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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

But the tongue can no man tame; it is unruly evil, full of deadly poison. James 3:8.

Recession Needed?

Much comment has been occasioned by the comments of Sylvia Porter, the writer on financial affairs, who was confirming comments of the informed Journal of Commerce that some government officials think the nation needs a "mild" recession.

What kind of talk is this? Is this Republican normalcy? Is this fulfilling the promises of election season for an ever-expanding economy?

Comments in the press have varied, some seeming to hit the nail on the head, others missing.

Little folk began to feel a little queasy back in 1953 when the Federal Reserve board began making money more dear.

Now, four-plus years later, businessmen both large and small are finding an ever-pressing upward cost squeeze, yet with customers minus enough wherewithal to manage the higher price tags.

Home building is off, the reasons are 1) lack of down payments and 2) lack of available funds from some lenders.

A \$3300 Buick auto of 1953 is nearer \$4300 in current models. That's a lot of jump.

One businessman here commented, "We've had a mild recession here, and we don't need any further one."

Another one figures this way: no money is being added to the supply, yet population is increasing. It means a static amount of dollars against more folk, which makes dollars much, much harder to obtain.

The Hoover theory, and a fatal one to his administration, was to let dollars trickle down to the working man. Surely, all would think, the modern GOP leadership wouldn't fall into that trap again.

But the policies of four years indicate that is the situation. Wild inflation nobody wants, for in its extreme goods would be the only article of real value. But neither is it healthy for the nation to retrench to the philosophy of the Hoover administration.

No News Here

Many older folk must have received a tickle out of Sunday's headline in the Charlotte Observer reading "Results of Latest Survey Show Teen-Agers Condemn Growups".

If they thought back a few years, they probably also had a tinge of regret, for, when they were teen-agers, the same situation obtained. Dad was a "square" and Mother a "killjoy", and both were just too, too naive to appreciate any teen-age problem.

Of course, there was no news in the headline or story either for it has always been that way, always will.

It's the teen-agers who are pegs in round holes, and loaded with naivete, but no amount of education can beat the school of experience in hurrying the day when Johnny begins to believe that Father not only can read, but, to borrow from a popular television show, Father, or Mother, really knows best.

The average teen-ager doesn't know it, but parents practice a lot of patience, too.

But how do parents manage to stomach "rock-and-roll"?

The hassle over the licensing of foreign-born hospitals who staff the state's mental hospitals has ended in a compromise, which has been praised on all sides. From this and other samples of poor public relations judgment on the part of medical groups in the past, it would seem the part of wisdom for all medical schools to offer courses in this important subject. And these courses shouldn't be taught by doctors. The doctors can beat the proponents of socialized medicine, but they can't do it by imperiousness, either personal or via their medical associations.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1947 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Kings Mountain city schools will open for the 1947-48 school year on Tuesday, September 2, it was announced yesterday by B. N. Barnes, superintendent of schools. Ned A. McGill, secretary of the Merchants association, will attend the second annual training institute of credit bureau managers and merchants association secretaries to be held at UNC, Chapel Hill on August 17-23.

Miss Marion Arthur spent the weekend with friends at UNC, Chapel Hill.

Mrs. S. S. Weir, Jr., and daughters, Marlene and Derice, spent last week in Atlanta, Ga., with relatives.

Social and Personal

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

At Lake Montonia last Thursday night, the Kiwanis Clubs of Shelby and Kings Mountain got together for an outdoor meeting, which momentarily turned a bit wet. But the dampness didn't seem to be melting anybody and not one whittling did it bother the delicious barbecue. I caught Rev. P. D. Patrick making a second trip past the serving counter. Then, a few minutes later, he caught me doing the same.

I forget the name of the young man serving the barbecue, but I do recall he said he is going to be married in West Palm Beach, Fla., next month, and that he was chatting with Harvey Hamrick, one time Mountaineer. The serving man remarked, "I'm ready for this party to get over now, for I'm getting hungry."

"Why, eat, young fellow," I remarked, "everybody's been served."

"I mean real food," was the reply. "I can't stand barbecue."

The aforementioned Mr. Patrick teases me considerably and I do him, but I must credit him with a touche on the last go-round between us. Quoth Mr. Patrick, ament the recent trip of AARP Pastor W. L. Pressly and other AARP brethren to Mexico and their near-miss of the earthquake there: "I knew you AARPs were a strong, if small, denomination, but I surely didn't know a touring bustful of you folk could start an earthquake."

Lake Montonia's picnic area was a nice spot for the Kiwanis joint session, and, from looks of the satisfied countenances, most folk didn't have the trouble of the serving lad.

Harold Coggins presided for the Kings Mountain club, welcomed the visiting firemen, and Mayor Glee Bridges and County Commissioner Mal Spangler made short talks. Clyde Nolan, who arranged the meeting, did the speaker presenting. All these used a microphone, set up for the occasion. But when Dr. W. P. Gerberding was asked to say the invocation, he spoke it without the benefit of "mike". The Lutheran minister was in good voice, and his prayer resounded strongly against the picnic shelter rooftop.

It was a nice party and our family of two was fortunate to be guests.

The Herald never likes to lose a subscriber, but one subscriber we lost last week made us particularly sad. A postal card came from Brooklyn, N. Y., from Charles Jeffries with the notation that he wouldn't renew his subscription. He had subscribed for his wife, who had once lived in Kings Mountain. She had died last spring. He did not give his wife's maiden name.

Grady Howard, the hospital man, drove up the other day sporting a new "baby" Nash, one American answer, I suppose, to the Volkswagen made in Germany. It was a neat looking car, turned out not to be Grady's. It is owned by a nurse at the hospital who had bought it only the day before, invited friends to run errands in it in order to get the first 1,000 mile break-in stretch over quickly. Thirty-five miles to the gallon makes good reading to drivers of bigger cars which find the fuel pump always thirsty.

Joe Hedden, the former high school band man, is enjoying his new work as personnel director of Best Bakery, says he learns something everyday. But he got his hand back in band business briefly recently for the Majorette school at Shelby. Joe helped out with the organization of the school.

Reports are at least a half-hundred football fans from Kings Mountain made the trek to Greensboro last Friday night for the East-West All-Star game, primarily to see John McGinnis perform. Coach Shu Carlton used John on defense almost exclusively, and he got to show his feet on only two running plays.

My father grew up near Waco on the banks of Muddy Fork Creek. He and I were discussing the recent heavyweight championship fight and fact that Floyd Patterson is originally from Waco, county of Cleveland, N. C. Dad recalled a Negro man named Patterson who cut wood and cradled wheat for Dad's father in the 1880's. Patterson was a "man". Dad remembers, would stack five cords of wood in a day when par for the course was three, Patterson outshone all others in the wheat cutting, too. We wondered if this Patterson were a forebear of the heavyweight champion.



Viewpoints of Other Editors

BALANCING ACT

On the surface the Government's surplus for the fiscal year just ended looks pleasant. In reality, it is an extremely shaky surplus; this is budget balancing more by accident than by design.

The surplus of more than \$1.6 billion is almost \$100 million lower than estimated, which in itself is hardly encouraging. The surplus could easily have been wiped out altogether if just a few things had turned out somewhat different.

For instance, last fiscal year's budget expected housing programs to cost \$719 million. But largely because the Federal National Mortgage Association sold debentures to the public instead of making heavy withdrawals from the Treasury, these programs to cost \$719 million. But into the Government's coffers.

In addition, the Export-Import Bank paid \$100 million into the Treasury instead of taking out \$400 million. This was due to the happenstance that the British government didn't draw any of its Ex-Im loan during the period. Finally, Federal revenues were almost \$300 million higher than the most recent estimate.

Thus, if just these three situations had developed the way the administration in fact originally thought they would, the surplus would have been microscopic; on this kind of basis, the Government could quite easily have wound up in the red. That is no way to run a budget.

For one thing, it is a dubious matter for the Government to have to be bailed out by constantly rising income from existing tax rates. This rising income, while partly a reflection of inflation, is to a considerable degree the result of the people's protest to the basis for tax cuts, instead of higher Government spending, which is the case now. The Government, despite the Fannie Mae and Export-Import "windfalls," spent nearly \$450 million more last fiscal year than it had estimated. Whatever else it may be, this is just plain bad fiscal practice. It is like a man who plans his spending on the assumption, but without any certainty, that he will get a raise before the year is out. Few argue that this is a sensible fellow. The Government of the United States, far more than any individual, should budget its expenses so as to ensure a large and safe surplus.

If there were a war or a depression, rickety budgeting could perhaps be excused. In a condition of peace and unrivaled prosperity there is no excuse whatsoever for the Government to keep on piling up its outlays year after year. Now if ever is the time when Government spending can be cut sharply.

And this is the only way the Government can get off this frayed budget tightrope without falling off, and balance its books in a way that won't look like a trick. (Wall Street Journal)

BY THE TELEPHONE

Don't be too hard on any teenagers in your home who may tie up the family telephone with too long and too frequent conversations with their friends. Sociologist at Ohio State University say they are merely "developing their personalities." Youngsters who shun this form of communication, they add, are antisocial and suffer from a lack of confidence.

The world will never be able to pay its full debt to Alexander Graham Bell. Think how stunted and antisocial were the folks on this earth before the inventor of the telephone came along. Mohammed never talked on a telephone. Neither did Demosthenes, Helen of Troy nor George Washington. Waterloo might have had an entirely different ending if Napoleon had enjoyed the benefit of walkie-talkies. (The Dallas Morning News)

HIGHBROW DEFINED

Highbrow: A person who enjoys a thing until it becomes popular — Oak Leaf.

CUTS IN MILITARY MANPOWER

The President has directed the armed services to reduce their manpower a total of 100,000 by the end of the year.

This is good news budgetwise, obviously. Secretary Wilson estimates an annual saving of \$200,000,000. Defensewise, the implications of this economy call for more careful analysis.

In this context everything needs to be seen against the backdrop of one enormous fact: The nuclear capabilities of both the Western and Iron Curtain powers and the defenses of each against the other have reached a point of development that practically rules out A-or H-bomb war.

This state of reciprocal deterrence, while of overshadowing importance in itself, means that national fears or ambitions and international disputes, should they turn to force, will do so via modern adaptations of conventional warfare.

Such warfare will employ fewer men. But how many fewer?

It is manifest that automatic weapons, guided missiles, and warheads multiply the firepower per unit of manpower. Mass armies are things of the past. But men will still be needed. The National Security Training Commission in its final report asked question: "What good would men be in any future war?" And answered it: "A far more pertinent question is: 'What good would all our superweapons be without trained men to operate them?'"

This leads to the observation that adoption of the basic features of the Cordiner report would keep more trained men in service, fewer men in training and thus justify further reduction in mere numbers. Also, that one of the essentials to readiness for modern conventional warfare is greatly increased mobility to "git thar fustest with the mostest men"—which means that speed can enable fewer to do more. Here is an essential that the Air Force, at the moment, is resisting in its traditional belief that bomb-dropping is decisive enough by itself.

Taking account of these considerations, cuts in manpower are possible—but progressively only as these considerations are fulfilled. (Christian Science Monitor)

A BROADMINDED PERSON

Now and then you find somebody who's broadminded enough to like both extremes of modern music—a pop-corn fan. (Wall Street Journal)

AIN'T IT SO?

By BILLY ARTHUR

A television comedian is a man who says things about other people that they are too polite to say about him.

We hear that Chatham County will erect a monument to a chicken. It'll probably be put in the middle of the highway.

No man has a good enough memory to be a successful liar.

We had no contempt for paper money because it did not contain the motto "In God We Trust." It's only familiarity that breeds contempt.

Family records can be kept without the knowledge of book-keeping, except in the case of twins. That's where double entry comes in.

The farmers who need immediate relief are those who drive 50 and 60 miles to sell their tobacco and can't find a place to park.

There's an old saying, "Modesty is to woman what salt is to meat." But have you been to the beach this summer?

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