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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.
Hebrews 12:14

The Shelby Star's Position on Hospital Expansion Is Hardly Shocking The Herald Disagrees

In contrast to its initial position, when the Shelby Daily Star avidly supported a \$1.5 million bond issue for replacements, improvements and expansion of Shelby's Cleveland Memorial Hospital, our county seat confere in the news trade, now opposes the issue which will be determined by Cleveland's citizens Saturday.

The Star, which began having second-thought reservations in December, shortly after an additional half-million had been included for expansion of Kings Mountain Hospital, opens itself to the charge that has been made against the Star many times in the past, concerning hospitals and otherwise. The charge: county expenditures in the immediate environs of Shelby are "A-OK", but are tinged with evil if very far outside.

The late Lee B. Weathers, former publisher and major owner of the Star, had the dream of a county medical center years ago. He did not initially favor the building of a hospital in Kings Mountain. He felt the county should build a new hospital (abandoning the then-small and antiquated Shelby plant) in the vicinity of the county home. Mr. Weathers learned quickly that his idea would not sell, subsequently agreed to and supported solidly the initial \$400,000 bond issue which provided \$240,000 for additions to the Shelby plant and \$160,000 for construction of the Kings Mountain plant. The use and growth of hospitals generally and Kings Mountain's particularly has been surprising and stems from many factors, chief among them the increasing incidence of hospitalization insurance and the fact that both husband and wife in many families are job-holding breadwinners.

While many contentions of the Star position, as contained in editorials of recent days, can be questioned and refuted, there is one concerning Kings Mountain Hospital that should be exposed. "But can we afford to build for Gaston County?", the Star inquires. Since Kings Mountain sits on the Cleve-

land-Gaston county line (numerous Gaston County citizens have Kings Mountain post office addresses), it is natural that the Kings Mountain medical corps would have patients who live in Gaston and who, on need, are hospitalized here. Has a doctor ever predicated a patient's treatment on his residential address? It will be remembered that Gaston long provided hospital service for Kings Mountain area citizens, still does to some extent.

As this is written, the Star's editorial writer has overlooked conveniently the burgeoning occupancy rate at both institutions. Since October the occupancy rate average at Kings Mountain Hospital is 89.6 percent. For the month of January it was 98.7 percent. The Shelby plant was at the 100 percent mark for January. Obviously, many patients during the period were relegated to hallway beds, an unhappy, emergency situation for patients, doctors, and the hospitals too.

One chief thesis appears to stand out in the Star's comments: it wants the Kings Mountain plant shut off from any growth by even one additional bed, meantime concentrating all funds to the Shelby plant. Many label it as more effort at red-headed stepchild treatment, with this area considered in Cleveland geography for county tax-paying, if not for county services.

The vast majority of Shelby citizens do not have this one-way street attitude. Certainly it is not the attitude of the Cleveland Memorial Hospital board of directors. Nor does Kings Mountain desire anything more than a fair share.

The Kings Mountain Herald voiced support of the bond issue proposal for the Shelby plant when it was not anticipated Kings Mountain would be included. The basis was need. The Herald was pleased when Kings Mountain was included -- again on basis of need.

The Herald's position today is as it was months ago.
Vote "For" on Saturday.

Roads Issue

While there are five candidates for the Democratic nomination for governor, it is generally acknowledged that the three leaders are (alphabetically) Dr. I. Beverly Lake, Dan K. Moore, and L. Richardson Preyer.

All are campaigning as if they intend to win, or, at least, do no worse than lose after a close and hard fight.

Each of the three have paramount roads as a campaign issue. The argument among them concerns what roads, financing of them, and related items. Dr. Lake promotes an east-west road, as does Judge Preyer, the latter stating that it should be in the federal interstate category which implies 90 percent federal financing. Judge Preyer also suggests North Carolina was shorted on the original interstate allocations, on basis of geography, size, and population. Judge Moore, meantime, has made roads in the mountain areas a major campaign plank.

The conclusion is that roads will get much attention in the coming four years, reminding that Cameron Morrison and Kerr Scott are remembered as the major "roads governors" in the current century -- and that their roads programs contributed to the present well-being of North Carolina.

Palmer Retiring

Jack Palmer, three-term Cleveland County representative to the North Carolina House of Representatives, announced recently he is retiring, an announcement which is regretted not only by personal friends but by those who have watched his service closely.

When Mr. Palmer first offered for the House, he was not what is termed an "anxious" candidate. He was quite willing to say he was not especially well-versed in many matters of government. His principal promises were that he would work hard and would seek to promote the interests of his county and North Carolina.

Most will agree that Representative

Republican Primary

Apparently there will be more than the usual Republican primary on May 30. While GOP primaries are not unknown, they are not too frequent, haven't been heavily contested in many seasons, and are customarily only for a few offices.

For 1964, the primary total may not be great on the GOP side, but certainly interest will be generated. Already there are three announced candidates for the Republican nomination for governor, reflecting several factors. Recent addition to the two Guilford county Republicans, Rep. Don Badgley, and Sen. Charles Strong, is E. F. (Bud) Gallagher, the Gastonian. Mr. Gallagher has been active in Gastonia politics at the local level for many years and is graduating publicly to the political big leagues. Rep. Badgley has traveled already 18,000 miles in traversing the Tar Heel state in quest of votes.

While some feel the unusual number of seekers for the GOP governor nomination is reflective of party division and inability to agree, others note that torrid, slambang warfare among the Democrats has been contributory to keeping the party in power in the state for more than 60 years, minus a few isolated areas.

It remains patent that a party cannot grow without fielding a team. Primary activity will encourage many rank-and-file Republicans, who have felt they had to register as Democrats to have any voice, to put the "R" by their names and participate politically where they have long yearned to be.

Palmer has fulfilled these pledges.

He has taken a fair-minded approach to issues, minus an overload of preconceived ideas, and, on basis of performance, has endeavored to weigh facts before coming to decisions.

His service indeed has been of benefit to his county and to his state.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By the accident of an accident in Shelby last Friday, I became acquainted with a onetime Kings Mountain citizen and also got a considerable surprise. I would have guessed the gentleman in the other car to be in his early seventies. His driver's license showed his birthdate as 1875.

Mr. Luther Oscar Hoffman not only appears much younger than he is but also remarked that he can read minus his spectacles, which I consider as quite wonderful.

Mr. Hoffman, a foundryman, left Kings Mountain in 1917, after being associated with the late Dr. J. G. Hord in the manufacture of radius rods for the old Model T Ford. There was a time when the Model T radius rod was a highly expendable item, much as a vintage Chevy my Father had years ago which was an axle breaker.

Mr. Hoffman related a story Dr. Hord had told him. A Negro family had summoned Dr. Horn to attend a very sick youth. On arrival, Dr. Hord found the youth at the brink of death and in severe pain and administered a heavy sedative, hoping to ease the youngster's last minutes. In only a few seconds the boy died. The boy's mother turned to the father and said, "Don't he kill me quick?" Dr. Hord told Mr. Hoffman he hoped never to be in that situation again.

My business for being in Shelby at crash time shortly after noon last Friday was that I was enroute to the Pittsburgh Plate Glass luncheon honoring the eight candidates for the college scholarship Pittsburgh is awarding. On thesis it is most discourteous to be late for an eating engagement, I'd cut short a telephone conversation with my friend A. V. Nolan to be sure I'd not be late. I had plenty of time 'til the unfortunate smash and I was late as to hour, but not really late. The delicious roast beef with trimmings was served buffet style and all had not navigated the line by the table when I arrived.

One of the Shelby policemen who answered our summons to investigate the accident was Enos Freeman, formerly a member of the Kings Mountain police force. He and his associate, Grady Woods, were most courteous.

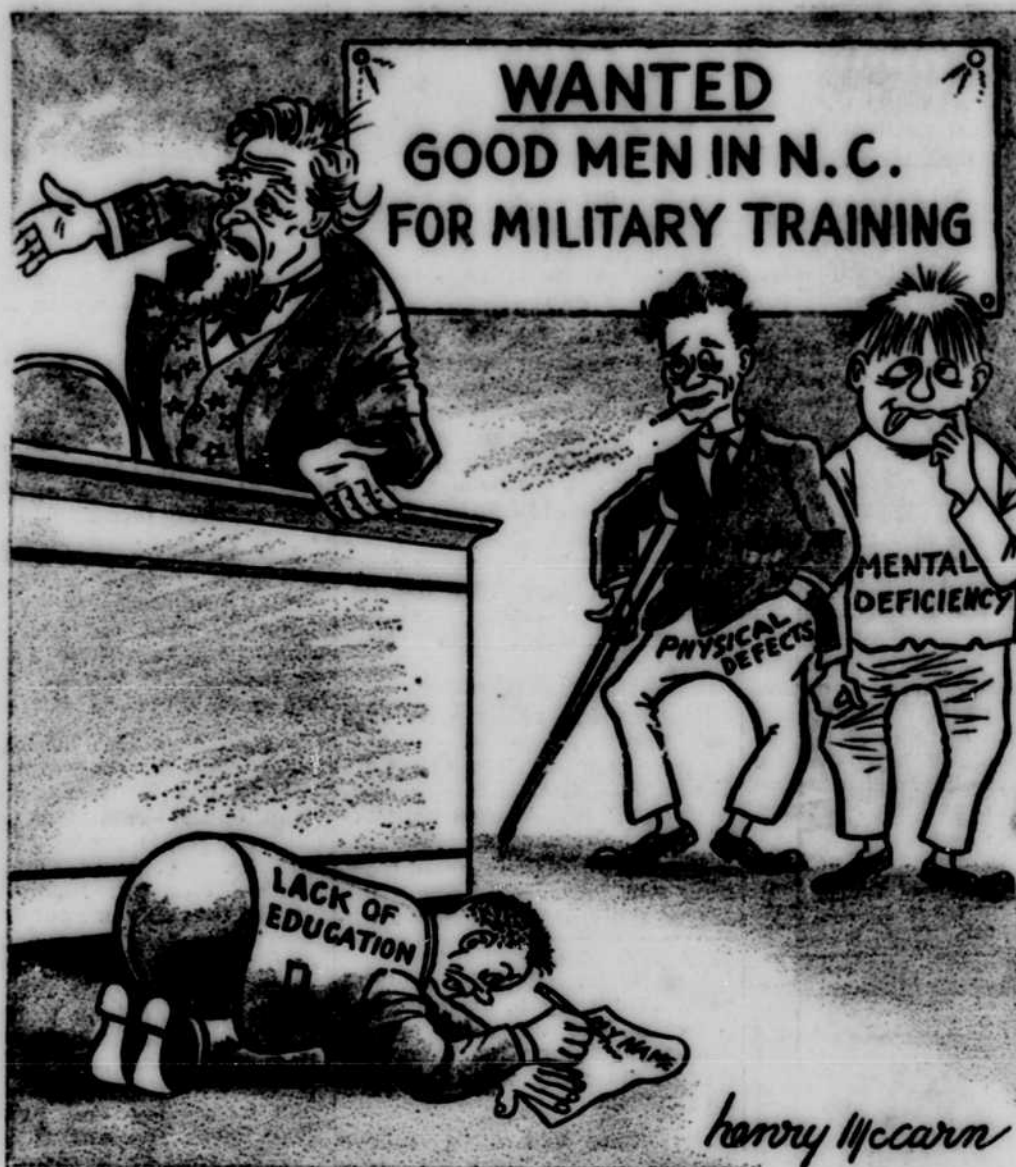
The scholarship luncheon was a pleasant affair, and I was reminded again that Jack Schewepe, who presided, is a most effective master of ceremonies. And the eight youngsters tapped as candidates were all very bright-looking and sharp-eyed. Toby Williams, vice-chairman of the Kings Mountain board of education, who was present, told me later that one of the Shelby youngsters had made a score of over 1500 out of a possible 1600 on the college entrance board examinations, which is "high cotton" scoring. A sample of Jack's wit was his presentation of Elliott Grover, one of the three judges. "His name is Elliott Grover," Jack related, "but most folk call 'im Linthead."

One of my dinner companions was Jim Allen, editor of the Shelby Star. Referring to his editorial of the day before opposing the hospital bond issue, I told him, "Jim, you're catching Hail Columbia in my town today." He acknowledged he was catching a bit of it in Shelby, too.

After the luncheon, my long-time friend Rush Hamrick, Jr. invited me over to the new Kendall Medicine Company building for an inspection. It is a beautiful building of about 30,000 square feet, of brick and concrete construction, is centrally heated and cooled, and is especially well-arranged, into six major departments served by conveyors. A salesman tags the gathering basket with whatever number of colored clothespins the order requires.

What intrigued me most though was the narcotics vault, which Rush said was built to the exact specifications of the federal narcotics bureau. Roof, floor and all sides were six-inch thick concrete. Lone entrance is by heavy steel wire door which locks automatically. On the interior is a warning system connected directly to the sheriff's office. After it is set 'or the night, tampering with any floor in the building is immediately flashed to Sheriff Allen's diggings. Rush confesses there were a couple of false alarms before he learned the proper setting combination. I was also interested in the pre-stressed concrete used for the roof. While the concrete cost more than steel, the massive warehouse has only nine posts. With steel there would have been 34.

Even with the regrettable, if minor, auto smash-up, it was a most pleasant afternoon.



"IT'S SURE HARD TO GET HELP THESE DAYS"

Viewpoints of Other Editors

FIGHTING FOR MEDICAL CARE

Medical care for the aged, which threatens to become a hardy perennial in Congress, may yet bloom. President Johnson has pledged to wage a vigorous fight on behalf of the Administration's plan to finance hospital care and nursing service through Social Security. Action also has been promised by six Republican Senators who have introduced a proposal based on the findings of the National Committee on Health Care for the Aged, a private, bipartisan body that spent a year in studying the problem.

There is enough similarity in the two proposals to make possible an effective compromise. Both would rely on increased Social Security payments to pay the costs of providing care for the nation's 18 million elderly citizens. The Republican measure would seek even more extensive coverage by authorizing private insurance companies to pool their risks so that they will be able to provide additional health benefits at a "cost within the reach of most older people," a measure that would require special exemption from antitrust legislation.

A combination of public and private insurance may be the best approach to assure a program that is so sorely needed. The number of persons over 65 is increasing at a rapid pace, but many have no protection whatsoever and an equally large number have inadequate coverage. Providing them with hospital care will be expensive, yet the failure to act is proving even more costly, both in terms of human suffering and eventual economic cost.

But a working plan cannot be implemented without effective leadership. Mr. Johnson's observation that "we have just begun to fight" reveals that the Administration has not yet made the necessary effort to assure a victory. If a bill is to be passed this year, Mr. Johnson will have to be prepared for a fight to the finish.

—New York Times

SAD LESSON

There is something both shocking and pathetic about the vice investigations in New York's Nassau County, which are now said to be spreading to three other states. Some of the alleged participants are described as suburban wives, a few of them mothers, from middle or upper-middle income families. Some fathers are reported to have baby-sat while the mothers were out as call girls to supplement their husband's incomes.

The idealist might have supposed that the comforts of the affluent society would reduce the immoral pursuit of more. But now, to put beside the exposures of both business and personal immoralities utilized by some big corporations in recent years, comes this new and bitter example of distorted values in private life.

Nassau's District Attorney William Cahn says the current arrests have followed almost two years of collecting evidence. How much more would be disclosed by equally zealous efforts elsewhere?

Even the idealist finally admits it, however far the investigations go, there will always be an undetected suburb of humanity in which erring individuals will be confronted only by themselves until, if ever, the detectives arrive. It is there that moral commitment must begin to accompany material advance. It is there, we hope, that the sad lesson of today's Nassau Counties can be learned.

The Christian Science Monitor

FROM NILE TO ATBARA

Grilling though the heat is in the upper valley of the Nile for most of the year, men have lived there since before recorded history, and where families are dug in they usually wish to stay. However, when the High Dam is finished the huge artificial lake behind it will drown thousands of Nile villages, and their inhabitants will have to move. Fifty thousand of these villagers belong south of the border in Sudan. Last month the first batch of migrants travelled to the new home being built for them at Khashm al Birba on the Atbara River, between Khartoum and the Ethiopian border. Everything is being done by the Sudanese Government to smooth their path. A complete new town is under construction, well laid out, with houses, shops, schools, mosques, and so on. Communities will have continuity. Old Nile neighbors will still be neighbors on the banks of the Atbara.

Yet there were riots when the resettlement area was first announced. It was too far away, the villagers complained -- surely some alternative site on the Nile could have been found. The scrubland by the sluggish Atbara seemed strange to them compared with the cliffs of Nubia. These are the kind of objections always heard when populations have to be shifted. They reflect the deepest human instincts and affections. All the same, by any outside standards the change is for the better, and the vanguard may be able to persuade the rest of the settlers that this is so.

—The Times (London)

BEATED

As if the Tories didn't have enough troubles...

A Russian newspaper has blamed the British government for Beatlemania. Said Moskovskoy Kosmolets: "The British authorities do not interfere. Moreover, they encourage the Beatles. Why? Because this diverts the attention of the young people in Britain from politics, from bitter reflections about desecrated ideals and shattered hopes."

Though they have not yet been toppled by the nuclear controversy, unemployment and Christine Keeler, the Tories must absolutely shut out at the prospect of being labeled "friend of the Beatles."

The Charlotte Observer

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.

Mayor Glee A. Bridges gave a round-figure report on plans of his administration for the expenditure of \$600,000 in borrowed money for public improvements in an address before the Kings Mountain Lions club Tuesday night.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Helen Logan was elected president of the Kings Mountain chapter of the North Carolina Education Association for 1964-65 at a meeting of the group at Central school Thursday. I. B. Godforth, Jr. was named vice-president and Mrs. Helen B. Baker was named secretary-treasurer.

County Officials To Conference

County and municipal officials from nineteen counties in this section of the State have been invited to take part in an Area Conference on "Civil Defense Responsibility" to be held in Hickory on Tuesday, March 3.

Program schedule and other details will be sent to the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of each county, the Mayor of each city or town, and the local Civil Defense Director by the University of North Carolina Extension Division which will conduct the Conference. These officials have already received letters from Governor Sanford, the State Association of County Officials and the North Carolina League of Municipalities, asking them to attend.

Keynote speaker for the six-hour session is Alex McMahon, General Counsel for the North Carolina Association of County Officials. Others on the program include Governor Terry Sanford and State Civil Defense Director Edward F. Griffin.

Counties and municipalities whose governing officials will participate in the Hickory Conference are those served by the State Civil Defense Agency's Area "E" Office located in Lincoln County Courthouse, Edenton; Herman J. Sisk, Director.

The counties are: Alexander, Alleghany, Anson, Ashe, Avery, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Stanly, Surry, Union, Watauga, Wilkes and Yadkin.

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