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**TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE**  
*For the word of the Lord is right; and all his works are done in truth. Psalm 33:4*

### The Big Budget

Kings Mountain's anticipated budget for the year just starting is a record \$2,508,405, up \$580,450 for the year ended June 30.

It's really amazing, the rapid rise in city budgets over the past ten years, even more amazing when one looks back 20. Administrations of that era had about \$300,000 to spend and a portion of that went to debt service.

Nor is it any wonder citizens fussed at mayors and commission members. Yet when told, as many were, that needed services could not be provided due to lack of funds, these administrations were telling the truth and the whole of it.

There have been some aids in the interim, among them the Powell Act of 1951 which provided for a refund of gas tax money to the cities. Some ease was provided for paving muddy-dusty streets. Revaluation of property for ad valorem taxes helped some.

But largely in Kings Mountain's instance growth of the city, reflected in homes, business and industry using city utilities, spelled the difference.

At the same time Mayor John Henry Moss points with pride to the low city tax rate (ad valorem taxes levied for this represent less than ten percent of the total budget), he can brag, as have Mayors before him, of utility rates lower than many other cities and public utilities charge.

Mayor Moss likes to say, "The city of Kings Mountain isn't a tax collector, it's a utility salesman."  
That's about the way it is.

### Best Bow

Jimmy Heavener is a Kings Mountain native who became interested in radio at an early age, went to school and studied this and television communications and has been working in the field since.

A considerable honor has recently been accorded him.

The Kings Mountain native was one of 17 honored in the nation with a "Clio", the television industry's counterpart to movieclad's "Oscar".

A low best bow to him.

### En Route, Water

Plans are near-complete on the Buffalo Creek Water project and are promised this month.

Meantime, detail work goes on apace.

A Charlotte specialty firm, Froelich and Robinson, has completed core-drilling the site of the big 84-foot high dam, which will span 750 feet, and has pronounced the site quite fit.

Next Tuesday the city will receive bids on \$750,000 of water bond anticipation notes, of 90-day issue, a prelude to issuance of bonds for the total project.

Site acquisition will begin soon, no small chore when 73 separate tracts are involved.

Major projects can't come to fruition overnight.

It wasn't long ago folk were complaining, "We'll have no summer," and the temperatures were unseasonably cold. There's been no cause for complaint of hot weather fans in recent days. A citizen in a furniture store here Tuesday asked the price of a fan. It was \$24.95. The heat had sapped his sales resistance and strength. "I live over there (two blocks away) and I'll just pay you for it if you'll deliver it."

### Vendetta

It would appear the surgeon-general's outfit is conducting a vendetta against the tobacco industry.

It wants stronger warnings than the present "Caution: Cigarette Smoking May Be Injurious to Your Health" on packages of cigarettes, and, worse than that, the surgeon-general wants all advertising of these products banned.

This is going too far. The advertising lads keeping fresh "Winston's taste good like a cigarette should..." on the air render a service. Would all those cigarette commercials have to be replaced by the soap and cosmetic industry? Ugh.

Just about any fool who smokes know the fags don't help his wind or his appetite, and he knows he'd have a better taste in his mouth if he foregoes them, but see this same smoker get out of bed and find his pack empty. He won't stop 'til he finds his favorite brand (or anybody else's) and he won't bother to read any health hazard warnings engendered by the federal establishment.

A lady in Kings Mountain stopped for 40 days, she relates.

"Then I decided," she declared, "I'd rather switch than twitch."

Congratulations to Dr. Joseph Lee, elected to membership in the American Academy of General Practice.

### The Fourth '68

Just 192 years ago a group of brash young colonists hammered out and adopted the Declaration of Independence from Great Britain, a world power with operations spanning the globe.

It meant war with the mother country and many times during the ensuing five years it appeared the delegates to the convention at Philadelphia were brash indeed and would be hanged for their insouciance.

It was not to be.

Great Britain was beset by her own troubles. Militarily, her supply lines were over-extended. Many Britons were not happy with the war. France, across 13 miles of water, was Britain's enemy.

History does not seem to change appreciably.

Today, America's supply lines are far distant. Many Americans are unhappy with the involvement in Viet Nam. Russia is across many more miles of water, but there has now been developed the intercontinental ballistic missile.

The thoughts are not happy ones on this July 4.

### Yipes! \$52 Per Day

Duke Hospital, which raised rates last November, did it again Tuesday.

A private room at Duke's respected institution will rent for \$52 per day, while the cheapest ward bed will be \$40.

The medicare program has increased pressure on hospitals in several directions. There is more demand for space, resulting in increased demand for staffing, from orderly to doctor, in a field where there seldom seems to be enough recruits. Construction costs continue to rise, as reflected by the problem of Kings Mountain hospital which found a \$350,000 imbalance in its available funds and the cut-back addition it sorely needs.

Well, it could be worse. Some big city hospitals are charging room rentals of \$80, with bed space at a premium.

The insurance men selling hospitalization policies have added ammunition for their wares.

### MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By MARTIN HARMON

I am indebted to Jake Dixon for an interesting historical document. Jake got it from F. C. Adams, who got it from his grandfather, who now lives in Bessemer City.

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It is a Kings Mountain Township primary election ballot of Tuesday, August 30, 1892 — just about 76 years ago.

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There have been some changes since then.

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It was an omission, perhaps, but the ballot didn't delineate whether the primary were of the Democratic or Republican variety.

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It was also noted that the ballot was printed on the steam press of the Yorkville Enquirer. Such free advertising is not kosher today. But who remembers the steam press? Not I, and Dr. Nathan Reed confided during an eye examination this week that I am getting some miles on the magnification needed stepping up.

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The instructions to the voter was interesting, too: "Vote for FOUR representatives, THREE County Commissioners, and TEN Delegates to the State Nominating convention — neither more or less. Vote for one person for each of the other offices. Mark out with ink or pencil all other names on the ticket. If you do not observe the above instructions you will lose a part of your vote."

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Chief difference today is that the ballots do not instruct to mark out the names of unfavored candidates. However, registrars could be constrained to count for the favored. The law today specifies that a ballot, to be counted, must express to the precinct officials the clear intent of the voter. That's why today's ballot specifies a ballot should be returned and a fresh one obtained when the voter makes a mistake or defaces his ballot.

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The ballot at first mystified because it contained no candidates for governor, a gubernatorial year. It finally dawned that in 1892 political parties nominated the governors at conventions. Reading down the 16-inch long ballot, I found two ten-person slates, one administration, the other conservative, as candidates for convention delegates. There was no straight-ticket arrangement, and a voter could vote for half of one slate, half of the other, if he chose.

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In the only exclusively township race, John Q. Howe was favored, 300 to 150, for trial justice.

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The county linked J. D. Cornwell, J. C. Ashe and E. B. Sapoch for county commissioner and R. M. Carroll, W. B. Love, J. C. Wilborn and W. N. Elder for the state house of representatives. The cliff-hanger was for county auditor, W. J. Waters defeating W. B. Williams by ten votes, 1722 to 1712.

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Another close one was for fifth district U. S. representative, T. J. Strait leading J. J. Hemphill by 1777 to 1703.

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The ballot, printed on bond paper, is slightly yellowed with age, but it is otherwise very well-preserved for a 76-year-old document.

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The visit to the aforementioned Dr. Reed was in an emergency situation. Advice: don't lose your spectacles. At least, I found I'm not sufficiently old for second sight to return as it does to some in elder years.

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Nathan, however, could answer the S. O. S. and did answer doubtly. He lent me a pair until the new models arrived less than 24 hours later. But I wound up wearing yet another borrowed pair. I told my plight to Kennon Blanton at Storch's and he just happened to have an extra pair, lying pastured in his desk drawer for two years. They suited me a little better than Nathan's.

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I am studying Nathan's pamphlet on "How to Wear Bifocals".

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One of the tickling instructions: "Try not to look at your feet when walking. You never did before."

### For Freedom — It Covers The World

Henry McCann

### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### OFF AND READING

Does being five and not six really make a difference? As far as learning to read goes, educators have long argued that it does. But evidence now points the other way. Joseph E. Brzelski, director of research services for the Denver schools, has described that city's eight-year-long experiment in the Grade Teacher.

"Traditional kindergarten programs are based on what adults think children can do," he says. "In our experiment, we were out to find out what five-year-olds really can do if they're not hampered by limitations set by adults."

In the test, nearly half the city's kindergartners were started on reading, and the rest served as a test group and began to read the following year in the first grade, the normal age. The early readers were taught to identify letters and how to puzzle out words by context on their own.

The experimenters found the child's being five and not six was irrelevant. The youngsters were soon off and reading. They also found that children encouraged to read independently continued to move ahead of the pack in subsequent grades. They did a lot more reading on their own, they had command of more words, and did better in reading-oriented subjects like history.

A first-grade teacher in Vancouver, Wash., also has found that higher expectations mean higher achievements. She discovered that by doing away with ability grouping and by mixing so-called fast, average, and slow learners, all did better. Even the brightest ones. And the others were freed of the stigma of being "average" or "slow." There's no limit to what a first-grader can do," she says, "if given the chance to try."

All are aware how important are the early years, and how fundamental reading is to learning. We applaud the continuing trend to raise expectations for youngsters above arbitrary impediments of age and ability in the schools. — Christian Science Monitor.

**'CLEAN' RIOTING**

A new invention may help the police keep street-rioting "clean" literally, if not figuratively. A Pennsylvania National Guardsman has invented a "bubble gun" that is said to be able to immobilize people by covering them with soapsuds.

This of, of course, a trick long known to various kinds of specialists. Many a riot in the old-time Hollywood comedies was brought under control when soap and water were let loose among the rioters who were gradually enveloped in a mounting cloud of soap bubbles. And mothers of young children know that enough bubbles in the bathtub are one way of changing baby's squawls to delighted squeals.

Furthermore, there is probably not a street in the United States which would not look better the next day for having been the well-washed scene of soap-and-water riot control.

But, to wax more serious for a moment, now that there is widespread concern over the safety of Mace, a new chemical product used in riot control work, it is perhaps time to turn one's attention to some such safe, familiar and unoffending substance as soap and water. It should be particularly effective in the mouths of rioters who don't watch what they're shouting at the police. —The Coburg (Ontario) Sentinel-Star

#### AN ETHICS CODE

The House of Representatives has adopted a code of ethics which can limit abuses of public trust and also serve as a guide to Senators who wish to improve their own, weaker regulations. Even the House code could benefit by inclusion of more of the stringent requirements on income disclosure which the legislative branch sets for officials in the executive branch.

On the whole, though, the House has taken a dramatic and long overdue step which reaches well beyond the mere appearance of action symbolized in the Senate bill. There is in both houses a general agreement that members of Congress must make limited reports on outside income. Colleagues (and voters) now have some way to determine possible conflicts of interest which can arise in legislative action.

The codes in both houses should be considered only as necessary starting points. The Senate regulations will not prevent repetition of the Dodd and Baker scandals which inspired them. Neither will the House code prevent conditions which led to the ouster of Adam Clayton Powell and public pressure for safeguards.

The way should be kept open for continuing examination and improvements—and, of course, careful watch to see that the new rules are followed. Such steps not only will protect the public but will protect conscientious members of Congress from having to share blame for colleagues who abuse the considerable power they have. — The Courier-Journal (Louisville, Ky.)

#### A DOLLAR A DAY!

Impossible, you say. It's not when you are a teacher, carpenter, mechanic, university student, farmer, clergyman, or an accountant with the Company of the Cross.

The Company now runs St. John's Cathedral Boys' School near Selkirk, Manitoba, and is building St. John's School of Alberta near Edmonton. More schools are planned for the future.

Some Company members are married, others are single. Besides the \$1.00 a day salary, they receive housing, food and other essentials.

The Company, part of the Anglican Church of Canada, has members of all denominations, and some with none at all.

Boys from Canada attend the school. There is a demanding academic program, but they also build and maintain the schools under the direction of the members, do their own laundry, cooking, run a farm and retail meat business. In winter, they take part in a 50-mile snowshoe hike and a 1000-mile canoe trip in summer on historic fur trade routes.

All this proves that worthwhile accomplishments in Canada can be achieved without governmental assistance and public pampering.

People who are interested in the better life help themselves. —The Coburg (Ontario) Sentinel-Star

#### 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1957 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

The city board of commissioners has approved a tentative budget of \$590,675 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, up about \$27,000 over the past year.

Phyllis Dean, Miss Kings Mountain of 1958, will be the city's first beauty contender for the Miss North Carolina crown in a number of years.

#### Social and Personal

June 25th marked Reb Wiesener's seventh birthday. He is son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wiesener. Miss Barbara Ellen Short and Herman Bolin exchanged marriage vows Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in First Nazarene church.

#### CLEANUP DELAYS

Supporters of the effort to clean up the Blackstone and Ten Mile Rivers in Rhode Island and Massachusetts must have been deeply disturbed at the news that the federal government has accepted postponement of deadlines for elimination of pollution in the two streams. A slowdown in federal aid in building treatment facilities is blamed for the delay.

The news is bad enough for those who had hoped for an early cleansing of the two rivers. But if the cutback in federal spending is going to hurt here, the effect nationally of reduced federal help in air and water pollution control could be most serious. Pollution can only worsen in the lack of anti-pollution efforts, and the fight is slowing. — Providence Journal.

### SO THIS IS NEW YORK

By NORTH CALLAHAN

Still probably the most popular single attraction for tourists to this city is the towering Empire State Building at 34th Street and 5th Avenue. This world's tallest structure is also a monument to a man, the late Al Smith whose name remains as a symbol of a poor boy of immigrant stock who made good in this opportunity-filled land. For even in the depression of some 35 years ago, he developed the interest, raised the money and fought through the erection of the building and then graciously allowed it to be named after his Empire State instead of himself. Just 40 years ago, Smith was vilified because of his Catholic religion and his stand on drinking, so lost the Presidential election. But his memory will long be sustained by the magnificent building which he brought about.

Thomas Y. Crowell Company, the book publisher, is planning an interesting series of volumes on the American Revolution. Tied in importantly with the forthcoming Bicentennial of that War for Independence, the series will consist of biographies of the leading generals on the American side. Despite all that has been written about the conflict which brought our nation into being, some of its most valuable leaders are yet unsung, yet they led exciting as well as significant lives. This series should help to correct this situation.

Invited up to the Austrian Institute, I saw an entertaining preview of the Austrian Television film, "The Greta Keller Story: Voice Vienna" and had the pleasure of chatting with the star in person. Hostess was charming. Jane Allison of Indiana, Miss Keller is a singer in the Marlene Dietrich manner and has a romantic, sultry voice which one remembers. From Vienna, she sings in three different languages but is now an American citizen. It is said that she has made over 50,000,000 records and she has appeared in nightclubs and on the stage as well as in films. Vienna has always seemed an appealing place anyway; Grete Keller adds to the romance.

This is the hardest paragraph I have ever written in this column. Because it is the last. For years now since I came to New York with a dream in my eyes that only a small town boy who had become smitten with the big and glamorous city could have, I have regularly contributed an article about it to newspaper readers from Houlton, Maine to Amarillo, Texas. In it, I have tried to present an honest picture of my impressions here. Mine has not been a punishing or sensational type of column, because I am not that kind of person. But if the reaction of readers which I have had is a proper indication, some entertainment, some helpful philosophy exemplified mainly by good people I have met and a bit of good old-fashioned sunshine has perhaps resulted from my efforts — and as a newspaperman, I am pleased to say, I never missed writing an issue of the column in all its career. It has been a fascinating, challenging and happy association with my publishers, editors and their staffs as well as the readers of their good newspapers. And so with much emotion, I close this column by wishing all of you success and happiness in your lives. Mine has become so busy with maturing of a career, teaching at New York University and writing books, that it is necessary to call my work. My best to you always and may God bless you.

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