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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE
God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. St. John 4:24.

Maintenance Costs

Some years ago, when he was highway commissioner, Clint Newton's statement that maintenance on the four-lane super highways was more costly than on conventional roads occasioned surprise.

Costs have increased rather vastly since that statement. Meantime, legislators report they find major objection among their fellows to the proposal to increase gasoline taxes and fees accruing to the use of the State Highway commission.

A new (and local) case in point is at hand with signing of a contract by the city to handle certain maintenance jobs on highways within the city limits for the State Highway commission (the city to be reimbursed for its services on quarterly basis).

The city declined signing work, but the commission is willing to reimburse the city \$14 for a stop sign, \$14 for a warning sign, and \$8 for a 14-foot sign post.

The city also declined the proffer of \$150 for painting a mile of double four-inch yellow solid line, but will get six cents per foot for painting six-inch solid white crosswalk lanes, 15 cents per foot for 24-inch solid white stop bar, and \$3 each for double standard arrows.

The city accepted the whole proffer on the schedule concerning maintenance of traffic signals. Among the items per annum: pre-timed isolated single-dial controller \$20, two-phase volume density equipment \$35, three-phase volume density equipment \$39, system master controller \$50.

There are eleven signals on the three roads going through the city, which, without measuring, must total eight to nine miles.

It's a better arrangement for the city. Some of this work has been done by the city and some equipment purchased without reimbursement. Defective or damaged signals can be replaced quickly to improve safe traffic flow.

Another item: the highway commission is going to reimburse the city for power expenditure, which the city has always furnished.

Handling Demonstrators

It is obviously easy for those without the problem to opine on how to handle the demonstrators, student or otherwise, but most folk applaud several with the problem and their methods of handling it.

Mayor Richard Daley, of Chicago, had forewarned Chicagoans what action to expect. His police were at the ready. There were some cracked heads and some arrests. But there were no deaths.

Governor Robert Scott, anent the recent shenanigans at Duke and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, moved officers and national guardsmen to the trouble scenes. He has promised a repeat performance.

At the college-university, Father Hesbrough, president of Notre Dame, was most explicit. "You have 15 minutes to think it over," he explained. "Demonstrate then and be expelled."

Freedom of speech is guaranteed by the Constitution, but freedom of speech is not license for slander.

Freedom of assembly is guaranteed by the Constitution, but is not license for interfering with the rights of others to assemble, whether for a political convention or a class in English.

Is not taking over buildings violation of laws of trespass?

Congratulations to Don Flowers, newly promoted to district sales manager for Southern Bell's marketing department.

The Caucus

This newspaper has fought secrecy in government for many years, as long and loudly as any.

It finds today little left in this area at local levels (city, boards of education, county commissions) though cities are the only agency of government prevented by law from taking actions in executive session.

This newspaper continues to deplore laws of such ilk.

This newspaper does understand the function of the caucus, which produces meetings of minds, cleaning of loose details, and, in fact, order rather than cacophony.

Bill Dover, covering a recent city commission meeting for the Shelby Star, took umbrage (and vented his spleen in print) when the commission recessed for five minutes before declining a request of Wilburn Hamrick for additional taxi franchises — a foregone conclusion which Mr. Dover knew, too.

Another reporter, Jack Horan of the Charlotte Observer, several months ago, complained of "everything being cut and dried". There were eleven items on the agenda for that particular meeting. On invitation to examine, Mr. Horan acknowledged there wasn't a single item listed lending itself to controversy.

This situation is true on possibly 97 to 99 percent of all the items on all the agendas of all city commissions, due to limits of the law, regular and stated policy, and, of course, limits of funds available.

And about caucuses and/or executive sessions:

Several years ago a discussion was underway among newspaper folk, most of them very incensed about the so-called "secrecy act" the General Assembly put on the books in the fifties, to which the late Ernest Hunter, managing editor of the Charlotte Observer, contributed. "To heck with the secrecy act. Any reporter worth his salt will get the story anyway."

If two people know it, it isn't a secret very long.

Newman Decision

The Herald has not discussed with George Newman his decision to decline appointment as Cleveland County manager.

Some of the reasons are obvious. While he received an appointment vote of 4 to 1, the initial vote on whether to hire a replacement for departed Joe Hendrick was a narrow 3 to 2.

County government management is most difficult, as pointed out here previously, and Governor Robert Scott has not yet indicated much sympathy with the financially hard-pressed counties' plight. Apparently, the plea of county and city governments for financial help in person of a one percent sales tax has not found favor with the governor. He didn't recommend it for rebate to the homefolk.

Very little county revenue is received other than from taxes, it being limited to a few dollars in fees.

With constant pressure for increased money for services, a county commission finds itself in a "damned if you do, damned if you don't" situation.

And it's no happy situation for a county manager.

Hearty congratulations to Linda Pearson and Douglas Sessoms, named Kings Mountain's top teen-agers for 1968 by the Kings Mountain Optimist Club.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

Last week's Herald editorial page cartoon by Henry McCann hit the nail on the smoking man's head. The inveterate smoker reads the warnings of cancer, heart trouble, and others credited to the golden weed with complete aplomb. Governor Scott's proposal for imposition of a five-cent per pack tobacco tax knocked him for a loop.

Well, not all of us. Senator Jack White (Kool's) supports the proposal. I (Chesterfield King's) do not oppose it.

From the practical standpoint of revenue sources, Jack can't see where tobacco excise taxes cut consumption.

On the other hand, I have ever been unsympathetic with crying boys of the cigarette high tax states, like New York, who have invited bootlegging of the fags with their high-tax policies—easy, of course, because they have no tobacco industry, growth or manufacturing, in that state.

I suppose the Congress had the right to pass the labeling law, requiring the cigarette makers to print on their packages the line "Caution: Cigarette Smoking May Be Hazardous To Your Health". Chesterfield prints the line in quite readable ten-point type, but the surgeon-general wants it bigger.

There seems to be a close connection in the anti-smoking pitch with the surgeon-general, the Federal Communications Commission, and the Federal Trade Commission. It, no matter how well-founded, smacks of conspiracy. Already the television commercials for cigarettes are frequently followed by commercials (government prepared, broadcast gratis) showing the health hazard pitch. It's simple. The FCC has an easy time of it twisting broadcaster's arms.

I take it the Supreme Court would not uphold a law that would ban tobacco product ads on the air waves. As James J. Kilpatrick pointed out yesterday, that's a clear-cut violation of constitutional rights.

Were I selfish, perhaps I should hope for the ban. The tobacco companies have used newspaper columns for advertising their wares less and less over the past 20 plus years. We have advertised R. J. Reynolds products (Camel, Winston) a few times in the past 24, but I recall no others. The ban would run'em back, perhaps.

The late G. G. Page edited the Herald from 1913 to late 1929. Gene Matthews recalled that mammoth cigarette advertisements came regularly, the handsome artwork on near-perfect zinc plates already mounted. All the work necessary was to throw a little type around these plates, lock the form, print the page, and send a bill for prompt payment.

But not in Mr. Page's Herald, in spite of needed income.

"He didn't believe in smoking and he didn't believe in promoting it," Gene said. "Those pretty plates just kept piling up in a corner."

It was another mark of Mr. Page's high principle and character.

The manufacturers hadn't said much publicly about the Governor's five-cent tax proposal, but a recent proposal by a legislator got their dander up. A per cent tax on manufacturer's would produce far more revenue, it was reasoned, than the puny \$25 million to be derived from the five-cent excise.

It would. North Carolina manufacturers more cigarettes by 3 to 1 than Virginia, the nearest competitor.

Shall we switch to "chew". Just a few years ago Reynolds still was making 100 brands.

Reading the Funnies

Nationwide Unrest
Many Never Reach College
Reagan Cracks Down
On Berkeley Campus
Race Riot
Sex Fantasy
Tried In Rape
18-Year-Olds Should Vote
State Legislative Process
Judge Let 'em Learn Some Skills
Grocer Quits
After
Consolidation Choice
Robberies, Vandals

Henry McCarroll

Viewpoints of Other Editors

IN THE DEMOCRATIC STABLE

At the Democratic corral in Washington there is already actively looking to the presidential politics of 1972. When the pundits eligible candidates they invariably name Senators Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts and Edmund Muskie of Maine, and, much more remotely, Senator George McGovern of South Dakota, and Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota.

All these men are liberals. Their presence in the Senate suggests where leadership in these next few years. How they will stack up in 1972 or whether in remote circumstances Hubert Humphrey might decide to run again or other dark horses will be limbering up — depends on whether President Nixon was doing so well that he would surely in a deessily win a second term of office.

The Democrats will be competing among themselves. Senator Kennedy got off to a good start when he decided to seek the post of Democratic whip, and telephoned widely and successfully in his last-minute bid. "Ted" Kennedy won because the incumbent Russell Long had alienated fellow senators, because the senators wanted a new image, and because the Kennedy name retains plenty of political appeal.

Senator Kennedy will undoubtedly make the most of his Senate leadership possibilities, will introduce his own legislation, will speak widely around the country. He has already positioned himself against the Pentagon's proposed anti-ballistic missile system — the "thin" ABM.

Senator Muskie hopes to build up a nationwide following. He will be speech making around the nation on many weekends. He will seek to carry on where the Humphrey-Muskie campaign left off, courting young people, labor, blacks, and ex-McCarthyites. He has traveled to Asia and is praised in Look Magazine.

Senator McGovern is rated, as of now, as a less likely contender. Senator McCarthy still has to decide how resolutely he wears the colors of a party regular, or whether he will be moved to seek a political future as the leader of a doubtful coalition of dissent.

As of this moment, political writers rate Senator Kennedy as the leading contender, though it is possible that the country could tire of the Kennedy dynastic ambitions. He has worked hard and dutifully in the Senate, and made few enemies, though his 1965 fight to confer a federal judgeship on a family friend against strong Bar Association opposition is cited against him.

Suffice it to say that in politics anything can happen. Dark horses are not now visible may steal the show. It is much too early to say who will emerge as the leading Democratic candidate in 1972.

Christian Science Monitor

THE SIMPLE THINGS

Forces are now converging that make possible, for the first time, the hope that many of man's deepest aspirations can at last be realized. The spiraling pace of change allows us to contemplate, within our lifetimes, advances that once would have taken centuries. In throwing wide the horizons on earth. For the first time, because the people of the world want peace and the leaders are afraid of war, the times are on the side of peace.

The greatest honor history can bestow is the title of peacemaker. This honor now beckons America — the chance to help lead the world at last out of the valley of turmoil and onto that high ground of peace man has dreamed of since the dawn of civilization... this is our summons to greatness.

The simple things are the ones most needed today if we are to surmount what divides us, and cement what unites us...

The Middle East situation is ripe for settlement. Heretofore, to settle a war it was necessary to move in and contribute men and arms. Here is something new. It can be settled by withholding men and arms, flowing from four countries to the Middle East. Israel and the Arabs are trying to say they won't accept an imposed peace settlement. They will. They want nothing more than peace and they know they are unable to effect it between themselves. After 20 years of trying this is evident. Joe Nixon in the Wabash (Ind.) Plain Dealer

CONCERN FOR HISTORY

For every history book that is reviewed in the national press there must be 20 more that are never mentioned, and for these 20 there are hundreds of articles in local historical journals, in addition to an endless proliferation in learned journals.

Indeed, the fabulous extent of historical activity as well as some of its more immediate pleasures cannot be appreciated unless one turns to local history or to the work of small regiments of scholars dedicated to Dr. Johnson, Edmund Drake, Tom Paine and Benjamin Franklin, who regale each other with tidbits in the form of newsletters.

Without a newsletter or a journal neither a university nor a liberal arts college can really hold up its head.

Many suspect that throughout America there are more men and women concerned with history than with any other intellectual activity.

Saturday Review

Ten Years Ago

Items of interest which occurred approximately ten years ago

Temple Baptist church plans issuance of \$60,000 first mortgages bonds for construction of an educational building, first step in a long-term building program. Dr. Charles Adams will begin the practice of medicine in Grover in the near future. He will become the community's first resident doctor since 1939. SOCIAL AND PERSONAL Wedding vows, pledged Sunday at 3 o'clock in Grover's First Baptist church, united Miss Peggy Jean Keeter of Grover and Frank Wayne Kish of Columbia, S. C.

Letter To Editor

Dear Editor,

Fiber Industries, Inc., fully supports the countywide 50-cent supplementary school tax levy proposed by Cleveland County's three separate boards of education, as well as the five-cent levy proposed for Cleveland Technical Institute.

Fiber Industries feels affirmative action on both is imperative, even though FII already is Cleveland County's largest single taxpayer and even though these new levies would substantially increase that annual tax load.

We are being nothing more than realistic. Education in this county must have more financial support.

A modern industry such as Fiber Industries needs the constant support of its people and the community in which it operates. FII has had both to a gratifyingly high degree. The next most critical area of support needed by industry and individual alike is a strong, progressive educational system. Such a system includes the county and the city schools and technical education such as that provided by Cleveland Tech. Any move to improve and to upgrade teaching staffs, administrative organization and staffs and physical facilities is in the interest of all citizens of our county, including corporate and business citizens.

Such improvement is the end result sought by our school leadership with the new levy proposals. Fiber Industries is convinced of the need and in accord with the financing recommendations. We also sincerely believe that each citizen has the responsibility to provide a fair share of the money needed.

As a corporate citizen with a profound desire to see new growth and prosperity for all Clevelanders, Fiber Industries is prepared to assume its share of that responsibility.

H. E. LeGrand, Plant Manager

KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log

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