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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28.

Off and Running

The Kings Mountain Redevelopment commission is now off and running toward fruition of the urban redevelopment project in the Casler Street area.

The promised funding of the project has been done and the commission is now ready to purchase properties where dwellings or other buildings are to be razed.

The principal goal is to provide citizens now living in sub-standard and derelict housing upgraded quarters.

Fact that at least 180 houses in the 110-acre area are to be demolished is indicative of the need.

The ground rules show that the benefits for the families to be displaced from their current quarters are all to the good, both as to end point and financial supplement.

On page 1 today, the Herald quotes examples provided by Gene White, the commission's executive director, explaining the financial "deal", both for present home owner and present tenant.

The homeowner qualifies for major help to own a standard dwelling. The tenant qualifies for major help to rent a standard dwelling, or, if he wants to become a home owner, major help in that category.

It's a can't-lose financial deal for the relocatees.

Much of the soon-to-be-razed acreage is earmarked for re-sale for new homes, while the remainder will be put to use for park areas, widened streets and other benefits. That's a plus for both individuals and the whole community.

Mr. White points out that each case will tend to be different, based on the commission's guidelines.

But he also estimates that 40 percent of the dwellings scheduled for bulldozing are in the base category—another indication of need for this redevelopment project.

The commission's word: "We'll help you relocate. Those who can relocate themselves will speed the project."

It's very good news that this project is off and running.

GUEST EDITORIAL

N. C.'s Lagging Sixth Graders

Greensboro Daily News

Perhaps snap judgments are not yet in order on the reasons for the abysmal performance of North Carolina sixth-graders in the "statewide assessment program" recently conducted by the State Department of Public Instruction. But the findings are at best depressing, at worst outrageous.

Not only do North Carolina sixth-graders (and by inference all our school-children) lag behind national standards in reading, word skill, and math, they lag behind regional standards as well. For a state that once thought of itself as setting the educational pace for the South, this is simply unacceptable.

At the very least, the study may reinforce those who have insisted in recent controversies over "career education" and teacher certification that the primary failure of the schools lies in their primary mission—the teaching of basic intellectual skills. If the schools cannot teach children to read, write, and figure at nationally or regionally competitive levels, it is certain that satisfactory levels of "career awareness" among these same children—the latest fashionable shibboleth in educational theory—will be of little avail.

If the sixth-grade study is on its face an indictment of the performance of the schools, it may also be an indictment of the conditioning children are receiving before they get to school.

Homes where a good book or an interesting magazine are never opened, and where the television set is never off, cannot be expected to stimulate the curiosity and drive of small children to do well in school. That much seems pretty certain.

So before we launch into an agonizing reappraisal of what is being taught in the schools, and how, let us also ask ourselves what we are doing, as parents, to see that the children come to school with a proper interest in their studies.

Over-Kill On POW's

The modus operandi on returning captives of the North Viet Nam, first contingent of whom is due Saturday, appears to be a bit of over-kill on the part of well-meaning planners.

There's a de-briefing stop-over at Clark Air Force Base in Manila, which will include the usual run of physical examinations.

But the big "adjustment" problem, it is hazarded, will be no big adjustment problem for most.

A guy who's been a prisoner for six months or six years, it would appear, will have little trouble adjusting to freedom.

There may have been, but if so, with little fanfare, to re-adjusting United States prisoners of war after World War II. Life with the German had been tough enough, but life with the Japanese was tough, tougher and toughest. Strike the "tough". All was tougher and toughest with the Japanese, and the category depended in measure on length of stay as the unintentional guests of the enemy.

Of the Herald's World War II friends who were prisoners of the enemy, Jim Browning, a marine on Wake Island, was prisoner of longest duration, poorly manned, poorly armed Wake's detachment holding off the Japanese for nine days. Mr. Browning, who was in and out of Kings Mountain for two years superintending an experimental project jointly for his United States Bureau of Mines, and Foote Mineral Company, lost 60 pounds and an eye during his incarceration. But Mr. Browning never mentioned any need for special readjustment treatment other than food and medical treatment.

It is the temperament of this nation to overkill or to crash-program about anything it does. Some of the crashes pay dividends, as with the development of the atomic bomb.

But crash programs do not necessarily pay dividends with human beings.

Eric Severeid commented the other night that it appeared the sociologists, psychologists, psychiatrists, and other groups appear to have picked up the repatriation football and carried it off.

Mr. Severeid, a World War II war correspondent, offered the opinion the repatriated POW's in vast majority would opine, "Let me alone."

Should it be added, "And get me home."

On Dimming Lights

A research organization has come to the conclusion—in spite of the fact that dimmed auto lights have never been reported as cause of an auto accident—that the accident toll from auto wrecks might well be reduced if dimming were eliminated.

The Herald would look askance at this contention on our old friends, the two-lane avenue.

But it seems easy to support the researchers' contention on the median-stripped interstates and other four-lane arteries.

Blind spots cause wrecks, say the researchers.

Wreck reports showing motorists struck bridge abutments—and there have been several where Interstate 85 goes under an overlay bridge—if the dim-light blind spots may have been the true cause of the accident.

Too early it is, however, for motorists to do any sampling on their own.

North Carolina law still demands dimming of headlights for approaching vehicles—on penalty of citations and fines.

It's a quite interesting thesis.

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MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

Marvin Teer was getting some cough syrup at Kings Mountain Drug Company recently when Charlie Yandall, salesman for Eli Lilly came in. Ragan Harper introduced them and with the promise that any money needs Charlie needed would be promptly handled by Marvin. "Just walk up the street," Ragan intoned, "and write your own ticket."

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Charlie greeted Marvin and laughed. "I'm too much on the hook already," he said. "You know he'd check me out, then chase me out."

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"Tell you the truth," Charlie continued. "The fellow I need to talk to is that newspaper fellow there. I need some advice."

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Charlie and I had met before. Charlie said, "I have a kid majoring in journalism at Chapel Hill. What shall I do about it?" I replied quickly, "Shoot him!" He said, "But she's a girl." Doesn't make any difference about women's lib, I replied, "Shoot her!" The idea was to get her out of her misery.

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It developed Charlie had tried to steer his daughter into another direction, say medicine, or dentistry, but to no avail. His daughter had proved herself. A few months ago, she came home and flashed a \$40 check in her father's face. "Where'd you get that?" Father wanted to know. Her reply: "It's a prize I won in a state-wide short story contest."

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Anent Charlie's financial comments to Marvin: His daughter is a twin and her sister is also at Chapel Hill, majoring in nursing.

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Charlie himself confesses to being a frustrated medic. He was studying pharmacy at the University of South Carolina when World War II intervened. He returned from the service, won his pharmacy sheepskin, and decided his collegiate days were over.

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He had been a little leery about his daughters' going to the wilds of Chapel Hill, with all those crazy leftists about. I told him we had a few when I was there, all well-known, and representing about a tenth of one percent of the study body of 4000. He had experienced occasion to agree. His wife and he had been at Chapel Hill when the Black Muslims or some such outfit had scheduled a rally. He decided to stay over for the rally to see what happened. "The crowd peaked at a hundred and some of them were there like us, out of curiosity," he said, "and some of the believers were imports, not students." But on the television news that night, one reporter related the "hundreds" attended the rally. "Where were they? How many did you count?" Charlie asked his wife. "I didn't see 'em, did you?"

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I was talking to a Kings Mountain businessman this week and the conversation turned to gambling. In his younger days, he said, he gambled "all the time." He'd tried it all, poker, blackjack, dice. At these, he sometimes won, sometimes lost. "But when I won," he said, "the money did me no good for I squandered it."

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His first step toward the "cure" was administered by a wheel game man at the county fair. "I didn't have but five dollars, and when that guy got through with me, I didn't have a hamburger left." He saw one man take the pitcher's come-on and go the whole route. He went through the colors at some considerable expense to the point there was only one un-colored slot at which the wheel could stop and the victim lose. The wheelman had excellent control. The wheel stopped on that one un-colored slot.

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My businessman friend later was smarter with a fortune-teller. He paid a quarter for a couple of obvious questions, but declined her invitation to a behind-the-curtain seance for an additional dollar.

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His complete cure came shortly after his marriage, when he was building a house. He accepted a \$25 challenge on a football game, where the other guy wanted the ten-point underdog.

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"State hadn't beaten Carolina in years, my friend said. "But they did that day."

KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log

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

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Birth Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Surratte, 212 Parrish Drive, announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday, January 31, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis J. Burdon, 89 Ross Cannon Street, York, S. C., announce the birth of a son, Saturday, February 3, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary W. Huffstetler, Route 4, Lincolnton, announce the birth of a son, Sunday, February 4, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Blanton, 10 Georgetown Apts., announce the birth of a son, Monday, February 5, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Martinez, 811 Margrace Road, Trailer Park No. 4, announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, February 6, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Shear-

er, 817 Wilmington Street, Gastonia, announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday, February 7, Kings Mountain hospital.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1963 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The Kings Mountain Heart Fund will benefit from the Valentine party Country Clubbers will stage Thursday night at 7:30 at the club.

Jack H. White will portray the bride and Jonas Bridges will be the bridegroom in the Womanless Wedding February 22 sponsored by the Woman's club. Mr. White is a local lawyer and Mr. Bridges is a manager of Radio Station WKMT. Jim Lybrand will be best man, George Houser will be maid of honor, John Cheshire will play the mother of the bride and Charles and Henry Neisler will be train bearers.

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