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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 called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

The Rider

We take it grade school children, in their studies of history and civics, are still learning the definition of a legislative "rider."

Nominally, the rider is a piece of legislation attached to a bill, which rider has no particular connection with the main purpose of the legislation but is appended in hope that the rider will become law in the course of adoption of the principal legislative aim.

For an extreme example, a legislator or group of them, might seek to append an appropriation for a flood control project to a defense appropriation bill.

Thus there is current discussion on the upcoming federal education bill in which some civil rights enthusiasts would seek to deny federal funds to segregated schools.

This is not the way the bill was introduced. The administration bill makes no segregation proviso, and Mr. Ribicoff, the secretary of Health, Education & Welfare says the purpose of the legislation is improving the schools, whereas the civil rights complainants are seeking a comparative free ride.

The fate of the administration bill is not sure, at any rate.

It will be passed rather easily by the Senate, if last year's similar action is indicative, but is expected to have rougher sledding in the House of Representatives, which passed a much smaller and restricted education bill last year by a narrow margin. Since last year, House Republican membership has increased by 22. Certainly the Southern membership of the House would help defeat any bill with the civil rights rider attached, though the South figures to be particularly benefitted more than some other areas of the nation.

More conservative citizens decry the further entry of the federal government into education. The more moderate would approve federal construction aid, but not teacher salary supplements; which is the position of Governor Terry Sanford, as ardent as any North Carolinian on the education front.

The objectors look at tomorrow and see the civil rights and other riders on the horizon, a particular one being the inherent implication that he who pays prescribes the terms, as it implies to orders on curricula and otherwise.

Construction aid is less of a bugaboo, having proved feasible in many other areas of state-federal-local joint projects. The experience has been that once a building is constructed, and terms of the contract met, it is under local management and control.

Some citizens regard as a horrible prospect that of a federal teacher civil service.

Local Office Needed

It was in October 1959 that Kings Mountain's Employment Service office was closed, heavy complaints of the citizens being to no avail.

The Employment Service commission had a rather unassailable answer. A parsimonious skin-flinty Republican federal agency had simply pared North Carolina's allocation of funds and a particular number of employees had to be pastured, unless they wished to work without pay.

In turn, the Kings Mountain office served a comparatively small geographical area and, compared to some offices, a small number of both employers and employees. The Kings Mountain office had to go.

None figured the service would be as good as in the past, and this has been the result.

No derogation is intended to efforts of the Cleveland County office which assumed the local functions. Manager John Fleming and his cohorts have stretched themselves in seeking to give good service.

Employers relate that the biggest difference they note is less rapport between the county office and themselves. The problem is physical, involving personal contact and time.

The Kings Mountain office was operated on a very reasonable cost and the Herald would hope, for the benefit of all Kings Mountain area citizens, that one immediate benefit of the change in national administration is the re-opening of the Kings Mountain office of the Employment Service.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

Wednesday was the 129th birthday of General George Washington, first president and called the father of our country.

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As an Indian-fighting soldier, planter, general of the armies, and president, Mr. Washington was a veritable jack-of-all trades and, history records, pretty good at all of them.

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Washington and his colonial cohorts, Franklin, Jefferson, Madison, the Adamses and others, the historians relate, had within themselves a sense of grand mission, with the innate feeling they were exploring in the governmental frontier completely new fields which would effect the lives of unborn millions for years to come. No matter Washington's vision, it is conceivable he and the other founding fathers would be shocked at the growth of the nation to 180 million persons.

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He would also be shocked to find the Atlantic Ocean shrunk to a mere moat, in comparison to the day, in his farewell address, he urged the nation to avoid foreign entanglements. This warning of Washington has been quoted in many arguments since and was the basis of much of the isolationist argument prior to World War II.

In actual practice, it was never found possible to follow the precept very long. For many years, the principle was used merely in keeping the Western Hemisphere more or less inviolate to European designs. Today, many, in view of the Cuban situation, the Laos and Congo troubles, wish it were possible to follow Washington's advice. But the speed of communications and the atom bomb have forever changed the course of this nation in international waters.

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Whether or not General Washington, as a youngster, was as heroic about admitting to the business of wanting destruction of his father's cherry is not historically delineated, but it makes a good moral. The truism is that delaying judgment day can often prove more costly than paying debts when due.

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West Kings Mountain election officials will be pleased at the action of Ralph Gilbert, county elections board chairman. In feeling the county board of commissioners, he wants the card-index system throughout the county. The changes, Chairman Gilbert says, are designed to speed voting, and hearty seconds will come from just about all West Kings Mountain citizens, many of whom spent three hours getting to vote last November, and many of whom didn't get to vote because they didn't have the time to wait. And the election counting wasn't finished until 5 a. m. the following morning.

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Mr. Gilbert told the board the elections body has the authority to order a new registration, but he felt the county commission should be forewarned since the cost will be out of the county treasury. Most folks will feel the cost justified.

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The county elections board, incidentally, is pretty well loaded with authority. Last fall I made a talk on election procedures to a seventh grade class and likely learned more about election laws than the students. One item of election board authority the students seemed to appreciate more than any other. The elections board, if it wishes, can, in effect, commandeer a school building for use in an election and, if election day comes on a school day, can order the superintendent or principal to close the school for the day. The youngsters liked the holiday idea.

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Immediately after the election last fall West Kings Mountain officials suggested that this large precinct should be split. Bethware citizens have issued an invitation to West Kings Mountain to change the boundaries in order to give more voters to Bethware. Says Cameron Ware, Bethware Democratic chairman, "We need some more Democrats." Looking at the vote total last fall, there's no surety a change of boundaries would give Cameron his desired result.

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Inflation note: A bill being offered in the General Assembly would up the petty larceny limit to \$300, rather than the present \$100.

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The American Legion Auxiliary met with Mrs. Dickie Tate last Thursday night with Mrs. Clarence Black as co-hostess.

Rough Winter



Viewpoints of Other Editors

CASE OF THE PORPOISEFUL PORPOISE

Naughty Notty won't swim at full speed. The Navy is disappointed.

Navy scientists had great plans for Notty, a 12-foot porpoise netted in the Pacific last year. They wanted her to tell them how — or why — porpoises develop more horsepower per pound than any other critter known to man.

Porpoises at sea have observed frolicking around the bows of 30-knot ships. But, after months of supervised testing, Notty's top performance to date has been 16 knots.

The scientists theorize that maybe Notty is being naughty because the speed trials take place in an enclosed tank—315 feet long, but enclosed nevertheless. They're talking about a bigger place, perhaps an inlet that can be fenced off with submarine nets.

We have a different theory. We simply believe that porpoises are smarter than people. They have built-in radar systems, can communicate with each other in high pitched squeaks, get plenty to eat for the gulping, can frolic all the live-long day and retire to warmer dimes when the bitter cold sets in, with no worry about transportation costs, room rent, or, at the end of their lives, medical care for the aged or Social Security.

Why put on a show for the Navy?

No purpose to it, not for a porpoise. — The Charlotte Observer.

WANTED: A CAUSE

With nothing very personal in mind we glanced recently at the personal columns of The Spectator. There, crowded in among companions in engagements, and novelists searching for an isolated cottage was an item calculated to delight Lord Byron, Florence Nightingale, or Ernest Hemingway. It read: "Wanted: A Cause. Young man, 25, adequate unearned income, will go anywhere, do anything, for nothing, in any worthwhile cause. Box 7348."

Well, we'd like to advise Box 7348 (wherever he may be by now) in whatever adventurous pursuit) that his mere placing of that ad serves a pretty worthwhile cause.

Not long ago educators and parents and anthropologists were shaking their heads in sad agreement over the condition of modern youth. Security, they said, security was all the young graduate craved; a safe job, a safe suburb, conformity, retirement income all settled at age 25. Or at the opposite extreme "rebels without a cause."

For a while this seemed to be the story of many Western youths. But lately the pendulum has begun to swing back toward a more adventurous, inventive, confident attitude.

Box 7348 is perhaps an extreme example. Adequate unearned income" is not a widespread commodity. But nevertheless he typifies the reviving confidence of Western youth.

It remains to be seen whether Box 7348 and his contemporaries will know a worthwhile cause when they see one. History inclines us to the view that if they know enough to be looking for one, they will recognize it when they encounter it. — The Christian Science Monitor.

PUNCTUALITY'S

Eastern North Carolina is developing a fierce grudge against punctuality. Of course, unsophisticated folks believe an invitation means what it says, but there is a bewildering impression in many quarters that punctuality is gauche and naive, unmistakably small-townish. The feeling is that if you go to a seven o'clock function at 7:30, no one will be there but the host and hostess and they will be half-dressed.

Maybe this impression is a wicked by-product of the old to-bacco warehouse dance, festival or coronation. Girls didn't want to arrive until plenty of stags had accumulated, back when "breaking" was acceptable. Too, there was the theory that the o-

ODD-SHAPED ROOMS

A British real estate agent, offering a domicile which includes a room 12 feet long by three feet wide, suggests it could be used to house an "unbidden guest," or alternatively a pet serpent. The advertisement does more than display ingenious salesmanship. It suggests that the people who planned the house you live in now may have built more method than madness into the structure.

Why some rooms take the shapes they do has long been a mystery wrapped in a real estate deed. How did that parhandle grow on grandfather's bedroom? Why was the pantry built L-shaped?

Sometimes, of course, one's room's triumph was another room's disaster. Many houses were built from the outside in—and if that Rhenish tower was to achieve fusion with a Georgian chassis, something "had to give."

Rooms achieved a remarkable degree of conformity—even comprehensively—when architects could forgo secret staircases, and built-in closets. But rooms that start out geometrically on the square can develop all the aesthetic deviousness of their inhabitants.

The real estate agent peddling the 12-by-three guest room has perhaps the only solution for certain rooms we all have seen. It is not to try to remodel the dwelling for normal habitation but to make the occupant fit the room. — The Christian Science Monitor.

Church services start on time, even if some of the snazzier folks always arrive late. Most funerals start on time but the undertakers know some pallbearers are always tardy. Most sessions of Superior Court give the same credence to clocks the operators of the railroads did in the 1890's. Many business men assume the appointment will be a little late and hardly anyone is ever punctual for a luncheon engagement. And there has always been a feeling that nothing important happens at a play until 20 minutes after the show has started.

Perhaps if it weren't for beauty operators, all the master watchmakers would commit mass suicide. They mean ten o'clock when they say it and the woman who was late at her own wedding gets to the beauty parlor appointment on time if the sidewalk is hem-stitched. — Raleigh News and Observer.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

Dr. F. L. Conrad of Salisbury, president of the United Evangelical Lutheran Synod in North Carolina, will be the officiating officer at ground breaking services for the Lutheran Mission in Kings Mountain on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

There was no formal political activity for the forthcoming city elections up to noon Thursday, but the rumor mill was grinding more heavily than in the past few days.

Social and Personal

Mrs. J. R. Davis was hostess on Tuesday afternoon entertaining with five tables of canasta.

Mrs. W. K. Crook entertained members of the Study club and additional guests at her home Tuesday night.

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Telephone Talk

by **FLOYD FARRIS** Your Telephone Manager

BORN IN FEBRUARY? You're in good company. So were such "greats" as George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson, Charles Lindbergh and Babe Ruth—to mention only a few.

ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL, another Great American whose birthday comes in March, was spurred on to invent the telephone through his interest in helping deaf persons. We think Mr. Bell would be happy to know about a recent development of Bell Laboratories—the electronic larynx which makes speech possible to those who have lost their larynxes and ability to speak. The electronic larynx is available to those who need it at just what it costs to produce. For more information, inquire at our Business Office.

JUST BECAUSE YOU WANT TO... is a good enough reason to pick up the phone and enjoy a Long Distance visit. Someone you've been missing—youngsters off at school, a relative who lives far away. Long Distance rates are low with extra bargains after 6 p.m. and on Sundays. Why not call tonight—Just because you want to?

CASTLE IN SPAIN, ANYONE? A turreted, storied castle in Spain, built in the 14th century, is for sale because the nearest telephone is two kilometers away. Its owners will part with this old landmark for \$4,000 because that is how much they need to build a telephone exchange. The price is right if you have the money and want to buy a castle, but think how lonely you'd be without a telephone!