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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

A man shall not be established by wickedness; but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.
Proverbs 12:3

"Terrible" Terry

In a bit over a month Terry Sanford, one of the more youthful Governors in the state's history, will turn over this important mantle of responsibility to Governor-elect Dan K. Moore, a successor he did not prefer.

The Governor is quick to acknowledge that he will leave office next month as somewhat less than the most popular chief executive the state has had, but he does not apologize for the accomplishments of the past four years.

Nor should he.

The Governor wasted little time proving himself a realist. His campaign commitment to improve education he knew would require additional revenues and he, in the tradition of Kerr Scott with his road program, said the additional money would have to be provided. That he came by the cash by returning the sales tax to the home table made Sanford a whipping boy for political snipers — many of whom admitted privately they felt the sales tax expansion quite fair.

New industry promotion, the big push program of Governor Luther Hodges was continued with record success.

His much-maligned highway commission (nothing unusual here) built more primary roads than ever before and ran second only to the Scott Administration in secondary road work. His successor incidentally expects to call for changes in the highway commission set-up (as Sanford himself did) and will get them. It will be noted, however, that Judge Moore merely wants to resume the arrangement prevailing before Governor Hodges put textile efficiency to the commission with his seven-member board and state-wide concept. In turn, Governor Hodges reaped perhaps his greatest criticism in this direction.

On a personal basis, one of Governor Sanford's more admirable traits is a willingness to accept criticism without losing his temper and it stood him in good stead. He came closest to apparent anger in dealing firmly with race demonstrations when the demonstrations exceeded the bounds of law and order.

State Treasurer Edwin Gill's now classic observation that, in North Carolina, good government is a habit is well-supported by history.

And Governor Terry Sanford has continued that tradition.

Sports Editor Gary Stewart's review of Kings Mountain high school footballers who won all-conference honors over the past decade made an imposing list. Congratulations to this year's half-dozen honorees, Pat Murphy, Lyn Cheshire, Hubert McGinnis, Jim Cloninger, George Plonk and Richard Gold.

The team of Kings Mountain United Fund solicitors have reached at last report the 65 percent mark on the 1965 quota of more than \$23,000. It is a goal that should be reached and can be.

Christmas Is Near

Where did the last 11 months go?

A Kings Mountain businessman posed the question a few days ago and the question is applicable to all but the youngsters, who, traditionally, know that Christmas will never come.

But Christmas is near, and the postman, merchant, and others will be reminding each and all to attend to Christmas business early.

It's a wise dictum to assure best selections.

Most of us, however, will be hurriedly finishing the chores on Christmas Eve.

Congratulations to Dr. George Plonk, newly elected president of the Cleveland County Medical Society.

Man of the Age

It is a popular pastime to honor citizens for good public service by naming them "man of the year" or "woman of the year".

Sir Winston Spencer Churchill has this paper's nomination as "man of the age".

Sir Winston, who reached the age of 90 on Monday, had numerous careers spanning several generations. Caustic of tongue, he was not always popular and during the thirties was at a low ebb of popularity with his own party.

During World War I he was fired as First Lord of the Admiralty after the ill-fated Dardanelles campaign which is still regarded by naval experts as one of history's most brilliant military designs. It failed because of poor execution.

Mr. Churchill is an impeccable commander of English prose, both of the spoken and written word. His addresses of World War II enheartened and inspired not only his own nation but the Free World, and his history of World War II, in six documented volumes, and his four-volume "History of the English-Speaking Peoples" are "must" inclusion in good libraries.

Hindsight being much superior to foresight it has long been apparent that Sir Winston's strategic ideas on invading Europe's "soft underbelly", rather than France, would have saved the post World War II Free World much real estate and treasure and would have diminished the danger of new lethal confrontations.

Not a man to tease himself, he exemplified this attitude in a 1944 statement: "If I am accused of this mistake, I can only say with M. Clemenceau on a celebrated occasion: 'Perhaps I have made a number of other mistakes of which you have not heard.'"

The Free World wishes Sir Winston Churchill many more happy returns of birthdays as the venerable nonagenarian launches his tenth decade.

Doleful for Dole

Bill Dole, 13-year veteran as head football coach at Davidson College has resigned, under admitted pressure.

Meantime, alumni groups have begun fund campaigns with the end-point aim winning football teams.

Most agree Davidson's football troubles cannot be laid completely at the Dole doorstep. Davidson's student capacity is limited and her scholastic requirements high. Perhaps this is as it should be but it has not permitted gridiron success.

Another wing of thought is that an educational institution, be it high school or college, should aim at excellence in any and all activities it undertakes, sports or debating, as well as academics.

There often exists academic faculty jealousy of the sports group, though this may not have been true at Davidson. Coaches often receive a greater stipend than other faculty members. However, coaching tenure is seldom as long. Carl Snaveley was greatest, when with the four-year tenure of Justice & Company he was beating arch-rival Duke and making New Year's bowl trips. But the atmosphere changed when victories waned.

Sympathies go to Coach Dole, well-known here in Kings Mountain, along with best wishes to Davidson that a change of command will put the Wildcats on the high road to more victories.

Hearty congratulations to James Forrest, Kings Mountain student at State, who has been tapped for membership in Phi Kappa Phi, national honor fraternity.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

My wife averred at breakfast the other morning she was sure that Judge Dan Moore will prove to be a good governor, and particularly so since he has appointed Ed Rankin, our friend of long standing, as director of administration.

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Ed was a college classmate and both of us majored in journalism. Both of us took the navy route during World War II, Ed first enlisting as a yeoman, later being tapped for a commission and subsequently serving as skipper of an LST in African and Britain waters.

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I am considerably in Ed's debt. It was he who got me a job on the college newspaper and who, a year later, was my associate editor without portfolio. He wrote a personal column, as well as introspective editorial copy.

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From Spencer, Ed's journalistic godfather is John Harden, who trained Ed as a juvenile on the Salisbury Post. Ed followed John in many different chores until finally, five years ago, they became partners in John Harden Associates, a public relations firm.

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Ed has been in and out of government since 1946, when John, then secretary to Governor Gregg Cherry, brought Ed from the Columbia, S. C., Associated Press bureau to be public relations specialist for the State Highway Commission. A year later Ed went to Washington with Senator W. B. Umstead, did a stint with John and Burlington Industries before joining Governor Umstead again in 1953 as personal secretary. The late Mr. Umstead suffered a heart attack just after being inaugurated as governor and Ed had the responsibility of running the governor's office for the two years Mr. Umstead survived. He stayed on as personal secretary to Governor Luther Hodges. It was rumored several months ago that Ed would assume the same role for Governor-elect Moore, but Ed said not. For the nearly eight years Ed was in that slot, he recalls very few meals, breakfast, lunch, or dinner, when he wasn't interrupted by a jangling telephone.

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It was 1946 that a group of college friends got together in Raleigh after the Duke-Carolina game. Ed among them. His good friend John Harden had made room reservations for us and imagine Bert Premo's and my surprise when we found that we suddenly had acquired wives. John had made the reservations in the names of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Premo and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Harmon, though both of us were still quite single. Both of us could envision the good name of our lady friends being smeared but we couldn't get that idea through to the desk clerk. "What difference does it make?" he shrugged. "The cost is the same." Returning to Kings Mountain the next day I worried the whole 170 miles that I might have an accident with resulting unpleasant, painful and undesired publicity.

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It was with Ed that I attended my first Duke banquet during the mid-winter press institute. Our late journalism professor had got us tickets and we hailed a ride with the late Bill Arp Lowrance, of Charlotte. The speaker was an AP military analyst and we knew the food was good, though we didn't know what we were eating. In that we had plenty of company. The piece de resistance was roasted breast of keet. Many of the state's top editors confirmed later that they had to check their dictionaries to learn that keet is a synonym for guinea.

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Another debt I owe Ed is my interesting and educational months on the state probation commission. I had guessed that Ed had recommended me to Governor Hodges and that assessment proved correct.

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Ed is a walking bank of information on North Carolina governmental history. It was he who informed me that the Governor's Mansion was built during the administration of Governor Jarvis and that the Mansion was promptly referred to as "Jarvis Folly". It was also he who told me that the new State Legislative building cost \$1.24 per man, woman, and child in North Carolina.

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It was November 30 two years ago that Ed, in a rundown with Bill Joslin, my wife and me, listed among the likely successful candidates for governor both Judge Dan Moore and Judge Richardson Preyer, which proved quite prescient.

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If Governor Moore's other appointments are as eminent as his appointment of Ed Rankin Mr. Moore will have a great team.

Some Like'em Real Short



Viewpoints of Other Editors

24-CARAT NONSENSE

That glod-plated girl who recently adorned the cover of Life magazine is barred from television, thanks to some unabashed dalliance between a labor union and the U. S. Government.

She's a British lass named Shirley Eaton, here to tout the film "Goldfinger," the latest James Bond epic to be immortalized on celluloid. In it she plays the lady friend of a villain who does her in, supposedly from skin suffocation, by augmenting her natural state with head-to-toe gold. Her promoters wanted to take advantage of obvious opportunities by scheduling her on some TV shows. But the Immigration Service refused to issue her a work permit because she was opposed by the television performers' unions.

At first blush, this may seem an unadorned case of upholding native interests against foreign ones. But it seems American interests would have been fully covered by the promoters' offers to donate fees from her TV performances to the union and hire American actresses just to stand by. Moreover, there were plenty of U. S. interests on her side — the movie exhibitors wanted her to appear, the television people wanted her to appear, and very likely, a good hunk of American manhood wanted her to appear. In any case, you might suppose governmental rules could be administered with a bare minimum of common sense. But perhaps it's too much to expect that golden quality when decisions come from union brass.

The Wall Street Journal

NO TWINKLE

When Eve ate that apple, she set off a series of perplexing events that have led, thus far, to such un-Edenlike things as the hydrogen bomb and the presidential campaign.

Since hers was such a fateful hunger, it is disappointing that the Bible doesn't say whether she enjoyed her snack or not. Considering all the trouble she caused us, it should have been the most succulent apple in all the universe.

Odds are, however, that it was only a run-of-the-orchard apple with only an ordinary flavor. Since it must have been a glossy red beauty to provoke her to disobey orders, she may even have been disappointed with the first bite.

That's the way new found knowledge is sometimes. Take the experience of the Lockheed test pilots who have been making their first flights through the fringe of the earth's atmosphere in the new F-104 fighters. And the U-2 pilots who have been cruising around 15 miles above the earth.

They learned that the stars don't really twinkle. They produce nothing better than a pinpoint glow.

Students of science have known for some time that the atmosphere diffuses the light coming from the stars, but this little ray of unwanted enlightenment has been kept from the couples in lovers lanes and most of us ordinary star gazers.

Knowledge is really quite depressing. If the stars don't twinkle, the moon isn't made out of cheese and a rainbow leads to nothing more promising than a field of wet lespedeza, what are we left with?

The Charlotte Observer

SO GROWS THE OAK

Some won't like this. We're not even sure we do. But it's something to consider at least.

We're speaking of the trend rapidly becoming an avalanche in our Twentieth Century of analyzing, categorizing and defining anti-social behavior. More and more often, it seems, the whole vastly complex phenomenon of crime is being heaped upon the parents.

We're not psychologists. We speak entirely on whatever qualifications are established by being citizens of the phenomenon.

We're not sure who started this escape valve type of clinical don't-blame-me-blame-my-parents battle cry. It seems to us it's a little too pat, a little too easy, and a trifle overworked.

Not all of us came from homes where dad was a pal; mom a trusted confidant, but some did. Some? Many hundreds did, and that's too many exceptions to the rule of parental blame.

So, to excuse the world's sociological ills, in the final desperate microscopic analysis as some sort of weakness in the fabric and morality of home-life is too conveniently casting stones where they are least deserved. As a matter of fact, recent medical research suggests a child's "anti-social patterns" will soon be pinpointed five years after birth. In other words, the twig has already been pretty well bent before subjugation to excess home mal-adjustments.

Home and parents didn't send many of us here, and we've too long overplayed that hand. But perhaps the parents are at fault in one way. They've encouraged and abetted the idea they were to blame for our bank faced ignorance. For right down to the end they attempt to shoulder our own blame and gladly accept the responsibility because of that certain indefinable something a parent holds for his child.

Some won't like this; the skill ed may even dispute it. Yet, somehow, we feel we're right.
San Quentin (Prison) News

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.

Santa Claus comes to town for a public appearance next Wednesday afternoon and record crowds are expected in Kings Mountain for a record-size Christmas opening parade sponsored by the Kings Mountain Merchants Association in cooperation with numerous other civic, industrial and church groups.

Dr. D. F. Hord, Jr. was elected junior grand master of the North Carolina chapter of Psi Omega dental fraternity, at the annual convention at Chapel Hill Saturday.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. John O. Plonk has returned from a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McElwee and family of Burlington. She also visited Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Weaver in Greensboro.

Celanese Nets .45 Dividends

NEW YORK — Directors of Celanese Corporation of America today declared a dividend of 45 cents a share on the common stock, payable December 22, 1964, to shareholders of record December 8, 1964.

The board voted regular quarterly dividends of \$1 1/2 per share on the preferred stock, series A, and \$1.75 per share on the 7 percent second preferred stock. Both preferred stock dividends are payable January 1, 1965, to shareholders of record December 8, 1964.

The board also voted an initial dividend of \$1.00 per share on the convertible preference stock payable January 1, 1965 to holders of record at the close of business on December 8, 1964. The dividend is for the period from September 1, 1964, the date to which dividends on the convertible preference stock of Champlin Oil and Refining Co. were paid prior to the merger with Celanese, to December 31, 1964.

Winn-Dixie Notes Sales Increase

Winn-Dixie's 640 supermarkets here and throughout the South recorded a 5.83 sales increase during the four-week period ended Nov. 14 compared to the corresponding period last year.

The volume was \$70,263,321 compared to \$66,394,713 a year ago. For the twenty-week period ended Nov. 14, sales were \$311,365,726 compared to \$323,152,938, an increase of 5.63 percent.

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Dear friends,

A writer suggests that we sit down at Thanksgiving time and list the things we have to be thankful for. If everyone would do this, we believe there would be more happiness and much less complaint.

We are especially thankful for our friends...we are also thankful for the many kindnesses that have come to us during the past year.

May your Thanksgiving be a happy one!

Sincerely,

J. Willie Harris

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