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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand. *Isaiah 64:3.*

Right Decision

Senator Thomas Eagleton has stepped down from his candidacy for vice-president on the Democratic ticket.

While comment has been mixed on his action, the consensus seems to be that his decision was the correct one in view of his problems.

It is sad that the Senator was ever nominated.

However, it's an ill wind that blows no good and Senator Eagleton said himself he was glad to have the story out in the open.

There is no reason to prevent the Senator from continuing to be a quite effective Senator.

As one newspaper commented, there are an even one hundred senators there is only one vice-president who is literally only one heart-beat from the White House.

Gary Hart, Senator McGovern's campaign manager, said the press of the convention activity, including the abortive effort to strip McGovern of some of his California votes, did not allow sufficient time to make check-outs on the several prospects for the second spot on the ticket, which seems plausible.

McGovern is taking a little more time to recommend a replacement.

There are indications he may tap Senator Ed Muskie, who was left at the post in his effort to win the nomination McGovern got.

Others are mentioned, too, but at least two, Senators Ted Kennedy and Abe Ribicoff have said earlier they don't want the nomination for vice-president. Politicians, like horsemen, shy clear of a reluctant horse.

Senator Muskie was catapulted to the national political stage four years ago as running mate to Hubert Humphrey, who almost, but not quite, brought it off in losing by a narrow margin to President Richard Nixon.

Grover Cleveland was elected President twice, in spite of his acknowledgment of having fathered an illegitimate child. But a potential psychiatric problem is something else again.

The revelations are unfortunate for Senator Eagleton and for his family.

Paul Gladden

The whole community was saddened by the death of Paul Gladden at Lake Caswell.

Coincidentally, his funeral rites were conducted twenty years to the day after the funeral of an older brother Denver Gladden, also a drowning victim.

Paul Gladden was a onetime newspaper carrier for the Shelby Daily Star, and his patrons knew him as a really fine young man, always courteous, always friendly, and dutiful in doing his job of getting the paper to his patrons with dispatch.

Our considerable sympathy, along with the community's, is extended to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Gladden, and to other members of his family.

Egypt Policy Change

Egypt has sent its 20,000 Russian "advisers" home.

While the United States is trying to analyze what the action means to the United States, the Christian Science Monitor makes an editorial suggestion that the United States not make the mistake of taking the Russians' place.

The Egyptians, the Monitor reasons, want to be let alone.

It rather makes sense, for all parties.

City Budget

The record City of Kings Mountain budget is evidence of the city's growth.

A measure of the budget efficacy is the amounts to be expended for permanent or capital purchases, implying long-term improvements as opposed to mere operating costs.

The city will increase wages and salaries across-the-board by five percent on September 1, which will be the fifth consecutive raise of five percent per annum.

The appropriation for capital improvements is \$230,801, while debt service for capital purchases previously made totals \$372,600. Amortization of bonds will claim \$170,000, while the bond interest bill drops to \$193,500, compared to \$202,600 for the year ended in June.

One cannot analyze a city budget without saying a silent prayer of appreciation to the earlier city fathers who put the city in the power distribution business and the more recent administrations which added natural gas sales to the city's utility stable.

Some cities, Charlotte, for instance, is not as fortunate, and, as Charlotte grows, ad valorem taxes remains the chief source of revenue, keeping Charlotte administrations under constant services and tax bill pressure.

Kings Mountain sells its utilities at favorable rates, which means the utilities user gets a double benefit — low utilities cost and a more friendly tax bill.

The city will spend \$187,229 for police protection, up from \$135,250, due to the addition of seven officers (six have thus far been added) to provide two-man night patrols.

The citizens supported this action. The budget appears realistic for a growing community.

Tax Discount Change

In its efforts to aid financially hard-pressed cities, the 1971 General Assembly eliminated ad valorem tax discounts, except on special permission from the Local Government commission, and then a maximum of two percent during the month of August.

Also upped was the late-payment penalty rate which applies January 1, rather than February 2.

Kings Mountain was one of the cities which asked for the two percent August discount.

The city was wise in this action. As one city official remarked, "Without the discount, I suspect we wouldn't be collecting much in the way of taxes until the end of December, and we have bond payments due in October."

Harold Dean George

Another event which saddened the community last week was the death of Harold Dean George.

The popular service station owner was a man of friendliest disposition and a hard-working man from the time he was eight years old. Barber Coleman Stroupe recalls that Mr. George was one of three brothers who, as boys, worked for Mr. Stroupe as a bootblack.

Recalling Harold George, Mr. Stroupe said he came to work at eight years of age, found he wasn't quite tall enough to reach his customers shoes. On his own volition, young George suggested to Mr. Stroupe that "he might better quit until he got a little taller." A year later, he had gained stature and returned to Mr. Stroupe's employ.

"He was a good workman," Mr. Stroupe recalled. "There was no sitting about when something needed to be done, whether it was shining shoes or sweeping the floor."

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

The Office of Defense Transportation has thrown out some safety suggestions for public scrutiny, among them a requirement that motorists fasten their seat belts.

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It reminded of a conversation I had last week with Chief of Police Tom McDevitt concerning seat belts and the key question, "Are seat belts good or bad?"

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Tom, who's investigated his share of wrecks in his 19 years of duty, says, "Sometimes yes, sometimes no." He has seen accidents in which fastened seat belts saved lives and others in which fastened seat belts cost lives.

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As Tom puts it, "It all depends."

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Some years ago I was involved in a wreck and was thrown out of the car, with the result five broken ribs and a punctured lung, not to mention a painful "burn" after my slide on the pavement. My vintage car had no seat belts. Somebody asked if I thought I would have been better off had I had them. Like Tom McDevitt, I couldn't answer that. My injuries were certainly less severe than they might have been.

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Tom theorizes that seat belts are usually more advantageous when a car is struck from the side or even head-on. He feels they're a detriment if one is struck from the rear. If the belts are properly tight, says Tom, there's no "give" which can work a real hardship on a person's neck via the Whiplash effect.

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Some weeks ago one bright sunny afternoon, I was nearly smashed twice—all in the space of not more than 30 seconds. I was on Gold awaiting approaching traffic before making a turn north on Piedmont to go to the Herald office. A lady just barely screeched to a stop before smashing into the rear of my car. I made my turn north and another lady pulled out of the Wimm-Dixie drive without noticing me. Happily, she was cutting the pylon, so to speak, while I braked and veered right. I am happy for near misses rather than hits but the near misses is hard on the blood pressure.

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A report from the National Safety Council reads that there were more traffic fatalities in 1971 — something over 58,000 — but had the slightly encouraging news that the ratio of fatalities per 1000 miles driven was less than the year before.

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Chief McDevitt also has a theory about percentage. There are to be more wrecks, he says, because of the increase in the auto population. He adds, "When I was a boy, a group of us would load up on Saturday night to go to the nearest movie at Highlands. There wasn't any reason for us to have a wreck. Oftentimes we wouldn't meet a single car going, nor a single car coming home. It's not that way now."

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One of the best traffic stories I've heard recently appeared in the National Observer. The incident occurred in Mississippi. A patrolman noticed a car ahead weaving a bit in the road, followed it until the car stopped at a residence. In spite of the officer's suspicions, he found the driver of the car quite sober. His passenger was not. But the driver was blind. "Well," the driver explained, "my friend here felt he was too drunk to drive. I drove and he was my navigator." The officer gave both stern warnings but didn't charge them. The officer was quoted, "After all, they were already home."

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It reminded of a promotion the merchants here put on when I was a boy. A man drove a car through the streets of the Kings Mountain business district. He was blindfolded. His wife followed in a car behind, all the while giving hand signals—the supposed mental telepathy medium. Nobody really believed that, but the man navigated the streets to which other traffic was barred without a bobble. How did he do it? That's one of the mysteries of my young life which was never revealed.

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Another recommendation the Office of Transportation is making is to permit right turns on red signals except where expressly prohibited. There's no question but that this change would speed traffic flow.

Viewpoints of Other Editors
BRITISH DOCKERS AND THE LAW
THE EAGLETON PROBLEM

It is a bitter irony for Edward Heath that the legislation he introduced to improve industrial relations is backfiring to the extent of raising the possibility of a general strike.

The massive labor walkout which started in Britain last weekend was caused by the imprisonment for contempt of court of five dockers who deliberately flouted an order of the Industrial Relations Court. This court, which has the status of a high court, was set up under the Industrial Relations Act to see that the act was correctly enforced. It is intended to protect the interests of both labor and management.

The five militant dockers were accused of illegally picketing an inland container depot. They based their picketing on the ground that the work of unloading the containers should have been given to the dockers, even if the depot was located inland.

The future of the docking trade is one matter. Defiance of the law is something else.

Sir John Donaldson, president of the Industrial Relations Court, put it this way: "The issue is whether these men are to be allowed to opt out of the rule of law. Can they pick and choose, relying upon it for protection of their home and families but rejecting it when, even temporarily, it obstructs their industrial objectives? It is a very simple issue, but vastly important for the whole way of life is based upon the acceptance of the rule of law."

Jailing of the five dockers inevitably has the effect of making martyrs of them in the eyes of many British workers. This is where reasoning and mature judgment get brushed aside in a wave of emotionalism. Even the dockers' legitimate claims are pushed into the background. A government approved committee, which included Jack Jones, general secretary of the union to which the dockers belong, has just come up with recommendations for adjusting work in the dockyards, but its report stands little chance of a hearing in the present hue and cry.

The Labour Party and the Trades Union Congress (TUC) are clamoring for repeal of the Industrial Relations Act or at least its amendment. Mr. Heath and his ministers reply that the act must be given a fair trial and that in the meantime they cannot interfere with the process of the law. So the deadlock seems total.

It is a critical trial of strength for Mr. Heath. He has trouble enough on other fronts; the deterioration of the situation in Northern Ireland, the continuing high rate of inflation and of unemployment and the weakening of the pound, the recent resignation from his government of one of his ablest ministers, Reginald Maudling. There is no denying that legislation to govern industrial relations was sorely needed in Britain where the trade unions have wielded virtually unlimited power and where wildcat strikes have caused untold damage to production. But if there are flaws in the present act and if any of its provisions seem unworkable, Mr. Heath would be wise earnestly to consider amending it.

The lesson may well be that legislation involving sanctions against labor needs at least a measure of consensus from labor.

The fact that Senator Eagleton had a medical record should not be an issue in this American political campaign, but the fact that he did not disclose that record in full to presidential candidate George McGovern is another matter. It raises a question about his candor and judgment.

The medical record itself should be forgotten. The events now disclosed occurred six or more years ago. There is no record of recurrence. Many a presidential and vice-presidential candidate has run for and obtained high office with medical or emotional liabilities. Any liability can be overcome. Senator Eagleton says he has handed and overcome his his personal problem.

But it was a grave political mistake for him to fail to disclose the record in advance of the nomination to the man who had invited him to run at his side for the highest offices in their country.

Such political mistakes can also be overcome. Richard Nixon made a similar mistake in 1952 when he failed to disclose his private expense fund in advance of his nomination to Dwight D. Eisenhower. The General was as visibly surprised and distressed as Senator McGovern was in this case. He very nearly demanded Mr. Nixon's immediate resignation. He was persuaded to give Mr. Nixon a chance to talk his way out of his problem. Mr. Nixon succeeded in doing so in the famous "Checkers" speech. (Checkers was the name of the Nixon cocker spaniel.)

Candidate McGovern is following in the Eisenhower path by giving Senator Eagleton a chance to talk his way out of his mistake. He is trying to do just that right now. We do not forecast the outcome of the effort.

At some point Candidate McGovern, like Candidate Eisenhower 20 years ago, will have to decide whether Senator Eagleton has turned a mistake into an asset to the party. Mr. Nixon did it in 1952. It can be done again.

If he fails to talk his way out then Senator McGovern will have to accept an Eagleton resignation. It has never been done in American political history. It can be done. The Democratic National Committee is legally competent to make a new nomination in the event of a resignation.

While waiting for the McGovern decision (and thereafter if ticket) the Republicans would be prudent to avoid any attempt to capitalize on the affair. President Nixon has issued orders that all persons associated with him "governmentally and politically" should refrain from any comment on Senator Eagleton's medical history. The order is proper. Republicans will most help their party by honoring it.

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Many responsible men in the Labour Party and the unions recognize that as long as the act remains on the statute books it should be obeyed, not defied. At the same time they will continue to fight for its repeal or at least its revision. This is the parliamentary way and the way to which the British people as a whole are dedicated.

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Birth Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clayton, Rt. 1, Box 392, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a son, Wednesday, July 26, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleatus A. Clary, 221 Walker Street, announce the birth of a daughter, Thursday, July 27, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Dover, Route 1, Clover, S. C., announce the birth of a son, Friday, July 28, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael S. Mauney, Route 2, Gastonia, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Friday, July 28, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hinson, 916 Grover Road, announce the birth of a son, Friday, July 28, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve E. Johnson, 202 Poyssour Street, Gastonia, announce the birth of a son, Saturday, July 29, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Mart T. Walker, Route 1, Smyrna, S. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Saturday, July 29, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Shope, 222 East Boston Avenue, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, August 1, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie W. Gray, Route 1, announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, August 1, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Lane, 112 Little Street, Belmont, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, August 1, Kings Mountain hospital.



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