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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. The Acts 15:16.

### World Order

Few around the globe, including some of those who framed the Constitution of the United States, felt that the fledgling new nation, rather fluke winner in the war for freedom against Great Britain, would survive.

Yet survive it has, successfully meeting the second test with the former mother country in the War of 1812, and successively forging itself into a world power through a tragic Civil War, and two World Wars.

Through the Constitution, its amendments and the rule of law, this nation has maintained internal order, and freedom minus license.

A key question to many today is: Will the United Nations survive?

Many citizens of the United States rather hope it won't, seeking to revert to the isolationism propounded by George Washington, the first president, who regarded the surrounding oceans as non-navigable moats. From its use of the veto in the Security Council and from its general policy of obstructionism, there is question as to whether Russia, the other major world power, wants the United Nations to survive. Only in the past few days Nehru, of India, has flouted the United Nations.

Apparently, these and many more want to play at the United Nations game when the results suit their particular positions or desires.

Yet in a constantly shrinking globe, with experimental planes traveling three times the speed of sound, and New York and Paris only six hours apart by commercial air transport, the peoples of the world, regardless of differences in languages, heritage and custom, must learn to live together to survive.

The United Nations is a virtual baby in age, and its charter has plenty of deficiencies. But there are some successes. Aggression was halted in Korea and the effort in the Congo is promising of success.

Much good work of the United Nations is unheralded, including its technical assistance to food-short nations, its relief work, and its medical missions.

The New York Times comments: "We do not believe the U. N. will die. The evils, the cowardice and jealousies that have been revealed from time to time in the Assembly and Security Council sessions would exist even if there were no U. N. A United Nations will continue to exist because it must. No partisan debate, no isolationism, if that is what we are going to have, can change that truth."

### Business To Be Good

There was considerable evidence during the Christmas season that the recession situation of the prior Christmas season has been reversed.

Retail sales were up, steel mills were booking more orders, industry was generally showing improved sales and profits.

In this area, textiles, the bread-and-butter industry, was out of its slump and prospects appeared good for the coming months.

North Carolina had enjoyed a banner year in attracting new industries and their life-giving payrolls and the prospect for the future is that more are coming.

None, no matter how many endeavor, can accurately predict the future but the economic indicators that have proved valuable in the past point favorably toward 1962 as a prosperous year for the area, North Carolina and the nation.

### Open Tuesday Wise

From reports from several retailers, being open Tuesday was wise.

Not only was Tuesday, as a radio announcer quipped, "national exchange day", but it was also a day of solid sales.

The problem of getting a large group of retailers together on opening and closing hours and holiday schedules is not easy and THE headache of any Merchants Association president's administration, as Bill Jonas and predecessors will be quick to testify.

While being open Tuesday was wise, it still behooves the merchants to work in accord if possible, both to avoid horse-and-buggy age schedules and, even more important, to keep the public informed. Some merchants are speculating that polling on a type-of-business basis might be more effective than merely coming to decision by simple majority vote.

### Politics Upcoming

The year around the corner will mark the so-called "off-year" elections, meaning a non-presidential election year.

Already the newspaper corps has figured that the next Congress will have a record number of new faces, due to deaths, resignations, and the usual pasturing of those who lose favor with the voters.

The Democrats have maintained control, if sometimes shaky, of the Congress since the off-year elections of 1954. While it is historic that the party controlling the presidency loses some Congressional ground in political off-years, the biennial election result will be a measure of what the nation thinks of policies currently being followed. Is the nation enchanted or disenchanted with the hand at the tiller?

Frequent elections are costly in time and treasure, but the expense is cheap in maintaining the freedom guaranteed by the Constitution.

### Major Decisions

Citizens of Kings Mountain and the Kings Mountain area have some major decisions upcoming within the next few months, not to mention the day-to-day decisions involved in the normal course of events.

The first, likely, will be the area decision on a school district bond issue, which will determine whether a new high school will be constructed. On the positive side, a new high school should pretty well solve the crowded situation within the schools for a number of years. On the negative side, with population increasing, where can they be put without more classroom space?

Another major decision this year involves the city alone.

Apparently D-Day is approaching on the rebuilding of the city's electrical distribution system. The first step has been taken in the form of the preliminary engineering work. The second will be in financing the improvements. Kings Mountain's power system has been a very profitable one and has been one of the means whereby the city enjoys one of the state's lower ad valorem tax rates. The "golden goose", as one member of the administration remarked, should be well-fed.

On the thesis that first matters should be attended first, these are this area's major decisions for 1962.

### Neale Patrick

For the past four years, Kings Mountain Herald readers have been treated to a regular weekly diet of both incisive and expansive sports coverage.

This service has been 99 percent creditable to Neale Patrick, who finishes his stint with this issue to join the staff of his hometown daily, The Gastonia Gazette.

The Herald will miss Neale Patrick, not only for the results of his labors, but because he worked well at all times with other members of the staff.

The Herald regards its loss as the Gazette's gain, wishes both the Gazette and Mr. Patrick well in their association.

### Mrs. Souther

The death of Mrs. Macie Souther removed from the community a person who had lived here many years and, as a veteran teacher, had influenced the lives of many children and their families.

A widow since 1944, Mrs. Souther lived quietly and unobtrusively, doing her job, constantly exhibiting friendship and kindness.

From those who knew her best came this continuing comment: "She never complained," a high compliment which many others would be glad to claim.

Congratulations to Frank Hamrick, newly-elected president of the Bethware Progressive club. Mr. Hamrick has given valiant service to the club in many other assignments and will do the same as president.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

There's an old folklore medicinal theorem which goes something like this: "Stuff a cold; starve a fever." It has a more modern version diametrically opposed: "Stuff a cold and you may have to starve a fever."

At any rate, when I greeted Sunday morning with a drippy cold I didn't even bother to pull out the thermometer. Christmas feasting was on the threshold and I elected the older advice. For two days I stuffed it, and, as this is written, am alive to relate it.

I suggested to my mother-in-law she must be psychic. Several Christmas seasons ago, she had presented me a pair of pajamas. We were at her house for the night-before-Christmas party and had little more than opened the gifts when I suddenly felt the bite of the flu bug. The schedule got a little mixed that year. Instead of staying overnight and passing on the next morning, I put up for several days — abed — and the pajamas were put to immediate use.

This year she presented me some beautiful linen handkerchiefs (a gift I always appreciate), and again the gift was put to quick and practical use.

On Sunday prior, thanks to Jonas Bridges, we were able to slay two birds with one stone, traveling to Woodruff, S. C., during morning church service hour, yet in effect attending church in Kings Mountain. The auto radio brought in quite well Dr. W. P. Gerberding's "God with us" Christmas message from St. Matthew's Lutheran church and Charlie Woodward's excellent music.

On Christmas day it was a traditional celebration with my aunts, Misses Laura and Lillian Plonk, and other members of the clan in Asheville. The weatherman assisted with a cold, but clear and beautiful day, with ice apparent only in a couple of shaded spots along the road and shining white on the mountain tops. One other evidence of ice was in Beaucatcher tunnel, which leads in to Asheville. Down a couple of crevices hung some wintry artwork in the form of icy stalagmites.

I almost confess to over-eating, and if I let out a couple of gobblers before the week is over, it will be merely the result of copious quantities of roast turkey.

The wreck totals many not show it, or the folk along my two routes may have been especially courteous and/or careful, but on my two jaunts the motorists were especially well-behaved. I experienced no close calls, and saw only one driver trying to get to destination a little faster than he might have. I have sometimes been wont to charge that such experience is especially unusual in our neighboring state to the south, but must confess Old Hurry was operating in the Tar Heel state.

The super-highways are a dream of practical engineering and are worth their cost in comfort and safety. There's a particularly pretty view of the whole Kings Mountain range on one knoll between Grover and the Dixon road over-pass, and the Old Fort-Black Mountain stretch of four-lane boulevard remains to me a wonder of the age.

Some markings at intersections remain confusing, particularly at night when traffic is heavy. William Plonk was following me down the mountain and I failed to make the right turn into Marion. The straight course (one-way only) led toward Crossnore, Linville and Blowing Rock. I told William, after arriving home, I thought maybe he'd like to head to the mountains for a bit of skiing — which, with the soon-to-open slide at Blowing Rock and the already open one at Fire Top mountain, appear to be the makings of a winter tourist season in the mountains, as well as a summer one.

William guessed he and I were too ripe for such limbo-risking activity (ask Bob Baker, the dentist).

The giving spirit was evidenced in more ways than one. Rev. B. L. Raines said the "Christmas clearing house" made Christmas merrier for 44 needy families, with 14 merchants volunteering major additions to the gift inventory. This was exclusive of many deliveries made by numerous organizations.

Now it's time to say, "Happy New Year!"

## DON'T GO "OUT" WITH THE OLD YEAR



### DRIVE SAFELY THIS CHRISTMAS

### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### IN, OUT AND IN AGAIN

It was all a long time ago but we remember very vividly the call-up of the reserves in 1940, a whole year before Pearl Harbor. There are a lot of middle-aged men about who could tell today's young reserves a thing or two about administrative foul-ups, inadequate facilities and makeshift equipment — not to mention the pains of an uprooted life.

Yet we can testify that the gripes then were never as serious as the papers of that day pictured them. We do not think that most of today's gripes are tither. For all the complaints, the young men of today are of the same mettle as their fathers. They will do what has to be done.

But there is one difference between yesterday and today. We knew in those days that we faced not only a clear and present danger but we saw a clear and immediate task. It was to put out a definite fire; that task done, those of us who were left could go home, pick up our ways and dream that our duty was done for ever.

Today there is no such dream. Called up one day to answer an alarm, the next day the reserve is told the alarm has faded and maybe he can go home. If the Government wants him again, it will call him again tomorrow. And so on for all his days.

It is in this, and not in noisy gripes about snafus, that there exists a "morale" problem. It must be recognized, and dealt because it strikes at the very heart of the reserve system. And no man should suppose that we can wreck our system of the citizen-soldier without grave injury. Obviously everyone, including the reserve soldier, knows that this struggle is a long and constant one in which we shall have to bear repeated alarms. With the greatest wisdom in the world the President and the Pentagon cannot avoid mistakes in responding to threats; firemen must answer even false alarms. There is no criticism here of President Kennedy's call-up of the reserves to meet the Berlin crisis.

But the problem of the in-again-out-again-in-again soldier is not going to go away just because some general airy thinks that is what the reserves are for.

When the ordinary citizen becomes a soldier, however reluctantly, he does so because he is willing to serve his country; if this is not so, then we have nothing but an army of mercenaries. When he joins the reserves after his regular duty he accepts the obligation to be recalled; he knows that he will be the first to respond in war, that he must bear the brunt while the country is mobilizing.

But this concept puts an equal obligation upon the Government. That obligation is to be extremely careful about when it sounds the alarm, to be always aware of what it is that the citizen soldier is being asked to do, and to not be high call of duty to count, not be soured every time the tagler gets nervous.

One young man we know did two years of regular duty. He came home, married and started on his career. He was uprooted a year later and went back to Korea. All this he bore willingly and willingly stayed in the reserves. He went willingly when the President uprooted him again in the alarms over Berlin.

Still, since this anyway you will, here is a young man who three times in a decade has had his career chopped up, his home disrupted. Now he's told the situation isn't so much of a crisis as it may be in six months he can go home and start once more.

This man's name is Nelson and it is time he comes home.

#### A SLIGHT CONTRADICTION

In presenting his 20-year program to the Soviet Union Communist Party Congress last month, Premier Khrushchev set a goal of implementing the Marxist precept, "From each according to his ability, to each according to his needs."

Now, according to reports from the Soviet Union, Communist internal propaganda media are everywhere urging Soviet citizens to bend their backs to the tasks of making the glowing 20-year promises come true. "To work, tovarishchi!" is the pervading theme.

Indeed, although communism disdains "bourgeois morality," a code of "morality for builders of communism" has been widely publicized in the Soviet press. It extols truthfulness, simplicity, moral cleanliness, friendship, brotherhood, humane relationships, mutual respect, and "conscientious work for the good of society."

This last is reinforced by the maxim that Captain John Smith adopted in the Jamestown settlement in early North American history, "He who does not work shall not eat."

This is in rather sharp contrast to the popular concept of the "welfare state." In Western societies capitalism has made elaborate provision to assure at least that those who cannot work still may eat. Soviet "socialism" uses work norms and wide differences of pay levels to push or reward its producers. Communism may offer the future Soviet citizen a soft life — but he'd better work for it. — *The Christian Science Monitor.*

resigns his reserve commission then we, for one, can hardly blame him. It will not be that he is less warm to duty but more wary of the whims of Washington.

While the reserve soldier accepts obligation to go first when his country is embattled, he has a reasonable right to expect that the permanent strength of our defenses be managed in such a way that he is not casually called every time his Government wants to make a show of determination. When that happens, it is the Government and not the citizen-soldier who has failed in his duty.

A few more such calls and the country will have few volunteers to call. We may still have a compulsory reserve, but you may be sure it will be of a different kind and quality from those who went first to Bull Run, to Belleau Woods and to Pearl Harbor. — *The Wall Street Journal.*

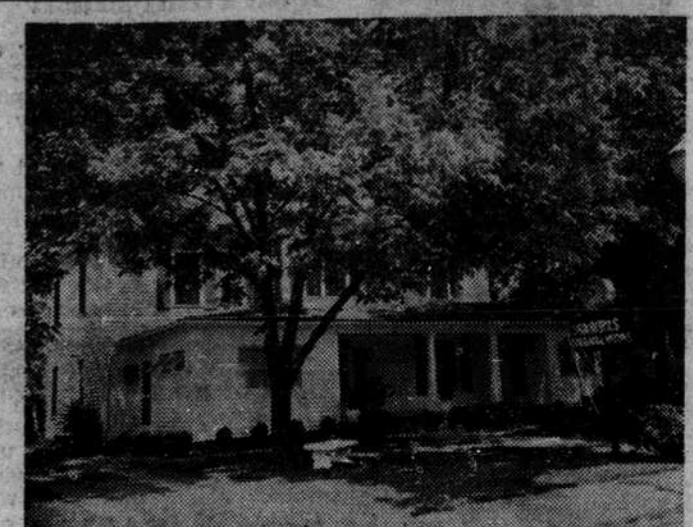
## 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

Annual tax listing will begin January 1st for both city and county, according to joint announcement this week by Clarence E. Carpenter and B. D. Ratner.

**Social and Personal**  
Mrs. Charles Neisler was hostess at a dessert bridge and rook party Friday afternoon at the Country Club.

James Throneburg of New York City arrived Friday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Y. F. Throneburg.



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