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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. Romans 12:17

Let's Re-Register

Politics is a pseudo-science at best, yet there is one axiomatic attitude by many political leaders: the "ins" are seldom anxious for cleaning the pollbooks by new registration, while the "outs" favor starting over.

These feelings naturally are not 100 percent. Thus Chairman Ralph Gilbert, Democratic chairman of the county elections board, has been calling for a new registration for several seasons, as have leaders of the Republican party. Without checking the text, the Herald guesses that the elections board has the legal power to order a new registration.

Conversely, the county commission has the duty of supplying the funds from the county treasury and no elections board would want to proceed with a call minus approval from the body responsible for furnishing the wherewithal.

The "ins" attitude appears to stem from the thinking that some friends might fail to get their names on the new voting books, accompanied by the thinking that prior successors at the polls were derived from the registration books extant.

There's little way to prove or disprove the correctness of these feelings.

The City of Kings Mountain finally cleaned its aged voting books last year. Fears that many folk wouldn't register proved groundless as citizens flocked to the polling places twice, first to register, then to cast votes. It was a new city voting total.

As the county increases in population, the need for a card-type of continuous registration increases, too.

Most will remember the long lines at the polling booths at the 1960 general election, and many solid citizens, with other work demanding, had to leave the lines without casting their ballots.

With interesting campaigns already underway and with primaries also indicated in several Republican areas, the time appears ripe to wipe out the present pollbooks and to establish a more workable and efficient system.

Guilford Aspirants

The most recent governor Guilford county has furnished North Carolina was John Motley Morehead, who served two two-year terms, 1841-45. That was well over a century ago.

The ensuing four years from 1965-69 may well not be Guilford's time again, but this burgeoning Piedmont county has locks on the board as far as number of candidates is concerned.

Guilford now has three announced candidates for the state's highest office, Judge L. Richardson Preyer, Democrat, Senator Charles Strong and Representative Don Badgley, Republican. Oddly, neither of the Republicans have the backing -- at least as yet -- of the GOP state leadership, even though both were active and winning candidates in the 1962 voting when Guilford swept out Democrats and replaced them with Republicans. Both earned maverick status in their legislative service.

Judge Preyer, a long-term Democrat, meantime was urged to offer on the ticket of his party by over 20,000 of his Guilford neighbors.

It might also be said that, should one of the Guilford aspirants be elected to the office, he would do well to study the work of Governor Morehead, a far-sighted chief executive who put the state in the railroad business, an enterprise which still (under lease) is returning dividends to the North Carolina treasury, as well as service dividends to citizens of area the road serves.

Twelve years ago Home Savings & Loan Association reached the million dollar mark in assets. Four years later the Herald observed that the adage "the first million is the hardest" must be valid, as this association had grown to the two-million figure. That was 1955. Now, just eight years later, the assets figure is six million. This is quite amazing growth, reflecting the interest of Kings Mountain citizens in savings, their increasing prosperity, and concurrent able management by officers and directors of the association.

Brrr... Twas Cold

Billings of the city for natural gas for the December - January period set a new high record of \$42,344, reflecting the extreme low temperatures, accompanied by several ice coatings. It is a safe assumption, too, that those folk who heat with other fuels, oil, coal, or electricity got big bills for the period, too.

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, in an effort to soften the blow of large bills to their customers, dug into the weather records and had to go back to December 1917 to find a month colder than the recent December experienced by citizens in this area.

Even though suspending service to customers with interruptible contracts, the city established a new peak for natural gas consumption, of 1,808,000 cubic feet on December 18, within 292,000 cubic feet of the city's currently authorized daily allotment.

It points to the fact that the city shortly will have to make application for increase in the daily allotment.

Customer acceptance of natural gas here has exceeded rosiest estimates and is good news for all citizens, whether or not they use the fuel themselves. Indications are that before 1965 appears on the calendar the last of the construction bonds will be called, with the city then in the happy position of having use of profits for other needed non-revenue facilities.

The happy results should be: 1) some reduction in gas rates, particularly in the residential category, and 2) reduction of pressure on tax rate.

Tar Heels Friendly

The Charlotte Observer's interesting survey in the recent Sunday edition should have made most Tar Heels feel good.

Uniformly, comparative newcomers to North Carolina reported, they find their new neighbors quite friendly, which is a compliment in anybody's league or language.

There were, of course, some minuses, too, which would be natural for persons accustomed to life in larger cities. Some complained of lack of markets in the smaller cities and lack of large shopping centers. Needless to say, this complaint is being alleviated in some cities of the state and will continue to be alleviated as shopping centers develop.

A few felt that North Carolina's advertised cheaper cost of living expense a myth, but there is a suspicion that these may have not properly checked. While North Carolina's state government assesses a sales tax, it also picks up the full bill for roads and a large portion of the bill for operating public schools.

One new citizen was pleased that North Carolina levies no tobacco tax, but, surprisingly, none mentioned relief from long hours spent commuting to and from work, as is regular duty in the largest cities of the nation.

States, as well as individuals, can only strive for perfection, knowing the goal is a will-of-the-wisp. But the state has headed on the road of progress for more than six decades and will continue.

Meantime, the compliment of friendliness is one of the highest, for this intangible but invaluable asset.

Congratulations to Rev. Marion DuBose, newly-elected chairman of the Kings Mountain American Field Service committee, which is responsible for the continuing foreign student exchange program.

Registration books will be open again Saturday in order that citizens may qualify themselves to vote in the February 29 county-wide bond election on question of hospital expansion.

Next deadline: February 15 when all motorists must display new model license tags on their vehicles.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

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

Recently Mrs. James B. Simpson's West School third grade students paid the Herald a visit for a plant tour prior to publishing a newspaper of their own. The questions they posed were practical and intelligent, and several of the students were quite kind in writing to thank us for the tour.

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What seemed to impress the majority was operation of the big newspaper press. Nancy Wiesener wrote, "I liked the press. It did so many things at once." And Kathy Flove also liked the press best, noting, "All the machines were very big. They looked funny too."

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I have also been favored with a copy of the grade's newspaper "Simpson's Observer", which contained four complete pages of quite interesting information. For instance, until I read Vickie Loftin's story about magnets I didn't know the little bar kept around the end of a magnet is called a "keeper." Jerome Cash's "Do You Know" quiz informs that the way to prevent a billy goat from snarling is to cut off his nose and that a glove has five fingers but can't move.

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Terry Wells wrote an interesting article about bears, providing the news that the best known bears live on this continent, including black bears, grizzly bears, Kodiak bears, Alaskan brown bears and the white polar bear. Africa, known as the land of many wild animals has only one bear, the Atlas.

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Virginia Herndon wrote about beavers, and Ardeth Willis about leprechauns, the Irish fairies.

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Lynn Jones relates that the class has learned numerous dances, including rock-and-roll and the pat-a-cake polka, and Lynn Blanton reports on clean plate clubbers. There is a "Just today" board and an "all month" board and those who eat all their lunch get their pictures on the appropriate spot. All month honorees were Robin Camp, Larry Oliver, Scotty Grahl, Jimmy Jolly, Jerome Cash, Ardeth Willis, Janet Bridges, Diane Tino, Bob Ware, Steve Goins, Kenny Bolin, Allan Kaplan, Maxine Hamrick, Lynn Planton, Herman Queen and Virginia Herndon. The "clean plate club" idea not only teaches the young folk to avoid waste but assures their getting a balanced diet.

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Nancy Wiesener reports on word study, and two new ones appearing in the Observer were "immensely" and "abundant", which strikes me as being quite high class words for third graders.

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Jimmy Jolly and Kenny Bolin wrote about painting. Among the subjects of the youthful artists brush strokes were a trip to Mars, snowscapes, clouds, scarecrows and blue skies. Teresa McCraw writes about the class walks when the weather has left the playground a muddy quagmire.

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Robin Camp wrote about singing. Kathy Flove about poetry writing, and Lou Bryant about "magic carpet" trips to the South Seas, Iceland and Mexico.

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Terry Wells reports under the subject "How Much?": "Our class counts money in arithmetic. Tuesday we counted lots of money. We did something hard but we caught on. Everyone wants to count money because we'll be counting money until we die." All will agree that young Wells' observation is quite pertinent.

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Ann Hullender reports that the class has learned the books of the Bible. Maxine Hamrick relates how the class plans its day, and Herman Queen reports on letter writing by the class to a nice lady with a broken foot.

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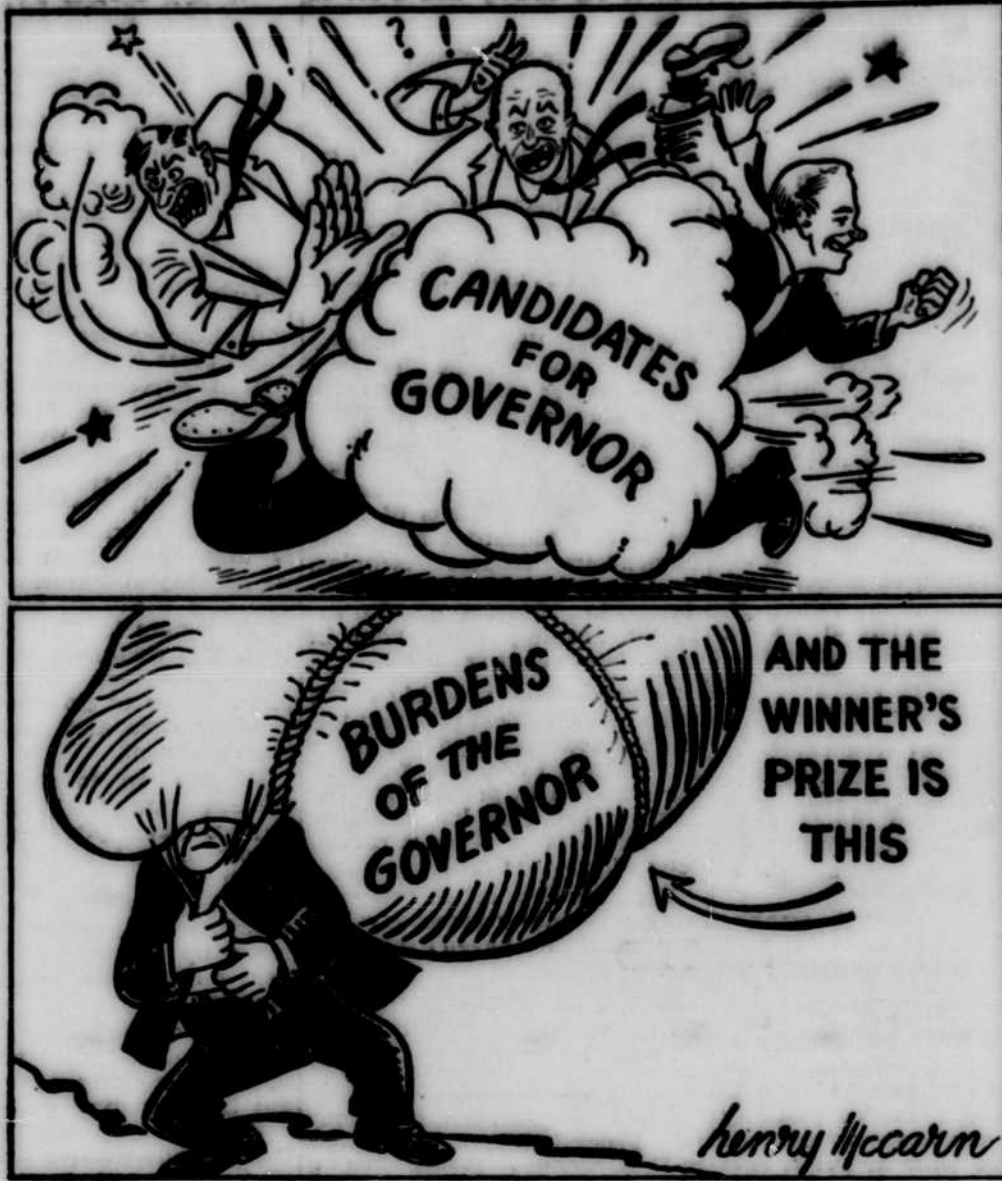
Janet Bridges wrote three original poems for the Observer, one describing herself. It reads:

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Janet Bridges is my name. I hope to grow up to have some fame. Love is greater than my wish. But I'll keep wishing. Just for this!

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These third graders are good newspaper men and women.



BATTLE OF THE BALLOTS

Viewpoints of Other Editors

THE EASY LIFE

A "decent home and decent environment in an attractive area" for every American. Free education for two years beyond high school for all students.

These two objectives reflect a type of thinking that has become fairly pervasive in our society: The notion that everything should be made easy, and if possible free, for everybody, regardless of individual ability effort.

The first, coming from Housing and Home Finance Administrator Weaver, is the reported aim of a huge and costly new housing program to be unveiled by the Johnson Administration. The second comes from a commission partly sponsored by the National Education Association, which has close ties to the Government.

And there may well be a political undercurrent in the proposal to provide two years of a junior-college kind of schooling at public expense. The more young people that are kept in school, and the longer they are kept there, the fewer drop-outs there would presumably be. In that event, the problem of teen-age unemployment might appear to be approached a solution, a circumstance not without political advantage.

From a purely educational point of view, the idea is deficient. What is needed is not in effect a stretching-out of high school; rather it is a toughening of curricula, elimination of frills and perhaps an acceleration of the educational process. This is being done in a number of places, and the commission's plan would represent a regression.

From an economic point of view, the proposal is also unfortunate. What with the abundance of scholarships and other aids -- not to mention parents -- few Americans are unable to go to college if they have the intellectual qualifications. There is no clear need for "all levels of government," as the commission puts it, to embark on this expensive enterprise.

Finally, from a social point of view, it may be questioned whether it is desirable to make an outright gift of a part of higher education. It relieves parents of still more of their responsibilities. For many young people it is an invitation to loaf instead of standing on their own feet, not exactly a sound way of building character.

Similar observations are in order with regard to the slogan of a decent home for every American. Most Americans do want that, and more of them have attained it than ever before. But it is not true that everybody wants it; among the poor are some who prefer poverty and charity to the efforts and risks of useful. That is one of the facts that make the problems of poverty and unemployment often seem so intractable.

In the American tradition a decent home is something to be worked for, an achievement to take pride in. Yet here is the Federal Government proposing additional assistance of all kinds, from direct grants to still easier buying terms. To make a house a handout weakens its value to the individual and his value to society.

We believe the community, at whatever level of government or private organization it is operating, has an obligation to see to it that everyone has food, shelter

DOOMSDAY BOOK

Many citizens would be flattered and happy to find their names in a Who's Who. But being compiled right now is a listing of another, decidedly melancholy sort. Instead of including those who have got it made, it catalogues those who are getting it in the neck. International conservation leaders announce they are beginning publication of a volume of the world's creatures that are facing extinction. So it's really a kind of Who Was Who.

The book is being brought out by the World Wildlife Fund, the conservation organization established under Swiss law in 1961 that has submitted a World Wildlife Charter to the United Nations. It contends that conservation is for the benefit of man, as well as for wild creatures themselves, and that it behooves men to do something about it when animals cannot. Already the book has 500 pages listing endangered species of mammals, fishes, birds, reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, and plants. Man is not yet a candidate -- though he may ultimately be.

These threatened species, be deviled by man or Nature's own willfulness, range from the 100-foot blue whale, which weighs in at 160 tons, to tiny tree frogs of South Jersey. Why they face extinction, and what is being done or can be done to prevent it -- like breeding in captivity -- is outlined in the volume. The World Wildlife Fund, in declaring that ignorance and carelessness are in large part the cause of the creatures' undoing, says that this is not just an 11th-hour emergency -- "It's 10 minutes to midnight."

Since the last dodo bird died on the island of Mauritius in 1681, more than 100 other animal species have vanished. Now about 1,000 species are threatened. The World Wildlife Fund has a goal of an operating budget of \$4 million a year by 1966, and anyone who would like to save the Fund itself from possible extinction, is more than welcome to contribute to it.

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and an opportunity for education. We do not suggest that there are arbitrary limits; it is up to the community to decide how much of these basics it will provide at public expense.

But no community can completely disregard the cost or save its conscience with the reflection that the main burden will come in future years. And no sensible community should ignore the social consequences of propagating the delusion that everyone has an inherent right to the easy life.

The Wall Street Journal

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people are excerpted from the 1954 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Chief of Police Hugh A. Logan, Jr. has been appointed chairman of the Kings Mountain Boy Scout district.

A crowd of 150 Kings Mountain merchants, retail personnel and other guests attended the banquet of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association Monday night.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
Members of Circle No. 5 of First Presbyterian church held their regular meeting Monday at the home of Mrs. P. D. Patrick.

One Thing

By DR. W. L. PRESSLY
Pastor Boyce Memorial ARP Church

In Samuel Shoemaker's book, "How To Become a Christian," the author tells us that we need to look at the world as it is today. Taking a large picture of the world we can see two vast camps. There are those controlled by the Communistic powers and those free nations. In the world situation America finds herself in lead of the free world as it was thirty years ago. We did not want it then, and destiny has brought it back.

It is easy to look at the world and forget about the needs that lie at our own door. Get closer and look at our own needs. In the scripture you can find five "One Things" that describe the Christian Life. In the story of the Rich Young Ruler, Jesus pointed out that there is often lacking in a person's religion. Keeping all the commandments from youth as he said, and still One thing lacking. In his book, "Servant of the Word," Dr. Farmer gives five elements which mark our present state. 1. Futility and meaninglessness-life has no framework, no real belief. 2. Personal insignificance. 3. Yearning for Security-we try all kinds of material security because we are insecure spiritually. 4. Unawareness to the power of evil. 5. A need for the absolute. With no strong belief and no real convictions the inner life of many people is vacant. While their souls are empty and hungry people turn to pleasure, business, radio, T. V., sex, drink, and drugs. These all testify to the one thing thou lackest. All of us come upon a situation sooner or later that we can not handle with our own strength. Young, happy, well-adjusted people scarcely believe this. But life and years often bring them to it. Pain in our bodies, pain in our mind, and grief in our soul, reminds all of us of the lack.

In the home of Mary and Martha, Jesus reminded Martha that there was "One Thing Needful." That is to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn of Him. This is more urgent than serving. He was born about two thousand years ago in a stable. He grew up as other boys, went to the village school, paid the temple tax, worked in the carpenter's shop. At the age of thirty He locked the carpenter's shop, and went out to save the world. He called men to Himself, and urged them to learn of me. Other teachers called attention to their message, but He said learn of me. There was something about Him that made people realize that they were in the presence of a divine. They wondered, Who Is This? He never discouraged their inquiry. I'm seeking about death He set men to wondering. He used strange words as ransom and remission of sin. The more you know Him the deeper the mystery becomes. On the last night with his disciples He said, "I have many things to tell you but you can not bear them now." The greatest need of the world today is to sit at His feet.

Turn to the Psalms and hear David say "One Thing I desired of the Lord, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. He does not pray for riches, or for the life of his enemies, or for long life, but that he may worship all of his life. Have you grown in grace to make a prayer like this? We might be surprised if we heard the prayers we offered to God.

Turn to Philipians and hear Paul say, "This one thing I desire, and reaching forth to those things which are before." We are supposed to do something for Christ. Christianity is a religion of action. Turn to the parables of the talents and to the parable of the pounds. Hear the words that come from the lips of Jesus.

I lived on the same street with a man who graduated from Jefferson Medical College and he never practiced medicine for a single day. Never used the knowledge of medicine. It did him little good and nothing to suffering humanity. Use what you have. William Allen White says democracy is a rough attempt to institutionalize the Christian religion. Twenty years ago the founding father of Alcoholics Anonymous founded God in Calvary Church at New York City. Finding God he became a new man, and his home was a new home. He saw two other men come out of the same trouble he knew. With the help of God all could do the same. Today this great movement has been a wonderful help to our nation.

In conclusion I want you will follow these five steps, yours should be a happy and successful Christian life. Realize the lack, fill the lack with the one thing needful. I encouraged and strengthened by what you know, and put it into practice daily.

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