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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck up and destroy that nation, saith the Lord. Jeremiah 12:17.

Speed Record?

First occupants of Kings Mountain's low rent housing project will be in their new, modern, soundly-constructed quarters on July 1.

The occupancies will have taken place slightly less than 42 months, or three and one-half years, since Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority, Inc., was constituted by the city board of commissioners.

At first look, requirement of 42 months seem like the proverbial pace of the tortoise and the snail, which is mighty slow.

Yet the fact is that the Kings Mountain authority will be in business a year earlier than did neighboring Shelby and Hendersonville, and considerably more quickly than many other cities.

Occupancy date would have been at least six months earlier had not the Department of Housing and Urban Development folk had not been forced to pull up on Kings Mountain's reins due to a simple fact: "We're out of money authority."

The prime reason Kings Mountain low-rent housing is in business more quickly than some other city's authorities is the fact of cooperation of many citizens. In contrast to the experience of the other authorities, low rent housing elicited a minimum of opposition from citizens nominally alarmed by competitive threats—those in rental housing, the building trades, lending institutions, and private builders.

The housing authority was able to buy nine sites at fair market prices. On one tract, for instance, the asking price of the owner and the value assigned by the registered appraiser were only \$50 different.

It was agreed by the members of the housing authority before any sites were picked that its condemnation power would be exercised only as a last resort.

This power was used in only four instances and in each it was a friendly action. The sale price had already been agreed to by both seller and the authority and the condemnation actions were taken to clear title and other legal ramifications.

Kings Mountain folk continue to exhibit a feet-on-the-ground quality with which some communities are not as well blessed. They showed it in supplying the funds to provide modern sewage disposal and an adequate water supply.

They showed their awareness of the low rent housing need by acknowledging the report of the Department of Conservation and Development on the large incidence of sub-standard housing and cooperating in this project—started about 30 years after public housing first came into being as a federal policy.

The project would have come to fruition with less cooperation, but there would not have been a speed record.

Air Pollution Here

Kings Mountain folk know there is some air pollution here. They see an occasional smokestack belching forth, fret when they get behind a smoke-trailing truck or bus, and catch their breathes when they pass over McGill Creek at the right time, on the right day, with the right humidity.

Basically, however, Kings Mountain folk do not relate the air pollution problem in these environs with those of the big industrial cities.

They should not, undoubtedly, but, on basis on one 24-hour test Kings Mountain has its share of air pollution.

Jack Woody, air pollution specialist with the county health department, put out a snow white filter recently in a spot off Cherryville Road. When he retrieved the filter exactly 24 hours later, the filter was no longer snow white, but black as tar. The report form also has a weight chart (before and after) on it, but the air blackened filter had not been weighed yet. Undoubtedly, it will weigh in much heavier than the three-plus milligrams the snow white filter did.

Two firms here, Woody reports, are planning experimental programs to pare as much as possible the air pollution generated by their manufacturing operations.

That is good news.

Powell Bites Dust

It was close, but his erstwhile constituents-in-the-hip-pocket finally did what the House of Representatives of the United States could not do: Tuesday they voted the veteran Representative into lame-duck status by defeating him in the Democratic primary.

Congressman Powell's escapades are legend and most Congressmen as careless with federal funds as he would have been pastured by their constituents long ago. Plain folk would have been behind bars.

Yet, Powell, who doubled in brass as a preacher, was returned to Washington again and again and again.

The late Congressman Graham Barden, of New Bern, was for many years chairman of the House committee on education and labor. For some years prior to Barden's retirement, Powell was ranking member in seniority of the committee. If Barden left, Powell was the chairman. A Kings Mountain man, who some years ago had an apartment in the Barden home in New Bern, says Mr. Barden returned to Congress at least two terms when his health was poor, for the sole reason of preventing Powell's taking over this important and sensitive committee chairmanship. Powell finally made the chairmanship.

Not too long after he acceded to the chairmanship came the disclosures which put Powell on the hot seat.

He was re-elected, but his confreres of the House declined to seat him. Powell, in effect, was a Congressman without a country. Yet he returned to the electorate and the electorate sent him back again.

This time, the voters changed, or enough of them, to mark the end, apparently, of Powell's long-time Washington flirtation.

Let it be hoped.

Remedy Asked

The problem of some 35 to 40 East Kings Mountain school children, who live in the City of Kings Mountain but in Gaston County, without the bounds of the Kings Mountain school district tends to defy understanding.

For several years, the students, many of them within walking distance of East elementary school of the grade to attend there, have been admitted, but on a tuition basis.

The simple fact is that the City of Kings Mountain, as a governmental entity, has nothing to do with the operation of the schools, or the collection of school taxes. This is the province of the district board of education and the county commission.

It is a problem that should be resolved.

The Kings Mountain district board of education has taken the first step to resolve this problem by agreeing to request General Assembly action to surmount the hurdles of legalities.

Properly so. The vast amount of school monies are provided by the state of North Carolina. Once approximating 80 percent, the state contribution is now a greater percentage.

Then there's the bus business. When a school pupil can walk to school, thereby leave his home later and return earlier, it is better for him. It is also better for state coffers, which supply transport operational costs, and for the school district, which buys the buses, when initially purchased.

The state is moving on a path toward regional planning and operation in several directions.

The county line barrier should be removed in situations like this school one.

A cordial welcome to Rev. N. C. Bush, newly-assigned pastor of Grace United Methodist church, and best wishes to Rev. J. C. Lane, who has been transferred to a pastorate at Mocksville.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

Following one's nose can be quite fruitional. At least, I found it true on Sunday afternoon when my wife and I were guests of Mrs. Howard Jackson on a tour of the Foxcroft-South Park-Providence Road sections of Charlotte.

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Howard had exited at the airport to catch a 5:20 flight to New York, and Hazel had a gift to deliver to her great-nephew, age one on the recent Sabbath. Alas, the lad was off gallivanting with his parents to Grandmother's in Hickory and hadn't returned. We missed the pleasure of meeting him.

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Hazel then conducted the tour to see the big, well-architured homes, some of which must qualify for "mansion" category. One is immediately led to the conclusion that Charlotte is, indeed, a city of wealth and/or mortgages, or both.

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The Foxcroft section is now, in residential homes and lots, what once was Morrocroft, the vast farm of the late Governor-Senator-Congressman Cameron Morrison. The Morrison greenhouse still stands and is in use. I remembered Governor Morrison from the history books as North Carolina's predecessor to Governor Kerr Scott as "the good roads governor", his program being paved highways linking all of the state's 100 county seats. But when was he Governor? Was it 1917-21, or 1921-25? Shortly, we had the answer. An historical marker detailed his term of service as 1921-25.

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But THE house Hazel wanted us to see was the home of the Martin Cannon's Jr., a mammoth modified New Orleans style. The road in was marked "Private Entrance". We drove in anyway ("We don't look too tughish, I averred) to get a better view of the back, followed our nose a bit further to turn around and found a marker leading to another beautiful home reading "Dr. O. B. Ross, Jr."

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"Hey, hey," says I, "this guy's a college classmate. There's something I need to check out with him." Chauffeur Hazel asked, "Want to drive in?" Sure. I rang the bell and nine-year-old Charles Ross greeted me. Father and another brother were playing golf, but Mother was home. I had met Mrs. Ross five years ago, but she looked me over prettily carefully until I mentioned the meeting and the fact her husband and I were classmates. We chatted with her a few minutes and my friend Otho and golfing son returned from a father-son tournament, feeling reasonably pleased they left with their score third on the board.

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The check-out concerned an argument between Linda Biser Behrens and me. I KNEW Otho's sister Jane had married Phil Hammer, UNC Daily Tar Heel editor in 1935-36. Phil, a Washington-Atlanta economic consultant, had been Linda's employer in Washington a few years ago and Linda KNEW he hadn't married the Jane Ross who also worked in the Washington office. Both Linda and I may be right, but I confirmed that Phil married the Jane Ross I knew. Otho is an internal medicine specialist and a fraternity brother of Dr. George Plonk. Hazel, like Otho a Charlotte native, and he had a good time comparing notes on Charlotte folk.

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Dinner of shrimp chow mein, egg roll, and barbecued spare ribs followed at the Jung restaurant, served by a pretty, smiling and courteous Chinese lass named Mimi Tsai.

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Hazel stopped for gas and the station attendant asked if she had the exact change or credit card, acknowledged the night-time requirement a defense against hold-ups. "But they don't bother me," the young man said. "I shot a guy trying a stick-up at a station down the street."

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A. E. (Jim) Conner, Public Housing maintenance man, was being teased during Wednesday's inspection. He's been called on the carpet by the HUD inspector for failure to put in one door-stop. But Jim had a fast and proud comeback. "That door which wouldn't close I trimmed just right, didn't I?" Jim rejoined.

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Right it was. The inspector's test was to put a dollar bill under the door, close it, then try to pull out the dollar. The dollar wouldn't budge, signaling the proper fit.

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Wednesday was my wife's birthday and her Mother was up for lunch. Well, I told Mrs. James, now Anne joins you and me in sharing famous birthdays. Mrs. James sharing President Herbert Hoover's. I President Harry Truman's. "Whose?" Mrs. James wanted to know.

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"Jack Dempsey's," I chortled, "the HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION of the world!" I apologized. Lightning struck and it just came out.

Cooling-off Period



Viewpoints of Other Editors

CORRESPONDENTS AND FREEDOM

This newspaper wishes to express its gratitude for the release of Miss Elizabeth Pond, its correspondent in Vietnam, and for that of the two other correspondents captured with her. We further wish to voice appreciation for the manner in which on the whole, they were treated by their captors.

Further, we trust that the consideration given Miss Pond and her companions and the understanding shown of their role as correspondents has set a precedent for the treatment and release of other newsmen still in Communist hands in Southeast Asia.

There has never been a war in which American correspondents, and those associated with them, have sought harder to do a competent, factual, straightforward job of reporting than has been the case during the current conflict. Indeed, so successful have they been in this effort to be accurate and factual that they have often come under attack at home.

The great majority of correspondents have sought to report the war exactly as they saw and experienced it. They have been as sharp and as conscientious in reporting the misdeeds of the United States and its allies as they have those of the opposing side. To cite but one example, the revelations concerning the My Lai massacre show a journalistic determination to report honestly and fearlessly regardless of the result of this reporting.

With such a record, newspaper correspondents clearly merit recognition as performing a role above and beyond that of mere appendages to one side or the other. They are serving the larger cause of informing of one of mankind's most dangerous postwar crises. We trust the release of these three journalists bespeaks a growing recognition of this role.

We are further encouraged by the pledge from Prince Sihanouk that he will continue to exercise his influence on behalf of these newsmen still being held. We are grateful for his good offices where Miss Pond was concerned and trust that his efforts on behalf of others will be as fruitful.

Clearly, the Communists see the release as a means of winning goodwill and scoring points. Yet, their action does strengthen a growing world conviction that the transmission of news is an obligation all its own.

Christian Science Monitor

McClure, Jenkins Head Committee

Joe McClure and Miss Geraldine Jenkins have been named co-chairmen of a liaison group to work with the Kings Mountain Re-Development Commission and citizens who live in the 147-acre Cansler Street Urban Renewal Project.

Other members of the committee appointed yesterday by Joe Laney, director, are Ben F. Beam, J. Harold Plonk, Lester Ray Howell, C. L. Peels, Otis J. Tomes, Leroy Blanton, Luico Wilson, Lee Dixon, and Miss Leone Patterson.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Deborah Anne Plonk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Plonk, was listed on the second semester dean's list at Limestone college in Gaffney, S. C.

HOT SUMMER — AND ELECTRICITY

Americans learning of power shortages and blackouts and brownouts in postwar Europe and Asia used to say, "But it can't happen here." Now they are being warned that it can indeed happen. Electric power generation has definitely fallen behind demand, and may not catch up for five years or so.

So what does one do this summer if a 3 percent power brownout slows the air conditioner and shrinks the TV image, or if a blackout makes everything mid-night? Take it in stride — remembering ancestors who got by with kerosene lamps and candles. Additionally, strongly suggest to the power companies and the Federal Power Commission that they accelerate their power plant construction.

Make no mistake: affluence uses up electric current. And, despite dire poverty findings, the United States is affluent, beyond the dreams of Byzantines. Electric power demands rise by about 9 percent each year. Power companies plan to spend \$24 billion in the next five years, to overtake demand. Hopefully they can do this. But regulatory agencies in four states and the District of Columbia have already been told to ask their consumers to cut down on use of electric power.

This year's first peaking of demand—in New York State on a hot weekend—was successfully handled by drawing on Canadian power systems. Surely many more interchanges of power could be arranged, peak periods do not occur simultaneously across the country. Interior Secretary Hickel has outlined a plan for a national grid system that would enable plants in one area to draw on plants in other areas.

Plant expansion is of course encountering the objections of conservationists. Generating plants pollute air, heat up rivers, are unsightly, or carry a (very remote) threat of nuclear radiation. Here and there Americans may have to decide whether they want electric power or handsome scenery.

We are certain that a nation's power requirements can be met by generating plants that are safe, slightly and nonpolluting. But this is the challenge—a challenge that will be on hand for some years.

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Reavis Heads Lions Club

Johnny Reavis was installed as president of the Kings Mountain Lions club at Tuesday night's meeting at the Woman's club.

Installing officer and guest speaker was Past District Governor John Ed Davis of Shelby.

Other new officers of the club are Richard Greene, first vice-president; Dave Saunders, second vice-president; Charles Blanton, third vice-president; Jim Downey, secretary; Ed Moore, treasurer; Bill Bates, tall twister; Richard Barnett, assistant tall twister; Jack Hauser, Lion tamer; and Hal Plonk, Grady children, Howard Bryant, Odus Smith, and Carl Goforth.

DIXON SERVICE

Sunday evening worship service will be held at 7:15 p.m. at Dixon Presbyterian church with the Rev. Robert A. Wilson to deliver the message.

KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log

VISITING HOURS
3 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.
Daily 10:30 To 11:30 a.m.

- Henry G. Bailey
 - William B. Barber
 - Jack P. Barber
 - Clifford Bognett
 - Mrs. Bruce Boyles
 - Mrs. Calvin Bradshaw
 - Mary Peak Chalk
 - Mrs. Thomas J. Ellison
 - Ada Sellers Goforth
 - Amy Hawkins
 - Sidney Dulin Huffstetler
 - Alphild A. Johnson
 - Leona Ross Ormond
 - Mrs. Robert Ramsey
 - William P. Randall
 - Ida K. Rollins
 - Emma L. Sellers
 - Mrs. Fred Ramsey
 - Mrs. William Shuford
 - Anticho Parker Smith
 - Robert Harrison Webb
 - Rosetta F. Webb
 - Arthur E. Williams
 - Mrs. Jimmy L. Williams
- ADMITTED THURSDAY**
- Mrs. Freddie Hubert Clay
 - Claude J. Beam
 - Cheryl Lynn Spivey
 - Alice Hawkins Bickley
- ADMITTED FRIDAY**
- James Hamilton
- ADMITTED SATURDAY**
- Deborah Lynn Bingham
 - Herbert Chas. Lanford
 - Luther Wilburn Sellers
 - Joseph William Sellers
 - John Gann, Jr.
 - Lissie S. Johnson
 - Mrs. Russell Talley
 - Charles Edward Gamble
- ADMITTED SUNDAY**
- Ella Mae Hughes
 - Mrs. Willis Greene
 - Mrs. Grayson Brown
 - Lewis Calvin Guffey
 - Mrs. Edgar Neal
 - Laura R. Spearman
- ADMITTED MONDAY**
- Mrs. Rufus B. Ferguson, Jr.
 - Samuel Joshua Gingle
 - Carol Jo Davis
 - Mrs. Herbert L. Gardin
 - Mrs. Braxton Fincher
 - Mrs. Terry Lee McKinney
 - Mrs. Geo. H. Thornburg
 - Ms. Alexander J. Brooks
 - Mrs. Homer Kilgore
- ADMITTED TUESDAY**
- Mrs. James E. Greene
 - Margie Jeanette Greene
 - Mrs. Thomas Barnette
 - Mrs. Willis Leach
 - John Calvin Guiton
 - Beatrice E. Hill
 - Mrs. Herman A. Goforth
 - Mrs. Fred Camp
 - Mrs. Kenneth B. Barrett
 - William M. Fronberger
 - Laura Bell Deaton
 - Frank Warlick

Harris To Attend Demo Conference

Ollie Harris of Cleveland-Gaston County Senatorial District will join Gov. Robert W. Scott, Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor and other Democratic Party leaders in Raleigh July 13 for a statewide Campaign Conference sponsored by the Young Democratic Clubs.

YDC President Bob Bingham said the program will begin at 12:30 p.m. and end with a social in the early evening. Five 50-minute panel discussions on Campaign Management, Finance, Publicity, Issues and Democratic Leadership will be held.

Panel experts will include State Chairman Gene Simmons, former Chairman James V. Johnson of Charlotte, C & D Director Roy Sowers, Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham, Secretary of State Thad Eure, House Speaker Phil Godwin, Senate Speaker Pro Tem Hector McGeachy, Party Study Commission Chairman James Hunt of Wilson, Party Treasurer Joe Yates, George Bristol of the Democratic National Committee and Highway Chairman Lauch Faircloth.

This is the first Campaign Conference of its type to be sponsored by the YDC, and is aimed at arming Democratic nominees with ammunition for the coming fall elections.

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