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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase. Proverbs 3:9

### Sore Spot Removed

The city board of commissioners has removed the differential charged outside city limits water customers and thereby has removed a sore spot of several years duration.

When the city upped the outside surcharge from ten to fifty percent, the action came without warning or without discussion with officials of firms affected.

Subsequently, the board pared the surcharge to twenty-five percent before removing it altogether last week.

Chiefest beneficiary of the rate change is Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, which uses large quantities of water in its dyeing operations at the Margrace plant.

There has always been a question of proper charges for municipal services to areas outside the city limits. Industrial firms point to the fact of providing employment for large numbers of citizens who live within the city's bounds and are integral components of the economic, social and civic life of the community.

On the other side of the coin is the question of water costs, reservoirs and filtration plants requiring large sums. The city completes payment of its 1928 water bonds in 1966 — meantime has found it necessary to build another reservoir and double filtration capacity. One or two new water-using industrial plants would/will necessitate finding more water again. While the city shows an operating profit on water sales, there is no profit if capital costs are considered.

Perhaps the most important benefit of the city's action in eliminating the outside-city differential is the matter of "climate". Certainly the folk long-upset over the surcharge will be in better frame of mind regarding the city to which they are adjacent neighbors.

### Taint Funny

County and city police officers credit the recent instances of cross-burning to the work of pranksters.

If so, it must be noted that some folk have a perverse and warped sense of humor.

The burning at the home of L. L. Adams, Compact high school principal, was equally surprising, as Principal Adams is among the community's better citizens. He is friendly, affable, easy to work with, and an effective school administrator.

Coincidentally, the incidents occurred just at the moment Mayor John Henry Moss was appointing an expanded human relations committee.

Kings Mountain's history of race relations is good and all responsible citizens, who are the vast majority, want to keep them good.

Last week's Los Angeles riots are a sample of what can happen when emotion, rather than reason, rules.

### School Opening

Kings Mountain district schools will open for the fall term a week hence, with the longtime dream of a new high school finally realized.

Representing an investment of \$1.5 million, the plant is modern in all respects and will provide top accommodations for area students.

The school year 1965-66 marks a year of change as desegregation arrives.

The Herald anticipates no difficulties in this direction, counting on the youngsters themselves to treat each other with friendliness and courtesy.

A welcome to Rev. James F. Graham, new pastor of Bethlehem Baptist church.

### Speaker Ban Hearings

Malcolm Seawell, former state attorney-general and recently appointed chairman of the State Elections Board, has added his voice to those opposed to North Carolina's speaker ban law.

He, like many, regard the law as worthless on grounds the advertised Communist is harmless, and that the law tends to run Communists underground.

At the Chapel Hill branch of the University of North Carolina, an organization known as the Carolina Political Union had as its principal purpose the bringing of prominent persons in politics, business and government to the campus to speak. The only test, according to a former chairman, was that of prominence, not political faith or credo. Such diversified personalities as the German ambassador to the United States, Socialist Norman Thomas, Steelman Tom Girdler, Publisher Frank Knox, Senator Burton Wheeler and many others graced the platform.

Senator Hanes, a member of the study commission on the speaker ban law, took it on himself to write the presidents of other southern universities concerning the situation there.

The president of the University of Virginia wrote that last year the two most controversial speakers appearing on the Charlottesville campus were Gus Hall, the Communist party secretary, and Lincoln Rockwell, a modern day Nazi. The president added that both attracted quite small audiences.

### Real Outpouring

Last week's bloodmobile visit, first of the current blood year, attracted quite literally a real outpouring of blood.

No less than 295 persons visited the bloodmobile, with 246 donors accepted.

The result was therefore only four pints short of the 250-pint goal.

The backbones of the blood collection program are the regular donors who give blood as often as they can.

Thus L. Arnold Kiser's gift of blood last week put him into the four-gallon club. Meantime, Robert Suber, Jack Hauser, and Herbert Leigh made the three-gallon club and Floyd Early, Charles Blanton, Bertha Guffey, Elmer Martin, Sam Hamrick, and Thomas Humphries joined the gallon group.

These citizens and others like them deserve commendation for their civic spirit.

### \$2 Million Out

Kings Mountain retailers, just as those in other cities, know it is a major chore to keep trade dollars at home and away from the merchandising meccas of larger cities.

It is a vicious circle.

Merchants cannot keep trade dollars at home without expanding inventories. If they have not had the trade dollars initially, they cannot afford to expand inventories.

Facilities must be modern, too.

Thus the downtown planning committee has its work cut out.

Charles Sellers, the Conservation and Development Department representative, spelled out the problems recently, as too little parking area in the business district, necessity of improving the physical appearance of the business houses, and attention to traffic flow.

His figures indicate some two million dollars annually are going out of town.

He asked, "Worth keeping."

You bet.

Congratulations to Ensign James Blanton, USNR, who recently completed successfully officer candidate school.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By MARTIN HARMON

Joe McDaniel, the city clerk, has a collector's item of special interest to many and quite particularly to him.

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It is "The Stars and Stripes", U. S. Armed Forces Daily in the Middle Pacific, the service tabloid's second extra of August 14, 1945, and the headline, an artwork job, reads "Peace". Through the word-ending "e" is a GI rifle, pointing to the Japanese flag. The "FLASH" lead story details in 24-pt. type, "The Pacific war ended Tuesday — 1,347 days after the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor."

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Special interest for Joe: At the moment Joe was a specialist supply corpsman in electronics for the navy, at Pearl Harbor, and expecting momentary orders to board ship for the final push on Japan.

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Last Saturday, of course, was the 20th anniversary of that happy day, not only for servicemen, but for kin and friend at home.

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Big-type bulletins related that draft quotas would be slashed immediately by 30,000 per month, with more cuts to come shortly, and fact that Emperor Hirohito would read the Imperial rescript the following day.

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Other news was related to the war-end report, among the items:

1) Marine Colonel James Roosevelt was following his brother Brigadier General Elliott in leaving the service. (Jimmy's tummy was acting up.)

2) The Reno, Nevada, Chamber of Commerce, had challenged Admiral Bull Halsey to make good his promise to ride Hirohito's white stallion down the streets of Tokyo by sending Halsey air express a \$2,000 handmade silver-studded saddle.

3) The sports editor of the Burlington, Ia. paper had gone to church with his bowling shirt under his coat, joined other men in accepting the pastor's warm-day invitation to remove coats. Embellished on the back of the bowler's shirt was the name of a nationally-advertised beer.

4) Major William F. Knowland was the appointee of Governor Earl Warren to the United States' Senate vacancy created by the death of California's Hiram Johnson. (I later interviewed Senator Knowland in Shelby when he, along with other Senators, attended the funeral of Senator Clyde R. Hoey.)

5) Thirty striking miners at St. Mary's, Pa., were facing a date with their draft board.

6) Two Spokane, Wash., GI overseas veterans of Japanese-American descent, had been declined membership in their home VFW post. Three Michigan VFW posts had said, "Come on with us."

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A cartoon by Pfc. Tom Gray, staff artist, showed helmeted servicemen at a movie, the screen showing "The End". The caption read, "Let's get goin' — we hafta police Japan on the way back."

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Indicative of the suspicion and enmity war produces, Stars and Stripes headlined a Washington Associated Press dispatch "Guide to Japan Warns Troops Against Nips, Including Women". The advice against fraternization, "regardless of sex", was contained in a "Pocket Guide to Japan" to be distributed to occupation forces. Subsequent history indicates the occupiers paid little attention to the brasshats in Washington.

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A story headlined "GI Cussin' Just Comes Natural" is hardly reproducible in this family institution of light and learning. The lead will be sufficient. Pfc. Leor Flynn, another staff man wrote, "Everybody is afraid of going home and at the dinner table asking for 'the ..... butter' or 'the ..... bread'."

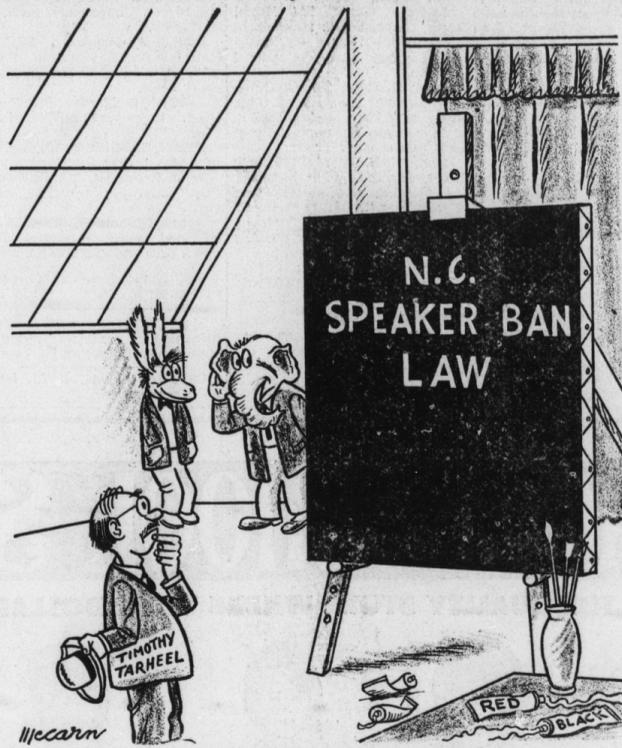
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There was a picture page entitled "The Scenery in Japan, and three comic cartoon panels were carried. They were "Timble Theatre", featuring the great Popeye, "Donald Duck", and "Dick Tracy".

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Scene 20 years later: Senator Knowland, defeated for the Senate, is an Oakland, California, newspaper publisher. Jim Roosevelt is mayor of Miami Beach, Fla., Earl Warren is Supreme Chief Justice, Popeye, Donald Duck and Dick Tracy are still in business. Joe McDaniel is an American Legion district commander, and the cussin' GIs have learned, more or less, to use decorous vocabulary in polite cafe society.

### Awfully Dark Picture



### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### HALF WAY ON THE DUNES

Once more the fight to save a portion of the Indiana Dunes is centered in the House. For the second time the Senate has passed a bill to preserve 11,292 acres of duneland along Lake Michigan as a national lakeshore. This compromise measure slipped through the Senate without opposition. On the House side the bill is still in subcommittee, and no hearings have been held.

This bill has become an integral part of the movement to preserve the natural beauty of America. The country's increasing hordes of urban dwellers are coming to place a greater premium upon streams, mountains, lakes, forests, dunes, seashore and other areas of natural beauty. Their yearning for open space and the charm of an uncluttered landscape accounts in large measure for the popularity of the Johnson Administration's beautification program.

Congress ought to realize that every dollar invested in retreats of this kind will multiply in value as the population of the country increases. The question is not merely one of selecting a few areas of extraordinary beauty, novelty or historic interest. Rather, it is one of mobilizing our great national potential for outdoor recreation in the long-range future. The one thing certain is that Congress has not done enough to preserve our natural heritage. In our view the House should hasten to match the Senate's action in regard to the dunelands so that attention may be turned to various other conservation projects no less worthy.

The Washington Post

#### 'PIG TALK' IN OUR LANGUAGE

Just about everyone has heard of pig Latin. But probably few of us realize how much "pig talk" there is in everyday language.

The American Meat Institute has assembled a lengthy list of colorful words and phrases that pay tribute, in a manner of speaking, to the hog. Here are some of them:

"Eating high off the hog" — an old expression stemming from the most desirable cuts come from the upper section of the animals.

"Bring home the bacon" — a saying that probably came from the custom of awarding the pig to the winner of a greased-pig chase.

"A pig in a poke" — this came from an old confidence game where a buyer who thought he was getting a pig in a bag got a cat instead.

Calling an actor a "ham" is thought to have originated from actors' use of ham for removing make-up.

"No ham and all hominy" — his sad observation is the equivalent of no pay and all work.

So it goes, down a list that includes "hog-leg," "ham pilot," "sand hog," "hog wash," "in a pig's eye," and the rest. The hog's more than the center of a good meal — he has made notable contributions to the language.

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#### SHAKESPEAREAN THREAT

The whole world has acknowledged its debt to Shakespeare, but it has remained for the Communist Chinese to pay him the greatest tribute of all by condemning him as a threat to their cause. One of the literary dictators of Communist China, Lan Shao-cheng, has declared that unless the Chinese suppress this poet, he may undo their propaganda. He must be "solemnly exposed and criticized," says Lan Shao-cheng, for "his writings could produce a negative effect on our revolutionary task."

The Western world probably never suspected that the writings of Shakespeare carried so much high explosive, but clearly Lan Shao-cheng fears the calm wisdom of the poet. Shakespeare's humanity has always been an antidote of fanaticism; few can read Shakespeare without having their doctrinaire bigotry shaken. Furthermore, Shakespeare had a sense of humor, a quality notably lacking in Lan Shao-cheng and his brethren.

But perhaps the Chinese Communists' grudge against Shakespeare is just another evidence of their disagreement with Russia. For in Russia, Shakespeare is one of the most popular poets and dramatists. Performances of Shakespeare can be seen in towns all over Russia; translations of Shakespeare into Russian are common; and Russian scholars are busy studying the poet, not to make him out a Marxist, but to elucidate the beauty and wisdom of the dramatist for the appreciation of the Russian people. Obviously the Russians do not fear that Shakespeare is going to have a "negative effect" on their way of life.

Since Lan Shao-cheng assures us that Shakespeare may curb the revolutionary aspects of Chinese fanaticism, we have a suggestion for the Chinese counter-revolutionaries: Last year Taiwan published a 20-volume set of Shakespeare, translated into Chinese by Liang Shih-chiu. Why not smuggle quantities of this dangerous work onto the mainland? The volumes might be dropped at night upon unsuspecting towns and villages from those high-flying planes that Pe king complains about. Let the communists and workers start reading Shakespeare. Perhaps in time the Communist Chinese might learn to live in amity with the rest of the world. That indeed would be to subvert Lan Shao-cheng's "revolutionary task."

The Washington Post

#### 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

The curtain fell on "The Sword of Gideon" Saturday night as the Kings Mountain Little Theatre completed its fifth season of presenting a battle drama commemorating the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Macedonia Baptist church will break ground Sunday on a new church plant.

#### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Betty Jane Hovis of Gastonia and Alvin Lindbergh Dixon of Kings Mountain exchanged marriage vows Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in Gastonia's Loray Baptist church.

#### CONGRESS IS COMPELLED

Congress, with a minimum of debate, has raised the national debt limit to the staggering figure of \$328 billion. It did this because there was no choice.

Why was that so? Senator Dirksen explained in these words: "First, we raise expenditures and then we discover that we have run out of money. Then we have to lift the debt ceiling. After a while we spend more of what we do not have and then we raise the ceiling again. . . . Having unburdened my soul, I ask: What shall we do when the paymaster of this country says, 'You must raise the debt ceiling so that I shall not have to send back or hold any checks or repudiate the legitimate bills of this Republic. . . ."

"I find myself compelled into a position in which I shall have to vote for it."

Only if Congress shows a far greater restraint in its appropriations than has been the case can further increases in the debt, along with more inflation-breeding annual deficits, be prevented. — The Lincoln Times.

## Liberty Life Gains Continue

GREENVILLE, S. C., August 10 — New business records were introduced today for Liberty Life Insurance Company in operating results reported for the first six months of 1965.

The issue of new insurance for six months ended June 30, 1965, amounted to \$193.7 million compared to \$170.6 million for the period a year earlier. Insurance production at this rate, averaging more than \$1 million per day, exceeds any previous company mark. These sales brought total insurance in force to \$1,794,613,586 at mid-year, compared to \$1,689,683,581 for 1964.

Describing company performance for 1965 to date as a new peak for all major business lines, President Francis M. Hipp added, "the gains confirm indications that our region is experiencing a truly exceptional year of growth."

Over \$14,500,000 of new investments was made in the six months, marking the most active financial period ever experienced by the company within a six month span. By June 30th, Liberty Life had put over \$11,000,000 into new commercial and residential mortgages. Greatest gains were made in commercial loans for construction and expansion of business plant and equipment and capital needs.

Total assets at the end of the first six months of 1965 amounted to \$184,265,173, as against \$170,333,174, a year earlier. Total capital and surplus was increased to \$27,079,911, including new reserves amounting to more than \$5 million set aside for future payments to policyowners.

Benefits paid to families and beneficiaries of policyholders and to living policyholders totaled \$7,344 million in six months. More than 53,000 new insurance policies were issued in the period, according to Mr. Hipp, with processing and delivery of policies reaching over 400 per day in peak periods. The net gain in new insurance volume for the first half of the year was 8% over the same period for 1964.

Net income for Liberty Life amounted to \$1,859,935 for the first six months of 1965, equal to 45 cents per share on the 1,125,000 capital shares outstanding at June 30, 1965. The comparable figure for 1964 was \$1,166,735, or 40 cents per share on currently outstanding shares.

Mr. Hipp stated that Liberty's management "foresees continued local growth in incomes and business expansion during the remainder of 1965 that will enable Liberty Life to complete decades of business with the first year in history."

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