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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

St. Matthew 2:10. When they paw the star, they prejoiced with exceeding great joy.

Christmas Present

Thirty months of hard and diligent work on the part of many came to a successful result about 3 p.m. Christmas Eve, when the city received final clear-ance on the Buffalo Creek water project.

This final approval made a handsome Christmas gift to water-short Kings Mountain and to the whole eastern portion of Cleveland County.

It does not mean that Kings Mountain is out of the water woods yet, but, with bids being invited for January 22, extrication from the dry forest is fore-seeable. W. K. Dickson, city consulting engineer, gave a March 31, 1970, completion date — and is buttressed by a 360-day construction specification in the proposed contracts.

Commissioner T. J. Ellison had the pleasure of making the motion to invite bids, something he wanted to do back in 1954, when the city commission of that day took the short term route to what became Davidson Lake, rather than accept the recommendations of the State Board of Health and Engineer Dixon to tap water where water was - Buffalo Creek.

Arguments are unresolvable as to whether the majority decision of 1954 was correct or incorrect. The community eked by with Davidson for a dozen years at comparatively small cash outgo. It will also be remembered that the city budget of that day was in the \$400,000 annual range. Conversely, from the standpoint of a growing or non-growing city, Kings Mountain did not have large quantities of water to entice large waterusing industry, and construction costs undoubtedly have doubled.

It does not matter.

Tomorrow there will be water, pota-ble water, in large quantity, the missing link in the industrial growth chain, and one of God's basic gifts which few appreciate until it is in short supply.

Happy Wind-Up

A news story appearing this week under a byline of a workman for United Press International, coincidentally or not, was closely placed to the report of retiring Governor Dan Moore's summa-tion of his rapidly ending four years as the state's Chief Executive.

How To Figure

Governor Moore made particular point of the fact his administration has seen improvement and expansion of services in all areas, with none shorted at the expense of another, but one of his particular prides was the Moore Admin-istration's treatment of education-best and most in the state's history, said the Governor.

The other account, based partially on per capita pupil expenditure on secondary education, in effect, begged to differ. Particularly was the writer complaining that under both Governors San-ford and Moore this area of school funding, while providing millions of more dollars, nevertheless provided a dwindling percentage of the general fund budget.

It is to be expected that harried school administrators are considerably more interested in dollars per se than in percentages, especially when the dollar totals are rising.

Meantime, it might be suggested that a system of fixed percentages would produce a rigid system incapable of delv-ing into any new service which might become necessary or even mandatory.

The saying's an old one: figures don't lie, but liars can figure.

The Moore version is to be preferred.

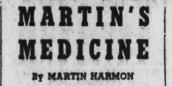
Industrial Year

The year 1968 is recorded in history as the year of the Kings Mountain area's greatest industrial growth.

Six new firms have or are building, and another four have expanded or are in process of expanding.

The new industrial citizens are Oxford Industries, with its mammoth fiveacres-under-one-roof plant going up on York Road, Kinder Manufacturing com-pany and a distributing and warehousing firm underway in Kings Mountain Indus trial Park, Carpet Industries, Waco Road, Dependable Knit, Inc., on South Cansler, and Concept Furniture, Inc., on the Grover road.

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Captain B. M. Ormand told the Mayor last week a rather graph-ic tale about industry and water. Many years ago he stopped his train in the Aitchdale area for some visiting industrialists to look over the terrain as a plant site. After they entrained again, the Captain overheard one of them remark, "We can forget this place. There's not enough water to wet a duck's back."

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And Jean Schenck provided an interesting analogy. A friend had recently supplied him a yellow-ed and aged copy of a Shelby newspaper detailing the buggy trip of his mother with his aunt and others to Black Station (now Blacksburg) where his aunt was entraining for her home in Tex-as. Afterwards, the personal men-tion item continued, the group returned by Kings Mountain in order to see the first electric lights in the county. Kings Mounlights in the county. Kings Moun tain had always been progres sive, Mr. Schenck had begun. To night it is water, he concluded "and I'm here tonight."

New Year's Eve seemed reas-onably quiet though a few neigh-bors broke the anti-fire-cracker law, but it was a particular plea sant one.

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The Norman McGills called a bout 10:30 and invited us around to watch the New Year arrive.

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Anne and I were greeted with toy Aunt Emma, over in Albe-

a toy Aunt Emma, over in Albemarle, had sent the boys. It was a replica of the human body and a real study in physiology. There was the wishbone, the funny bone, the breadbasket, etc. Each part was in miniature and drop-ped into slots in the proper area. Tweezers attached to a battery were provided. The key to the learning process was to extract the part without causing the red button on the head to light and

button on the head to light and In the negotiations toward seta buzzer to sound. Success meant

Norman proved of quite steady nerve and Anne extricated one part. But Nancy and I flunked.

When the Waldorf Astoria par-ty appeared on the television tube, there were Guy Lombardo (Norman calls him guy "Lumba-go") and his Royal Canadians, websiles "and here's Comment including "and here's Carmen" not the most feaured vocalist any

longer but still quite capable of rendering "Boo Hoo", that fav-orite of yesteryear, in true Car-men Lombardo fashion.

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ing dignitaries, plus regular con

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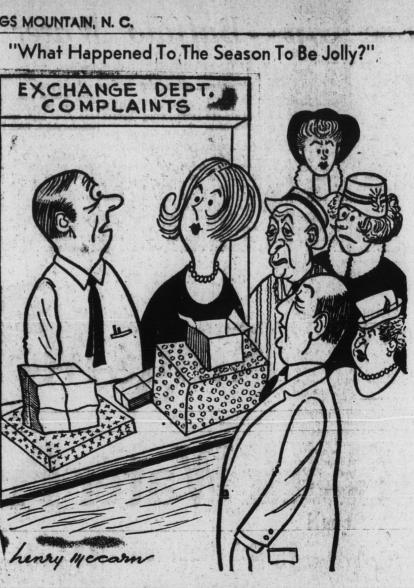
ing the need for more pupils in the Kings Mountain band.

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zation, just as seriously, remark ed, "Don't look at me!"

Happy New Year!

A lady member of the organi-



Viewpoints of Other Editors

Ten Years Ago Items of interest which occur. 3d approximately ten years ago

tariff talks, artificially support-ed farm prices threatened for a while to prevent any significant reduction of trade barriers.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Meanwhile, the subsidies gen-erally have been large enough to keep the farmers on their land but small enough to keep them dissatisfied, as the frequent rural protests have shown. The pay-connie Padgett, high school student, was crowned Sweetheart of Demolay at the Kings Moun-ta in organization's Christmas dance. ments have helped impede farm efficiency; two-thirds of the Com-mon Market farms are less than

For older folk, Guy Lombardo would stim memories. He and the canada, but Jean acknowledged kinship and strffe was avoided. **m**-m

CHANGE IN THE HOUSE? erans who died in service from service connected causes

psychologi-

Washington observers doubt that Morris K. Udall of Arizona will succeed in supplanting John W. McCormack of Massachusetts

But it is useful for Representa-tive Udall, brother of Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall, to make his pitch. There is widespread dissatisfaction with the House leadership, indeed with the general "image" of Congress in the modern world, and this con-

No one will fault Congressman No one will fault Congressman cern should receive intelligent and informed discussion. McCormack for devotion to duty, for hard work in the House's in-

If the plan goes through, the next few years will be a period of radical change for Europe's farmers, with a significant a-mount of social dislocation and table as which the American milic

route 1, Pageland, S. C., charged with following too following an accident Satu morning at the U. S. 74 street intersection with N. C

Thursday, January 2, 196

The Veterans

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Below authoritative answers by the erans Administration to som

the many current questions former servicemen and t families. Further information

veterans benefits may be ob ed at any VA office.

Q-I am a World War II eran with a 20-year G.I. insura endowment policy that will

ture in a few months. Do I h to take the face value of the p cy or can I convert this to an

A-You may exchange it fo

policy of lesser cash value if present evidence of good hea However, this must be done

Q-I was recently separa from service. During service was treated for a condition th

has now flared up again. Can get treatment from VA.

A-In all probability you of You should apply to the Veter

Administration for an exami-tion and determination that y

condition is service - connect Once this has been accomplis

you should have no troub ting treatment from VA.

Q-I am a veteran with a ice connected condition, red ed by VA as 60 per cent o ing. Does this degree of d ity entitle my children to a type of educational assistance

A-No. Only children who

parent is rated by VA as 100 p cent service connected disab and who is permanently disabl are entitled to assistance. Su children — and children of v

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No injuries were reported, two cars involved were dam approximately \$225, police

Jessy Boyd Nicholson, route 1, Dallas, had stop

Police clarified two

seas nigh Satu

George H. Mauney is the new president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club. He will be install-ed at the club's Thursday night meeting. The proud parents of this area's first 1959 arrival were contend. House sandte

a buzzer to sound. Success meant play money in varying amounts. In the negotiations toward set ting up the Common Market, for example, the varying subsidies of the six member nations for a long time impeded agreement. Later on, in the Kennedy Round nerve and Anne extricated one tariff taiks, artificially support. The proud parents of this area's trist 1959 arrival were contend-ers in the 1958 Baby Derby, too. Guy Warren Moore, born Friday, January 2, at 10:20 a.m. to Mr. twe Udall, brother of Interior

According to police rep

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Harry Reasoner, the Columbia Broadcasting System commentator, did not appear to be talking with tongue in cheek when he suggested few would be sorry to see waning 1968 expire as the clock stroked midnight Tuesday.

Perhaps all years are rough and 1968 had its very bad moments, paramounted by the assasinations of Senator Robert Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, rioting and vandalism of mass propor-tions, and the Vietnam war frustrations, and Resurrection City.

But 1968 was hardly as bad as Mr. Reasoner inferred.

Americans, at least, lived better, ate better than they'd ever lived before.

The Detroit Tigers won a pennant and World Series for the first time in 23 years.

More important, perhaps, were the year-end accomplishments.

The crew of the USS Pueblo got home for Christmas.

And the astronauts returned home safely after journeying 240,000 miles into space and orbiting the moon.

It's seldom all bad for everybody.

Congratulations to Hoyle D. (Snooks) McDaniel, newly chaired president of Kings Mountain Kiwanis club. Mr. McDaniel's prior record of work and leadership in civic activity indicate another good year for Kings Mountain Kiwanians.

Expanded, or in process, are Kings Mountain Knit Fabrics, King Mills, Lith-ium Corporation, and Carolina Throwing Company, which had not completed an expansion underway until it was readying another of even larger proportion.

Heady reading, it makes, for all Kings Mountain citizens, spelling economic growth for businessmen and job opportunities for citizens.

Ahead...at Home

On the drawing boards for 1969 are two important projects, which, in a way are conjunctive.

Kings Mountain Hospital expects to seek bids early in the year on a major and needed addition.

Kings Mountain Convalescent and Nursing Center, Inc., is awaiting final plans for a 50-bed center.

Another project should be given the heft it can be and that is the U.S. 74 by-pass. To date plans for this needed 7.3 mile strip of road, approved in 1965, are on the shelf gathering dust, victim of federal funds cut-backs in turn dictated by the Vietnam war, highway officials are told. But periodic traffic counts con-tinue to reveal what local motorists and travelers know at first hand: the King street link of U. S. 74 gets more clogged and difficult to navigate as the days, months and years pass.

Housing, as the mayor has pointed out, is a major need. Again on the drawing boards and foreseeable in the near future is a start on 150 low-rent housing units, 30 of them specifically designed for the elderly. But there is a paucity for middle income housing. There are more needs, of course, but

these are major ones.

tages which the American mili-Norman got into the memory music game, too. When I tooted other problems, including heavy lic panels. tary presence bring Japan. In-deed, given Japan's hostorical, governmental costs. The whole

clarinet in a navy band, I felt much benefitted on long parades transition could of course have cultural, racial, and been accomplished much less painfully if over a period of decades thef ree market had been allowed to gradually upgrade Eucal circumstances, many might think that it is surprising that and dress inspections to be car-rying a clarinet instead of a rifle.

Japanese unrest over the Ameriopean agriculture. can military presence.

In the future, unfortunately, the European proposal calls for continued subsidies, with pay-ments restricted to large efficient Thus there 's much good sense

But even though Norman play-ed the light-weight flute and pic-colo for an army band at Fort McClellan, he failed to find the duty easy. The bandmaster was a 32-year veteran who believed farms. The Common Market Japan. It is said that, of the 148 anners might want to note that planners might want to note that the U.S., more by accident than ed over to Japan, switched to design, has for years been subsi- joint American-Japanese use, or dizing mainly its big producers. moved elsewhere in the country. And somehow the costly surplusin playing for all occasions, which included meeting constantly ar-riving troop trains, national es and other waste go on piling them away from crowded areas guard and reserve groups down for training in the summer, visitwhere their presence has aroused particular unhappiness.

up. The Europeans, in other words,

make have found a way to ease their farm problem. But they Thep resent Japanese Govern haven't yet hit on the one step ment based its latest campaign that would eliminate all of those upon its readiness to cooperate secutive concerts without pause between numbers. hidden subsidy costs. Wall istreet Journal peace of Asia. The electorate ac

cepted that platform. Further A NOTABLE FIRST

more, there is not today as great

but there was no rest for the weary. The two months were trically heated homes among spent in study of musical theory. Relates Norman, "Including me band who didn't hold master's de-grees in music." Mem

tion of 170,000. Twenty-two years ago Nash-Twenty-two years ago Nash-Japan will always remain tricky and ticklish so long as Americans ist on Japanese soll, whether on the reason: low-cost elec-the mainland or on Okinawa. tricity supplied wholesale by the Eventually such troops must rennessee Valley Authority and promoted vigorously by the city's distribution system. No smoke, no soot. No residues. The world's cities, washington is wise to demonstrate its willing-ness to lessen its presence in Jasoot. No residues. In most of the world's cities electricity is too costly for heat-ing, except, for a favored few. In Nashville it is economical. And present necessary close relation-heating provides a winter use for peak capacities demanded in summer for airconditioning. K. Louis Post-Dispatch

car was listed at \$75 and to Blanton vehicle at \$30.

Also there is the need, as Rep-resentative Udall has emphasized, plines of majority rule. In s might for more effort to bring forward nstances the Republicans the newer and more marginal to have evolved more alert. democratic attitudes in the Ho there has not been even greater membes of Congress, to give them opportunities for service and stature. And to improve comthan have the Democrats. These are the points at it as Representative Udall m munications between leadership as Representative Udall ma and rank and file, to modernize his bid at the Democratic Ho in the reported United States work schedules and to subject plan to cut back on its bases in committee chairmen to the discicaucus. They need airing. Christian Science

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