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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

The wicked flee when no man pursueth; but the righteous are bold as a lion. Proverbs 28:1.

### Change Of Command

The administrative reigns of North Carolina government will be handed to Terry Sanford Thursday, as Governor Luther Hodges leaves the governor's office and prepares to move to a bigger one in Washington as occupied by the Secretary of Commerce.

The Governor will be completing nearly six years in office, to which he acceded on the death of William B. Umstead, and thereby set a modern record for length of office on the part of a governor of this state.

The stewardship of Governor Hodges has been good.

That the Governor pleased everyone all the time is not true, nor would it be fair to demand it of him. In an effort to put business-method efficiency into government, it was natural that the Governor would trample some sensitive toes. By very nature, purpose and function, government is designed for the benefit of all the people, whereas business is devoted to a goal of profits.

There was some criticism of the concentrated highway department arrangement and performance, with some feeling that the commission had become too far removed from the people.

School teachers didn't consider the Governor a particular friend as he did not give blanket endorsement to all the wants of the schools. Withal, his six years witnessed considerable expansion in school appropriations and concurrent increases in teacher pay.

Perhaps the Governor's most irritating statements occurred during the 1958 recession, when he remarked several times that North Carolina had no employment problem. The Governor meant, in these statements, that North Carolina did not need—or want—federal aid in the unemployment compensation field and that this state's problem did not compare in incidence or degree to the unemployment of Pennsylvania, Michigan, and some other hard-hit states. But the statements galled every North Carolinian then looking for work and wondering whether another job would be at hand before his jobless pay benefits were exhausted.

One of his most outstanding jobs, besides the many others which were more methodical and means to ends rather than end-points in themselves, was the Governor's success in attracting industry to North Carolina. The six-year total shows that billions in investment capital were spent in North Carolina and more than 100,000 jobs added for Tar Heel workers.

The other high point was the state's approach to the continuing problem of de-segregating the public schools. The Governor was a leader in adoption of the Pearsall Plan, which thus far has attained its joint aims: 1) an orderly, if slow, transition, meeting the letter of the United States Supreme Court decision, and 2) the prevention of violence as has embarrassed all concerned in Little Rock and, more recently, in New Orleans.

North Carolina, meantime, has maintained its long-term tradition of progress, based on the rock of fiscal responsibility.

Many North Carolinians are confident that Secretary Hodges will do the same kind of job in Washington that he has done in North Carolina, and a large segment of the rest of the nation shares this optimism.

Kings Mountain area citizens continue to save, as is evidenced by new record payments of year-end dividends and interest by financial institutions. Development of the savings habit is one that some seem to adopt and maintain quite easily, while others never acquire the ability. It's a matter of emphasis and direction. Those who save successfully determine what they can reasonably save, then make their savings "expenditure" before they direct their paychecks to other spending. The person who spends first, then saves, usually winds up with little left for laying away.

It's time to list properties for taxes. Those who attend to the chore earliest will find the job easiest and shortest. Those who wait too late, or fail to list for taxes, will find the procrastination costly.

### How Blue Is Blue?

How blue is blue and how blue do people want their Sundays?

Whether or not the push of the Christmas rush was responsible for immediate lack of vocal opposition to the operation of the city's lone motion picture house on Sunday is not known.

But a look-see about the community on any Sunday will show that the city's ordinance restricting business operations on Sunday is rather widely ignored.

Many service stations are open, coin-operated washerettes are in operation, and drug stores and non-Grade A restaurants do not observe the dictums of the law. (Oddly, the city ordinance exempts Grade A cafes from its stringencies, perhaps due to a state statute.)

In the summer season, the city recreation commission, natural child of the city itself, flaunts the ordinance as it opens its swimming pools to the community, vends soft drinks and other concession items.

It is also understood that the soft-drink vending machine in the lobby of city hall gets busy treatment from the church-going thirsty between end of Sunday school and beginning of church services.

For a more comparative case in point, how many citizens, no matter their feelings on commercial desecration of the Sabbath, have beer able to enforce a living room edict against use of the home movie theatre, the television set?

Some industry operates on Sundays, or portions thereof.

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Most can foresee some considerable inconvenience should the city, if legally empowered, remove itself from its summer swimming operations, place a lock on the vending machine slots, close tight service stations and other service establishments.

There is little question that a ban on operation of television sets on Sundays would create a juvenile revolution, in spite of the potential benefits of clearer eyes, more attention to study, and peace and quiet of the domicile.

### B. S. Neill

First National Bank, which last year was merged into First Union National Bank of North Carolina, was chartered in 1900.

For almost half of its existence, 29 years of it, B. S. Neill has been a key figure in its management and therefore a mainspring of its success, in both the bank's roles of giving service to the community and dividends to its stockholders.

Mr. Neill came to First National at a critical time. It was December 15, 1931, and the nation and Kings Mountain were in the slough of depression. Bank bankruptcies were the order of the day, as were bankruptcies of other businesses.

The late F. R. Summers, for many years president of First National, was never stinting in his praise of Mr. Neill, for his role in seeing that First National navigated the depression storms and emerged therefrom to grow and prosper and to serve the community as depository, financial adviser and source of capital.

The high regard in which Mr. Neill is held is adequate testimonial to his ability in conducting the business of this institution on a sound basis and concurrently meeting the demands of borrowers.

The Herald joins the community in congratulating him on a long and successful stewardship and in wishing him a long and happy retirement.

W. P. (Bill) Saunders, the former Kings Mountain citizen who for the past five years has directed the work of the state's busy Department of Conservation and Development, has announced plans to step down, though asked to continue by the incoming governor. Mr. Saunders has done a highly creditable job in the department's main function of attracting new industry and new payrolls to North Carolina.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

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

By now enough of 1961 should have elapsed for a considerable dent to have been made in a whole raft of New Year's resolutions.

Resolutions are a happy device, particularly for parents who seek to instill in their offspring those happy habits of personal care and public performance which are designed to bring the youngsters the complimentary descriptions of "little lady" or "little gentlemen", as the case may be.

Older folk, rightly or wrongly, and perhaps by embarrassing former falling experience, tend to be more chary about making resolutions for change of habit and practice.

### Change Of Command

Dick McGinnis had a non-typical answer when I jestingly asked if he had a 1961 set. "Sure," he replied in kind, "the same set I had last year and the year before that."

There are some folk I know who would like to make "A" on a resolution to stay awake in church. I had never considered this a world-shaking problem, but Simeon Stylites, writing in the Christian Century, has done some interesting research on the subject, and, for the benefit of ministers and their nodding parishioners, sets forth his findings.

In general, says the writer, special dispensation is in order for the farmer or other outdoor workman who finds six days of heavy work in the invigorating out-of-doors interrupted briefly by a day of quiet and repose. Says the writer, "... on the seventh day all their muscular activity in briefly halted and the peace, perfect peace, of a sitting position is imposed on them as the Bible readings and sermon descend like a cloud of laudanum. A young preacher in a country church should console himself with the thought that he is battling against nature in one of her most powerful moods." Laudanum, incidentally, was one of the earlier developed sedatives and pain-killers.

Two other major causes to church-sleeping are listed, one being carbon dioxide, which is the gas humans exhale in the process of aerating their bodies. The writer says he's been in many churches in which he is sure the windows haven't been opened in decades and charges that a poorly-ventilated church is one of the devil's secret weapons.

Another sleep-producing church apparatus is listed as the shiny organ pipes, crosses and other symbolic bric-a-brac, which the writer terms as "hypnotic and soporific."

I would add lighted candles, which play tricks with one's eyes, as well as aiding and abetting the debilitating, sleep-producing gas department.

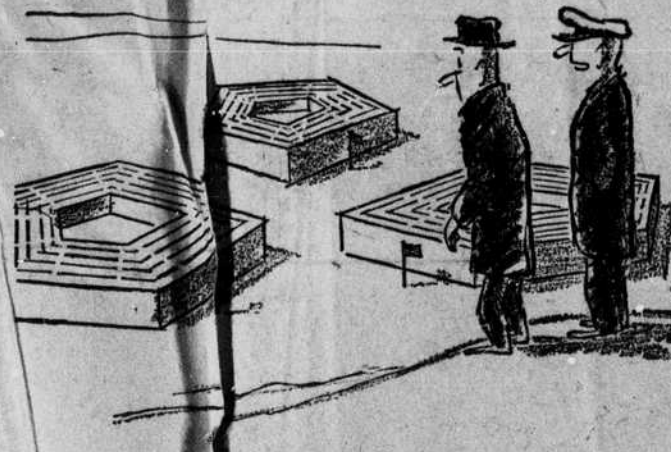
It has been a long time since I've been a victim of this illness, but I feel for those who are. It's a miserable and embarrassing feeling to go through the shock of the end-point head jerk from pew sitting.

It doesn't happen only in church. Mayor Glee Bridges was a victim at the recent Lions football banquet. He'd been up early and had a busy day. The banquet fare was copious and delicious and the Mayor consumed the victuals in a fashion designed to compliment the cook. During the program, it was obvious that the Mayor was fighting to remain awake. However, he retained good control with a well-concealed half-doze, never once punctured by a head-drop or a bleating snore.

The sleep-in-church researcher has some words of advice for the preachers. Movement will help, he suggests, which implies the preacher might do well to arrange his service for a good bit of getting up and sitting down on the part of the parishioners, not to mention a leaping on his part from sharp point to sharp point. Another ministerial aid suggested is the use of the rhetorical question, the more disturbing and conscience-pricking the better.

If none of these devices prove out, there is solace for all in the long-accepted contention that ability to doze off at any given time or place is unquestioned evidence that the sleeper is blessed with a clear conscience.

"It began innocently enough — each service thought it could do each thing best."



### Views of Other Editors

#### DIVIDING THE TAX

Thirty-three of the American states levy a general sales tax. Kentucky became the latest addition to this list by its Legislature this year. Indiana collects a gross receipts tax, which is similar in effect.

In nearly all cases the rate is 2 or 3 per cent, but Michigan last month voted a constitutional amendment to authorize an increase to 4 per cent.

A number of cities in New York State, including New York City, under the Legislature impasse, now a special commission on economic expansion appointed by Governor Rockefeller has included in its report a recommendation that a state-wide sales tax be made a local option.

When the Sixteenth Amendment to the Constitution was ratified in 1913 it authorized a graduated income tax as a federal source of revenue for the United States. This has been a factor in the extension of federal powers through dependence on federal aid.

With a recognition that state graduated income taxes tend to become duplicative and prohibitory, the recent tendency has been to reduce these taxes and state and local governments have been going up; their budgets more than doubled since 1950's. Hence they are in need of dependable revenues beyond the possibilities of ad valorem property taxes, though they can be improved.

The sales tax seems the logical area left for financing state government. There are objections that it is regressive, bearing most heavily on those of low incomes. But in view of a relatively broad and even distribution of earning power and steepness of federal income tax rates, the popularity of state sales taxes is understandable. — Christian Science Monitor.

#### SUNDAY CLOSING LAWS

A group of laws which the United States Supreme Court has under advisement concerns the legality of state laws which prohibit or limit commercial activity on Sunday. Two of the cases come from Pennsylvania, one from Maryland and one from Massachusetts.

Approximately 40 of the 50 states have laws on their books on this subject, some enforced, some overlooked; all might be affected by the court's decision.

In the oral arguments, attorneys opposing the so-called "blue laws" conceded the right of states to legislate that one day in seven be observed as a day of rest. But the right to designate a specific day was challenged, noting that Mohammedans consider Friday a holy day and Jews observe Saturday as the Sabbath. Also contested are laws which permit sale of merchandise in some areas but not in others on Sunday.

In behalf of specific Sunday closing laws it was argued that if some establishments are allowed to observe a different closing day from others the enforcement system will break down and a virtual seven-day business week ensue.

The trend in that direction is all too prevalent in many parts of the United States. Supermarkets stay open at night and their smaller competitors are under pressure to work extra hours. A suburban store advertises Sunday sales and downtown stores are at a disadvantage.

The question becomes one of social policy, labor welfare and fair competition as well as of religion. In fact, if religionists were conceded the right to choose their day of rest, there would still be legitimate concern to prevent a tendency toward treating all days alike. Whatever the Supreme Court may rule, there probably will be serious questions left for state legislatures. — Christian Science Monitor.

#### TIME FOR REVISION

Another old saw that needs revision is the one about death and taxes. Death doesn't get worse every time Congress meets. — Changing Times.

#### COMPULSORY CARE

Strong efforts will be made in the next session of Congress to make medical care for the aged a part of the social security program. It will mean an upping of the social security rates paid by both employer and employee and will make medical care a mandatory part of the social security program of the nation.

There is a place for the federal and state governments in seeing that proper medical care is extended those needing it, but there are strong and logical objections why it should not be a part of social security.

There are some 12 million American people now past 65 years of age, who are covered by social security. What about these people? Many of them are unable to meet high medical expenses. They will have to go through old age agencies as they do today.

The government should see that all elderly people have the medical attention they need. But there are still people who want to work out some of their problems themselves. The push to place all medical care for the aged under social security will be one more move towards making the government wholly responsible for all the needs of the people.

Every time the government takes over some function of so-called public need, it means more money from somewhere. Some of these needs are real and should be faced. Others are urged for political reasons. But there is getting to be too much compulsion in putting some of these programs into effect. — Owosso (Mich.) Argus Press.

#### WHEN THIS HAPPENS YOU'RE AN OLD MAN

A man is supposed to be as old as he feels. That means that the important question is: What makes a man feel old?

About the best answer to that question we've seen is the answer given by Harry Golden, the Charlotte sage who edits The Carolina Israelite.

He says the older you get the more concerned you are about your insurance, your will, and medical checks, but only for so long. Then: "One day you will look up and discover that the President of the United States is fifteen years younger than you and then you've had it." — Smithfield Herald.

#### 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1951 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Sam Stallings, chairman of the No. 4 Township March of Dimes campaign for 1951, announced Thursday major committee heads for the \$6,000 fund drive.

Business was brisk at City Hall this week as a large number of citizens, accomplished their annual job of listing property for taxes.

Winners of the Christmas decoration contest sponsored by two Kings Mountain Garden clubs were the W. K. Mauney home, first, and the Rev. T. L. Cashwell home, second.

Social and Personal  
The Senior Woman's Club and Junior Woman's Club held open house at the clubhouse on Saturday night.

W. K. Mauney, Jr. Howard Jackson and E. E. Marlowe attended the Gator Bowl game at Jacksonville, Fla., on New Year's Day.

Miss Martha Plunk, member of the faculty of the University of West Virginia, returned this week to Morgantown, W. Va. after spending the holidays at home.

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### Telephone Talk

by **FLOYD FARRIS**  
Your Telephone Manager



EVERY 3 SECONDS A NEW PAPA IS BORN! And if you think that's a lot of papas, you're right. Now that we're starting another new year, I thought it would be interesting to look at some figures on our increasing population. Today there are 3 billion people in the world—twice as many as 100 years ago.

United Nations estimates now forecast that by the year 2000 there'll probably be between 6 and 7 billion. The United States, with 180 million now will most likely pass the 3 hundred million mark in the next 40 years. In our business—communications—this growth means a lot of planning ahead to meet the needs of our fast-growing population, and you may be sure we're not sleeping at the switchboard!

TELEPHONE MILESTONE—Just to back me up about not sleeping at the switchboard, here's news about an event that happened recently in this country. The 60 millionth telephone in the Bell System was installed! Actually, America's telephone "population" is now more than 75 million, including the stations operated by the 3,500 independent companies. You know, the more phones there are, the more valuable telephone service becomes to everyone.

THE KINGS MOUNTAIN area citizens are to be congratulated for the fine support given the recent visit of the Bloodmobile. A total of 120 persons gave blood. The donors listed included seven Grover citizens. Mauney Hosiery Company employees led industrial group donors with 19, followed by Mauney Mill employees with 11.

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