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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. The Acts 15:18

## More Than One Board

Our neighboring newspaper confrere, the Shelby Daily Star, editorialized recently, suggesting that the Shelby board of aldermen and county board of commissioners would do well to get together on a regular basis for discussions of mutual interest.

There was included the suggestion that relations between Shelby's City Hall and the Cleveland County Courthouse hadn't been of the best.

Did the Star go far enough?

After all, the county commission represents all the breadth of Cleveland County, which is a sizeable piece of real estate and which encompasses some 68,000 souls.

Within its bounds are not only the Shelby governing board, but numerous others. Kings Mountain's governing body happens to be the elective body managing the municipal governmental affairs of the second largest segment of the population, but there are numerous others, including those of Grover, Waco, Lawndale and Boiling Springs. Conferences for mutual benefit should include all of them.

On the other side of the coin is the fact that North Carolina law is rather specific in spelling out the several duties of the state's governmental children, with specific functions in the province of the county, and others in the province of the city or town. Schools, even though in ostensibly autonomous districts, must clear through county commissions, and public welfare is a county function.

Cities operate in the field of more specific services, generic to more dense populations, such as point-of-sale water and sewage disposal, and garbage pick-up service.

Both entities are involved in law enforcement.

Since 1954, both have been involved, in a measure, in water and sewage service, as the county, through a Cleveland-inspired statewide act, assumed the obligation of serving Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company with primary water and sewage lines. Other non-city citizens including some here, have been served since, though the county commission, intermittently, has indicated it would like to cease any further service in those directions.

On grounds that the law should be generic and all citizens are entitled to the same services, the Herald has felt that what was good for Pittsburgh was good — but good and right for others, too.

There are many areas in which city-county cooperation should prove beneficial and cash-saving, but the cooperation should be county-wide.

## Salute to the Champs

Kings Mountain, through the years, has had its share of individuals who, by their energy and ability, have made their mark in various fields of endeavor. However, excluding the mountain men of 1780 who began the end of the Revolutionary War, the community has had few chances to boast of national champions.

For the second consecutive year, however, a quintet of Kings Mountain bowlers have captured national honors in the National Duckpin Bowling tournament.

These bowlers are not professionals, merely bowling for the fun of it in the local leagues. But they have proved their mettle against the nation's best two years consecutively.

Hearty commendations on their prowess, which brings honor to Kings Mountain as well as to themselves, accrue to Furman Wilson, John Dilling, Albert Brackett, Mrs. Jenny Oates and Mrs. Lib Bolin Gault.

An organization regularly receiving honors for community service is the Kings Mountain Junior Woman's Club, which brought home state-wide recognition last week for 1962 activities.

## Library in Disrepair

Count on the ladyfolk for worthwhile suggestions, particularly in directions men are likely to miss.

A Kings Mountain feminine citizen called attention this week to the recently announced Chamber of Commerce project list and said she felt there had been a glaring omission.

The Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library, she declared, is in a sad state of disrepair. Her succinct comment, "We'd bet'er do something about keeping up what we have!" She further noted that the library was a gift to the city and that the library building, apparently, is a red-headed step-child, from the standpoint of physical upkeep.

This lady is patently correct, as even the most cursory inspection of the facilities will reveal.

With annual budget time at hand, her complaint is not only in order, but timely.

As the manipulation of anticipated dollars to meet expected outgo is accomplished, sufficient funds for library repair and redecorating should be included.

Very little cash has been expended on this plant since it was tendered the city more than 15 years ago.

## Legal Rackets

How can some folk sleep nights?

Kays Gary's column of last Saturday, in which he reported and castigated a particular bilker of the poor and uninitiated, elicited comment in similar vein here from knowledgeable folk acquainted with the same type.

Mr. Gary detailed the manipulation of a fast-talking salesman who made fancy promises about a house improvement job, for a particular price, and obtained the needed signature.

But the fine print didn't support the sales talk. The result was add-on charges of astronomical amount, threats of foreclosure if the payments weren't met.

A local official of the legitimate loan firm reports an incident here in which the salesman sold a house improvement "deal" for \$1800. With interest and a host of odd-ons, the total cost more nearly approximated \$3600.

This unwitting customer sought advice, found a lawyer, and shortly had the bill paid.

Such incidents as these are not pretty.

Several morals can be drawn, among them: avoid the fast-talking salesman, read the fine print before signing, and do business with neighbors around the corner who, through locale and longevity, have a record of honest dealings.

There are many apparent flaws in the bill currently before the General Assembly which would enable persons earning their living by driving a motor vehicle to retain their licenses, after conviction for drunken driving. While the proposed law, apparently, is aimed to benefit the trucker, it is apparent that many other people would be seriously hamstrung if their driving license were revoked. The doctor and lawyer would be constrained to employ a chauffeur and what about the errand-running housewife? There is, of course, serious question that such an exception, if voted into law, would be sustained by the North Carolina Supreme Court, when and if tested.

Many expressions of regret were voiced at the untimely passing of Ross Alexander. Though ill for several years, Mr. Alexander never failed to exhibit a friendly disposition, always couched in a willingness to do anything to help a friend. And he considered everyone his friend. His four years of service on the board of city commissioners was marked by an honest approach to all questions which he voiced on occasion with a firm, if losing, "Nay."

The proposed North Carolina "blue law," as contrived, should not be passed. It is another case of a general law, loaded with exceptions, which is designed to protect some pocketbooks.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

One day last week a young fellow came into the office and asked if we stocked slide rules. We had only one, which was a bigger model than he desired. However, he said to our offer to get him what he wanted, "I can use it and I need it now. I'm flying to Paris tomorrow."

No kidding, says I. And both Tommy Ellison, who was standing nearby, and I agreed we'd like to be going along.

The young man was William Anthony, who, as reported, was off to Holland for Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, and with a two-day stayover in Paris.

And in the recent mail is a note from a former citizen, Ruth Ford Craft, now of Rutherfordton, who is in process of arranging a student-adult tour of Europe for August. The tour of 17 days will cover the period August 5 to 21, via Alitalia jetliner to London, with other stopping points in England, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, and France.

That's a pretty quick tour of a host of countries and the fare is a not-quite turnkey \$732. Only additional expense would be for a couple of dinners in London, Paris and Rome (each) plus a few other quite minor incidentals. Male passengers would have no trouble meeting the baggage limit of 44 pounds per person. Ladies just might. Full information on the tour is obtainable from Mrs. Craft.

Traveling to Europe is commonplace these days, whereas it was a major and time-consuming operation only a few years ago.

I was interested in an item out of Scotland over the weekend. The Duke of Argyll got another divorce. That wasn't all he wanted from his missus, though, as he sought court order to require the return of numerous items of valuable and venerable silver, some of which had graced the Argyll castle on Loch Fyne since 1733, the year after George Washington was born.

I was a guest for a week in the Duke of Argyll's domain during World War II with the navy. Loch Fyne, an inlet on the firth of Clyde, is a beautiful spot and deep enough to handle ships of ocean-going draft. In October, this area, at about 56 degrees north latitude, proved quite cold, and navy-issue sheepskin coats, supported by long-handled underwear, was none too much clothing.

As seemed to be customary during that particular time, the navy stayed pretty much aboard ship, with the exception of beaching amphibious craft on the shores of the loch. The quaint little town didn't get the benefit of American trade, nor did the navy get to tour the Duke's castle.

The Duke, indeed, seemed as cold as the weather. The reason, we were informed, was that other Americans had been in the Duke's domain previously and had toured the castle. Like the now ex-Duchess, they'd helped themselves to souvenirs in the form of some of the Duke's prized bric-a-brac.

Apparently, the Duke didn't appreciate lend-lease, or at least the American application of this wartime program.

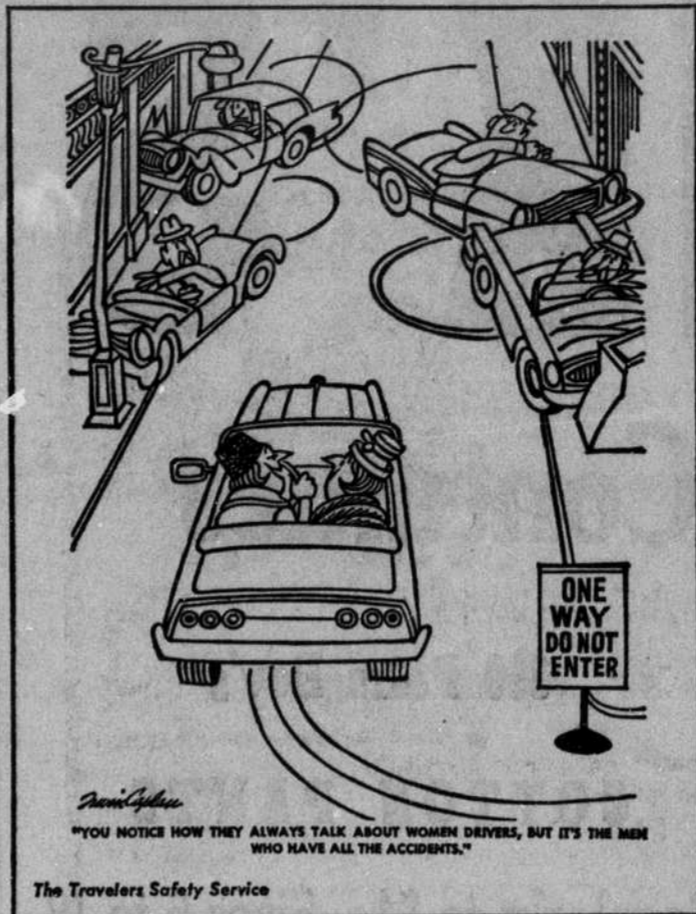
It was chilly Monday, but numerous youngsters were seen in various stores shopping for bathing suits. One young miss astounded me when she picked a solid black number off the rack and asked the saleslady that it be reserved without even a trip to the dressing room for a try-on.

On last Saturday, it was, indeed, about hot enough for a swim. I found the telephone ringing as I returned after lunch, rushed to unlock the door and catch the call. A young miss' voice asked, "Can you tell me if the swimming pool is open?" I could, "No." I added I understood that the city pools would open about the time the school term ends. Then I asked, "Is that soon enough?" It wasn't.

Elmer Ross, the recreation director, says the pools may open the weekend of May 24th, pending arrival of some filters, already on order. Apparently, the younger pool customers are ready to dive in.

And Dick Lennon, the banker, has been giving friends a few lessons in modern art. Ask him about it.

## Cowboys and Engines by Irwin Caplan



## Viewpoints of Other Editors

### OUT OF SCHOOL, OUT OF WORK

Despite long-accumulating and ubiquitous evidence of trouble, the findings of the President's Committee on Youth Employment, released (recently), are appalling.

The present situation is bad enough, with 1962 figures showing 600,000 to 800,000 youths between 16 and 21 out of school and out of work and the unemployment rate among Negro young people double that among whites of the same age.

But the outlook for 1970, unless corrective measures are taken quickly, is even more distressing. The 1960s will see 40 per cent more boys and girls coming into the labor market than during the 1950s. Even if the current rate of youth employment remains steady, that means nearly 1,500,000 young people will be jobless at the end of this decade.

There is no assurance, though, that, without remedial action, the youth unemployment rate will not increase. An expanding population of young job-seekers, the report warns, will find no expansion of openings in occupations that historically have been important sources for beginners. The demand for unskilled workers will remain at about its present level and for farm workers will drop some 20 per cent.

Can youngsters now in high school and junior high be induced to go on through four or more years of college to prepare for technical or professional openings, expected to increase 40 per cent by 1970? Can those with less money, aptitude or ambition be persuaded to advance a little beyond high school to qualify as clerical workers or for some of the anticipated 20 per cent increase in sales, managerial and proprietary jobs? What can be done about those who decline to get as much education as their resources, financial and intellectual, permit?

Most of the recommendations of the President's Committee, aimed at producing positive answers to these questions, are impressive in their scope and common sense. And, naturally, most of them involve planning, action and expenditures by public agencies at local, state and federal levels. They concentrate on improving the quality and quantity of schooling and vocational guidance special training for drop-outs better co-ordination at the local level of all agencies concerned with youth and experiments designed to open up more part-time work and study opportunities.

In the private sector, they call upon labor unions to relax barriers to apprenticeships and they ask employers to re-examine hiring, training and promotion policies — particularly as they apply to youths under 21.

All this is fine, as far as it goes. But none of it—even if implemented to the maximum—will bring to the safe harbor of maturity a regular, gainful employment more jobless young people if the report says have never acquired the self-discipline needed to hold a steady job, many others who have not learned to find satisfaction and personal fulfillment through work and still others who are wholly unrealistic about the kind of jobs for which they are qualified.

It is easy to say that such problems belong to the home and the church. They do, of course. But they also belong to every adult, whose behavior and values contribute to the standards we call American civilization. — Boston Herald

### MAKING THINGS FIT

We see where the managers of the Panama Canal have gone to a lot of trouble dredging channels six inches deeper so it can handle ships of deeper draft. Still unresolved is the problem of how to make the locks wider and longer to accommodate today's bigger ships.

We have a small suggestion. Why don't they get the Bureau of Standards to just shrink the dimensions of the standard foot? The locks would then measure more than 110 feet by 1,000 feet. It's a lot less trouble than excavating.

It's a ridiculous suggestion, to be sure, because changing the measure wouldn't change the facts and everybody would know it. Still, it's a suggestion that puts us right in tune with the times.

Just the other day in Washington some learned gentlemen proposed that the Government solve its debt-limit problem by changing the accounting practices. They wanted to reduce against the cash-on-hand. Perfectly reasonable accounting procedure, you understand. But while it would change the appearance, it wouldn't change the facts of the Government's debt in the slightest.

Or take some other things we measure in money, like the Gross National Product.

Anytime the Government wants to create \$12 billion or so of new dollars and go spend them, it can increase the GNP. This has lots of advantages. It makes it look like we are growing like crazy. And of course the bigger you make the GNP figure, the smaller the deficit and the debt then look smaller, why worry?

Makes us feel sorry for those folks who run the Panama Canal. Steel and concrete are a lot harder to shrink than the people's dollars.

Wall Street Journal

### A REAL TRAFFIC PROBLEM

There is never any telling what will bob up in the traffic situation of any given American city, but we think perhaps the police in Fort Worth may justly claim a first. Somebody stole an M-48 tank down there the other evening and drove it back and forth and around and about in a city park for half an hour before midnight.

The officers played tag but were obviously at a tremendous disadvantage against their 48-ton opponent. Finally the tank thief sent it rumbling across a small creek and was long gone by the time police detoured and caught up. As has been truly said so many times, taking one consideration with another, a policeman's lot is not a happy one. Commercial Appeal (Memphis)

### 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1953 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

The newly elected Bridges administration got off to a brisk start handling city business last Friday night. Kings Mountain's fire department, along with departments from Shelby, Blacksburg, Cherokee county and Gaffney, extinguished a fire which swept through the Grover elementary school Thursday night.

Social and Personal Little Linda Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Roberts, celebrated her 6th birthday anniversary when her mother entertained with a party at her home on North Piedmont. Dean Payne, Kings Mountain Troop 12 Boy Scout, was awarded the Eagle Scout badge at Court of Honor Thursday evening.

## Some Everlastings

By REV. B. L. RAINES, Pastor  
First Baptist Church

So many things are being replaced by synthetics and substitutes until one wonders if there is anything that will remain and for which there can be found no adequate substitute. With the Supreme Court forbidding composition of prayers by States (and not without reason) one wonders if such a trend carried to its ultimate extreme may not one day spell the breaking of all verbal scriptural links of this nation with the word of God, including our coins, our constitution, and our pledge. Our Constitution as formulated emphasized as a positive freedom of religion and in doing this it must, of necessity, include the negative, or freedom from religion. However, if the negatives, the atheists, the skeptics and the non-religious demand every constitutional "protection" from religion, it may well be that every religious symbol so carefully preserved by the "founding fathers" may one day be nothing more than a faded page in American history. Has, what we hope is, the majority lost its constitutional rights? Are there some things which are permanent? If man continually modifies his customs, his ideas, and his surroundings, then what can be expected to remain intact?

Jesus certainly founded a religion capable of adapting to meet the needs of every new and changing generation. This does not mean compromise at any point. Methods of doing Christian work may change and adapt, but Christian principles remain the same for all ages. This gives strength and purpose to faith in God.

The Bible speaks of some EVERLASTINGS, everlasting arms, doors, mercy, righteousness, way, kindness, sign, name, light, love, dominion, habitations, consolation, power, and an everlasting Gospel.

### I. EVERLASTING GOD.

The universe began with God; he created all things; he governs; he redeems. Isaiah 9:6 speaks of an everlasting Father and who is called "wonderful." Psalm 41:13 describes this God as "from everlasting to everlasting." (Aiasc Psalm 90:2) Again we read, "I am the Lord, I change not," and "Jesus Christ the same yesterday today and forever." In our man-made topsy-turvy world, such a God is a must.

### II. EVERLASTING WORD

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the Word of God abideth forever." Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass away."

Realization of this truth should be turning the multitudes to Bible reading in such a day as this. It is said that Sir Thomas Paime after having written "The Age of Reason" (atheistic philosophy) asked Benjamin Franklin for his advice concerning publication of the book. Mr. Franklin reportedly said, "Don't publish it. The world is bad enough with the Bible; what would it be without it?"

### III. EVERLASTING KINGDOM

(Daniel 4:3; 7:27)  
In our world we are familiar with "Queens and Kings for a Day." Nations tople and are replaced by new powers overnight. But Daniel saw a permanent kingdom, a "everlasting kingdom." Isaiah saw a king on a throne who changed his life. "Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane," but the Kingdom of our God shall endure throughout all ages.

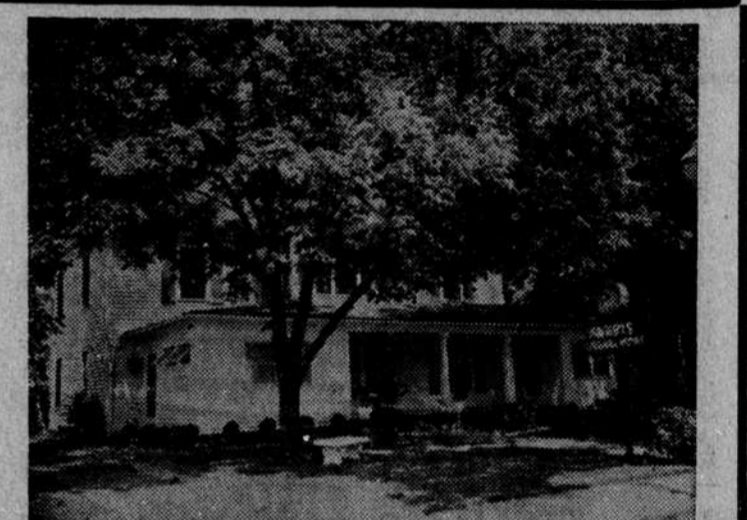
### IV. EVERLASTING NAME

(Isaiah 63:16)  
"Thou O Lord art our Father. Thy name is from everlasting. The name Christian, first used in derision is the most honorable name in all the earth. God exalted his Son and gave him a name, "which is above every name." Sweetest name in Seraph song, sweetest name on mortal tongue, sweetest carol ever sung, Jesus blessed Jesus.

### V. EVERLASTING LIFE

(Daniel 12:2; John 3:16, 36; 5:24; 6:47)  
Life, as we know it is uncertain. Over seven hundred lives were snuffed out on a recent holiday week-end. The average life span for Americans is approximately seventy years. At best this is all too short compared with eternity. If life's uncertainty gives you the concern that it should, then Life Everlasting may be discovered from acceptance of the truth in the above verses.

All of these Everlastings may be illustrated by a Time Capsule, the most widely publicized stunt of the New York World's Fair of 1939, at which time a 800 pound shell buried on Long Island, is to be dug up in 5000 years. Ten million words were microfilmed. Only one complete book was included, the BIBLE. In giving the reason a Mr. Pentrey said, "The Holy Bible of all books familiar to us today will most likely survive through the ages. Therefore the Bible we placed in the time capsule will be a sort of connecting link between the past, present and future." THE EVERLASTING WORD TELLS THE STORY OF ALL OF THE EVERLASTINGS.



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