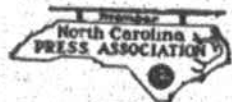




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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For the congregation of hypocrites shall be desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery. Job 15:34.

Reasonable Debt Not Evil

History records many evidences of man's failings, among them two opposite poles of financial policy, both of which are unwise, if not evil.

One is the spendthrift policy of wanton spending and wastefulness, which practices the theory of living today before dying on the morrow. The result, many times, compares with the experience of the old gentleman in Alabama who retired with millions and, knowing he couldn't carry it along with him, determined to spend as much of it as possible. But, sadly, the money ran out first, the gay spender living much longer than a customary life span. The same happens daily and yearly with many people.

The other policy which is almost equally foolish and wrong is the policy of skinflint economy. Was in Ben Franklin's argument that a man could quite easily be pennywise and pound foolish? In such a situation the tight one, or ones, as the case may be, squeeze their assets so closely they don't recognize a bargain when they see one.

Two titans of the business world in the mail order field have been following these diverse policies since the end of World War II. One has outstripped the other in increasing assets, volume of business and profits. The other, who felt that doomsday was just around the corner, can yet be right. But doomsday will have to hurry.

Thus the matter of timing is also involved in the decision as to spending and non-spending.

North Carolina's citizens will make a comparable decision on October 3, by approving or disapproving the issuance of \$50 million for school construction and \$22 million for mental institution construction. It is possible to approve one and to disapprove the other. Many persons are supporting the two bond issues on the basis of need, which can hardly be denied.

Over-populated schools are the rule, rather than the exception, and Kings Mountain's school situation is comparable to that in other areas of the state. Only a few counties have shouldered properly their school-building responsibilities, and Cleveland is not among them. Thus the potential sums obtainable out of the \$50 million bond issue are appealing to parents of school children and to married school officials.

The mental institution issue is even more deserving, if that is possible. The state is not too poor to care for its mental patients, but it has been acting as if it were.

Many rather conservative persons are supporting the bond issues in spite of a natural disinclination to eat tomorrow's bread today, and many are supporting it in spite of a distaste for the action of the General Assembly in shorting these obvious needs by failure to pare expenses in some other spot. Fiscally, North Carolina's geared-to-income tax structure is built for pay-as-you-go spending, not deficit spending.

The registration books are open for the first time Saturday.

Our congratulations to the city board of commissioners on their quickness in filling the position of superintendent of public works, and our best wishes to Emory C. Nicholson in a difficult task. Mr. Nicholson works for more than 7,000 people, whatever the city's population is these days, and that is a large number of persons to keep happy.

Now that contracts are let, improved facilities for the Negro school population are just around the corner. The wait has been long enough, as anyone familiar with the Davidson school plant will quickly agree.

10 YEARS AGO Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events THIS WEEK taken from the 1943 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

The local Ration Board has received instructions that no gas will be allowed for the purpose of taking students to college.
Social And Personal
Pvt. Samuel E. Hamrick has returned to Camp Howze, Texas, after visiting his wife and parents here.
Mr. and Mrs. Van Wrape and two children of Sevierville, Tenn. are guests of Mr. and Mrs.

J. F. Ware and other relatives.
Mr. George Womack, Sr., who is now employed in Savannah, Ga. spent the weekend in Kings Mountain.
Misses Martha and Rachel McClain left this week to resume their studies at Mars Hill College.
Mrs. George Ware is moving into the Herndon apartment recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs.

Jimmy Harris, who moved to their residence on Cansler street. Mesdames George Houser, W. K. Mauney, Jr., Proctor Thompson and Mrs. Donald Beck of Gastonia are spending sometime at the Mauney cottage, Sadie-De-Sea at Crescent Beach.
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest White had as their guests recently, Mrs. Joe Ball of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. Jack Dew of Charlotte.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon
Ingredients: bits of sense, wisdom, humor, and comment.
Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid over dosage.

When the city board of commissioners turned attention to street marking recently, they found the seemingly simple business was neither simple nor without cost.

Purchase price of one street-name marker, at \$14.50, sounds reasonable enough, but the figure mounts quickly when it is multiplied by 150. At first though, one would wonder that the small city of Kings Mountain has that many streets, much less unmarked ones, but so it does.

First instruction of the board, before placing its order, was that the city map be examined to eliminate double-named streets. It wasn't too many moons ago that the fire department got a call to put out a fire on Elm street. I believe it was. Fire Chief Grady King highlighted it to the Elm street address, but found no fire. The blaze was burning away at another Elm street across town. Two minutes sometimes mean the difference between total loss and small damage, fire-fighters and insurance statisticians say. Thus it is very unfortunate to have a fire on a double-named street, not to mention the inconvenience of getting somebody else's mail, and the other possible mix-ups.

The medicinal department, in the course of looking for same-named streets, took a second glance at some other questionable street naming practices from the past. While it is possible to differentiate between Bennett Drive and Bennett avenue, for instance, it is also just as possible to mix them up, and one of these should be re-named. There are also Joyce street and Boyce street, just slightly less mixable, and Hill street and Mill street, according to the 1948 city zoning map.

If I am not mistaken, the city's tax map, just obtained from the Joyce Mapping Company, via the Cleveland County tax office, shows numerous street-name duplications which do not appear on the zoning map.

However, the zoning map furnishes a full quota of inconsistencies, not to mention some downright "tacky" street names.

A prime inconsistency is Gold street which starts on the east at Sadie Mill and goes straight as an arrow until it intersects with Battleground avenue at the B. & B. Restaurant corner. By proceeding several feet to the north on Battleground, it is possible to hit Gold street again, proceed across the railroad tracks and continue for a nine-block cruise to Juniper. Since Gold street's two segments are neither continuous, nor contiguous, it would appear that one end should be re-named. Another street in this category is Juniper street itself. Some unimaginative or uninformed person or persons called the street in front of the new nurse's home Juniper street, though a person traveling north on Juniper would go into a private yard if he continued on the straight way. What's now North Juniper should be named Wray Williams boulevard, or Golfer's Hazard, the linksmen report.

Another inconsistency is the application of two names to the same street. This situation exists for Crescent Hill Road, Tracy street, Hawthorne Road, Cedar street, Meadowbrook Road, Cansler street, Battleground Road - East Railroad avenue, and probably others.

If a newcomer ever got lost in this town he might never find his way out.

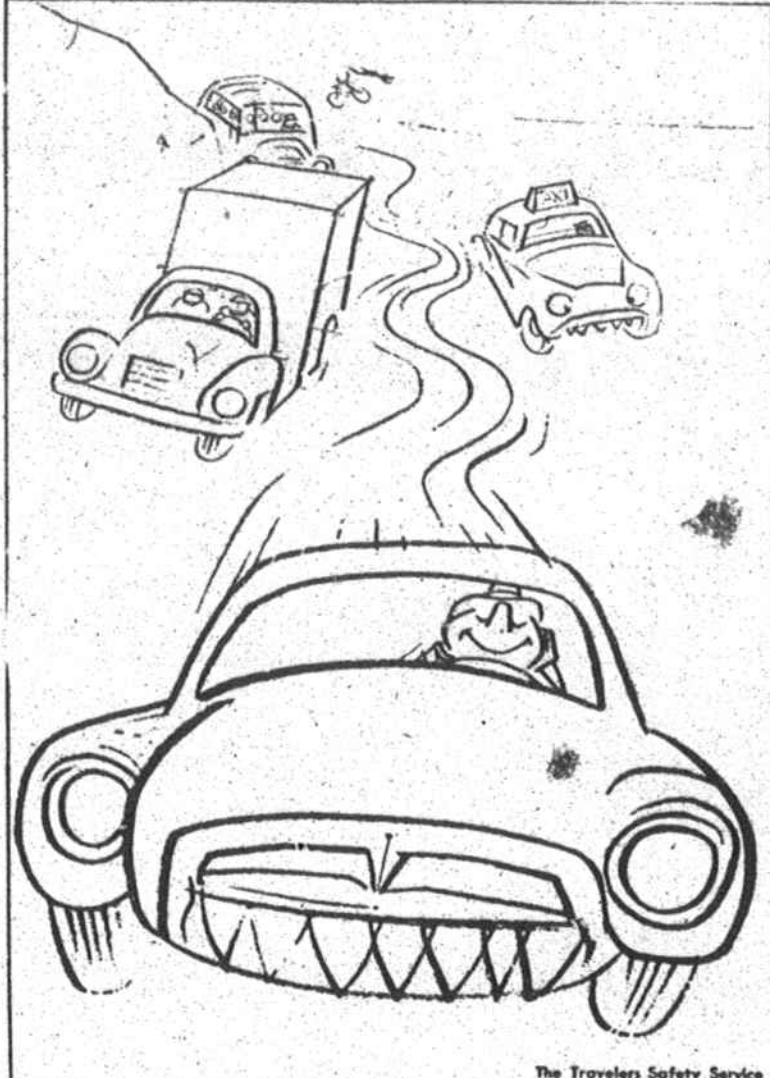
At least one other map notation lists what is generally called Childers street as Parker street, which might be right if the word "extension" were added. But in that instance, Wilson street should become South Piedmont avenue extension.

City Postal Carrier Wiley Blanton has been working with city officials on the problem, and, indeed, the work is being done at the immediate instance of the postoffice department which is approving city carrier route extensions provided the streets are properly named and numbered.

I am inclined to agree with City Clerk Joe Hendrick who thinks that the "tackiest" name on the city books is Tin Top Alley. I hope the commissioners change that one.

Who, ME?

by Robert Osborn



Three out of four traffic accidents in 1952 involved passenger cars. Only YOU can prevent accidents!

Viewpoints of Other Editors

GOODBYE SLATS

A springs manufacturing company in Hickory, says a little item in the papers, is introducing "perma-slats—a new and revolutionary type of bed slat that will eliminate falling, wrapping, splitting and breaking.

It's an all-metal rig that locks onto bed rails in all four directions; adjustable, it will fit full-size or twin beds. Soon, say its makers, it will become a standard part of bed manufacture.

Well, sir, that's going to eliminate one of the oldest practical jokes among the gay blades—loosening all the slats in the spare bedroom when prim guests are being received.

Also, it will mean that movers no longer will have the fun of mixing up their customer's bed slats. Instead of seeing that double-bed people wind up with single-bed slats and that three-quarter bed people get extra-wide bed slats and that nobody receives slats that fit his bed, they are going to face the dreary business of moving into every house perma-slats that can be shape to any bed.

Moreover, this new-fangled bedroom fixture is going to dampen the coverage of police court. Never again will a witness say: "When she lifted the bedslat at me is when I stabbed her with that little frog-sticker. I loved her so well."

And how is the next generation going to know what the old man is talking about when he says the widow down the street is built like a slat?—Sanford Herald.

NOSTALGIC NOTES

Hat manufacturers and retailers report that although some of the old-time straw work hats are being made and sold, the business isn't as pert as it used to be. Farmers are turning to close fitting helmets to keep the hair out of their eyes and to long-billed hats or caps to shade their eyes from the sun. One argument against the old-style straw hat is that it persists in the annoying habit of blowing off when the farmer is scooting around on a tractor.

This may be progress, but something goes out of country life with the old straw hat which Mother lined with green cloth to take care of the shading chore. On hot days, you remember, some broad green leaves were plucked on the way to work and placed in the crown to make a perfect protecting against the relentless beating down of the sun's rays. As for blowing off, a string attached to each side and tied under the chin took care of that.

And while on the subject of headgear, a 77-year-old California woman gardener attributes her outstanding success with blooming plants to the fact that she wouldn't even go into her garden without wearing an old-fashioned blue sun-bonnet.

Around these parts a woman gardener seems to feel that she's undressed unless she has on shorts up to here. And a lot of them wear big hats to protect the face from the sun which is considered so beneficial for the nether extremities.

What I'm waiting to see now is a well stacked gal in South Carolina shorts sporting a sunbonnet a la California and whacking away at that late summer grass.—L. N. Foy, in the Greenville, (S. C.) News.

WHO RUNS THE TOWN?

Are the really important decisions in a town made by its elected officials? Do the mayor and the city council establish the policies that actually determine what sort of town we live in?

In a new book from the University of North Carolina Press, "Community Power Structure," Floyd Hunter says "No." Before writing his book Professor Hunter carefully studied a real city of half a million population, which he calls "Regional City."

"It has been evident to the writer for years," he says, "that policies on vital matters affecting community life seem to appear suddenly. They are acted upon, but with no previous knowledge on the part of the majority of citizens as to how these policies originated or by whom they are really sponsored. Much is done, but much is left undone. Some of the things done appear to be manipulated to the advantage of the relatively few."

An expert of the "power structure" of Regional City showed that 40 persons actually "ran" business, government, civic associations and society activities. What these 40 persons decided should be done in Regional City was done. If they decided something should not be done, it was not done.

Mr. Hunter brings up a fascinating field for conjecture in his study of "community power structure." Who runs our town?—Smithfield Herald.

North Carolina cotton farmers estimate this year's total production at 460,000 bales (500-pound gross weight), or 19.2 per cent less than their 1952 production.

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