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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. Hosea 6:6.

The Vote Upcoming

Major projects cost money and require time, particularly when they're governmental projects, involving all the people of a particular area.

Such is the upcoming proposal, to be endorsed or declined by the people, on the building of a new high school plant to serve the expanded district.

Many have been impatient at the seeming slowness in calling the election, but the legal details must be correct - down to the proper location of the commas - - to assure the would-be bond-purchasers that no legal technicalities will be pled to prevent repayment of the bonds.

The election has now been called and the voting is soon to be held.

The facts are that classroom space is needed and potentially to be more short, minus more buildings, with a growing area population. The high school freshman class is three classrooms larger than this year's graduation class. The sum of \$1,100,000 is a heady one,

but less so when compared to the aggregate wealth of the area. Expressed in taxable values, considerably short of actual, the citizens of the Kings Mountain school district are worth about \$23 millions, the county tax supervisor relates from his figures.

It behooves all citizens to speak their piece, via the ballot, on the March 10 bond election.

As is well-delineated, the Herald favors the bond issue, is glad to see endorsements from the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Number 4 Township Grange, agreeing with the latter that full attention and facilities should be provided for vocational agriculture.

Due to the requirement of the Cleveland County school act of 1935, under which the upcoming election is called, a new registration is being held. Those who fail to register will find themselves unable to register their opinions on March 10.

The books will be open at the eight voting places February 10, ten days

The Republican party intends to field a full slate of candidates at the county level, Chairman Pierce Cassidy said here recently, and it labeled "a crying shame" the historical fact of Republican lethargy in the county. The Democrats undoubtedly rejoin that they've given the county good government for, lo, these many years, which gave no reason or excuse for GOP activity. Meantime, fielding a local team is the only route whereby the GOP can hope to effectuate a strong organization.

An astrologer predicts the end of the world on Monday, which makes him a likely candidate for the gallery of those who have predicted in error in years gone by.

Protecting Watersheds

In the past few years, North Carolina has moved in an important direction, that of protecting its water supplies for the benefit of all. A prime mover of the movement was the late Dr. J. S. Dorton, of Shelby, who saw earlier than some that the growing population would demand more and more water as the years

Thus the city recently, at the recom-mendation of its engineer, W. K. Dickson of Charlotte, moved to protect its only nearby potential watershed of any

Mr. Dickson looked into his files to find a 1954 engineering survey for the city, which, at that time, recommended Kings Mountain move to Buffalo Creek, as the closest major water supply of con-tinuous flow and with a sizeable water-

The acreage area of the watershed, according to the engineer, is quite graphic. Whereas Kings Mountain, with its present two resevoirs, is served by a watershed approximately three square miles, the watershed it attempts to protect via the state stream sanitation committee has 188 square miles.

Water, even more than food, is essential for life. It is also essential for economic life, as

many of the world's major industries require great quantities to produce their products, be they textiles, minerals, paper and many, many more.
Only recently, E. I. duPont de Nem-

ours, the great chemical firm, announced it would build a multi-million plant near Brevard for the manufacture of photographic supplies. Editor John Anderson, of Brevard's Transylvania Times, acknowledges that water availability was a key factor in duPont's locating there. It was the key factor in Olin Mathieson's locating a plant there a few years ago, and, of course, in Ecusta Paper Corporation's being a Brevard

As long as ten years ago, it must have been, a textile firm expressed interest in locating here, but the water demands were as much or more as Kings Mountain was then able to supply. It located at Hendersonville.

A major direction for watershed protection is in clean-up of streams being polluted with sewage and waste, and protection in the future of those unpol-

As one city commissioner noted, the city's efforts to protect its closest available watershed of any size may cost the city dollars in building modern sewage disposals plants, such as the one in the McGill creek area.

But water is imperative. Depending on the area's rate of growth, it may be a generation hence before Kings Mountain finds it necessary to tap Buffalo Creek for water, but that day is pretty sure to arrive.

Seeking M oderation

Two Kings Mountain civic clubs, the Lions and Kiwanis, were treated to interesting addresses last week. Though the addresses were of considerably different hue, there were threads of similarity between them.

On Tuesday night, the Lions heard an address by Edward J. Dowd, who manages a Charlotte area trade association specializing in deterring growth of organized labor in the Piedmont Carolinas.

Mr. Dowd professed: 1) Unions have limited offerings to

their members. 2) Management, if management will, can out-do the unions in providing em-

ployees these benefits. Prime effort of the organization, Central Piedmont Industries, Inc., which Mr. Dowd represents, is to encourage industry to establish a climate non-conducive to organizing movement.

The Kiwanis club heard Kays Gary. He didn't mention the labor movement, but criticized 1) the super-patriots who, he charged, are limiting their wallets by playing on the fears of people, and 2) the super-liberals, the inference being the super-liberals do the same.

Mr. Gary noted on the Communist scare that many people shout the epithet at others when they don't agree with them, one of the world's older propaganda tricks. He also said that the United States had more Communists, before or since, in the starving years of the Great Depression, adding that a recent FBI report showed about 20,000 listed in the FBI files, which would be "about one among 9,000 in the United States and probably one-quarter in Kings Mountain." (Mr. Gary should be more charitable to Kings Mountain's population of 8,008. That figuring would give us seven eights of one Communist).

Mr. Gary's defense of federal regulatory agencies made sense. Very few of the sometimes-maligned federal agencies (he mentioned the Securities and Exchange commission, the Federal Trade commission, the Bureau of Public Roads) could be abolished, he contended, without giving the Russians cause to cheer - - but without causing Mr. K to lay down his 100-megaton hydrogen bomb.

It's a point to remember.

Both addresses were thought-provoking and the similar hue seemed to be a plea for moderation, for letting the neighbor live, if through different ap-

Dr. Bennett R. Willeford, Kings Mountain connected, is an outstanding research chemist. His award of a fellowship to study abroad next year is a high compliment to the ability of the Bucknell University Professor.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

Ingredients: bits of news

Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid

A letter addressed to The Kings Mountain newspaper" last week stirred friendly memories. A lady in Sterling, Ill., which the dictionary reports is a community of about 13,000 following the postby 000 folk in the northwestern part of that state, named Blanche Long, was seeking the whereabouts of her cousin Horace (Rudy) Rudisill, who for many years was planist for the Jan Garber band.

Unfortunately, I had to reply that Horace had died Thanksgiving Day 1960 at Daytona Beach, Fla., but with the aid of Mrs. Vera Mauney Cooper, also kinfolk to Miss Long, I was able to supply names and addresses of the four surviving members of the eight-member Rudisill family.

Miss Long also suggested that Jan Garber was from Kings Mountain, but he isn't.

m-m I never had the pleasure of hearing the Garber band in person, but remember his good music on the late evening radio broadcasts in the thirties from Chicago's Trianon Ball-

I meritioned the letter to Mrs. Paul Hendricks and teased, "You should be old enough to remember the Garber band." She laughed, "Yes, I'm old enough." Then she remembered as a Winthrop college student going to a June German at the University of South Carolina with Garber furnishing

m-m Later, talking with Joe Mc-Daniel about the letter, he says, "No kidding. Jan Garber's playing for a Shrine dance in Charlotte Satuday night. And he has a beautiful girl vocalist, his own daughter."

Glee Bridges attended the Shrine banquet at Charlotte. Seated across the table from Glee was a pretty lady, and, befitting a man who'd spent most of his life in retail business and 20 years as a county commissioner and mayor, Glee introduced himself and asked the lady's name. She re-plied, "I'm Janice Garber." She told Glee her father is 72 (Clyde Whetstine, also present, says he doesn't look anywhere near that age), proceeded to sing two numbers for the

m-m Speaking of Germans, Jack White tells an interesting tale on himself. When he was a Wake Forest student, he and some other lads went to Rocky dant festivities make quite a social occasion. At times, two big name bands have furnished the music and the dance doesn't begin until midnight, continuing to dawn. Jack, on this occasion, said he was like most financially-thin college boys, but put on his tuxedo and went along. By dawn, says Jack, his assets were reduced to a half-dollar, insufficient for a hotel room, so his only choice was to hitch a ride

A friendly trucker, impressed by Jack's evening dress in daytime, broke company rules to take Jack as far as Raleigh, where he deposited Jack on a busy street corner. "That was some crazy sight," Jack remembers, "me on a busy Raleigh street corner at 11 o'clock in the morning wearing a tuxedo."

Tom Bost, Jr., who works at the University of North Carolina and is a UNC alumnus, is pretty sure the present crop of college youngsters has gone to the dogs. His reason, as related to me a few months ago: "Martin," says Tom, "they don't have big dances anymore!" To me this is at the least heretical, if not down-right communistic. No big weekends at Chapel

"No," Tom continued, "they had Louis Armstrong here not too long ago, paid him \$5,000 for a two-hour concert. He got his check and left, and the kids then got into bermuda shorts and danced to juke-boxes at the fraternity houses."

The youngsters don't know what they're missing. Tom, I and others not only went to dances which always ended promptly at 1 a. m. Fridays and midnight Saturdays, but later, after the post-dance sandwich, sat on the campus giving out with barber shop harmony until the wee hours of the morning. m-m

Life is change, mutation being the law of life, but that's a change I can't fathom. Had it not been for the big dances I wouldn't have ever seen and heard Larry Clinton, Paul Whiteman, Kay Kyser, Jan Savitt, Vincent Lopez, Hal Kemp, Tommy Dorsey, Gienn Miller and many others. And there were the beautiful vocalists, Shopping Around By Rolfe



"They come in three sizes: small, medium-small

Viewpoints of Other Editors

MOSCOW'S MEMO TO NOBODY

elsewhere. Now German Chan-something about it. cellor Adenauer says the document was "without address, within a do - something mood, plan-

man people, "If you want reunion with East Germany, you will do better to talk with us than with Federal scholarship grants to your NATO allies."

now would be willing to talk to lem pupils. Bonn about the status of that Bonn about the status of that city if Bonn's negotiators would leave their Western friends at something is decidedly wrong

Mount for its famous June having any of this. And it is not the top down, of more Federal German. The dance and atten- likely that such a bid would be- money. muse the Social Democrats. But Indeed, everywhere there is evthere are groups in Germany which either for business or for ideological reasons might be swayed.

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peal among the West German stand that any separate dealings with the Soviet Union over Berlin cation" project. or other matters would only be at their own ultimate expense. Figuratively they will mark the But one can see on all sides a Moscow memo "Returned because healthy ferment of ideas and acof insufficient address." Christian Science Monitor.

A CURE FOR RSVP

turn mail."

ply bushels of money, paper and postage, the promoters explain. Under the signatures of routine business notes written by this courageous group are the letters DBTA. The letters abbreviate "don't bother to answer." The technique is that simple.

Sounds like a fine idea. We could extend this DBTA courtesy in many business transaction Like when we run short and mail the bank only half the house payment. — Mooresville Tribune.

Ginny Sims, Bea Wain, and Marion Hutton. Pearl Bailey was a bit too heavy to be ac-cused of extreme beauty, but she was beautiful when she

WHOSE "QUALITY" IN EDUCATION?

On December 27 the Soviet Foreign Ministry handed a memorandum to Dr. Hans Kroll, West German Ambassador in Moscow. It was the subject of much speculation in Bonn and that somebody will want to do something about it.

out signature and without any ning to present to Congress a new indication as to who wrote it." "quality secondary education" This, seems, on the whole, rather clumsy attempt to drive a wedge between West Germany and its North Atlantic allies, particularly the United States, Britain and France. The paper charged that West Germany's partners have no real interest in the unification of Germany.

There is, of course, a long-range danger that the Communists, after having blocked reunification for more than a decade, may in substance insinuate to the German people, "If you want reunion"

"quality secondary education" program to improve the caliber of public school education. The cost is estimated at \$100 million a year for an as yet undetermined number of years. The program would be in addition to the elaborate assortingent of school aid measures, costing billions, already advanced by the Administration. Though President Kennedy did not elaborate in his State of the Union speech on what he called a bill to improve educational quality, some of its features have already been reported.

teachers for study at colleges and universities; grants to states for Some such implication is la-such special projects as develtent in the present memo. It suggests that Moscow, having here-tofore denied West Germany any voice in the fate of West Berlin, teaching gifted as well as problem.

with a theory that the best and Chancellor Adenauer's govern-ment has flatly stated it is not is through the application, from

It is clearly to such groups and washy effects of years of "prowith a desire to broaden their ap-meal among the West German have on their own initiative been people that the undirected, un-signed memo from the Moscow school curricula, teaching materforeign office is aimed. An over-whelming majority of West Ger-mans can be opposed to the structure of the mans can be expected to under-stand that any separate dealings Federal "quality secondary edu-

To be sure, all these local experiments may not be perfect. But one can see on all sides a tivity, brisk interchanges of experiences and stimulating rivalries between communities in the process of raising the quality of

Every time you get around to dopted all this grass roots accleaning out the desk, you find all those unanswered letters you while the localities wait to see filed and forgot where. You feel just what its implications are. you've found half a conversation, and you feel a bit ashamed.

But so many times, when you just what its implications are. What, for example, will be the Office of Education's concept of "quality" education? Will it be re-read your mail you find sim- better than those standards of ple statements of fact that need quality being worked out by lo-no answers. Yet we are stuck cal school officials? And if the with the RSVP code of ethics. Federal standards turn out to be RSVP is French that in modern the wrong ones — as have, for translation becomes "reply by re- instance, many standards embraced by "progressive" educators— where would that leave the lo A New York lawyer has come calities?

up with a perfectly splendid re-medy for all these guilty feelings the Government will be the one about unanswered mail. He and to determine what is meant by a small knot of fellow crusaders "quality." And if experience has are pushing a plan they say will taught the taxpayer anything, it save just about everybody time and money. Governmentto-people and money. Government-to-peo in the end result in education of in the end result in education of ple and government-to-govern-secondary quality. — The Wall ment connections will save sim-Street Journal.

THIS WEEK

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

Charles Connor, Kings Mour tain insurance salesman and Bruce Thorburn, Burlington Mills personnel manager, will serve as co-chairmen of the annual Kings Mountain district Boy Scouts financial campaign.
Social and Personal

Mrs. Mary Lovell and Miss Mary McGill are in St. Louis this k on a buying trip for Plonk's



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