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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.

Proverbs 29:18

Buren S. Neill

Many Kings Mountain area citizens, as well as others, were saddened this week by the death of Buren Shuford Neill.

Mr. Neill came to Kings Mountain in the Dark Depression days of the early thirties to become chief executive officer of First National Bank. No better measure of his abilities could be found than in the fact that First National reopened immediately after the 1933 bank holiday in sound fiscal condition—which many banks throughout the nation did not enjoy.

Mr. Neill was a witty and kind-hearted man.

One Kings Mountain businessman, who opened a business several years ago on a self-admitted shoestring tells how Mr. Neill proved himself an invaluable friend. In fact, he told the businessman a legal means of check "kiting". Said Mr. Neill, "You'll be sending checks to New York, Atlanta and all parts of the nation. They won't be clearing at one time. Meantime, you'll be having daily receipts. Keep your bills paid and, if you find yourself money short, we'll make you a loan to cover." The businessman did just that and has proved quite successful.

Mr. Neill successively held the positions at the bank of cashier, executive vice-president, and finally president before his retirement.

Associated with civic enterprises throughout his residence in Kings Mountain, he made heavy contributions to the work of Central Methodist church, the Red Cross and virtually all other community enterprises.

He also, for several years, served as a valued member of the Kings Mountain district board of education.

We shall miss friendly B. S. Neill.

Around The Corner

As promised after Kings Mountain telephone subscribers voted in favor of toll-free service to Gastonia and Dallas, Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company has announced that line installation work will be completed and the new service ready for cut-in in May.

It is this newspaper's guess that most folk — in all three communities — will find themselves dialing the other cities far more than they anticipate.

Generally speaking, citizens who have kinkoff in Gastonia or considerable business activity supported the toll-free movement as a potential cost-saver, while some 35 percent of the subscribers, with little telephonic traffic in the Gastonia-Dallas direction opposed.

One lady was commenting in the "I never call Gastonia vein recently" when it was mentioned that Dallas could be dialed cost-free, too.

"Oh, that's better," she beamed, "I have a sister who lives in Dallas and I suspect we'll have right much conversation."

Congratulations to Carl F. Mauvey on his re-election as president of the Lake Montonia Club. The statement on club operations showed a busy and prosperous year during 1964.

Buy a "community" auto tag from the Kings Mountain Lions club, if you have a Kings Mountain postal address. Half the proceeds will be given to the John Gamble Stadium Fund.

Overtime Kings Mountain citizen William P. (Bill) Saunders has been named by Governor Dan Moore as acting director of the Department of Conservation and Development, a position Mr. Saunders filled with considerable success in the administration of Governor Luther Hodges. The announcement of the Governor said Mr. Saunders would serve through the legislative session or until a successor is appointed. Does Governor Moore intend to keep the veteran in harness and make the appointment permanent? It would be a good decision on the Governor's part.

Push 'Em Up

One of North Carolina's more eminent sons, John Motley Morehead, died last week.

Grandson of the Tar Heel governor (a good one) by the same name, Mr. Morehead became a millionaire several times over and worked hard at spending his treasure in charitable and educational projects.

More than 400 have been provided a university education through the Morehead scholarships, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill could not have benefited more in the space age than by his gift of the Morehead planetarium. He also shared in the gift of the famed UNC landmark, the Morehead-Patterson bell tower.

It was Mr. Morehead's thinking that a small percentage of the nation's citizens will do the thinking for the rest, and it was for this reason he sought to put a premium on the very quick of mind. It was this reason that he did not award scholarships on basis of financial need.

Speaking to a group of Morehead scholars in his latter years, he advised, "If you find you must push somebody out of the way to get ahead, push 'em — but push them up. The fellow might become the company president someday, and, if you'd sought to push him out, where would you be?"

Practical, yes, and also moral.

Being Neighborly

The matter of city fire departments, even for fees, honoring alarms to areas outside the city limits has long been subject to criticism by the North Carolina Fire Insurance Rating Bureau, which is again complaining about Kings Mountain's policy.

Under present set-up, a citizen or firm outside the city buys a low-cost rider to his fire insurance, the rider guaranteeing the city a fixed fee should a fire occur.

On paper, of course, the rating bureau official is perhaps correct in wondering whether city taxpayers should foot the bills for equipment to answer outside calls.

There are some areas where the figures are less important than intangibles.

When a neighbor is in trouble — and certainly a fire is sufficient trouble — the neighborly act is to help him.

The city practiced the same neighborliness in giving its sub-marginal fire truck to the new Bethlehem department.

Right To Work

This newspaper has never found particular fault with the Taft-Hartley Act provision known as the "right-to-work" law. The implication is that, though a union wins an election, belonging to it is not prerequisite to his working for that firm.

President Johnson, in calling for its repeal, is appealing labor's leaders who have conducted a vendetta against this and other portions of Taft-Hartley since its enactment.

Practically, it would seem labor is fussing heavily over a law that is more onerous in look than actually.

Normally, once a union organizes a plant the rank-and-file fall in.

It was 1939 when one firm in this state found a union supported by a thin margin of 11 votes. A year afterward, virtually all production employees were union members.

Basically, the right-to-work provision is fair. If a fellow doesn't want to join the lodge should he be required to?

King Winter finally hit this area with a major snowfall and low area temperature. The variance in climate by the several seasons is one of the benefits of residence in this area. Weather boredom is alleviated.

Time is expiring for listing of properties for taxes and there is little question but that the last minute filer will be faced with queues. And penalties are prescribed for late filing.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

From Jack Barham in "the shadow of the pyramids", Cairo, Egypt, has arrived an interesting letter, his second to me since he went to the United Arab Republic. He reports that he, wife Helen and their three fine children had a wonderful Christmas, feasted at Christmas dinner on turkey and the trimmings and had a Christmas tree which had been shipped in from Syria.

In his initial letter, Jack had ordered the Herald, commented in the recent letter dated January 4. "The Herald has the dubious distinction of being the first North Carolina paper to be distributed in Egypt. Congratulations on your wide circulation."

Jack also related that, as he wrote, the Arab world was beginning the celebration of Ramadan, ninth month of the Moslem year, the month in which the "Koran was sent down as Guidance for the people". It is a month of fasting, and the fast is binding on all adult Moslems of both sexes, except for the aged, the sick, nursing or pregnant women, and travelers on a prolonged journey. Fast days missed must be made up outside of Ramadan. Fasting extends from sunrise to sunset. The dictum, according to the article by Aziza Rashad, "Eat and drink until a white thread may be distinguished from a black, then keep the fast strictly until nightfall."

Miss (or Mrs.) Rashad says that fasting does not merely imply a physical fast. Five things the prophet stated annual a fast: a lie, backbiting, slander, a false oath and a glance of passion — which strikes me as a pretty good moral code.

Official UAR government hours during Ramadan are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and it is customary for the fasters to nap until sunset when they eat the Iftar meal.

Smoking is forbidden during Ramadan and coffee is also taboo, as are alcoholic beverages. Jack didn't relate that he was observing the celebration.

His address is US AID/Cairo, State Department, Washington, D. C., 20521.

From Robert Munson, with the Peace Corps in Lagunillas, Venezuela, which he describes as a city about the size of Kings Mountain and located high in the Andes Mountains, comes an interesting story, carried elsewhere in today's edition, about his first Christmas in that South American country.

I have only spent one Christmas in a foreign country, that one in French Morocco during World War II. The French people there celebrated the event much as we do. I recall hearing the melody "White Christmas" for the first time there — but not at Christmastime. A young navy ensign named Levin arrived in February and it was the only time he could manipulate on the piano.

I'm bragging a little.

Henry Neisler's report that Dickey Fabrics' brown tweed upholstery material was chosen by Mrs. Lyndon Johnson for a special chair (subsequently expanded to a dozen) for the White House gave me a tickle, for it's the same fabric I chose last summer for the living room sofa. It is obvious that Mrs. Johnson has impeccable taste.

The day we visited Dickey, Henry gave my wife and me a tour of the plant. A few days later I chanced into his father and remarked, "You folk sure are making some pretty stuff."

Paul jested in reply, "Yes, but we're making some, too, that I think is mighty ugly, but it sells, and I guess that's the point." Paul, Sr. also uses the same fabric Mrs. Johnson chose at his residence.

John Caveny, of Margrace Fabrics, agrees with Mr. Neisler. He has learned by experience that the fabrics he prefers may not be what John C. Public wants at all — and vice versa.

Hain't the snow been nice?

His Words Gave Us Strength



Viewpoints of Other Editors

PRESIDENTIAL AND VICE-PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION

Two solemn and related questions, which have long hung fire, seem likely to be resolved this year. They are: procedures for determining presidential disability, and procedures for filling a vacancy in the vice-presidency. There is often some understandable hesitation in facing questions of this nature. But the assassination of President Kennedy, the resulting vacancy in the vice-presidency, and the vagueness and ambiguity of the Constitution of the United States concerning vacancy and disability in high office have combined to make these issues pressing ones for Congress.

Indeed, Congress already has before it a resolution sponsored by Sen. Birch Bayh of Indiana setting forth measures by which the vice-president could accede to the presidency in the event of the president being judged incapable of performing his duties. This bill also provides the means for choosing a new vice-president. The Senate passed this bill in the fall of 1964, but the House of Representatives adjourned before acting upon a companion measure.

Meanwhile, the Committee for Economic Development has prepared recommendations on both these important topics following a long and careful study.

It is an indication of the widespread measure of agreement felt throughout the United States on these issues that the Bayh resolution and the CED proposals are remarkably similar.

On filling a vacancy in the vice-presidency both the Bayh bill and the CED study recommend that it be done through presidential nomination with approval of a majority of both houses of Congress. The only difference is that the CED recommends that congressional approval be given in a joint session.

On the question of determining presidential disability, there is only a slight difference between the two recommendations. Under the Bayh resolution the president in writing could declare himself unable to carry out his duties. If the president did not, the vice-president with the written concurrence of a majority of the Cabinet or any other body specified by Congress, could declare in writing to the Congress that such disability exists. If, however, the president disagreed with the vice-president either over the form such disability had ended, the president would either retain or resume office, unless a two-thirds vote of both Senate and House of Representatives agreed that disability did exist. In any event, the vice-president would discharge the duties and powers of the office, but would not inherit the office itself.

Under the CED, the vice-president or any Cabinet member could initiate discussion of presidential disability. Here, again, a majority vote of the Cabinet would be needed for action. As for determining when a disability had ended, the CED recommends that this be a Cabinet responsibility, with the president concurring. Since these two recommendations — one by a Senate subcommittee and one by an impartial board of thoughtful, public-minded citizens — are in substantial agreement, there would seem to be wisdom in proceeding along these lines to an early solution of two problems which have over-

'RENEWAL' AMONG THE HYMNS

The problems of "renewal" of modernization, among the churches are pointedly illustrated by the compilation of a new Anglican hymnal. The volume will drop, among other hymns that have acquired a patina of familiarity, "Nearer My God to Thee," on the ground that it is sentimental, but "doctrinally vague." The charges may be accurate enough but much tradition has gathered about the hymn, and there will be many in the Church of England who will miss it.

It is easier to make out a case against "From Greenland's Icy Mountains," although it has its own connotations of sacrifice and heroism in the missionary field. Nevertheless, for whatever the old song may have of nostalgia, there will be regret. There is a price to pay for renewal, and while it may be small in contrast to the gain, it has the sting of loss. —New York Herald Tribune

SEMIWELCOME

The first snowfall is semiwelcome. Perhaps you cannot argue the point with the children. They clap their hands at the sight of the snow that the rest of us would have been content to await a little while longer. Ski enthusiasts, too—they do not have properly open minds on the subject.

In cities and suburbs where more and more of us live, that wonderful effect of newly fallen snow soon wears off. Car wheels churn up sparkling white. The sand that public authorities spread along the roads stains it brown.

And just about then, no matter how long ago or how recently the last snow came, it is time for the next. Make it an inch, or better two or three. Not more, or we are back in a traffic jam.

This fresh whiteness is more welcome than was the first. It covers the worn places in our winter. It does not deprive us of green stretches of lawn as did the first snowfall. It does not pull a white dust cover over the salons of autumn or the captive visions of a past summer that we had hung on their walls. It is all gain. Unless, that is, it comes too late in April, or too early in May.

Christian Science Monitor

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about King Mountain area people an event taken from the 1955 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

B. S. Peeler, Jr. was named Kings Mountain's Young Man of the Year for 1954 at the regular meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night.

Formal opening of the new educational building at Central Methodist church will be observed for a week beginning Sunday morning, with Kings Mountain citizens being invited to an open house from 2:30 to 4:30 o'clock.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
Members of the Kings Mountain Garden club met Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Dan Finger.

Speaking Out

By GEORGE T. MOORE, President Kings Mountain Ministerial Assn.

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A foot of snow is big news, especially for an area which enjoys the best year round climate one could want. It's a fact. This part of the Piedmont is hard to beat as far as weather is concerned. I'll take it in preference to any other locality I've ever known.

I suppose it's only natural, therefore, to speak of crisis when the weather gets out of kilter for us. As many have said, "We just aren't prepared for such conditions." Schools are closed. Businesses run on a limited schedule or close early. Churches call off services and other related activities.

On the other hand there are increased demands on particular services and items. Boots, heavy clothing, fuel and tire chains are sought and purchased. Work crews and equipment labor long hours under adverse conditions. Normal activities are replaced by the abnormal.

In the face of the current situation of plenty of snow it is rather interesting to note, more than anything else, the human reactions to the "crisis," reactions which seem to be typical for most crises.

There is always the reaction of excitement. We never seem to get entirely free from the thrill, even as adults. It's the sort of excitement which draws people to wrecks and fires. It doesn't seem to matter that adversity creates danger or hardship for many.

To be sure, a snow is a beautiful sight. It has a special attractiveness. It covers up for a brief time the dull and drab landscape of winter. It provides a special diversion and play situation for youngsters and adults alike. That's good!

In contrast to that there is the reaction of "negativism" which

Ice Capades To Feature 25th Show

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—Ice Capades 25th anniversary show coming to the Charlotte Coliseum Friday, February 12th through Monday, February 15th is really seven big shows in one.

There are seven big production numbers and over 20 specialty acts in the show which will be staged once on Friday, three times on Saturday, twice on Sunday and once on Monday.

Over 100 skaters are started and featured in the show. Costumes alone cost over \$250,000 and the big two-level stage, with dancers performing on the 10 level over the skaters cost many thousands more.

Stars of the show include the always popular Romayne & Steele, the badminton champ Hugh Forgie, Comedians Labreque and Bussey and Hans Leiter, Lynn Finnegan, Brigitte, Otto and Maria Jelinek, the Japanese star Sashi Kuchiki and Spanky the skating chimpanzee.

Newcomers include the Czechoslovakian champion Aja Zanova, the German champion Peter Voss, new American champion Tommy Litz and the Japanese marvel, Mitsuko Funakoshi.

Show times are 8:00 p.m. Friday, 1:00, 5:00 and 9:00 p.m. Saturday, 1:30 and 5:30 Sunday and 8:00 p.m. Monday. Tickets priced at \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50 may be purchased at the Charlotte Coliseum or ordered by mail. Children will be admitted for half price Monday.

gives vent to all sorts of excuses, either for complaint or for halting all activity. It is true that for the sake of safety and well-being one must exercise care and caution. However, there is a vast difference between facing adversity and giving in to it. Complaints never helped anyone. They simply stifle the human spirit.

To sit down and do nothing is to surrender to weaknesses which always need to be overcome. To do nothing is to refuse opportunities which could both enrich and strengthen.

There is a place for relaxation and enjoyment and I suppose that the TV could help to some extent — even though most programs aren't worth your time. There's the greater opportunity for other activities we normally neglect. How about reading a good book, a worthwhile book? How about writing a letter to that relative or friend long neglected? How about reading a book of the Bible, one you haven't read in a long time?

How about that special repair job you keep putting off, or the refinishing of that piece of furniture? How about playing a game with the children, games we used to play before we got so busy? You have your own opportunities. Make time your useful servant. Don't let it become your cruel taskmaster. It's one of your most precious possessions!

An advertising slogan asserts: "You weigh 10 years too many." The fact of the matter is that a person's ideal weight may be his weight back when he was in his early twenties—and the North Carolina Heart Association certainly agrees that overweight should be avoided. Fad diets, however, can be harmful to heart and health, and the state health group urges consultation with the family physician before undertaking special weight-reducing diets.

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