instruction.

A Scout is honest, a Scout is loyal, a Scout is brave, a Scout is reverent . . . The motto: "Be Prepared".

" . . . I shall keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight."

Add to these the many values to be learned by the practical skills which must be learned as a Boy Scout advances up the ladder to Eagle Scout, the merit badge program in over 100 categories, and the benefits of Scouting to youth are readily apparent.

In contrast, the Herald received a letter this week from a youth signing himself only as "Teen-Age Sailor". It was a "cry baby" letter about his being in the service. He concludes: " . . . if the answer to our question (about continuing the war) is 'yes' and the war must continue, then stop this world and let us off."

It is a reasonably safe wager that this young man did not have the benefit of Boy Scout training.

Sherman was right, for war is hell. However, service in war is an accident of time and age. None wants to get shot or even shot at. But it is also a matter of honor that a man does his duty to his country without shirking or crying.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By MARTIN HARMON

The First Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church gathered in Charlotte at Owens Auditorium Sunday afternoon and the meeting, a rally to launch a church-wide \$1,300,000 fund-raising campaign, attracted between 1000 and 1200 people, the most ARP's (All Right People We Say: All Rotten People, some tease) I've ever seen under one roof at one time.

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Indeed, there were only two outsiders present as far as I know, both Methodists. They were Mayor Stan Brookshire, who brought greetings on behalf of the City of Charlotte, and Mr. Stephenson, an excellent baritone.

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Kings Mountain's Boyce Memorial delegation virtually filled a Lincoln Transit Company bus, which is a mighty good and safer way to go to functions of this kind, since the wilds of Interstate 85 had to be navigated.

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When disembarking at the auditorium, Grady Patterson remarked it was the longest bus ride he'd taken in perhaps 30 years, then added it might have been 30 years since he'd been on a bus. I suppose it is quite natural that the man selling gas for The Humble Oil Co. would nominally travel by passenger car.

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About the only objection to the festivities was the length thereof. Counting the pre-meeting choir performance, the elapsed running time was three hours, seven minutes.

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It wasn't quite that long for Fuller and Norman McGill and me, as we briefly played hockey. We exited for a Coke, found no concessions being sold in the Auditorium. Then we moved toward the nearby service station, only to find it closed and the only available soft drinks in a machine. The air was biting cold and Fuller suggested a cup of coffee at the adjacent Stork Restaurant would be tempting. It was, not to mention the chocolate cream and coconut cream pie in which Norman invested for the three of us. I didn't tell my wife until we were back at home and her displeasure at being omitted from the sucrose was considerable.

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In his remarks the Rev. Harris Blair made a pointed reference to church philosophy at it relates to the fund-raising campaign. Said Rev. Mr. Blair, "We're saved by grace but we get rewarded by deeds."

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Joe Patrick, of Greenwood, S. C., is the general chairman of the campaign and was the first speaker to introduce a bit of welcome humor into the proceedings. In the campaign kit was a pin, a miniature violin. He opened his talk by some free advertising for his brick-making business, saying he was taking advantage of his captive audience to say that his concern makes the best brick made anywhere.

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Only trouble, he added, a few years ago his brick and the brick of other South Carolina manufacturers weren't selling in sufficient quantity. Result was that the industry association retained a consultant to "tell us what's wrong".

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The conclusion: "You boys have been fiddlin' and living on your past while other products have been promoted to claim what was formerly the exclusive market of the brick maker." He elucidated by pointing out the gains of prestressed concrete, of aluminum siding, and of ceramics, which had invaded the once-exclusive domain of brick.

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The brickmen began a sales campaign and got some of their markets back.

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"I submit," Chairman Patrick added, "us ARP's have been fiddlin'." He pointed to the fact of 35 vacant pulpits in the 27,000 member denomination and the slow membership growth rate since World War II, in contrast to the experience of many other denominations, as case in point.

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"What Joe said was all right for the most part," Bennett Brick & Tileman Garrison Goforth remarked, "but I'm gonna have to write him a letter and tell him Bennett makes the best brick made."

AS THE TWIG IS BENT . . .



Henry McCann

Viewpoints of Other Editors

A LESSON OF SORTS

Now that it has impressed the zip code on the national conscience, the post office assures us that the next key to winning its race with disaster is pre-sorting. Sometimes you have to wonder.

IN COLD CASH

If you happen to be the type who finds a temperature of 80 degrees below zero (Fahrenheit) accompanied by a good brisk wind a wonderful bracing experience, the United States Weather Bureau announces that it has just the job for you. Jointly operated American and Canadian stations at the fringes of the Arctic Ocean are not yet automated and so still need cooks, mechanics, technicians, and supervisors.

The weather bureau seems to sense that most Americans would hesitate before they would designate wintering in the Arctic as their number one choice. To make an extended stay in the north woods a bit more enticing, the bureau has thoughtfully provided certain financial inducements.

Starting salaries, including bonuses, come to something over \$13,700 a year (for highest paying positions). But then add to this: free room (heat and hot water presumably included), free board, free clothing for the job, free transportation (not that you'll be darting about too much), and free recreation facilities (ice hockey and snow shoeing?).

When we read this last paragraph, we were tempted to apply forthwith. But fortunately, we glanced back at the first sentence of the first paragraph. Somehow, this provided us with just the strength we needed to resist the temptation.

FETING DON PABLO

World news is brightened this week by reports of a simple happening in Puerto Rico. A man's 90th birthday is being celebrated. This would surely not be an event for the wires in ordinary circumstances. But in this case the man honored is Pablo Casals, and that makes the celebration one of world interest.

People of many nations rejoice to read that the musician-humanitarian is present to enjoy the musical programs given to celebrate his birthday.

Don Pablo, as he is affectionately called, has long been regarded as a great cellist. So well known is he in this role that almost anyone interested in music, seeing a rearview picture of a round figure playing abig stringed instrument, would identify it at once as a photograph of Casals.

But his warm appeal is based on more than his superb music. He is honored so widely because he has given assurance of the dignity of man by his quiet protests against tyranny everywhere. These include his self-exile from his native, beloved Spain for the duration of the Franco dictatorship.

"I believe the right to liberty and dignity is a God-given heritage to mankind," he once remarked to an interviewer. He has consistently held to this right and has done his utmost to help others win it.

The world can be thankful he continues to spread this gospel.

ONIONS IN ORBIT

Our favorite story for today comes from Russia. It reads in full: "A visit to outer space makes onions grow faster, the Soviet press agency Tass reported today, and Soviet scientists don't know why."

Obviously the effect upon onions is quite different than it is upon men, for there seems to be universal agreement that all visitors from outer space fall into the category of "little green men."

SO THIS IS NEW YORK

By NORTH CALLAHAN

During a recent downtown visit, I came upon the relics of a memorable and sad event of our history. This concerned Alexander Hamilton, the man who founded American finance and under whose system of bigness in capital, labor and government we live today, although the ideas of his political opponent, Thomas Jefferson are still highly regarded. Hamilton was buried in the church yard of Trinity, which stands impressively and symbolically at the head of Wall Street. It is said to be the richest church in the world, owning much of the property upon which the surrounding financial capital of the world now stands. As we know, Hamilton did not lead an ordinary life nor did he die an ordinary death. He was killed in a duel with Aaron Burr, and the relics I mentioned are the pistols used in this tragic encounter.

These guns are on view in downtown bank. According to their research on the subject, the steel ball which killed Hamilton is also buried along with him, it having entered the abdomen, crashed through a rib, pierced his liver and came to rest in his spine. There are two of the dueling pistols, fine examples of the gunsmith's 18th Century art, and are identical muzzle loaders about 16 inches long with beautifully carved handles of polished wood. They have flintlocks to ignite the powder and were very accurate up to distances of 30 yards. They are known as the Church pistols, after John Barker Church, brother-in-law of Alexander Hamilton, who brought them to this country when he returned from a visit to London in 1797. Church was an expert, veteran duelist himself and ironically had fought a duel with Burr, but neither had harmed the other. But the guns were not to remain idle. Two years later, Philip Hamilton, eldest son of Alexander, duelled with a young lawyer, George Eacker, who hated the political policies of Alexander Hamilton. As a result of this confrontation, young Hamilton was killed, saddening his father very much.

Alexander Hamilton had been Secretary of the Treasury in the first cabinet of George Washington, and Aaron Burr was at this time, Vice President of the United States. Hamilton not only disliked but distrusted Burr and remarked that he was "a dangerous man who ought not to be trusted with the reins of government." Whereupon, Burr challenged Hamilton to a duel, and public opinion being what it was, the latter felt obliged to accept. So like his son, he borrowed the Church pistols. However, he resolved to hold his fire the first time. The night before the fight, he wrote out his will, set his legal affairs in order, then penned a sweetly-sad note to his wife, in which it appears he felt he was going to die.

The two men did not meet in Manhattan but across the Hudson River, high on a hill in Weehawken, New Jersey, in sight of the buildings of Wall Street. By a toss of the coin, Hamilton won the best position. But that was all. The men faced each other, bowed slightly, turned and walked ten paces, then faced about and fired. Hamilton fell, his pistol discharging into a tree. But the bullet of Burr found its mark. He was not fooling. As a doctor ran to Hamilton on the ground, he remarked to him that his was a fatal wound. Unconscious, the financier was carried from the field to the home of a friend where he died next day.

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