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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

St. Luke 12:34.

Same Old Story

The Israelis and Egyptians engage in intermittent war.

So do Shelby and Kings Mountain, and ours here in Cleveland County dates at least to 1915, when, after a hot election, the Gaston Kings Mountain and Cleveland Kings Mountain became all-Cleveland.

Shooting began anew the past week-end, occasioned by reaction to what appeared to be a rather innocuous Kings Mountain Lake Authority bill, even if the bill does require eight pages.

Certain Shelby and county echelons undertook to shoot the bill down, with Chairman Robert F. Morgan, of the county planning board, a major inciter to riot.

The result was that the Monday public hearing called by the planning board on its lake area zoning plans became an inquisition on the Lake Authority bill. The audience even was allowed (invited) to vote on the bill, which is hardly cricket in polite governmental society, the matter not being on the agenda, and officials involved not having been consulted.

Kings Mountain citizens have reacted in kind. They were disappointed, and angry, even madly angry, and up in arms.

Sample comments:

"Same old story."

"What would you expect?"

"That Shelby crowd!"

"Stealing again!"

Of course, some of the more flavorful comments are unprintable in a newspaper such as this, published for family consumption.

One strident voice at the planning board meeting has a heavy vested interest in the doings. Buford Cline has not seen fit to accept proffer of the city for property for the Kings Mountain lake, will retain property with miles of lake shoreline. Another who hasn't seen fit to settle, Coleman Goforth, had his attorney present to do his flag-waving. Do they want inflated prices for their properties plus control of the lake?

The planning board has not been Kings Mountain's friend in the water project from 'way back. It's back-watering through flirtation with a county water system delayed final approval of the Kings Mountain Buffalo Creek project for several months.

Kings Mountain does not dabble in the business of Shelby, Fallston, Polkville, and Boiling Springs, nor neighboring Grover either.

Turnabout ought to spell fair play.

Upcoming Event

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club's 12th annual Talent Show is in the planning stage and already youngsters at the several schools in the Kings Mountain system are competing for the right and honor of taking part in the big event.

President Hoyle D. McDaniel reports that last year's show netted \$2,382 and that these funds are making possible completion of the sidewalk to serve the high school from Gold street.

This job complete, the Kiwanis club has devoted receipts from the event this year to construction of some tennis courts (there are none) at the high school.

President McDaniel says, "We know that the money we make and projects that we undertake are important to the young people of our community. Also, we feel that the enthusiasm, excitement, and hard work that these boys and girls put into the Kiwanis Talent Show each year are very important."

Agreed.

It is easy to second the motion of President McDaniel in his invitation for renewed support of this popular event from industrial and commercial citizens.

Ten Days To Get In

Two years ago, Kings Mountain held a highly unusual city election. There were only two contests for the six elective positions at City Hall and for the first time since the city was chartered in 1874 there was no contest for mayor (excepting, of course, the years 1939-47, when the commission designated one of its members as His Honor).

This election year the city seems returning to normal, with 15 candidates filed for now seven City Hall elective offices.

Ground rules, of course, on city elections are somewhat different today from those a few decades ago.

For several seasons it was customary for opposition slates to make their bids at the last minute.

Eugene Matthews, for many years the shop foreman at the Herald, said he was awakened many times in the early hours of election morning to print the ballots of the late-going slates.

Today Kings Mountain political horses going to post must pay their entry fees not later than 15 days before the election.

The calendar says April 28, just ten days distant.

Committees

Committees are often vilified in various ways. A sure way to kill a proposal, it has been charged, is to refer it to a committee. Another charge is that a committee is a refuge for non-working figureheads. The charges are sometimes true.

Governor Dan Moore was criticized, particularly, during the early days of his administration, for "referring everything to a study committee."

Similarly did Mayor John Henry Moss get knowing smiles in some circles with the raft of citizens' committees he appointed during his first administration.

Well, the Mayor told all Wednesday in his re-election announcement statement.

He, with city commission concurrence, had appointed exactly 20 citizens' committees with membership grossing 250 citizens.

The Mayor credited these 20 committees with a large measure of the accomplishments of his two administrations.

An important note or two can be added. Is the committee expected to work? Is the committee reminded it is expected to work?

The committees serving the city will attest they have been reminded sufficiently. One businessman remarked recently, "I worked more for the City of Kings Mountain last year for nothing than I did for the folk who pay me."

That reminds there's yet another on the books. The Mayor hasn't yet appointed the authorized city stadium committee.

The Painful Word

One of the more painful words in the English language is cancer. In many instances it spells pain and sure death for the patient and concern and heartache for friends and relatives.

Yet strides have been made in the treatment of this disease, of which there are many forms.

External cancers, discovered and treated in time, produce a well-expatiant internal forms in the throat, for instance, can be removed successfully.

The reason for improvement in treatment techniques is research.

Polio has been licked, tuberculosis is a seldom known disease in this nation. Younger doctors in Gastonia a few years ago were mystified by a case of typhoid fever which the doctors had never seen. (An older doctor brought the girl back to health.)

Thus the reasons for liberal support of the Cancer Crusade. Kings Mountain's goal is \$4,000.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By MARTIN HARMON

Oscar W. Myers doesn't mean to quit, working, that is.

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He told a friend recently, "Every day I work, I add a day to my life. Every day I don't, I subtract one."

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He is saying, I suspect, what many folk who look forward to so-called "rocking chair" days, with social security, few required duties and a yen for fishing poles learn quickly. Indeed, as the late Moffatt Ware told me not long after he retired, "I need a job." I asked, "You mean about two weeks of resting get you well caught up?" Moffatt replied, "You betcha." And it wasn't long before Moffatt was working.

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Mr. Myers, of course, has worked a few years. He is an octogenarian who looks and acts 20 years younger and, of course, has worked a few years, only the recent 37 of them in Kings Mountain.

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After liquidating Myers' Department Store ten years ago, Mr. Myers kept his hand in, even after moving to Charlotte, by doing part-time duty for W. S. Fulton, Jr. and has continued since.

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Ten days ago, Mr. Myers reported for sales duty at Plunk Brothers and, as Mr. Myers expresses it, "rejoined forces with Paul Walker." I had asked Paul, before talking with Mr. Myers the why of it and Paul replied, "He said he wanted to work and we said, fine, come to work." His Plunk Brothers schedule calls for four-day per week duty.

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It is a rejoining of forces.

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If I recall correctly, Mr. Myers employed young Paul Walker from Haywood Lynch's Kings Mountain Herald, where Paul was doing after-school and part-time duty. Mr. Myers came through the Herald back door one day to find Paul leaning against the wall with his foot propped against it. Mr. Myers asked, "What you doing?" Paul said he was waiting to go to work, explaining that his schedule for the day began some 15 minutes later.

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Shortly thereafter, Paul was a Myers' employee. "I figured anybody waiting to go to work was a good man," Mr. Myers related.

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Excepting for Paul's four years with Uncle Samuel's army during World War II, he was associated with the Myers firm, bulk of them as manager. After the Myers liquidation, Paul joined Plunk Brothers & Company as manager. After ten years Paul and Mr. Myers are together again.

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Mr. Myers will mark his official 37th anniversary in Kings Mountain on election day (May 13th). That was the day he opened King's Mountain's Belk's Department Store in the former Baker Hardware building. Times were tough for it was the depths of the Great Depression. The Belk store he had moved from neighboring Clover, S. C. He remained with Belk's until opening his own store seven years later.

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I knew him, of course, but my close association with Mr. Myers began in 1945 when I purchased the Herald. I pride myself as being friends, as well as an advertiser, with my customers. Oscar Myers was, and is, one of my best. A man of remarkable emotional equilibrium is Mr. Myers. During 14 years and since, I don't recall his showing himself upset but once.

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Mr. Myers puts to shame the "thou must retire at 65" dictum inferred by the social security and company retirement programs and enforced by many companies. For some, it is said, life begins at 40. The point, of course, is to keep going. Mr. Myers, like Hunter Patterson, an other octogenarian, credits his physical well-being to walking a lot.

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He didn't know I was going to write all this about him and I hope he won't mind.



Viewpoints of Other Editors

PRESS 'FREEDOM'

Freedom of the press is something everybody is for in the abstract. The trouble starts when a newspaper or other publication on a newspaper or other publication stops just lauding the free press guarantee and goes to exercising it.

Student editors, even more than the rest of us, are likely to learn swiftly the difference between principle and practice, as two examples in the recent run of the Arkansas news remind us.

At Jacksonville, Ark., the mayor has declared the city pound off limits to a high school editor named John Paul Jones Jr., and other student critics of the pound operation, after a blistering editorial Jones wrote about the way the city was allegedly treating captive dogs.

At Ouachita Baptist University the administration has been under pressure from several Baptist groups about the state to compel the student editor of the OBU Signal to "retract" and apologize for an editorial on the mixed drink bill. The Signal endorsed the Rockefeller administration's mixed drink bill, in a show of common sense and realism that would commend itself to the critics of the student paper.

The editor, Bobby Stover, has been warned by his critics in language that shows again how marvelous is the American capacity for euphemism. A missions superintendent at Pine Bluff wrote: "We would defend your right to speak what you think but at the same time remind you that with every privilege you enjoy there is also a responsibility to be borne." The Ashley County Baptist Association put it somewhat more directly: "We recognize the right of editorial freedom, but this freedom is not license."

Bobby Stover's critics are ready to defend "to the death" one presumes) his right to freedom of the press but not if he chooses to endorse the mixed drink bill or in some other way disagrees with the club's own set convictions. Long live the First Amendment!

The Little Rock (Ark.) Gazette

VANISHING ANIMAL
An American eagle — whose image appears on money, official seals and other trappings of government and patriotism — is being treated in St. Louis for paralysis of the legs and feet. The Animal Protective Association says it was poisoned by fish from a river polluted by man.

This bird is the same as the bald eagle that is exhibited in the Lincoln Park Zoo. On its cage hangs a sign reading "Vanishing Animal." The same sign hangs on the cages of 13 other birds and animals.

Some time ago, we recall, the zoo director, Dr. Lester E. Fisher, exhibited the world's most dangerous animal. You saw it by looking into a mirror. It too will become a vanishing animal some day unless it changes its ways.

Chicago Daily News

THE REAL THING

What fascinated us most about that news story reporting Richard Burton hired a violinist to serenade ailing wife Liz Taylor at Hollywood's Cedars of Lebanon Hospital was that at last someone found a place that didn't have a piano.

The Knoxville News-Sentinel

POP OR GRANDPOP?

Music teachers across America are debating:

Do you start the child off on Beethoven and then link that up with the Beatles or the soul music he's already hooked on?

Or do you start with the child where he and his pop stuff are right now, and work up gradually to the classics?

Do you start with "do, re, mi" or do you start with spontaneous sound-making, like tapping toes, jingling and humming?

Is some of the present anti-art dangerous? Should one teach children that random sound happenings are part of music — or just nonsense?

Anyone with all the right answers, please send them to Music Educators National Conference, which recently discussed all of this dissonantly and without any harmonious resolution.

The Plain Dealer

THE CAMEL TRAIL

With mixed drinks already permitted in Virginia and neighboring Georgia, the two Carolinas represent a dwindling desert in the vast oasis. And this week comes word that, up in North Carolina, sentiment for liquor-by-the-drink again has begun to sprout.

It is not hard to understand why. Virginia resorts, finally freed from the restraints of prohibition, have begun to cater to the in-estate tourist business. Unless North Carolina can shake loose from similar restraints, her share of the tourist trade will dry up like the state. This being so, the chances are fair — chances of quelling prohibitionist sentiment in the South are never good — that North Carolina will adopt some form of local-option drink bill.

Where would that leave South Carolina? High and dry is where. It is impossible to calculate how many vacationers now whiz through South Carolina on the camel train between Florida and the North. Permissive liquor laws in North Carolina can only hurt the Palmetto State, just as Virginia's have hurt the Tar Heels. And just as Georgia's have already hurt South Carolina.

It seems inevitable that South Carolina ultimately will accede to the popular demand for mixed drinks. Up and down the East Coast, the Carolinas are the only holdouts. Soon — this year perhaps — North Carolina will catch on and make South Carolina unique.

One is reminded of what the governor of North Carolina is said to have remarked to the governor of South Carolina about there being a long time between drinks. So it is, if you're driving between Virginia and Georgia. Which is why, here in the Carolinas, it is often a long time between tourists.

The Columbia State

Filing Deadline Is April 30th

GREENSBORO, N. C. — Employers have an important tax deadline on April 30, according to J. E. Wall, District Director of Internal Revenue Service in North Carolina.

This is the last day for reporting and paying both social security and withheld income taxes for the quarter ending March 31, 1969.

Employers should report these taxes on the IRS preaddressed Form 941 mailed to them. They have until May 12 to file their return provided their quarterly tax liability has been fully and timely deposited in a Federal Reserve or authorized commercial bank.

If the balance due with the return is more than \$100, it should be deposited in a Federal Reserve Bank or authorized commercial bank, using Form 501. Lesser amounts can be sent with the return.

The completed Form 941 should be mailed to "Internal Revenue Service, 4800 Buford Highway, Chamblee, Georgia 30006." Further information can be obtained by writing for "Employer's Tax Guide," Publication 15. Requests should be mailed to District Director, Internal Revenue Service, 320 So th Ashe Street, Greensboro, N. C. 27401.

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The Family of the late Nathaniel H. Alexander, Sr. wishes to express their appreciation to his doctors, nurses and others who so kindly rendered tender service and care during his illness and death.

To our many friends and neighbors, your faithfulness during his illness, and your kind expression of sympathy at his death — the many cards, flowers, telegrams and other services rendered will always be remembered.

May the blessings of our Father be with you always.

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