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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind. Ephesians 4:23.

Jackie Robinson

In 1947, Branch Rickey did the unheard-of—he put a Negro on the roster by the name of Jackie Robinson, a Cairo, Ga., native who had made a good record for a young man already—four sport man at UCLA and army lieutenant.

Mr. Rickey was inviting trouble, not only from other club owners, but from his own Brooklyn Dodgers, with several prominent stars from the Southland on his team, among them Shortstop and Captain PeeWee Reese and Outfielder Dixie Walker.

There was even another trouble spot. Red Barber, the Dodgers' radio announcer of that day, said on the CBS special Tuesday night, "I'm from Southern Mississippi and I started to quit." He and Robinson became good friends.

The mutual courage of Rickey and Robinson and Robinson's quickly proved playing ability won the ballgame.

Today, it was said on the special, the 24 major league teams number 280 Negroes.

"The test of living remains performance."

The Short Rows

The election is only 12 days distant. The polls of assorted varieties show President Richard M. Nixon 'way ahead of Senator George McGovern, with none observed here giving Representative John Schmitz chance of carrying a single state and with a blank forthcoming in his electoral vote column.

The campaign has been an unusual one. Senator McGovern stamped the Democratic convention, with wounding some feelings.

President Nixon remains the favorite, in spite of heavy criticism on several incidents: the Watergate matter, the ITT business, the questionable wheat deal with Russia and its overtones of quick and cheap profits by insiders, and questions concerning the re-election campaign fund-raising. That's ordinarily enough to beat a candidate.

However, Senator McGovern's methods of winning the convention did not endear him to his ordinarily own Democrats and his pledge of ending the Vietnam business in 90 days poses the simple question of: How? He has toned down some of earlier conversation of share-the-wealth.

In North Carolina

There are some interesting races here at home in North Carolina, but the most interesting state-wide race is that between Representative Nick Galifianakis and his Republican challenger Jesse Helms.

Here the contest is between a moderate Congressman with a three-term record and a recent and veteran radio commentator who is conservative to the core — and proud of it as recently as Tuesday, according to press reports.

Another interesting race is between Mecklenburg's Jim Beatty, Democratic state legislator, and Jim Martin, county commissioner. Both being proven voters at home and considering Mecklenburg's predominant vote in that district which includes Iredell and Lincoln counties, the battleground appears to be at home, in the contest to succeed Lincoln's Republican Charles R. Jonas, who is retiring after 20 years in Washington.

Representative Jim Broyhill is apparently a shoo-in to return to Congress and the other two GOP representatives, Earl Ruth and Wilmer Mizell, are favored to return.

Otherwise the state looks Democratic for state-wide offices and in the other Congressional districts.

As of today.

Wray Alexander Williams

"Mr. Wray" Williams, as he was familiarly known, was an interesting and flavorful person.

As one friend remarked, "He was always smiling."

He was always jesting and teasing, too.

Longtime servant and deacon emeritus of First Baptist church, someone asked if he'd made a contribution on a projected trip of his pastor to the Orient. "Oh, yes," Mr. Williams was quoted. "I gave it to him personally. I told him it was worth that much to be shed of him for awhile."

Mr. Williams for many years has been known as "Mr. Republican" in an area predominantly Democratic. He worked in his first election in 1896 at the age of 15, a year (and the last) the state elected a Republican governor.

Mr. Williams was an able farmer and respected businessman. Many sought his advice and what they got was sound.

He was probably as knowledgeable of area real estate values as any in the area. Case in point was his sale of a tract to Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority, which explained a real-estate appraisal was required and that this was the price that could be paid. Mr. Williams value and the professional appraisal were \$50 apart.

It was after the 1960 campaign, when the Herald supported President Kennedy editorially, that Mr. Williams and Kelly Dixon paid call to state appreciation for fair news coverage.

Compliments like that don't come everyday.

Roads And Streets

Ever increasing traffic of autos and trucks continues to pose headaches.

It may be a little busier with weekend mountain traffic, but traffic was backed up on King street on recent Sundays bumper to bumper.

The U. S. 74 thoroughfare, or bypass, has reached the surveying and presumably the drawing board stage. When completed there will remain right-of-way acquisition, contract letting and actual construction, hardly an overnight series of chores.

The Gold street widening and underpass (or overpass) is another locally needed project of which the Highway commission officials are well aware.

Yet another area project long needing attention is the Cherryville - Kings Mountain road, which, with heavy truck traffic, poses the same problems as did the York Road before its improvement.

No Cuts, No Raises

Skipper Bowles, candidate for governor, reiterated here Tuesday what he was saying during the primary campaigns. "No tax cuts, but no raises. I know sufficient money will be there to fulfill that pledge."

There have been times when opponents and their supporters pooh-pooed the "no raise" pledge.

Governor Dan Moore had campaigned in 1964 on the same pledge. He kept it.

Kings Mountain United Fund is halfway home in its current campaign. Halfway remains half enough.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

Any person sufficiently nerdy to aspire for public office in Cleveland County learns quite quickly that he's seeking votes in a big county. I have not checked the geography on Cleveland's land area out there's a sign near Polkville which reads "Glover 30". I would guess that the distance from the Gaston line on East King Street to the Rutherford line west of Mooresboro is a healthy 30 miles, which simplification reveals makes Cleveland's area 900 square miles.

The multiplication progresses at computer speed when a candidate enters the state races. "From the 'shimmering shores of Manteo to the towering majesty of Murphy's mountains" as Governor Clyde Hoey often described North Carolina includes quite a large piece of real estate.

Terry Leedom, who is on Skipper Bowles gubernatorial campaign team, remarked or Skipper, "He doesn't look quite as fresh today as he did two weeks ago. It's a near-killing pace."

It is, On Tuesday, Candidate Bowles had begun the day in Greenville for a television interview, flew to Chapel Hill for another and was in Shelby by 2 o'clock and here shortly after 5. Whether he made any stops between Chapel Hill and Shelby, I don't know. But Kings Mountain did not end his day. There was another function in Gastonia in the evening.

His handshake remains firm and if he missed any of the hundred who greeted him at City Hall I doubt it.

The crowd here liked his personality and his not-too-long speech and liked his presentation of the North Carolina flag to the city.

Among the newsmen with the Bowles group was Larry Tarleton of the Charlotte Observer and Bill Lee of the Greensboro Daily News, also covering for Associated Press. I asked Bill where he schooled and besides Chapel Hill he got some of it here. "He inquired about Robert Plonk, Chip Neisler, and Mary Ann McCurdy whom he said was "the first girl I ever dated." My wife and Tom Tate recall Bill's father was a teacher.

Both Bill and Larry had done duty on the school paper at Chapel Hill, successors of mine some several years removed. Leedom is a native Onslow, also a newsmen, got to North Carolina by way of Virginia and joined the Bowles staff when the campaign started.

Both Skipper and his older brother John earned their way through college at Chapel Hill, as waiters in the college dining hall, and with other chores of note. They are natives of Monroe. Like Senator Everett Jordan Skipper found his wife in Gastonia. She was Jessamine Boyce. They live in Greensboro, John in Los Angeles, since, as president of Rexall Drug Company, he moved company headquarters from Atlanta to the West Coast and built it into a national rather than regional concern.

Howard Lutz met John at a function some years ago. Howard had heard John had made a pledge to visit every Rexall Drug store in the country. How had he fared? John replied he'd bought a camper and started traveling. "We had 1603 dealers," he continued. "I may have missed three."

Skipper jested his envy of Senator Marshall Rauch and Senator-nominate W. K. Mauney, Jr., on their running without opposition. Also present and unopposed was Register of Deeds Ralph Tucker—wittingly acting as if he were, moving about the county, passing out handbills and "Compliments of Ralph Tucker" matches.

Voting day ain't long off.

BOMBING TO FREE

The release Sunday of three American prisoners-of-war in Hanoi once again draws our attention to one of the most divisive side issues of the tragic war in Vietnam—how to bring about immediate release of all American POW's.

President Nixon's answer has been to drop more bombs on North Vietnamese targets until Hanoi agrees to a release of all our POW's as well as a cease-fire throughout Indochina. But so far, the North Vietnamese government has shown no sign that Nixon's current bombing campaign is bringing it any nearer to capitulation than did former President Lyndon Johnson's air war in 1968. (Sunday's POW release was arranged by an American antiwar group acting outside official diplomatic channels.)

The bare facts show that Nixon's current bombing offensive has had an effect exactly opposite of what was originally intended.

Instead of securing the release of American POW's, U.S. bombing raids have increased their number. The U.S. Command reported last week that 100 airmen have been added to the list of Americans captured or missing in North Vietnam since the resumption of full-scale bombing last April 6. That's an average of more than four men a week, bringing the war's total of Americans missing in action to 455 and the number of POW's to 425.

Furthermore, the U.S. bombing offensive appears to have strengthened rather than weakened Hanoi's resolve to carry on its fight against President Thieu's regime in South Vietnam, according to neutral observers on the scene. Even American intelligence sources talk of North Vietnam's ability to continue fighting at present levels for at least two more years, despite stepped-up U. S. bombing and the mining of Haiphong harbor.

American bombs have never been able to put an end to the civil war that divides Vietnam. And there is no reason today to expect more bombs to accomplish what can only be brought about through negotiations based on concessions made by both sides.

Surely by now the American people recognize the folly of a bombing policy that adds more men to the ranks of American POW's whose release is said to be the reason for the bombing in the first place. And when you add to that list the untold thousands of innocent Vietnamese civilians who are dying or else being driven from their homes because of our inconsequential bombing in a war we have allowed to continue much too long, public acceptance of current U. S. policy brings into question the moral fiber of our great land.

(Smithfield Herald)

Transco Gives Quarter Report

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line corporation reported today that net income for the third quarter increased to \$1,605,945, or 43 cents per common share after preferred dividend requirements, from \$1,079,809, or 40 cents per share in the third quarter of 1971. Operating revenues rose to \$117,909,824 from \$107,473,432 a year ago.

For the 12 months ended September 30, 1972, net income was \$54,437,937, compared with \$49,811,023 in the preceding 12 months. Earnings per common share from operations, after preferred dividend requirements, amounted to \$1.84 for the current 12 months and \$1.83 for the prior 12-month period. The addition of the investment tax credit increased earnings per common share to \$2.07 in the 1972 period versus \$1.86 the year before. Operating revenues for the 12 months to September 30, 1972, rose to \$465,256,592 from \$430,338,565 the year before.

Transco transports natural gas from Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi to 11 Atlantic coast states through an 8,600-mile pipeline system. About 71 per cent of revenues are derived from customers in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland; 25 per cent from Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, and the balance from Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi.

Broyhill: City Checks In Mail

Congressman James T. Broyhill, speaking at a breakfast meeting of the Cleveland Association of Government Officials in Shelby this morning, announced that the first checks to cities, towns and counties under the new Federal revenue sharing program will be mailed the first week in December. Treasury department officials are working now on the final figures for the specific amounts which the states, cities and counties will receive, Broyhill stated.

Broyhill, who represents North Carolina's 10th district in the House of Representatives, advised the group of government officials not to rely on previously published figures for these allocations. Preliminary figures are being revised, he noted, because of more current census data, and changes will particularly affect small towns.

Broyhill discussed other aspects of the new revenue sharing program which was signed into law by President Nixon on October 20. The "open accounting system," he noted, will allow local and state officials to check the accuracy of Federal computations and to receive corrected payments.

Pointing out that Federal categorical grant - in - aid programs have grown from 44 in 1960 to more than 530 in 1970, Broyhill stated that "the concentration of authority in Washington has robbed the state and local governments of those essential public functions which they can best perform."

Broyhill stated: "It is important that states and local governments be provided with additional revenues. But it is perhaps even more important that these levels of government assume greater decision - making power in how Federal funds are spent. The revenue sharing law provides states and localities the authority to allocate resources according to the stringent guidelines of the Federal government."

Libby Trott Is Honored At Party

Miss Libby Trott, November bride-elect of Jerry Blanton, was honored at a bridal party held at the home of Mrs. Corbet Nicholson on Henry street.

Entertaining with Mrs. Nicholson were Mrs. Charles Goforth and Mrs. Eddie Goforth.

Party refreshments were served from a decorated table. The bride-to-be was given a yellow shoulder corsage which she pinned to the shoulder of her floral-trimmed party dress.

The hostesses presented the honoree a set of cookware.

KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log

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3 to 4 P.M. and 7 to 8 P.M.

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Mrs. Essie L. Brooks,
Mack Lee Connor,
Guy Robert Farr,
Thomas Kenneth Green,
Mrs. Virginia Marie Grigg,
Della M. Jagers,
Mrs. Verdie M. Kale,
Jessie Guy Ledford,
Haywood W. Mackey,
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Mr. and Mrs. Keith L. Hayes, 407 South 11th Street, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, Thursday, October 17, Kings Mountain hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Milton E. Wilson, Route 3, Lyons Trailer Park, announce the birth of a son, Wednesday, October 18, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. McAbee, 208 E. Louisiana Avenue, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, Friday, October 20, Kings Mountain hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Coy Lee Phillips, Route 3, Box 352, announce the birth of a daughter, Saturday, October 21, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Clark, 116 E. Georgia Avenue, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a son, Saturday, October 21, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael D. Fore, 908 West Maine Street, Gastonia, announce the birth of a son, Monday, October 23, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Lee Young, Jr. Route 1, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, October 24, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Broadus E. Jackson, 303 Parker Street, announce the birth of a daughter, Thursday, October 24, Kings Mountain hospital.

Luvenia Janie Rohm,
Mrs. J. H. Thomson,
Jim Williams,
Mrs. Marvin Wright,
Mrs. Lillie B. Ware,
Mrs. Paul D. Blanton,
Mrs. Charles F. Carpenter,
George Edwin Peck,
Daniel Lee Wells,

ADMITTED THURSDAY
Mrs. Nancy Elizabeth Cash,
306 10th St., B. C.
Mrs. Frank J. Greene, Rt. 1, City.
Virgie L. Smith, 216 Benfield Rd., City.
ADMITTED FRIDAY
Mrs. Freddie L. Byrd, Rt. 2, City.
Mrs. Rosa Medlin, 206 W. Gold St., City.
Mrs. Hazel I. Poteat, 605 Mica St., City.
Mrs. Marie Hord Ramsey, 615 Floyd St., City.
Paul R. Suman, Rt. 1, City.
Lewis D. Walker, III, Rt. 1, Gaffney.

ADMITTED SATURDAY
Mrs. Marion Estelle Houston,
321 Watterston St., City.
ADMITTED SUNDAY
William Curtis Carroll, 208 Benfield Dr., City.
Mrs. William O. Goins, Rt. 2, B. C.

ADMITTED MONDAY
Mrs. Michael D. Fore, 908 W. Main St., Gastonia.
Mrs. Ferris F. Hager, Rt. 2, B. C.
Ethel Selena Gamble, Rt. 1, Gastonia.
Mrs. Gallie R. Lanier, 310 Parker St., City.
Mrs. Bonnie M. Summers, Box 906, City.