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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase. Proverbs 3:9.

## We Vote Tuesday

Not in the memory of the Herald in the past quarter century has it been as difficult to find definitive information on terms of an election in this state.

Reference is made, of course, to the upcoming election on Tuesday whereby citizens of 100 individual counties decide — all voting at the same time — whether one or more of the particular counties want imposed upon the citizens an additional one percent sales tax.

Local informants were not completely sure.

The Herald therefore called Secretary of State Thad Eure. Mr. Eure was out and the young lady routed to Clyde Smith, assistant secretary. Mr. Smith had read the text only cursorily, he said, and switched the call to Mr. Gooch, chief of the state department of revenue's sales tax division. Mr. Gooch was out of the office, too, but the bright young lady thought the man to know the answers was Hudson Stansbury, of the department's tax research division.

With Mr. Stansbury on the line, the Herald was home.

John T. Morrissey, counsel for the North Carolinian County Commissioners' association, predicts that one-third of the counties will approve the one percent tax. He can find many who would like to place some wagers against that premise.

Outside the fact that Tar Heels are unhappy, still, about the new cigarette tax, the new soft drink tax, and the increased gasoline tax, governmental leaders at the state level oppose, de facto if not admittedly, giving a state taxation avenue away. Lieutenant-Governor H. Pat Taylor almost said as much at the recent League of Municipalities convocation in Asheville.

It is a fact, however, that the hard-pressed counties, greatest beneficiaries from the proposal, need some source of revenue other than ad valorem taxes. County revenues from licenses and fees are puny indeed. Great numbers of municipalities are equally hard-pressed. There are only 73 "electric" cities, those which distribute profit-making electric power. Only a very few are in the natural gas distribution business.

Citizens probably would be smart to swap off increasing upward pressure on ad valorem taxes, that one-year bite which gets meaner all the time, for the one percent sales tax pay-as-you-go-plan.

But few counties are likely to buy the swap on Tuesday.

The prediction: a light vote and nay.

## Attack on Additives

A lady remarked: "Metrecal has been my lunch for years. At least I'm going to use up what I've got."

Another: "You mean Segos on the list? I just bought two packages!"

Both these were among the long list of products included in the edict by the Federal Food and Drug Administration banning the list from production and sale. All contained cyclamates an additive thought innocuous. When experiments showed cyclamates were suspected of producing cancer in rats, the law was invoked.

Next came monosodium glutamate, a baby food additive.

DDT, the long-used insecticide, is under heavy attack.

And saccharin, the artificial sweetener, is also under suspicion.

What is it, one opponent asked, do they want to add to Kings Mountain's water supply?

Uh, sodium fluoride. . .

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

Edwin Moore was presenting the speaker at Tuesday night's meeting of the Lions Club.

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"I know," he suggested, "that a man who needs no introduction is the most over-used phrase when presenting a speaker. However, in this case it's true—except for deep Southerners, Yankees and Foreigners."

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The teasing on Ed's presenting Myers Hambright was directed principally at Lions President Ray Holmes, our limey friend who wishes he had citizenship at voting time. However, the teasing applied, too, to a new member of the club, Paul Johnsonbaugh, transferring in from the Lincoln-ton, Gawga club.

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It was a banner membership night, as two new Lions were inducted by Past President Richard Barnette. They are Jim Downey, sponsored by his boss Odus Smith, and Grady Childers, sponsored by John Reavis.

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The Lions have a good time and much of the good fun is due to Dave Saunders, the right honorable tail twister. Dave is quite as blood-thirsty as the king of the jungle and fines his fellows for the most minor of infractions. He never leaves a meeting until the Lion-type piggy bank is well-laden.

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The Lions are sometimes sacrilegious, even to their guests. In process of getting Myers on his feet, Edwin noted that Myers had graduated from Clemson in 1939. A voice from the audience quipped, "You mean he finished at age 39."

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Myers came back strong. "I am proud to be here to speak to the Lions," Myers intoned. Then, looking in the direction of his faculty conferees Football Mentor Bill Bates, Myers continued, "I will be nice and not say the Golden Lions." What was that Shelby-Kings Mountain score?

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Moving into the meat of his talk a resume of progress during the past nine years in vocational offerings at Kings Mountain High School, Myers lampooned the department of public instruction folk in mild degree as he related that after 30 years, North Carolina no longer offers its high schoolers vocational education. "It's now 'occupational education'," he reported, "but I'm having trouble getting accustomed to it."

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Myers credits the area consolidation of schools, which now produce a 1200-plus high school population, as a major factor in the vast broadening of the vocational, occupational offerings now available. Previously, vocational education was limited to agriculture and home economics in the county schools and the city school didn't even have agriculture.

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There's a great change today, with 760 students enrolled in one or another vocational class, not to mention 70 adults. There are seven divisions, agriculture, office, distributive education, home economics, trade and industrial, vocational guidance and guidance. Implementing these are the work-while-you study programs, through industrial cooperative training, and other programs where the students go into part-time private employment and earn while they learn.

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The vocational teachers are training students to become cosmetologists, furniture finishers, tailors, computer operators, auto mechanics, masons, upholsterers, retail salesmen, seamstresses, etc., seemingly ad infinitum.

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Mr. Hambright noted that work-in-service programs constitute contracts between the student, his parents, the school, and the employer. The student must get passing marks, both from the school and from the employer.

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Myers was loaded with note sheets, made of ploy of seeming inability to find a particular sheet. He said it reminded him of the preacher who found paging trouble just as he had said, "And Adam said to Eve. . ." He extracted another wrong sheet, "And Adam said to Eve. . ." Yet another wrong sheet: "And Adam said to Eve. . . uh. . . there's a leaf missing."

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The Shelby Chamber of Commerce request of the county commission for a \$400 appropriation should be filed by the commission in the one file it belongs: Number 13.

## The Bitter and the Sweet



## Viewpoints of Other Editors

### WORDS AND POWER

As sometimes happens, we concluded our weekly regimen of news reading recently to find a minor development more persistently on our minds than the dominating events: A news magazine reported that among college students the study of English currently is in disfavor because, among other things, it isn't "relevant."

Now, as some English scholars currently contend, the traditional approaches to teaching English could well be in need of review, but the suggestion that the study of language has little to do with seemingly more compelling problems strikes us as uncommonly shortsighted.

For it is increasingly clear that while man has made great progress in transmitting words rapidly from place to place, his progress in learning to use them better has been negligible. And this may have more to do with world problems than many would care to admit.

These thoughts recalled an essay entitled, "Politics and the English Language," written by George Orwell a quarter-century ago.

"As soon as certain topics are raised," Mr. Orwell wrote, referring to the quality of public prose, "the concrete melts into the abstract and no one seems able to think of turns of speech that are not hackneyed: Prose consists less and less of words chosen for the sake of their meaning and more and more of phrases tacked together like the sections of a prefabricated hen house."

Now inadequate use of language may not strike many as a serious matter; yet when important issues are involved, it assumes a somber weight. Mr. Orwell, for example, points out the often unconscious use of euphemism by government leaders:

"Millions of peasants are robbed of their farms and sent trudging along the roads with no more than they can carry; this is called 'transfer of population' or 'rectification of frontiers'. People are imprisoned for years without trial or shot in the back of the neck or sent to die of scurvy in Arctic lumber camps. This is called 'elimination of unreliable elements'."

The danger, Mr. Orwell suggested, is that such euphemistic or otherwise inaccurate writing can lead to similarly dubious thinking. Language, he said, can corrupt thought, and indeed, actual policy. "What is above all needed," he said, "is to let the meaning choose the word and not the other way about. In prose the worst thing one can do with words is to surrender them."

So, is the study of English "relevant?" "One ought to recognize that the present political chaos is connected with the decay of language, and that one can probably bring about some improvement by starting at the verbal end," Mr. Orwell declared, so long ago. It would be superfluous to mention more than a couple of the abundant euphemisms, half-truths and other linguistic corruptions currently in vogue, from the Vietnam war bureaucrat's "pacification" to the alienated youth's "cultural fascism."

The point is that despite Mr. Orwell's warning, communications technology has made the situation he lamented worse than ever. And it is hardly reassuring to learn that a generation supposedly politically aware may not grasp the importance of the competent use of words. — Wall Street Journal

### Ten Years Ago

Items of interest which occurred approximately ten years ago

A \$100,000 county-wide bond issue for a 25-bed addition to Kings Mountain hospital has been scheduled for December 12th.

Plonk Brothers & Company is renovating the adjacent building previously occupied by the state employment office branch and expects to open its expanded quarters next weekend.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL  
Grover Woman's club won a silver bowl for its outstanding record of community service among clubs with membership of 40 or less at the District 4 meeting Thursday of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

### POSTAL REFORM STALEMATED

One of the signal failures of Congress this session is the impasse reached by the House Post Office Committee on President Nixon's bill to reorganize the postal service as an independent government corporation similar to the Tennessee Valley Authority.

Despite widespread public support and bipartisan sponsorship, the House Post Office Committee deadlocked on a tie vote on the administration's outstanding reform proposal, principally because of the opposition of its chairman, Rep. Thaddeus J. Dulski, a Democrat from Buffalo.

Chairman Dulski wants to scuttle the administration's proposal in favor of a bill of his own which would make token changes within the existing framework of the Post Office and, willy-nilly, perpetuate the worst inefficiencies of the current system.

Congressional opposition to a major realignment of the Post Office comes as no surprise. It should be noted that the more than 750,000 employees of the Post Office are represented on Capitol Hill by potent unions which regularly are among the highest spending lobbies in Congress.

The reason for their potency and for the solicitude Congress shows them is that under the present setup the Post Office is actually managed by the 545 members of Congress, at least in such important matters as budget, salaries, rates, and appointments. Congress is reluctant to give up its influence on the Post Office and the postal unions in turn are reluctant to give up their influence on Congress.

That leaves the reorganization proposal in deep doubt, although the practicality of the plan is plain. Unless the Senate adopts President Nixon's reform measure and prevails upon the House to accept it in conference committee, reform-minded lawmakers will have to propound the measure as an amendment from the floor.

The success in bypassing the House Post Office Committee will depend largely on a public lobby as a counter-force to the professional lobbies in Washington. Mail users who are less than satisfied with the overgrown, outmoded and inefficient system should heed the shopworn but nonetheless significant suggestion that they write their congressmen to advocate that the Post Office be taken out of politics and out of debt. — Boston Herald Traveler

### THE ANGRY BUILDERS

Nearly 2,000 of the nation's home builders, understandably angered by inflation's impact on their industry, descended on Washington the other day to seek relief. Unfortunately, however, some of their proposals could make their problems worse.

Inflation obviously has pushed the costs of land and materials and has helped encourage construction workers to seek, and often get, huge wage increases. All of this has boosted house prices so high that many potential buyers have been squeezed out of the market.

Up to that point, the home builders' problems are much the same as those of many other industries. The builders' special difficulties arise from the fact that the Government at long last is trying to curb inflation pressures, with the result that housing funds are both less plentiful and more expensive. Still more potential customers thus are barred from the market.

The builders' chief proposals call for the Government to channel billions of dollars into the housing market. They seem not to realize that this would add to the inflationary pressures that were hobbling housing, along with other industries, long before the Government began to counterattack with policies of fiscal and monetary restraint.

While the road back to reasonable price stability may be especially rough for housing, the industry also has a great deal to gain from a return to that happy state. So it's a little ironic that it's spending so much of its energy urging an entirely different course.

Wall Street Journal

### UNKEMPT VS. DANDY

A writer in the British magazine Encounter refers to a certain style of dress as "deliberate unkemptness." Some hippies affect this style: Exuberant hair, uncontrolled; tattered jeans; indis-

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Mrs. Patricia Pace

criminate dress. Some resemblance to the poet Ginsberg, or to a Che' Guevara partisan after a long night's march in the rain.

At the other extreme is "exquisite dandyism." This applies to dressing with every fancy furbelow, like a scintillating Beau Brummell.

Which leads us to a philosophical question: Is it much easier to affect the "deliberate unkemptness" than to try on the "exquisite dandyism"? Experience suggests that it is not. Consider: Bedraggled hair is uncomfortable. It gets into the eyes, the mouth, the soup. A beard, unless it is to resemble a horsehair sofa come apart in the attic, has to be trimmed. This takes nearly as long as shaving the face with a modern razor.

And the clothes: you have to hunt, or tear, or sometimes pay good money, to find or fashion the bedraggled jeans, or the travel-stained military jacket. And you dare not wash and wear, with simple modern wash-and-wear.

Of course this unkemptness is a protest against society, a rallying to attention, a put-on. But often the occupant is putting on more burden than freedom. Just ask someone of this persuasion how easy it is to thump a ride. — Christian Science Monitor

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