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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.  
Ephesians 4:7.

## A Major Pledge

The city commission, with nominal discussion, took a major step last week, pledging to have modern sewage treatment facilities in operation by January 1, 1967.

The pledge was made in conjunction with application for temporary permit to continue contaminating three streams until that date. The city's sewage disposal facilities serving the western portion of the city were condemned as deficient and over-loaded more than a decade ago. Meantime, growth has continued.

However, the city took its beginning step on a clean-up program in 1954-55, building a modern sewage treatment plant to serve the eastern portion of the community.

No estimate of cost of the projected facilities has been provided, but rough guesses run at a minimum of \$300,000.

Under state law, the city had little choice but to make its pledge, in line with the state's long-term program to assure a continuing usable water supply for all Tar Heels.

Under the pledge time-table, engineering plans will be in hand by April 1, 1965—two years hence—with construction to be launched not later than January 1, 1966. That means, once plans are in hand, the future city commissions will have approximately 21 months to arrange the financing of this major community need.

The problem should not prove to be too great, on basis of the city's current financial standing. By June 30, 1965, the city's general bonded indebtedness will be reduced to about \$460,000, virtually all the bonds bearing low interest, and a low bonded debt in comparison to the city's tax valuation. The debt total will also be low, assuming continued growth, in relation to the city's gross annual intake. Meantime, the city looks forward to the day its profit-making natural gas distribution system is fully amortized, which will provide additional operating funds for other city services.

While it is hardly likely that the city—as it is doing on electrical system rebuilding—will be able to manage a capital expenditure of this indicated size out of income—the city apparently will be in position to borrow at favorable rates and, perhaps, for a relatively short-term period.

Sewage disposal is hardly a glamorous subject, but a very basic function of any community, indeed one of the major reasons cities become cities. And even though the program is a few years around the corner, the news is good for those citizens plagued by unpleasant odors emanating from the over-loaded outfalls and for rural neighbors who need the services of decontaminated streams.

## Some High Spots

The Stanly News and Press, at Albemarle, quotes Governor Sanford: "We have a surplus."

"We have a balanced budget."

"We rank in the bottom five of the fifty states in taxes, debt, government employees, state and local combined, per capita."

"Our credit is the best given any state—AAA."

"We have been in North Carolina neither radical nor reactionary."

"Essentially, we are selling character, character of our people as expressed in their lives, their work, their industries, their government."

There are no claims to perfection involved, but a factual report of several important assets.

Congratulations to Stephen M. Kesler, who has been awarded a fellowship by the National Science Foundation for continued graduate study of earth sciences, and to Miss Felma (Petie) Lynn, high school senior, who is the first recipient in the Carolina plant area of a four-year Pittsburgh Plate Glass foundation college scholarship, a scholarship she expects to use to become a pharmacist.

## Register To Vote

Registration books are open for the upcoming city and board of education elections.

In contrast to prior years, the old pollbooks will not be used and every citizen who expects to vote must visit his precinct registrar and register on the new pollbooks.

Always there is confusion over whether a person is registered, resulting from the fact that there are two sets of voting books for city and school district citizens.

But there should be no confusion this election season.

If persons otherwise eligible to vote for city and school district candidates have not registered in 1963, they aren't.

In calling an all-new registration, first since 1939, the city commission attempted to ease the voting day chore of the election officials, to simplify voting for all citizens, and to remove from the voting books the names of former citizens no longer in that category. Register to vote.

## Men To Sea In Ships

The nation was shocked by the loss of USS Thresher, a nuclear submarine, and the first submarine lost in peacetime since USS Squalus.

It reminds that submarines, like paratroopers and airmen, were/are regarded as more daring than servicemen who march in ranks or go to sea in surface vessels.

Efforts will be made to find the cause of Thresher's loss, though the navy is not sure the efforts will be successful, even with use of the deep-diving bathyscaphe. Speculation by experts guesses the cause either a mal-function of the air pressure system or human error, rather than hull failure.

The speculation needs confirmation for protection of other men who go to sea in submarines, particularly those of the Thresher class, and others.

There's something about a peacetime disaster that is more shocking than one in wartime, perhaps stemming from a national wartime attitude to expect the worse.

But the loss of Thresher reminds that the armed services, who maintain the nation's security during peacetime, are continually subject to the hazards of the elements, mechanical and human error. The men of the services are the professionals who command a key role when shooting trouble arrives, as it did in Korea, at Pearl Harbor, with the sinking of the Lusitania, and at Havana.

A position of strength must be maintained to maintain peace.

Men who go to sea in ships, who man the planes and who march in ranks are the key figures in maintaining the position of strength, as were the men in Thresher.

## Fortunate Choice

In retaining Captain Glenn Campbell as executive secretary of Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, the board of directors chose a man of quite broad background, and, indeed, an international background.

A seaman for 35 years, Capt. Campbell has traveled all over the globe, a good portion of that time discharging the considerable responsibility of commanding officer of a ship.

Only recently retiring Capt. Campbell and his family elected Kings Mountain as a city in which to live, sufficiently indicative of his ideas about the city and its people.

Kings Mountain is growing and it is reasonable to believe that the pace of growth will accelerate. One of the major functions of a Chamber of Commerce is to point the direction and lead the growth for the ultimate benefit of all citizens.

Our best wishes to Capt. Campbell in his important position as chief executive officer of the Chamber of Commerce.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

Let there be light!

Public reaction to the installation of modern outdoor lights in a portion of the business area was uniformly commendatory, bringing a recommendation from Mayor Kelly Dixon that ten more lighting units be ordered immediately to speed the long-term program to modernize the system and to bring light to night.

The new lights almost do that. Dewey Styers, the Charlotte Observer, circulation representative, expressed his commendations this way: "You can stand at the overhead bridge and see an ant on a car fender!" That might be fudging a bit, but the point is understandable.

The basic "big light" plan, employing the new 1,000-watt units on Battleground and Railroad avenues, calls for installation of 35 of these units, which with the ten now on order would leave 15 required for completion of the work.

The lighting map details this scheme: two on West Mountain west of the railroad, four on W. Mountain east of the railroad, and three on East Mountain; four on North Piedmont avenue and four on South Piedmont avenue; four on Battleground from Mountain to King; and four on South Railroad from Mountain to King. The latter two banks will provide an avenue of light from the West King overhead bridge south.

The city expended approximately \$5,000 for the first sequence of ten units, which most observers regard as well worth the tariff.

The amount of light produced by the new units is almost incomparable to that produced by the old "white way", which, when installed, probably added as much to the city's modernity in the late twenties as does the installation of the sixties.

Discussion of the lighting system posed the question of the date electricity invaded Kings Mountain en masse and put the old kerosene lamp into the hell-room class.

One citizen thinks the year either 1905 or 1906. At any rate, the matter is worthy of some historical research. The individual benefits electricity has brought are many. Beside light itself and comparative elimination of fire hazard, there are now electrically operated household devices which eliminate much of the drudgery of everyday living. No longer is a child's chore a daily filling of the woodbox. The mother of the house can leave a roast in the oven, set the electric clock timer, and return to find dinner ready for the eating. Rug beating has given over to the electric sweeper, and washing machines and dryers are in the must category for many families.

A particular boon to the housewife's existence is the dish washer. And, pleasure-provider or time stealer, the television set, apparently, is here to stay.

Improvements are being made constantly in all areas, but perhaps in none more than in lighting. Charlie Blanton, the druggist, who as president of the Chamber of Commerce was among the co-launchers of the street lighting improvements movement, said one of the eight Mountain Drug Company was re-foot fluorescent tubes at Kings placed recently—first in four years, which is quite good performance, as it is on duty at all of the firm's business hours.

Even the Internal Revenue Service, I believe I have read, allows a rather fast depreciation schedule on lighting units, due to continuing fast development in this field.

Mayor Dixon had a good word for at least one old-style bulb. The front porch bulb in the residence of his late father, now occupied by his brother, Leg Dixon, was in use a couple of years ago, and it had been in use since the house was wired initially in 1919. It was the old-style bulb, with the tip on the end.

Science has done works of magic in light.

## Shopping Around

### THEATRICAL COSTUMES



"I'm going to surprise my wife when she puts on her new wig!"

## Viewpoints of Other Editors

### ON JUDGING A COLLEGE

This is the time of year, it seems, when anxious parents of anxious high school seniors move into the home stretch of a ritual known as college hunting. Where there is any choice in the matter not always the case—parents too often make decisions, some educators contend, on the basis of campus attractions claims by alumni of glories achieved on the playing fields.

Another approach is now provided by the columnist whose perceptive observations in the New Republic appear under the initials "T. R. B." He suggests that instead of worrying about athletic acclaim or the social amenities on the campus, parents should ask more pertinent questions. Does a professor earn more than a football coach? Is the university library well stocked? Do campus groups as a matter of policy prohibit racial and religious discrimination? Is the faculty well paid—to the extent, for example, that a professor gets a minimum of \$8,000 for nine months work?

... Nearly 200 years ago Thomas Jefferson, in outlining purposes of the University of Virginia, wrote:

"This institution will be based on the illimitable freedom of the human mind. For here we are not afraid to follow truth wherever it may lead, nor to tolerate error so long as reason is left free to combat it."

Toledo (Ohio) Blade

### 'BY THE NUMBERS' HAS BECOME A WAY OF LIFE

How far can a country go toward living by numbers and still retain a vestige of the ideal of individualism? For the sake of efficiency, names are giving way to numbers. It seems that names are not palatable to the mechanical brains that automatically keep tab on our activities as customers, taxpayers and so forth. Of course, automation is an inevitable development. But there is danger that the mania for numbers will be carried too far.

The president of a century-old liberal arts college recently referred to the "tyranny of numbers" in American higher education today. Howard R. Bowen, president of Grinnell College in Iowa believes that our system of higher education "tends to reduce everything about a student to a few key numbers."

"In describing a particular student," said President Bowen, "we often say something like this: Steve Martin, oh yes, he was 35th in a high school class of 280, he scored 553 on the verbal and 610 on the quantitative College Board tests, his college grade-point average was 2.85, and he scored 575 on the Graduate Record Examination. There you have the biography of Steve Martin reduced to the stark essentials. No nonsense about his curiosity, his moral fiber, his dreams and aspirations, his social consciousness, his human decency, his aesthetic sensibilities."

Here is an obsession with numbers carried to absurdity. So far as education goes, Dr. Bowen strongly urges that corrective steps be taken. For one thing he suggests the reservation of perhaps 50 places in each freshman class for students who do not fully measure up to quantitative standards of academic aptitude, but show signs of excellence in other dimensions. He also has suggestions on matters such as examinations and grades which would help alleviate the tyranny of numbers.

President Bowen's views are refreshing and may point toward a renaissance of individualism in the United States. Efficiency is a great thing, but when it dehumanizes a nation, it is time to call a halt.

Mooresville Tribune

### DEDUCTIBLE WIFE

Under the new business entertainment regulations of the Internal Revenue Service as originally drawn, a man could take a business associate and the latter's wife to dinner and charge the bill to expenses. But if his own wife was in the group he'd have to pay for her meal from his own pocket.

Now, Commissioner Mortimer M. Caplin has liberalized the regulation to include the host's wife among the deductibles.

This makes both political and business sense.

If women had to stay home and eat with the kids while their husbands were entertaining business friends and the latter's wives at plush restaurants a groundswell of anti-Kennedy sentiment might well develop among feminine voters.

Also such expense-account dinners are supposed to be strictly for business. Two men would have a difficult time talking business with one woman present. They couldn't ignore her presence. With two women at the table to talk between themselves about clothes and such, the men can get right down to the essentials—such as when they should get together for a business golf game.—The Oregonian

### PATIENT DIPLOMACY

Many intelligent newspaper readers who cultivate an enlightened interest in world affairs often do not read very far down, we suspect, into stories on negotiations with the Soviet Union on such matters as a ban on nuclear testing or disarmament in general.

They are discouraged from detailed perusal of such accounts, no doubt, by the prevalence of such statements: "The participants said later that the exchange of views had been useful."

"Talks apparently will continue despite the lack of progress."

"The (fill in) dispute will enter its—th year next with the two sides still talking and still deadlocked."

"But this will be an exercise in subtleties, for the formal Soviet position has not changed."

"Soviet intentions at this stage are the subject of continuing speculation, but the White House floor will remain open for further discussions."

"Moscow was informed that it had offered an unacceptable proposal."

"There is no more desire to arouse false hopes at this time, but every effort will be made to keep the channels of communication clear."

The talks drone on, but useful progress seems to be unheard of. Nevertheless, we are full of admiration, and even incredulity, for the patience of the same old ground.... We may conclude that they also serve who only sit and orate. — Pasadena (Calif.) Star-News

### 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

T. J. (Tommy) Ellison, former city commissioner, formally filed notice of candidacy for the Ward 3 commissionership Monday, and J. R. Davis, incumbent Ward 1 school trustee, filed for re-election at noon Wednesday. Registration books will be open for the first time Saturday for the forthcoming May 12 city election.

Social and Personal Members of the Ace of Clubs met with Mrs. H. R. Hunnicutt Thursday afternoon at the Country Club.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Black spent the weekend visiting relatives in Greenville, S. C.

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