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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. Psalm 19:1

### Approbation

The handsome majorities the voters gave Mayor John Henry Moss and City Commissioners Ray W. Cline, W. Selmore Biddix, Thomas J. Ellison, Norman King and James J. Dickey can be given a single interpretation.

The vast majority of the city's voters approve the policies and actions of the Mayor and Commissioners, who, with the exceptions of Mrs. Walker and Mr. Dickey, have been the City Hall team for the past six years. Mrs. Walker was first appointed to the board succeeding her late husband before being elected two years ago and Mr. Dickey joined the board representing new Ward 6 when the southwest section was annexed to the city.

The Herald feels sure that Bob Cox's slashing campaign was due to two factors: 1) Mr. Cox political inexperience and 2) questionable advice.

Several charges of Mr. Cox were sufficiently well-advised to the voters that they knew the charges to be incorrect. On utilities Kings Mountain is a "low rate" city, vying with Fayetteville for the lowest electric rates of the 73 North Carolina cities distributing electric power. The same low rate schedule is applicable to water rates, even with the 90 percent surcharge which is supplying the funds to pay for the water system and sewer system. The rates remain much lower than many Tar Heel cities charge. This is true of gas rates. This is possible because the three return profits, which, in turn, enables the city to maintain one of the lowest ad valorem tax rates in the state.

Some folk have the misimpression that federal grants for the water, sewer, and community center projects will have the community in debt to Uncle Sam for many years. Such is not the case. The grants are gifts, completely free once the government officials make their final inspections of the projects. Carl F. Mauney, chairman of the redevelopment commission, remarked when signing the application for federal funds for the central business re-development grant, "I used to think this was wrong. But I have come to realize that federal programs are there and if we don't apply for grants we're taxing ourselves at least doubly, maybe trebly. Our not applying isn't sufficient to change federal grant programs."

Discussion of escalated city budgets has one fallacy. The budget includes bond funds. When these bond projects are completed and the funds expended, the size of the budget will drop considerably.

Mr. Cox should take some solace in the fact that most of the 1661 votes for Mayor Moss were cast in the spirit of being "for" Moss, rather than "against" Cox.

The same can be said about the incumbent commissioners re-elected. The team at City Hall had kept its promises and has moved the city forward perhaps more than any time in the city's 97 year history.

Our congratulations to the Mayor and commission on their re-election and best wishes for continuing success in directing the city ship of state.

There were few issues advanced in the board of education race between Tommy Bridges and Joe Neisler, Jr., relegating the race to largely a personality campaign. Mr. Bridges' loss in the 1969 city commission election undoubtedly stood him in good stead Tuesday. That exposure may have represented his margin of victory. Another factor was that Mr. Neisler's work is out-of-town, limiting his daily availability to the voters. Our best bow to Mr. Bridges on his election. He will render the board good service.

Contributions are in order to the fund drive for the Bethlehem fire department truck. Send a check to Bennett Masters, drive chairman.

### Blue Law Bill

His partner Bennett Masters remarked that Senator Ollie Harris Sunday blue law bill had created a hot potato.

Similar blue law bills have been introduced before and have always produced a storm.

Opponents of the bill are retailers who open their businesses on Sunday, many of them chain discount houses. Proponents are the Sunday operators' opposite number who do not open on Sunday, the North Carolina Merchants Association their principal spokesman.

The Herald has not seen the text of Senator Harris' bill, but the Gastonia Gazette has and criticized it ardently in Wednesday's edition. Too many omissions from the list of goods unsalable on Sunday, the Gazette charges.

The Herald agrees with the Gazette with an added reason.

Blue laws have been declared legal by the courts, but the Herald wonders at the implication of state ruling for church.

Trend in Kings Mountain during the years has been away from Sunday operations. Several service stations which once operated on Sunday are now closed for the day. Drug stores once opened at 8 o'clock Sunday morning, closed during church hours and re-opened at 2 p.m. Now their hours are limited to Sunday afternoons and their soda fountains are closed.

### Congratulations

Sometimes the news all seems bad. Last week the Herald contained a large quantity of good news.

Thus congratulations are in order to:

Rick Finger and Ken Plonk, inducted at Chapel Hill into Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholarship fraternity.

The inductees into the National Honor Society at Kings Mountain high school, largest group inducted in the school's history.

High school May Queen Deborah Burns.

The members of the national champion duckpin bowlers, the Kings Mountain mixed team of Mrs. Jenny Oates, Mrs. Lib Gault, John Dilling, Albert Brackett and Ronnie Culberson, who set a record high score for the 41 year old tournament.

Grafton Withers, appointed to the Governor's School.

Bruce McDaniel, newly elected commander, and the other officers of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion.

Charles Mauney, honored by Pioneer Girl Scout council for his service to the organization; and

Miss Mary Alice McDaniel, newly elected president of Kings Mountain Junior Woman's Club.

### Welcome, Governor

Governor Robert W. Scott is honoring Kings Mountain Thursday by attending oath-taking ceremonies of officials elected Tuesday.

The Governor paid call to Kings Mountain during his tenure of lieutenant-governor, first to speak, later to campaign for the office he won.

It will be his first visit as Governor. North Carolina has been fortunate in its election of governors since the turn of the century and Bob Scott is no exception.

Kings Mountain welcomes him on his visit here Thursday.

In Sydney, Australia, where slot machine playing is a disease, a doctor has developed a shock therapy treatment to cure addicts and claims it's working. This disease is much like alcoholism. Some can put a dollar or two in a machine and, win or lose, that latter being more common, leave 'em alone. Others have a compulsion to put their last sou into the so-called one-armed bandits.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

In direct reference to Challenger Bob Cox's campaign charge that Mayor John Henry Moss is a "plunger" some of the Mayor's supporters have made him a gift which the Mayor rather proudly was displaying Wednesday on his desk. It is a plumber's plunger, used for unstopping sluggish drains. It is bedecked in red, white and blue crepe paper streamers, emblematic of the Mayor's campaign colors. The card attached reads, "An old plunger for an old Plunger. It's been good for several years and will be good for many more."

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Bill Brown, Belk's manager, is telling folk Jonas Bridges bought the Brown vote. It cost one cent, Jonas' version is a little different. "I think I was conned," Jonas laughs. "We were at the drug store fountain and Bill asked me for a penny. When I gave it to him he put it in his pocket." Bill said, "You've just bought my vote."

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A total of 1963 citizens went to the polls, a larger total than some had anticipated, but shy of the more than two thousand that have been cast in some city elections of the past. As is customary, the mayor's race attracted the most votes in balloting for city officials. The total was 1843, only twenty eschewing their opportunity to vote for mayor. Second largest total was for Ward 5 Commissioner where five candidates attracted 1918 votes.

For the school board, with three additional precincts, 2116 cast votes for Tommy Bridges and Joe Neisler, Jr.

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Negress Emma Lathers may have been the oldest citizen to vote. She told Mrs. J. H. Arthur, Ward 5 judge, "don't know exactly how old I am, but they say I'm a hundred."

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Mrs. Arthur said many people in Ward 5 came to vote and proved to be unregistered, a source of regret to both disappointed would-be voter and election officials who like to vote 'em all. The fact of two sets of registration books — one for the county elections and the other for the city continues to prove confusing. Many fail to realize — until they seek to vote and can't — that two registrations are required to vote in all elections.

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The 1961 votes Mayor Moss received is a record vote for the city's administrative officer.

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Kings Mountain's vote total Tuesday was considered quite creditable. In the Gastonia city election a week earlier, the total vote for mayor was a mere 3126. A former Kings Mountain citizen ran second to Dr. Eugene Woody who was re-elected. He is Paul Stewart, who is in the building business. Paul's family lived in the residence at 176 southwest corner of York road and East Gold street. Stewart's pasture was the locale for school boy football. Paul and his older brother Campbell, Thornton Harrill, William Anthony, Bill Fulton and I were among the performers. We erected goal posts of the country variety. I recall it was rather rocky ground.

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Jake Sipe, the Ward 5 candidate, had spread the word that he had lined up a campaign workers six pretty "go-go" girls. None appeared. Someone asked Jake what happened. Jake had a quick answer, saying, "The bus broke down."

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Tommy Ellison, who has been at City Hall the bulk of the years since he was first elected in 1947, got 1114 votes, one over Norman King. And Tommy Bridges and Joe Neisler, Jr., split even in Ward 5 at 376 each.

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Mrs. L. L. Adams, registrar at the Park Grace precinct, wants it known that she registered a baker's dozen (13) new voters. In reporting the totals the Herald reporters were unable to reach Mrs. Adams and are glad to correct the record.

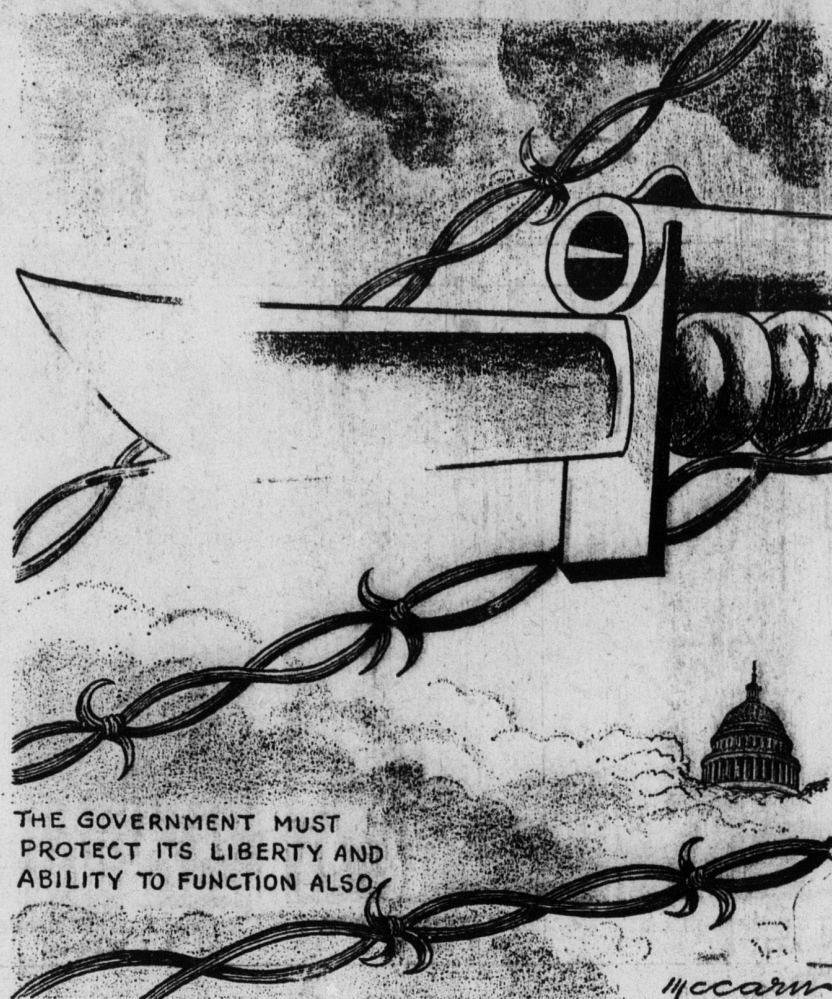
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At the oath-taking ceremonies Thursday at 1 p.m. at the Kings Mountain Civic Center, to be followed by the swearing in of city and board of education officials, Mayor Moss will present the Governor who will make a short address. The Governor will be given a city plaque and other gifts of Kings Mountain area products. Rev. S. T. Cooke will pray the benediction.

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If Kelly Dixon calls for a runoff the election will be held Tuesday, May 26.

### Deference of Law And Order



THE GOVERNMENT MUST PROTECT ITS LIBERTY AND ABILITY TO FUNCTION ALSO

### KINGS MOUNTAIN

#### Hospital Log

VISITING HOURS  
 Daily 10:30 to 11:30 A.M.  
 3 to 4 P.M. and 7 to 8 P.M.

Mrs. Huston Allen  
 W. D. Bridges, Sr.  
 Willie Carter  
 C. C. Couch  
 Mrs. Mattie L. Davis  
 Chas. Dangler  
 Mrs. Edgar Dobbins  
 Mrs. Nellie H. Ellis  
 Hardy Franklin  
 Mrs. Leola B. Gilmore  
 Mrs. Carmel Honeycutt  
 Mrs. Wm. E. Humphreys  
 Mrs. O. O. Jackson  
 Mrs. Wilhelmina Jennings  
 Mrs. Mamie Kennedy  
 April Lee  
 Ozell Mauney  
 Mrs. John Morgan  
 Mrs. Josephine Oates  
 Sam Rosber  
 Mrs. Wayne Shuford  
 Anderson Smart  
 Hunter Taylor  
 Mrs. N. B. Webber  
 Mrs. Lillian Whetstone  
 Mr. and Mrs. C. G. White  
 Mrs. Ethel H. White  
 Martin L. Wilson  
 Christopher Woods  
 Clarence Ash, Jr.

#### ADMITTED THURSDAY

Mrs. David Lawson, 108 Spruce St., City  
 Mrs. Paul Daves, Rt. 3, Box 243, City  
 Mrs. Virginia G. Grigg, 905 Boyce St., City  
 Mrs. Earl D. Hicks, PO Box 422, Bessemer City  
 J. H. Mayberry, Sr., 1908 Flint Ln. Gastonia  
 Thos. McKee, 501 Rhodes Ave., City  
 Cary McKinney, 403 W. Parker St., City  
 Mrs. Teen Roberts, 418 Tate Ter., City  
 Mrs. Guy Schofield, 116 E. Washington Ave., Bessemer City  
 Mrs. C. E. Smith, Sr., PO Box 323, City

#### ADMITTED FRIDAY

W. D. Archer, 103 Maine Ave., Bessemer City  
 Mrs. Jas. W. Black, Rt. 5, Linc.onton  
 Mrs. B. R. Blanton, 112 N. City St., City  
 Mrs. Henry E. Davis, Rt. 2, Bess. City  
 Mrs. Ola M. Paisley, PO Box 221, Bess. City  
 Timothy Plonk, 210 N. Roxford Rd., City  
 Mrs. Mary B. Ragstone, Box 38, City

#### ADMITTED SATURDAY

Paul Junior Chambers, 207 N. Tracy St., City  
 Mrs. Richard Dellinger, Rt. 1, City  
 Arthur Cooper, 320 Central St., Belmont  
 Willitte Alexander, Rt. 2 Box 340, Bess. City  
 Mrs. Mary C. Smith, 103 Ballard St., Cherryville  
 Boyce E. White, Rt. 2 Box 519, City  
 Mrs. Grady Wylie, Box 471, Bessemer City

#### ADMITTED SUNDAY

C. M. Leagan, Jr., PO Box 322, Blacksburg, S. C.  
 Oscar M. Boles, 112 Cloninger St., City  
 E. L. Bowen, Sr., PO Box 534, City  
 Mrs. Grady E. Cash, Rt. 1, Grover  
 Mrs. Minnie C. Cashion, 300 York Rd., City  
 Mr. Jack Grady, 409 Clinton Dr., City  
 Mrs. Daniel S. Gulp, PO Box 412, Bessemer City  
 E. A. Andrews, Rt. 2 Box 399, Bessemer City

### BIG ONE IN TEXAS

Like everything in Texas, the soon-to-be opened Lyndon Baines Johnson Library on the University of Texas campus at Austin is BIG. It will have 31,000,000 pages of documents, 500,000 photographs of former President Johnson and thousands of other bits of Johnsoniana. With auxiliary structures, it will cost \$18,000,000. Five other former Presidents have or will have memorial libraries: Hoover, Franklin Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower and Kennedy. President Nixon is planning one, and no doubt every succeeding Chief Executive will join the crowd. We can think of worse things to do than found a library, and of easier things to do than waste through the masses of material therein preserved. A growing country can no doubt absorb an unlimited number of presidential libraries. But we look forward to the tenure of a President who will leave a modest little library where we can just drop in and read a magazine.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

### CHANGE THE MOUTH

The process of "normalization" in Czechoslovakia has now struck at Chekhov. The censor asked the producer of "Uncle Vanya" to change the month named in a passage where one of the players has to say: "After the events of the month of August..." (Warsaw Pact forces invaded Czechoslovakia in August, 1968).

But how to make this change, since the play takes place in the months of July and August? The scene had to be cut altogether.

This vigilance on the part of the censor is due to the fact that the audience displays its feelings at the slightest remark which it can interpret in its own way; the actors are often embarrassed, for it means they themselves may have to face subsequent disciplinary action and they cannot predict in advance what the reaction of the spectators will be.

Thus the Prague correspondent of the Washington Post reports that, during a performance of Shakespeare's "Love's Labour's

## New Bill By Rauch

RALEIGH—A bill encouraging economical efficiency by assuring state employees an annual bonus share of any money they helped their agencies save was introduced in the N. C. Senate by Sen. Marshall Rauch of Gastonia. Senator Rauch's "Cost Reduction Incentive Bonus Plan" is patterned after the profit-sharing concept used by private industry. He explains, "This bill, although it is a new concept in government, is a very old concept in business. We attempt to make every employee realize that if he can help save money, he will profit by it."

"Too many times in government, when four people are responsible for a job and one leaves, the first reaction is to fill the post immediately. Under this plan, the first reaction should be ask, 'Can we do the job without that person and make more money for ourselves and also save the state money?'"

The veteran Gaston-Cleveland District senator is convinced that "North Carolina can save millions of dollars a year this way."

Under the Rauch plan, the Advisory Budget Commission would choose a minimum of three state agencies with annual " " budgets of at least \$200,000 as participating agencies in the plan this next biennium.

Each employee in the participating agencies would be given a written explanation of the plan by the first day of the fiscal year.

At the end of the fiscal year, the state budget officer would determine whether an of the agency's budget was unexpended, unobligated and unencumbered.

The difference between the amount appropriated and the amount unexpended and unobligated would be the agency's savings.

If the amounts saved were less than five per cent, all the savings would remain with the state. Rauch says this takes into account the cushion which usually is added to agency budgets to insure that they end the year well in the black.

If the unspent money, amounting to from five to nine per cent of the budget, 10 per cent of the savings would be divided among the agency's employees. The other 90 per cent of the savings would return to the state.

Where the unexpended portion of the "A" budget amounted to between 10 and 14 per cent, the participating employees would collectively receive 15 per cent of the savings.

Should a participating agency underspend its "A" budget by 15 to 19 per cent, employees would share 20 per cent of the unexpended amount. And should any agency underspend its "A" budget by 20 per cent or more, employees would share in 25 per cent of the savings.

Rauch's bill also stipulates that each participating employee's bonus "shall be a sum which bears the same percentage relationship to the agency's bonus fund as that employee's previous calendar year salary, bears to the total of the previous calendar year salaries of all participating employees in the participating agency."

Wew ish to express our sincere appreciation to the many friends and neighbors for their many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy at the death of our loved one.

The Family of  
 MRS. ETTA MCENTIRE

Lost," the audience applauded for ten minutes the line: "We are shameproof, my Lord; and 'tis some policy..."

Le Monde

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