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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life. Proverbs 6:23.

Proposed Tax Cuts

In theory, the income tax is among the fairer of taxes, simply because one does not pay if one does not earn. Everyone, though he may be severely pained on tax due date, hopes he'll owe even more the following year, which would reflect higher earnings.

In contrast, excise taxes often tax those least able to pay them and the fact of "property poor" people and industry sent government officials responsible after new sources of revenue many years ago.

With the advent of the Depression the income tax rates went up, then headed toward the stratosphere during World War II, since pared in very small degree.

In his recommendations of Monday, President Kennedy called for across the board reductions in rates. He feels the resultant boost in the economy will produce sufficient purchasing power for both individuals and industry to turn the wheels of commerce and return greater revenues.

Economists and statesmen differ keenly on whether these desired results would obtain.

The President can point to the fact of slow growth. In recent history, the Eisenhower Administration had a \$12 billion deficit without breaking the nation. Subsequently, activity and revenues increased again.

There is, of course, one major joker in the deck.

Fixed interest costs to the federal government continue to rise each year, making an increasing drain on the federal treasury.

Many years ago, a tale is told, a businessman in a neighboring city was in danger of bankruptcy and could not obtain sufficient loans to pay his creditors. He went to Richmond, Va., came home with his required cash and, to a friend's inquiry, replied that the interest rate was 20 percent. The friend remonstrated that the businessman couldn't afford to pay 20 percent. Replied the businessman, "I couldn't afford NOT to pay it." His alternative was bankruptcy. And, the tale went, he weathered the storm.

The President has much support for his tax-cutting recommendations, including major echelons of business and labor. Individuals, now owing \$60 billion in debt, won't fault the government too much for doing the same thing.

The long-term danger is the day, should it come, when lenders to Uncle Sam decide the government is a poor risk. The result could be runaway inflation, anarchy, and dictatorship.

The President's recommendations must be rated a calculated risk. Jobs are involved, world trade and many other factors.

If the tax cuts are initiated, time will provide the answer. If tax cuts aren't initiated, time will also provide the answer.

A lad of 16 passed the examination for his driver's license, four hours later was an accident victim when his car got out of hand and over-turned on a curve. The lad was less hurt than the car, thankfully. Older folk who remember getting their first driver's license can remember the thrill. But it often requires a few narrow escapes to mature a driver.

Time is running on the annual tax listing chore. Just 16 days remain to do it — minus flirtation with penalties for being late.

Congratulations to L. Arnold Kiser and R. G. Plonk on their appointment to committees of the North Carolina Textile Manufacturers association.

Ben Bridges' Plans

Ben H. Bridges is completing his third term and sixth year as city commissioner from Ward 4.

He is considering developing a new home which would remove him from in-city residence and therefore as an eligible for commission membership.

This is unsuitable news to Mr. Bridges' many friends and those who have approved and admired his six years of service on the commission. His principal service has been as a "figure man," with superintendence of administration.

Initially a very definite conservative, Mr. Bridges is less so today — typical of the mantle of public responsibility such service entails.

His basic policies of getting long-term capital improvements as much as possible from regular income remain. Yet the benefit of these policies, plus additional income from normal city growth, has been the means to the easing of his thinking.

The city record of the past six years has been good, including lowering of the tax rate and maintenance of the lower figure, continuing and regular capital expenditures, debt reduction according to required schedule, a tighter operation and increased pay for all city employees.

Mr. Bridges' decision on residence remains pending.

None should endeavor, perhaps, to interfere with another's personal business.

But if Mr. Bridges decides to remain an in-city citizen and seek re-election, many will be pleased.

Home For Elderly

The burgeoning population of the nation does not compare, census figures show to the increase in population of citizens 65 and older.

During the past half-century, with the population doubling, the population of the 65 and older group has quadrupled.

In 1960, the census report shows, 6.7 of the population was 65 and older. Educated guesses or estimates indicated this figure will be 12 percent by 1975.

The current beginnings of a movement to provide a home for the aging in Kings Mountain is merely in line with a general trend, based on these facts.

Obtaining such a facility may not be easy, but there is no denial of need.

Decision on the type of home needed must be made from best information. Means of obtaining such a facility is problematical, too. But more difficult chores have been handled.

On Monday, the Ministerial Association appointed an investigative committee which will seek to compile the information, and, from this, glean a recommendation.

There is no anticipation that the hoped-for project will be realized over-night, but there is confidence it can be brought to fruition.

A Possibility

The board of city commissioners indicated more friendship to the idea of a new registration last week than in several years. Chief question seemed, from various comments, of assuring the putting on the books of names of all eligible citizens.

As a result, further consideration is scheduled for the February meeting — in quite sufficient time to handle the matter for the upcoming biennial elections.

Cleaning of the books — increasingly in need thereof with each passing year — is virtually impossible without periodic requirement of a complete new registration. And the city's pollbooks, physically falling apart, have been in use since 1939.

In view of the recorded interest of citizens in voting for their city and board of education officials (over 2200 voting in the two elections of 1961), the Herald believes the re-registration would find the vast majority seeing their registrars. In this instance, with five in-city wards and five registrars, the job can be handled without a major degree of disfranchisement.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON
Ingredients: bits of news
wisdom, humor, and comments.
Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid overdosage.

The lure of gold has long attracted the imagination of people the world over and the finding thereof has produced vast migrations of people, which included the settlement of the United States.

The finding thereof has also produced its share of heart-break and tragedy and has teased men into neglecting more basic pursuits to their detriment.

I am indebted to Neil Johnson, of Foote Mineral Company, for a copy of an address made by Marling J. Ankeny, director of the United States Bureau of Mines, which Mr. Ankeny made before the Carolinas Section meeting of the American Institute of Mining Engineers in November. Actually, the speech is a history lesson on mining in the Carolinas and proves quite interesting.

Mr. Ankeny notes that the early colonists in Carolina and elsewhere made the mistake initially of looking for gold, rather than growing crops, before they decided that eating was of first importance. As early as 1729, he relates, North Carolina iron ores were shipped to England, and in 1739 a 47-pound gold nugget was found on the Reed plantation in Cabarrus county. Says Mr. Ankeny, the news of this discovery precipitated a good rush in this and neighboring states and has led to North Carolina mining of the valuable yellow metal virtually every year since.

The gold mining industry led to the establishment of the United States mint in Charlotte in 1836 and it operated until the Civil War began. Re-opened in 1867 as an assay office, it was used until 1913.

North Carolina was the leading gold producing state until the discovery of gold in California in 1848. Mr. Ankeny relates that, while the details of the gold stampede to California are well known, it is not generally known that of all those who rushed westward only those from the Southern Appalachian states possessed any experience in mining the metal and this knowledge proved as valuable as the gold they sought.

Kings Mountain had its gold mining efforts, too, the big mine off York Road producing good quantities of gold for years until blasts in the underground tunnels opened underground springs, resulting in flooding. The late Jim Parker, a Negro who worked in the mine as a teamster, said shortly before his death that the tunnels stretch from York road to a point under Kings Mountain Oil Company.

Last effort to mine this property was in the thirties when a Canadian and his son were seeking to re-work it. This effort ended tragically, the son being accidentally electrocuted. The father and his wife ceased operations and returned to Canada.

During the Depression years, when many folk were jobless and with no other gainful pursuit available, panning for gold in the creek beds of the area proved profitable in some degree.

The Lincolnton - Gaffney mineral belt is known to contain a great number of minerals, though many are in insufficient quantities to mine profitably. Many shafts have been sunk on the belt in the effort to mine tin profitably. Lithium ores, which had little commercial demand before World War II, are now a major product, as research has found many more uses for this lightest known metal. Over 90 percent of total proven domestic ore reserves are in North Carolina.

Mr. Ankeny says that South Carolina kaolin rivals the purest to be found anywhere, was praised and used by Joseph Wedgwood, the famous English maker of china.

Mica is a major product, as is Vermiculite, and North Carolina is fourth largest producer of talc.

For a brief time in college, a roommate was majoring in geology. In those naive days, I couldn't understand why anyone would want to play with rocks, much less make it a life's work. A bit of geology background would prove of value to any resident of this mineral-studded area.

Shopping Around

By Rolfe



"It's not a question of what you wouldn't wear to a dog fight!"

Viewpoints of Other Editors

ZIP TO YOU, TOO

Well, it was bound to happen. Once the phone company found that it could do away with exchange names and assign numbers to everything, the Post Office had to take a similar step. The result is something known as the "Zip Code," which Postmaster General Day presented with as much pride as if it was an improved version of the quantum theory.

Under the system, every American with a mailing address is to receive from the Post Office next year a notice listing a Zip Code number consisting of five digits. They will be intelligible only to mail room sorters, and through their use, says Mr. Day, service may be speeded up as much as 24 hours. However, the postmaster general says that only big organizations and not individual mailers, will be expected to make use of the Zip Code.

What to make of it all is something of a mystery. Between his Social Security designation, his phone dialing code and now his Zip address the American taxpayer is the greatest triumph of numerology since the abacus board. "We are working with the big mailers," says Mr. Day reassuringly, "and we're not concerned if Aunt Minnie doesn't learn the new number." Well, that's all right for Mr. Day's Aunt Minnie. Our Aunt Minnie says never mind about the Zip Code and how about going back to two-day delivery?

New York Herald Tribune

PROTECTED

The ancient adage which begins, "If at first you don't succeed," is to be commended in many fields of endeavor, but not necessarily in getting a driving license.

And surely not in the case of the 65-year-old Englishwoman who has been taking driving lessons and flunking tests for 25 years.

Miss Margaret Hunter, who frightened one instructor into leaping for his life, ran her car into a truck the other day while practicing with another. She also flunked her most recent test by going through a red light.

Now she wants to try again. It's times such as these that make Americans appreciate the Atlantic Ocean.

SMOG IS WHERE YOU MAKE IT

It was a London familiar, Charles Dickens, who called fog "a London particular."

The literature of the city exudes fog in scene after scene. Fog must be considered a part of London culture, for it has affected art, music, writing and habits.

But smog is a fairly recent development—a mixture of man-made fumes and nature's mist—and there's nothing romantic or traditional about it. Smog such as London has been experiencing lately takes in the proportions of a disaster.

Sometimes it takes tragedy such as that . . . to remind us of the polluted air which is being breathed in so many cities across this nation and in other countries. There are scientific solutions, but there has been little demand for them.

Smog is not "a London particular." It is indigenous to most industrial cities. Smog is simply worse in some places than in others due to geographical characteristics.

The suffering of London was a reminder that man cannot be indifferent to the pollution he creates, and what has happened there in recent days should be a rallying point for the smog foe.

Commercial Appeal (Cincinnati)

'TO A TEEN-AGER'

At a PTA meeting in Manassas Park, L. D. Harris, chief of police of the Prince William County community (incorporated in 1957) distributed the following "Open Letter to a Teen-ager":

Always we hear the plaintive cry of the teen-agers: "What can we do? Where can we go?"

The answer is . . . Go home. Hang the storm windows, paint the woodwork. Rake the leaves. Mow the lawn. Shovel the walk. Wash the car. Learn to cook. Scrub some floors. Repair the sink. Build a boat. Get a job.

Help the minister, priest or rabbi, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army. Visit the sick. Assist the poor. Study your lessons. And then when you are through—and not tired—read a book.

Your parents do not owe you entertainment. Your village does not owe you recreation facilities. The world does not owe you a living. You owe the world something. You owe it your time and energy and your talents so that no one will be at war or in poverty, or sick, or lonely again.

In plain, simple words: Grow up; quit being a crybaby; get out of your dream world . . . start acting like a man or a lady.

The Wall Street Journal reprinted Chief Harris' letter under the heading, "Notable & Quotable." — Richmond (Va.) Times-Dispatch

WHO'S THE VILLAIN

When a nation begins to encourage some of its finest citizens to change their way of life and even to make plans to depart from the country, perhaps it's time to pause and reflect on what direction we are heading.

For the past several years the Amish people, who have made their home in Pennsylvania and parts of the West for generations, have found their religious beliefs in conflict with some of the laws of the United States. Principally, their objection to forced Social Security and to a required upgrading of their schools is the source of their unhappiness.

Although their religious principles forbid court suits, some of the Amish are now seeking relief in the nation's higher courts. In light of the numerous decisions favoring petitions of sincere minority groups, the Amish have presented the courts a knotty question indeed.

An Associated Press writer sums up the Amish situation very well with this brief description.

"Although their frugal, self-reliant way of life has been the object of persecution and controversy through the centuries, the Amish have no divorce or broken homes, no juvenile delinquency or crime, and no unemployment or old age problem." — Mooresville Tribune

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about King, Mountain area people and events taken from the 195 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Kings Mountain Little Theatre will present "Ten Little Indians", Agatha Christie's mystery drama, on Tuesday, February 3, at Central school auditorium.

A large crowd is expected to attend the annual employer-employee banquet of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association to be held Monday evening at 7:30.

Social and Personal

Mrs. Sam Collins entertained members of the Bid and Bye club at her home Tuesday night.

The YPCU of Boyce Memorial ARP church met recently at the home of Mrs. W. L. McFadden. Mrs. John Jenkins and son, Jesse, visited Mr. and Mrs. Claude W. Barnette in Washington, D. C. Tuesday, going especially for the inaugural activities.

Ideal Character

By Paul K. Ausley, Th.D.
Minister First Presbyterian Church

Character is a coin which passes current at par value in all countries. Posterty estimates men not so much by what they did, as by what they were.

It must not be inferred from this that wealth, talent, and popular regard are not desirable. They are indeed desirable, and are often of great service, but they are of secondary importance.

The Character of Christ is the only sample of perfect character known to mankind.

I LOOK AT THE PURITY OF HIS LIFE. What impostor ever exhibited a deportment so blameless — a life so free from pride, ostentation, vanity, selfishness, or worldly mindedness?

Throughout his whole life goodness marks his intercourse with mankind. He engages in nothing to afflict or distress — nothing to produce discord: He appears among men as the "Prince of Peace." It was the business of His life to go about doing good. Were any blind, he gave them sight; were any deaf, he gave them their hearing; were any dumb, he loosed their tongues; were any lame, he said, "Arise, take up thy bed, and walk"; were any sick, he said, "will thou be made whole"; were any possessed of devils, he rebuked the foul spirits, and relieved the possessed; and to the poor He preached the Gospel.

And though he was poor, not having "where to lay His head", He never received a reward for any of his acts of mercy; but about doing good to others.

II. LOOK AT HIS PATIENCE, amid all His persecutions, and His kindness toward His enemies. He bears insults and injury, mockery and derision, with calm composure and meek submission.

His character was aspersed, and all manner of evil spoken of Him falsely. His best acts were attributed to the worst of motives, and His virtues were converted into crime. He was pursued from City to City with the tongue of slander; his enemies clamored for His blood; but He bore it all without the slightest effort to take revenge. He wept in sympathy over the beloved city of Jerusalem, and, with dying lips, prayed for His murderers.

III. LOOK AT CHRIST AS A TEACHER. And, first we notice His sermon on the Mount. Here, within the limits of three chapters, is comprised the best presentation of moral and religious truth contained in any language.

As he opened His mouth and taught, a shower of rich beatitudes came down upon his waiting hearers like clusters of ripe fruit from the tree of life! It teaches the purest morality and the loftiest devotion in the clear.

est and most forcible style.

Look at the instructions of Christ in His Parables. Here the divinity of his character as a teacher shines forth. Never before nor since did this method of teaching appear with so much beauty and force. With the profoundest skill, by the use of the parable, he riveted attention, removed difficulties, disarmed prejudice, shed light upon the understanding convinced the conscience, and, transforming the bigot into an impartial judge. Do we wish to see the richness and fullness of Gospel grace, we should read the parable of the Great Supper. Would we have a view of the sincere and benevolent intention with which the Gospel should be proclaimed to all classes? We may read it in all its transcendent beauty and force in the parable of the Sower. Would we behold in more than nature's deepest colors, the folly and drudgery of sin, the all-surpassing yearnings of the bowels of Infinite Love for the salvation of the wandering rebel, and the thrill of joy and gladness with which all heaven will celebrate the return of God of every penitent — would we witness a description of all this, wrought up to the loftiest degree of pathos and power that language can reach? — we have it in the parable of the Prodigal Son.

Then Behold Christ before Pilate! Did ever a criminal display such calm and serene composure under such circumstances? Did ever a judge pronounce such an eulogy upon him whom, with the next breath, he ordered to execution? "I find no fault in him," said Pilate; and added: "Take ye him and crucify him!" But look upon the scene of his death — upon the robe of derision and the crown of thorns — upon the cross, the nails, and the hammer — upon the rending of the veil and the going out of the sun — upon his pierced side, and hands, and feet, and upon his streaming blood — listen to his dying groans, and to his last prayer for his enemies, and say, Was not "this the Son of God"? Could he have exhibited such a calm serenity, labored so perseveringly for the world that hated him, without being God? Sober reason affirms that Jesus was a good man, a Perfect character, The Son of God, and his religion is true.

If you seek to have true character, remember that certain qualifications are necessary, namely: 1. Purity of Life; 2. Patience; 3. Teacher, or living such a godly life that your daily contact with people will teach them how to live Christianity; 4. Give your life, just as Christ did — to the promotion of the Kingdom of God.

NOTICE

The Thirty-Ninth Annual Shareholder's meeting of the Home Savings and Loan Association will be held in the Home Office, 106 East Mountain Street, January 22, 1963, at 5:00 P.M.

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Secretary and Treasurer

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