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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

Tag Office Bid

The Kings Mountain Merchants Association seeks to do something about a long-time conversation piece.

Why, it is repeatedly asked, doesn't somebody in Kings Mountain sell state auto licenses? Why do I have to drive to Shelby or Gastonia to stand in line to buy my tag?

The answer, presumably, is that none sought to become a tag agent. Indeed, under a long-ago arrangement, those firms which undertook the chores of handling tag sales rendered a considerable and costly public service. At one time the sales commission was something like 15 cents per tag, and vendor accepted full responsibility for counterfeit bills, rubber checks and theft of tags, along with paying the extra help required to handle the job.

But many Kings Mountain area auto owners would be benefitted by being able to get their tags around the corner rather than having to drive to other cities for them, or ordering tags from Raleigh.

This service organization, the Merchants Association wants to take on the work and the responsibility and the Herald hopes the Department of Motor Vehicles will honor the request.

A best bow to Joan McClure and Phyllis Pusey, Kings Mountain students, tapped for honors program work at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. They were among 51 of 1204 freshmen thus honored.

Fourth UNC Unit

Chief stumbling block, it will be recalled, to according university status to each of the three branches of the University of North Carolina, proved to be unwillingness of some N. C. State alumni to the anticipated name change, scheduled to have been University of North Carolina at Raleigh.

Some other rather cumbersome name, retaining the "State" part, was adopted, the sports writers continue to refer to UNC-R as State, and State and the former Woman's College, now UNC-G, joined the Chapel Hill branch as genuine universities, which among other assets, empowered both to admit "co-eds" and to convey doctorates.

The Greater University of North Carolina, consolidated during the administration of Governor O. Max Gardner, of Cleveland, apparently is soon to have a fourth unit, in the collegiate personage of Charlotte College.

This week the trustees of the Greater University petitioned the General Assembly to declare Charlotte College the fourth member of the UNC family. Governor-elect Dan Moore concurs, which means the General Assembly will concur.

Such a decision is in order and would prove highly beneficial to Western North Carolina. Indeed, Charlotte College, begun not many years ago as something of an experiment, has enjoyed rapid growth, ready acceptance by students, and is producing good products.

Concurrently, an effort is underway for establishment of a state medical school at Charlotte. Presumably, the two would become conjunctive at some future date.

The population base of this segment of the Piedmont justifies the petitions of the supporters of both UNC-C and the proposed medical school.

Gresham T. Thornburg

The tragic accident which cost the life of Gresham T. Thornburg last Friday saddened, as it shocked, his many friends.

Born to the soil, Mr. Thornburg knew a life of hard work, which he enjoyed. He was not a showman, but, in contrast, a normally quiet man who liked to listen. When he spoke, he wasted few words. His words were as wise, as pointed.

Those who knew him agree heartily with Neil Johnson, Foote Mineral Company manager, who termed this valuable member of his team "the salt of the earth".

Education Pays Dividends

The theme of recently-celebrated National Education Week was "Education pays dividends". Education does.

There are exceptions at both ends of the education pole; unhappily, in the persons of those high-educated, yet impractical folk who are unable to relate their learning to practicalities; and, happily, in the persons denied for one reason or another formal education, but who acquire knowledge and skills for themselves through basic ambition and desire to excel.

For perhaps 99 percent of the world, education does pay.

The dividends are monetary, social, and even spiritual.

There are many human satisfactions, but one of the most consistent and continuous is the personal knowledge of a job well-done, whether the chore is weaving a fabric, establishing a point of law, consummating a sale, or holding the attention of an audience during a sermon or after-dinner speech.

The avenue to this type of success is education.

Most persons who have been through the formal education hurdles will be quick to relate that it is hard to compensate for a late beginning. High school loafing causes college pain, and elementary school slovenliness means high school troubles.

Two growing trends in this state point to improved educational products in the future. More and more emphasis is being placed on lowering teaching loads in the first three grades, where greater individual attention produces quicker comprehension thereafter. The other is long-neglected expansion of vocational education combined with formal instruction in a menagerie of skills. Many other states have long recognized the value of this program and it is good to see North Carolina moving into this practical swing of educational things.

High school diplomas are regarded as minimal qualifications for employment by a growing list of industries for even the more menial tasks and college degrees are minimal for higher echelon positions.

Hail, The Mountaineers

Kings Mountain high school football fans have been entertained in most royal fashion during the ten-game regular season ended last week. Navigating a ten-game schedule with no defeats is hardly a partisan football fan's regular diet.

Closest squeeze of the skein was the cliff-hanger one-point win over strong Rutherfordton-Spindale (not a suitable game for cardiac and ulcer patients). Great satisfaction was derived from the come-from-behind win over Mooresville, and even greater pleasure from the 19-7 win over arch-rival Shelby, also contrived in exemplary fashion after the enemy had edged ahead.

The final win over Lincolnton was quite decisive and elicited for the Mountaineers high praise from the Lincolnton coach who declared Kings Mountain the best high school team he'd seen.

All the above, and more, earned for the Mountaineers the championship of the Southwestern division of the 32-member Western North Carolina High School Activities association.

But that was yesterday.

Current business at hand is at Shelby Friday night as the Mountaineers tangle with Hickory in pursuit of a finals berth for the full-conference crown.

The word to the Mountaineers: Congratulations and best wishes!

A Lions Club fruit cake provides excellent eating and aid to the indigent blind.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

It was after the Mountaineers had logged their seventh win of the season, when I chanced into Mrs. Clyde Murphy, mother of Quarterback Pat and remarked, "Seven down, three more to go."

She replied, "No, five more. Pat won't allow me to talk about only three!"

Last week I said to Center-Linebacker Hubert McGinnis, "I sure hope you get this last one." He replied, "I want the last three."

I stood corrected again and now the magic number of "required" victories is reduced to two, with Hickory first, then either Thomasville or Mooresville in the way of all-the-way football championship honors for the full 32-member Western North Carolina High School Activities Association (now ain't that a tongue twister?). Kings Mountain's B. N. Barnes, incidentally, has been president of this organization for many years. While sports competitions are the more publicized activities, the association is the vehicle for other competitions, including debating and declaiming. The secretary is Wilburn Clary, of Mooresville, a Gafney, S. C., native, and thirties football star at the University of South Carolina.

The St. Louis Cardinals celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of the 1934 Cardinal World Championship, the famed "Me (Dizzy Dean) and Brother Paul" year, by again winning the World Championship. The Mountaineers look back only to 1956 for an all-the-way football year, but the season of 39 years ago was quite interesting.

W. J. Fulkerson was the football coach and took a leaf out of the college books by doing considerable recruiting. As team manager, one of my chores was to transport four of the imports home after practice. They were "Red" White, Labon Thornburg, Theodore Thornburg and Clyde Patterson, all residents of the Patterson Grove-Oak Grove section and big head knockers, toughened by summer duty behind the plow. Wray Barrett, now a Baptist minister, was another farm lad who didn't play a minute, suffering a broken leg before the initial game. Jake Early was the quarterback and a little-but-loud member of the team was Creepy Leonard, a drop-kicking specialist. Then there was Culler Short, Heman Queen, Aaron (Big A) Hartsoe, and John Elam, among the starting line-up.

The previous season had been unpleasant and the new one started auspiciously as Leonard's drop-kick earned a tie with Cliffside. Transport to Cliffside was by borrowed open truck and some of the boys stopped off at the Cleveland County fair on the return jaunt.

But the piece-de-resistance of the season was a 6-6 tie with Cherryville, first time in the school's then-short football history that victory had been denied the Ironmen. As has happened since in Cherryville, as when Kings Mountain logged its first victory over Cherryville in 1951, tempers of both fans and players waxed hot. Jack Kiser, now Lincolnton's athletic director, was the Cherry coach and as both squads milled into the gym words were passed between the comparatively small Coach Kiser and towering Bon Thornburg Sappy Jack went to the attack, but no blood was spilled, as others separated the battlers.

Dr. George Plonk relates a personal incident from that season on his baptism into football game fire. He'd been fuming about riding the bench. Newton, with Dick Gurley coaching, was the powerhouse of that era, and invaded the Mountaineer ball-yard located on the site of the present American Legion Building. Some Newton player stuck a cleat into big Bon's brow and he headed for the sidelines, blood streaming. George recalls, "Fulkerson looked up and down the bench and I guess he had trouble spotting me for, after what they'd done to Bon, I no longer minded warming the bench." He commanded, "Get in there Plonk!" George adds, "I did, but I was scared to death."

Last game of the season was at Morganton with the School for the Deaf. Though our ranks had been depleted by some quitters and dropouts, we all felt sorry, during the pre-game warm-up, for those little fellows who could neither speak nor hear. The sympathy lasted little longer than the initial play, for our hosts proved gracious only after the whistle had tooted the end of a play. They often extended a helping-hand to these big Mountaineers they'd just superimposed on the ground. Final score: for the Deaf, 20, Kings Mountain 0.

Words and Music by Lyndon B. Johnson



Viewpoints of Other Editors

THE TOO LONG CAMPAIGN

Although it took until the final day of the 1964 campaign, the candidates for Vice President finally agreed on one thing: Political campaigns are too long.

Campaigns have become "too long, too expensive, too arduous for the candidates and too boring for the public," said Representative Miller. On the Today television program Senator Humphrey said the campaign "may very well have been too long" and suggested that both major parties hold their conventions in early September and begin campaigning in mid-September or later.

A more compact campaign would allow Congress to keep at the Nation's business into the summer without the diversion of conventions and would make the candidates present their arguments more concisely. The shorter campaign might also decrease sensational claims and charges that seem to emanate from politicians having too long to talk and too little to say, and would offer the political parties an opportunity to cut campaign costs.

There are other persuasive reasons for both National Committees to give Mr. Humphrey's suggestion careful study. One is that the campaign schedule as now constituted is a serious threat to the health of the candidates. No longer can a campaign manager decline speaking invitations because of distance or lack of time. Local political leaders are insistent. They want the magic of a presidential candidate in the flesh. If the pace must be maintained, perhaps the distance of the race can be reduced.

The Washington Post

Q. AND A.

(Recently) 300 airline stewardesses had a convention in Chicago. One of the questions they asked of their bosses concerned the food service for passengers on the coming Mach 3 (three times the speed of sound) flights.

For example, on such a flight from London to Los Angeles, if the trip left at 6 a.m. it would pass over Tulsa at 1:15 a.m. the same day and land at Los Angeles at 12:30 a.m., five and one half hours before leaving London. Would breakfast be served aloft?

Or, stewardesses will be leaving Manila at 11 a.m. on the fifth of the month, pass over Los Angeles at 10:30 p.m. on the fourth and land at St. Louis at 1:15 a.m. on the fifth. They may transfer immediately to a west-bound flight taking off at 2 a.m. on the fifth and land at Honolulu, their home base, at 11:30 on the fourth. Assuming they receive their pay up to and including the fifth, would they owe the company when they get home on the fourth?

Answers: Never mind breakfast. We're too dumbfounded to eat. And, wait in St. Louis a day. There's a fine zoo in Forst Park. The Tulsa (Oklahoma) Tribune

REALISM AND IDEALISM

The United Nations has just celebrated—if that is the right word—its 19th birthday. It has been ridiculed, ignored, misunderstood, and misrepresented in its short life to an extent and degree known only to religious institutions. It has been seen to try to do too much or too little.

What Matthew Arnold said of the Christian Church could apply equally to the United Nations (men cannot do with it as it is and yet they cannot do without it). In the modern world the fact of UN's survival is in itself no small achievement. But neither its future can be taken for granted.

In the nuclear age it is not easy for nations or groups of nations to be "wise as serpents" and "harmless as doves." Yet it is this blend of idealism and realism which best serves the interests of the UN. It is exemplified more in the Secretary-General U Thant's proposal that Communist China should be included in a summit conference of the nuclear Powers than in his suggestion—however desirable it would be—that Mr. Khrushchev should be permitted to make a public statement on the circumstances leading to his replacement.

The UN can only gain in stature and influence as it is seen to be as much aware of the harsh realities of power as of the limits which must be placed on the exercise or violation of that power. It is not enough for the UN simply to survive; it must be helped to grow. There is urgency in that growth.

Sir Hugh Foot is not to be dismissed as an alarmist when he says that "time is short for the UN." He speaks with commanding realism when he points to the ugly fact of racial conflict. He speaks as a realist when he shows how the conflict in South Africa could spread to the whole of Africa and beyond. But even warnings—like pious hopes of eventual world government—are insufficient in themselves. Britain is likely to be well served in having Sir Hugh as its permanent representative at the UN. To his difficult tasks Sir Hugh will bring, along with his obvious dedication, determination, experience and skill. The new government, after all, is pledged not only to support the UN but to seek means to strengthen its effectiveness.

The Manchester Guardian Weekly

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1964 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

The Central Methodist church Senior Choir, under the direction of Miss Bonnie McIntosh, will present a Thanksgiving cantata, "The White Pilgrim" on Sunday evening at 7:30.

The Bethware school Parent-Teacher Association will sponsor a fall festival at the school Friday.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
Members of the Double Deck Bridge club held its November meeting last Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. W. M. Moorhead.

Mrs. J. M. Rhea was hostess to members of the Study club at her home Tuesday.

The Veterans Corner

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to some of the many current questions from former servicemen and their families. Further information on veterans benefits may be obtained at any VA office.

Q—I am a member of the police force, and I find that there are some restrictions in life insurance policies because of this. Is this true also of my GI life insurance?

A—The restrictions you mention are those imposed because law enforcement is considered a hazardous occupation. There are no such restrictions on GI insurance. The veteran may engage in any occupation, no matter how hazardous, without affect on the terms of the policy.

Q—I pay premiums on my GI insurance quarterly, and I am concerned because I have not received my premium due notice. I feel uneasy about waiting any longer to make this payment. Should I wait until I receive this notice?

A—By all means pay your premiums when they become due, even if you do not receive the premium due notice. Remember you have a 31-day grace period from the due date. Be certain to include your policy number with your remittance.



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Your familiar glass of beer is also a pleasurable reminder that we live in a land of personal freedom—and that our right to enjoy beer and ale, if we so desire, is just one, but an important one, of these personal freedoms.

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