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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE
Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in thy power to do it. Proverbs 3:27.

Worthwhile Program

During the past two years there has been underway here a federally supplemented on-the-job-training program which, from the statistics, has earned its way.

Under the program, trainees at participating firms had 10 per week contributed toward their wages for stated periods, depending on the time estimated to learn particular skills, whether eight weeks or more.

Several firms report that they feel benefited by the program as they have obtained good results and developed skilled employees. In turn, the employees have benefited by becoming able to earn more.

The program is momentarily out of business.

According to W. K. Mauney, Jr., president of the sponsoring Industrial Association of the Kings Mountain area, changes in emphasis in the program will make it difficult of implementation.

The Department of Labor auditor here for the program check-out confirmed the change of emphasis and added that the administration change-over had contributed to a "state of confusion".

Some 350 persons made the grade in learning skills and, as a result of the program, some 30 families were removed from welfare rolls.

Liquor Bills

The former propositions and grievances committee of the general assembly, now renamed Alcoholic Beverage Control committees, are tough committees on which to serve.

Liquor remains an emotional subject.

At least two legislators have liquor under attack, so to speak.

Senator Hargrove Bowles of Guilford says the place to get more revenue is at the ABC store. He points out a nickel per bottle brought in over four million dollars for the building of alcoholic rehabilitation centers and for mental institutions.

The liquor tax boost is one most legislators would find easiest to support.

The one we like, though, is Rep. Horton Roundtree's bill to require a caution label on the bottle, that use of the beverage may be injurious to health, family and friend.

Rep. Roundtree chided the surgeon-general's office for its war on tobacco and not liquor. "I've never heard of cigarettes breaking up a family, nor causing wrecks," he commented.

Busy Roles

Legislators representing us Clevelanders are receiving some important — and difficult — committee assignments as the respective speakers, Earl Vaughn and Pat Taylor announce them.

Senator Jack H. White is vice-chairman of the finance committee, which has major voice in determining who gets taxed and where and how. He also is chairman of the local government committee, beset with the problems of financially pained counties and cities.

Representative W. K. Mauney, Jr., is a vice-chairman of the Alcoholic Beverage Control committee, never an easy assignment, is on the House finance body, and local government committee.

Senator Marshall Rauch and Representative Robert Z. Falls drew appropriations in their respective bodies.

The work of the General Assembly is done in committee.

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School Tax Bid

The three boards of education are agreed on a joint request for a tax supplement election on question of a maximum levy of 50 cents per 100 valuation.

In turn, the districts would retain the present principle of the tax being a district matter. Shelby might want to levy the maximum, or the county, while Kings Mountain would want less, or vice versa.

Obviously, needs of the several might vary from year to year, would also tend to vary on basis of growth of taxable base in the three districts.

Shelby district has less far to go in increasing the maximum, now 40 cents, to a half-dollar. Kings Mountain district's increase at maximum would be 30 cents. The county district, with no supplement has the biggest jump to take and for the biggest potential gain.

At the risk of inciting to levity, the Herald suggests that the April Fool's Day date being requested as election day is not the best choice.

Jaycee Awards

William (Bill) Grissom, recipient of the Kings Mountain Jaycee distinguished service award for 1968, as was suggested in his presentation, is not the flashy type but the quiet workman who gets the job done.

His activity in the Jaycees, as chairman of the beauty contest, and at other jobs, his work with the Boy Scouts and at his church, certainly dictate the honor he has received.

Our best bows, too, to Bobby Bridges, the Jaycee-elected "Boss of the Year, and to Don Jones, superintendent of schools, the Jaycee-elected "Educator of the Year."

Fixing Blame

The armed services, when there's a foul-up, conduct courts of inquiry sometimes followed by courts martial.

In a way, the inquiry into the loss of USS Pueblo, a slow, under-armed ex-army freighter, reminds of the long-drawn out Pearl Harbor inquiries after World War II.

To paraphrase President Harry Truman, the guy in the kitchen takes the heat.

After the Pearl Harbor debacle, Admiral Kimmel and General Short quickly were relieved of command. It was after the war the inquiries began.

Who was amiss?

It was never clearly established the Admiral and General were. It was never clearly established whether the chief of naval operations had given proper warnings, nor whether President Roosevelt had been as prompt as he should have been.

Is the navy trying to hang Commander Bucher?

Many think it.

It is apparent the navy was amiss in not providing better weapons, quick-acting "destruct" mechanism, air cover for the Pueblo, or perhaps a destroyer for escort.

Congratulations to Mrs. Harold Glass, first president of the newly organized Veterans of Foreign Wars auxiliary, and to Ragan Harper, newly elected president of the Cleveland County Pharmaceutical association.

Two deadlines: tax listing, final day is Monday, penalty for late listing; ad valorem tax paying, deadline Saturday, penalty starts Monday for late payment.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

Four of the successful bidders on the Buffalo Creek water project were represented at the city board meeting Tuesday night and three made brief resumes of the history of their companies on invitation of the Mayor.

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D. D. Gillespie, who will build the 84-foot high dam and treatment plant, told Col. W. K. Dickson, the engineer, his first task on the project would be reading and digesting the specifications about three more times. The Gillespie firm is home based in Anderson, S. C.

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Richmond Engineering Company, Richmond, Va., will build the steel million-gallon storage tank (half the size of the new one on Cherryville Road). Richmond's representative assured the commission his firm could build tanks. It had built an even 100 during 1968, the largest of six-million gallon capacity.

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Representative of Ray D. Lowder Construction Company, which will lay the lines (ranging from eight to 24 inches) reported the firm organized in 1947 and with wide experience. Grady Yelton, city superintendent of public works, is a onetime employee of the Lowder firm.

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Neal Hawkins will do the road alteration required. His representative was late. Invited to speak he replied he was no speaker, merely wanted to know, "Are you letting the bids?"

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On hand for the letting was a three-man team from Armo Steel Company, which had done the figuring for the Lowder firm, Jake Wilson, Tom Rigsbee, and Bill Black kindly invited me to join the city board members and Col. Dickson entourage to dinner. It was a nasty night to get there but the Ranch House steak was worth it, and the shrimp, too.

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This time I knew better. I wanted a shrimp cocktail, I told the lady, but only on condition that she bring the ingredients and let me prepare my own sauce. The Ranch House serves it HOT. On a previous occasion I had delved into a beautiful shrimp, suddenly found my mouth steaming and my eyes watering.

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Relating the event to Lewis Dellinger, I learned he had introduced Woody London to Ranch House sauce. Woody had told Lewis, "They don't make it too hot for me." Unbeknownst to Woody, Lewis made an arrangement with the waitress. Not only did Woody get Ranch House regular sauce but an extra dose of horse radish to boot.

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Woody confessed after he cooled down, "That stuff'll clean your sinuses."

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When Norman King, Seimore Biddix and Ray Cline are together, one will invariably refer to "The Indian". The incident occurred when the three were in Arizona at the natural gas convention. They had rented a rental car to cross the border into Mexico and unfamiliar with the country thought it a good idea to pick up the hitch-hiker who proved to be an Indian. Yes, said the Indian, he could provide directions. After about 15 miles he told them to turn at a Catholic church, which they did. Then the Indian said, "I'll get out here. This is where I live." When the trio resumed course they found they'd been on a wide circle. The Indian had indeed enjoyed the transport, though Norman can't recall he said a thank you.

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And of circling, Al Crawford tells of the fellow, who on a Friday afternoon and the peak of traffic at First Union National Bank, circled the block four times. He had a sick television set. On the fourth it finally dawned that the building formerly occupied by Bridges, Radio and TV was no more.

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Dan Finger whooped big at that. Then he said, "I'm just as bad." He had warned all the Hoke Electric folk to be sure the insurance information was on the auto tag registration card before going for tags. A few days later he had a spare minute and drove to Gastonia to pick up tags. While waiting in line he suddenly realized he had brought no cards.



Viewpoints of Other Editors

TEACHER RULE BOOK NEEDS A LOOK

The N. C. General Assembly needs to take a close look at the problem of negotiations between local boards of education and teacher organizations.

The need arises because of the ruling this week from the office of the attorney general holding negotiations to be illegal.

This ruling is the first major one to come from the office since Robert Morgan took over. It was written by old-line assistant Ralph Moody, and could reflect some of that office's negativism of recent years, Moody wrote:

"We think that professional organizations insofar as they attempt to negotiate collective or group contracts for teachers fall in the same category as a labor union or trade union because they would be attempting to perform the same functions."

In so many words, Moody found no law saying negotiation would be legal, so he held them illegal. The opinion did stress that contracts between boards of education and teachers are individual, not group contracts. And it did contain the positive point that teachers, like other citizens, have a right to discuss pay, working conditions or any other matters with boards of education.

North Carolina is still without teacher unions, but the North Carolina Education Association is speaking more firmly than ever, especially about salaries and sanctions. And the Classroom Teachers Association within the larger group is speaking insistently and with even greater firmness, especially in urban areas like Mecklenburg.

Teachers have their own organizational problems, of course. They are professionals, and they insist upon it. Thus to go the full union route of collective bargaining and strike threats (or actual strikes) is seen by many as damaging to their professional status. But if teachers are somewhat reluctant to join unions (the AFL-CIO is putting \$250,000 a year into American Federation of Teachers organizing efforts), they obviously will not always remain docile if salaries and working conditions are not dealt with adequately by state legislatures and local boards.

The kinds of confrontations which have occurred in New York, St. Louis, Detroit and elsewhere (there were 33 teacher strikes in 1966-67) can be avoided in North Carolina, but only if the reasons for those confrontations are removed.

North Carolina teachers are not going out willfully and casually to violate some law. But neither are they going to sit by and be satisfied with pay and working conditions far below the national average.

There are 50,000 teachers in this state, all are college graduates and informed citizens. They will find a way to be heard which will capture the attention not only of the legislature and the school boards but also of every parent and child.

North Carolina would be better off to find a way to conduct profitable conversations while the voices still evidence tones of moderation.

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