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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

If ye fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well.
James 2:8.

Railroad Underpass

Numerous citizens have commented to the Mayor and to this newspaper that an underpass should be constructed for safer crosstown transport via automobile.

While these comments are acknowledged as "sidewalk engineering", they appear quite valid, as an underpass would permit elimination of one or more rail crossings. Some think as many as three.

Mayor Bridges, in his recent discussion of the suggestions with the city commission, tossed out a figure of \$75,000 as possible cost. It could be more, likely no less.

However, as a long-term contribution to motoring safety, as well as improving city traffic flow, the majority of Kings Mountain citizens, the Herald believes, would endorse the cost.

It would be wise for the commission to obtain some professional engineering advice on such a project. It is not unlikely that the State Highway commission staff would provide some preliminary projections, since such an underpass would be at right angles to North Carolina Highway 216.

Not the Tide-Turner?

Dr. Robert Bass, the Limestone College professor, provided the Lons club an interesting evening with his contentions that the Battle of Cowpens, not the Battle of Kings Mountain, was the real turning of the tide in the Revolutionary War.

Some of his contentions appear quite valid, it being easily understandable that the loss of battle-blooded troops as at Cowpens, is a greater one than comparable loss of raw recruits, as at Kings Mountain.

It is also well-known fact that the mass of the colonists who fought and annihilated Col. Patrick Ferguson and his forces at the Kings Mountain ridge to the south immediately returned to their homes in the mountains, resuming their arguments with the Indians.

Post-mortems of wars, even by close participants, are many and often pose ardent disagreements. They are multitudinous from World War II, both on the side of the Allied victors, and the defeated Axis of Hitler and Mussolini.

In the instance of Kings Mountain versus Cowpens, however, and question of which battle turned the tide, it must be conjectured, on basis of Dr. Bass' own report, that, had there not preceded the success at Kings Mountain, there may have been no Cowpens, nor certainly a success at Cowpens.

Col. Ferguson was Charlotte-bound for a juncture with Cornwallis, when the Mountain Men struck.

Had Kings Mountain not occurred would the regulars of Morgan and Pickens at Cowpens had sufficient force to rout both Tarleton and Ferguson? Presumably both would have been present or they would have engaged in some other locale.

The subject is interesting, if "iffy".

On The Ball

While the federal tax-cut bill is not yet law, it apparently will be law by March 1.

Only problem remaining is ironing out of minor differences in the bill the House of Representatives passed and the companion bill passed by the Senate.

One agency sure the tax bill will pass is Mortimer Caplin's Internal Revenue Service which is already mailing employers the new, money-saving withholding schedules.

Much-cussed and much-maligned Internal Revenue apparently does not intend to be behind when the bill passes and effective date of the new withholding schedule is at hand.

Congratulations to Richard Gold, president, Steve Goforth, vice-president, and Nelson Corner, secretary-treasurer recently elected new officers of the high school Student Participation Organization.

Will They Quit?

Sir Walter Raleigh is supposed to have discovered tobacco when he came to America and subsequently to have introduced its use in England, all of which gives tobacco a considerable longevity.

A key question today, with any number of overtones, is whether tobacco's days are numbered.

The health questions have been well-phrased, if not answered to the complete satisfaction of tobacco growers, tobacco processors, or even those folk who shrug and say they plan to smoke anyway (or dip, or chew).

There really wasn't a great amount of new news in the January 11 report of the surgeon-general on the correlation between cigarette, cigar and pipe smoke consumption and various illnesses, but there have apparently been numerous cessations of the habit by smokers throughout the nation. A sure barometer of consumption can be determined in majority of states from revenue receipts from tobacco excise taxes and throughout the nation from the federal government's revenue receipts from the same source.

North Carolina doesn't levy a tobacco excise tax, but, with the tobacco industry heavily concentrated in this state, there are plenty of other barometers available, including the employment scrolls of the processors, income tax returns, and the price of leaf tobacco itself. North Carolina makes almost three times the cigarettes that Virginia, in the second spot, manufactures, as well as numerous varieties of pipe and chewing tobacco.

New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Alabama and many other states reported decline in revenue from tobacco taxes in January.

The question is: will this prove a trend or a short-term reaction?

In Great Britain there was a great wave of swearing off the weed in 1962, after a similar report. But today the Britons are back at the business full swing.

Those addicted, even many of those momentarily not indulging, suspect the United States experience will compare.

Amazing Growth

In shortly more than a decade, Kings Mountain's two savings and loan firms have enjoyed a truly amazing growth in assets.

Whereas the figure topped only two millions, the total at the end of 1963 was five times greater, or ten millions.

The rapid growth reflects a continuing and abiding interest of Kings Mountain area citizens in savings, whether for a "rainy day" fund, or for particular purposes like the down payment on a new home or an education fund for a child's trip to college.

Another factor has been able management, with invested funds being kept at work.

Throughout the period, association reserves have been enhanced and dividend rates have been increased.

Benefits to the community are readily apparent. Savers share in growing dividend payments and borrowers are in position to obtain equity financing for larger projects right around the corner.

Congratulations to Larry Patrick, who has added the God and Country award to a long list of accomplishments in the Boy Scout program.

The citizens of Grover deserve especial commendation for their recent record turnout for a visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile. Except for a few times, the compilation of 157 pints of blood has not been exceeded in the Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter area. Grover's recent contribution is additionally praiseworthy in the fact that another 107 citizens endeavored to give blood but were not acceptable for one or more reasons.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

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

Saturday will be the anniversary of the birth of George Washington, so-called father of the United States, commander-in-chief during the Revolution, and first president.

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I am indebted to my friend Jim Duffy, the hobby historian of Asheville, for an interesting new insight into Washington. In his article, "Portrait of Greatness—a Life-Size Picture of George Washington", Jim avers that many think they know all about Washington, but they don't. After reading the article, I find that quite true in my case.

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For instance, except for the accident of shipwreck, Washington may never have been born in America. His great-grandfather piled up at the mouth of the Potomac and became a colonial tobacco planter. At one time, the Washington lands numbered five million acres, much of it wilderness, and George Washington was assigned by his father and half-brother to survey it.

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The particular new insight I gleaned from this article was that, while Washington was a man of courage and particular tenacity, he was not intellectually rigid to the point that he failed to change his thinking when the facts dictated. His experience with General Braddock in the French War showed him the fallacy of employing British military tactics in the wilderness of colonial America—much as Americans had to learn in World War II modern methods of guerrilla warfare in the tropical islands of the South Pacific, and as they are learning today as special service troops.

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In another instance, Washington learned when he became commander-in-chief during the Revolution, he initially specified that his officer corps come from the "gentleman" class, another throwback to British heritage. But at war's end his two most-trusted generals were Nathaniel Greene, a blacksmith by trade, and Henry Knox, a book salesman.

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In short, Washington could switch gears when the facts dictated, and, in the current democratic tradition, based his judgments of people on their performance, not their names or heritage.

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Washington himself, in spite of the fact of his father's wealth, was not initially a wealthy man. His father left the bulk of his estate to the sons of his first wife. But his half-brother liked young George, found him energetic and dependable, and provided that, at his widow's death, Washington should receive most of his estate. Thus Washington first managed Mount Vernon under lease.

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It was also service with Braddock, an arrogant officer who declined to accept any advice other than his own, which moved Washington firmly on the side of the colonists. Braddock suffered a disastrous defeat, but Washington got high marks for his performance in the battle.

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It was Washington, Jim contends, who was responsible for the alliance with France, reminding that British Peter Mason remarked recently that his history studies in Yorkshire gave the chief reason for the colonial victory as the aid of the French, in which there is likely more truth than fiction. Certainly it was the aid of the French which enabled Washington to bottle Cornwallis at the final engagement at Yorktown. Jim writes, "It is highly probable that France's aid to America was an investment in George Washington, rather than the American Republic."

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Washington was a religious man, attended church as frequently as he could, even after assuming the presidency. But he quit attending services at one church in Philadelphia when the minister, in his presence, chided him from the pulpit for not attending more regularly and setting the nation a better example.

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He yearned for the country life in which he had been reared and frequently wrote of his desire to "rest under the vine and fig tree," a quotation from the Bible.

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Abed with "quinsy", which the dictionary describes as severe throat inflammation, he was thrice bled, standard treatment in those days which likely contributed to his death. His last words showed complete courage. He addressed his physician, "...I die hard but I am not afraid to go."



"SURE GLAD I HELPED THE HEART FUND BACK IN '64"

Viewpoints of Other Editors

How To Raise A Juvenile Delinquent

HOW DOES A youngster become a juvenile delinquent? What are the factors which bring him to this state?

Most comment seems to be to the effect it is a combination of poor environment and poor parental upbringing, but if parents are to blame, how do they err?

One of The Sun's subscribers spotted in an Arizona newspaper a list of 10 ways parents contribute to their children becoming delinquents, a list apparently originating with the Houston, Tex., police department.

We pass it along to our readers—for it makes sense to us:

1. Begin with infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way he will grow up to believe the world owes him a living.
2. When he picks up bad words, laugh at him. This will make him think he's cute. It will also encourage him to pick up other phrases that will later blow off the top of your head.
3. Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is 21 and then let him "decide for himself."
4. Avoid the use of the word "wrong." It may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe, later, when he is arrested for stealing a car, that society is against him and that he is being persecuted.
5. Pick up after him—books, shoes and clothing. Do everything for him so he will be experienced in throwing all responsibility on to others.
6. Let him read anything he wants to. Be careful that the silverware and drinking glasses are sterilized, but let his mind feast on garbage.
7. QUARREL FREQUENTLY in the presence of your children. In this way they will not be too shocked when the home is broken up later.
8. Give the child all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own. Why should he have things as tough as you did?
9. Satisfy his every craving for food, drink and comfort. See that every sensual desire is gratified. Denial may lead to harmful frustrations.
10. When he gets into real trouble, apologize for yourself by saying, "I never could do anything with him."

How many of us have been guilty of traveling on one or more of these "easy roads to delinquency" for our children? Makes you stop and think, doesn't it?

Clearwater Sun

Sympathy for the Racist

In the parable of the Good Samaritan it was not the unfortunate man left half dead on the street who was the chief object of Jesus' lesson. The story mainly concerns itself with what went on in the minds of three more fortunate men who saw him lying there.

U Thant took a somewhat similar approach when he stood before the National Assembly of Algeria and discussed the mental strains caused by the problem of race. He asked the Africans to recognize that racism is "a most serious form of sickness rather than a reason for retaliation and violence."

This was asking his listeners to turn the tables, not to mention the other cheek. He pleaded for understanding for racists who are "mentally ill" and "not prepared to face life on an equal basis with their fellow men." He did not fail to recognize the other side of the problem. He was after all speaking in Africa, to

Aguineldo: Belated Victor

Most men find the world moving too swiftly for them, and in age bemoan an older day. Some are born before their time, and die following a gleam that few of their contemporaries can glimpse. Emilio Aguinaldo was one of those rare individuals who anticipated an era, and lived to see it come into being.

Certainly, when this slim, young Tagalog was leading forlorn hopes against the armies of Spain and the United States, in the bright noon-tide of the "white man's burden," it took a hardy spirit to believe that he would live to see his cause triumph—only in the Philippines but all around the world. The British were chasing the Boers around the veld (and vice versa); France had just conquered Madagascar; the Germans would soon be massing in Southwest Africa and Russia and Japan would fight over the prostrate form of China.

Aguinaldo lived through the two world wars and many revolutions that shredded the fabric of the old order. He himself played little part in the events that shook the world; his own people revered him as a symbol, but did not accept his political guidance. But the new Republic of the Philippines, a respected member of the world community, honors him in death. And so does the United States, against which he fought with skill and passion. For if he was ahead of his day, he was only a little way ahead, and the United States now takes less pride in its victory than in the nation which stands as testimonial to the fact that the victory was well used.

The New York Herald Tribune

An African audience. He said he understood "all too well the emotional, even the furious reaction, which racial discrimination, supported by physical force, may engender in its victims." Yet he asked those who are still victims in Africa and elsewhere to be big enough not to answer force with violence.
He is on a sound footing here. It is the new men of the once-dominated colored races who are becoming the assured, self-confident leaders of today, convinced that right is on their side. And those who push the theory and practice of racial superiority to extremes have become the fearful, insecure party, conscious that history has moved away from them. They need help.

The Christian Science Monitor

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1954 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

J. Neal Grissom, assistant manager of Harris Funeral Home, was elected president of the Optimist club of Kings Mountain at a meeting last Thursday night at which time the newly-formed club was officially made a part of Optimist District 18 and Optimist International.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Margrache Girls club members had their regular meeting Thursday night at the Margrache Community Club building. Peggy Smith presided in the absence of President Linda Rhea.

Thursday Bridge club members met last week with Mrs. D. M. Peeler as hostess at her home.

Heart Fund Gifts Good

Kings Mountain Heart Fund drive is progressing "well", Chairman F. S. Morrison reports.

Mr. Morrison noted that volunteer workers are busy calling on businesses and individuals to secure gifts for the 1964 Heart Fund to combat diseases of the heart.

Heart Sunday, February 23rd is expected to reach all area citizens who may not be contacted before that time for donations, he said. A canvass of the community will be made on that day and the Kings Mountain Rescue Squad will also conduct a roadblock for funds for the Heart Fund campaign, Mr. Morrison continued.

Mrs. Jack White is chairman of Heart Sunday.

Chairman Morrison also announced plans for a benefit bridge game Saturday afternoon at the Woman's club, with all proceeds earmarked for the Heart Fund. Mrs. Henry Neisler is chairman of special events. Tickets are on sale at \$2. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Neisler, 739-5058.

Kings Mountain members of the Order of Rainbow for Girls will conduct a street sale of balloons and tags Saturday, February 22, Morrison added.

Coin collectors to hold dime, pennies and other donations have been placed in most stores and business establishments. Coffee Day will be observed by two drug stores, Kings Mountain Drug and Griffin Drug, with proceeds from a day's sale of coffee to benefit the Heart Fund.

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