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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

But ye have not so learned Christ. Ephesians 4:20.

Civil Rights And Sex

When the 1964 federal civil rights bill was being enacted, a Congresswoman won addition of the word "sex" to the phrase prohibiting discrimination on account of race, creed, color or national origin.

The Herald is inclined to guess that the Congresswoman, in leisure moments since, as well as others who supported this addition, may well regret that inclusion, for the word "sex" is creating all kinds of problems in administration of the law.

Everyone believes, or thinks he believes, in equality for women.

But what is equality? The Office of Equal Opportunity found itself in a dither as to whether it is still legal to advertise for a female stenographer or to specify a male machine operator. Indications are that the rule of reason will be followed and that it will be permissible for employers to specify males for nominally male work and females for nominally female chores.

As proved during World War II, many women can discharge nominally male chores as well as men. They built airplanes and handled many previously all-male jobs. But that doesn't apply to all of the members of the fair sex.

One Kings Mountain employer has a particular job in which he specifies that trainees shall be women, of minimum and maximum height, must have a high school diploma and be between the ages of 18 and 22. Why? Experience has proven that trainees outside the particular specifications who prove successful are very seldom exceptions.

Certainly school and college folk are not expected to be considering women for football coaching duties.

At least the surgeon-general's office followed the rule of reason. Guidelines formulated and distributed by this office do not include the word "sex" in its de-segregation recommendations.

When Kings Mountain hospital's manager, Grady Howard had this omission called to his attention, he laughed, then said, "Well, I hardly think we are that sophisticated yet." Then he added that enforcement of this foolishly included specification would often-times ease hospital space problems.

Hindsight being greatly superior to foresight, the Congress would be wise to delete the "sex" item from the civil rights act.

Not Much To Do

A statement of George Edwards, Negro member of the Kings Mountain human relations council, to another member Monday night is a considerable tribute to Kings Mountain citizens and Kings Mountain leadership.

On the public affairs committee, Mr. Edwards remarked, "We won't have much to do. We are provided rest rooms, integrated schools, allowed to eat in restaurants and otherwise have privileges."

His brief statement is a most happy editorial comment on the nature of race relations here.

The county tax collector has announced the county tax office will do some cross-checking with the North Carolina Department of Revenue on unlisted or questionably listed inventories of a few Cleveland business firms. This is a proper move. This county was among the earliest endeavoring to establish equity via a consistent valuation yardstick in county taxing policies. Some of the omissions are undoubtedly due to honest error. However, spuriously low inventory totals more often fall into the sin of commission category.

News that the Thomas Keslers are leaving Kings Mountain is in the category of regrettable news. Citizens here for the past dozen years, the Keslers reared their children here and have identified themselves with Kings Mountain in many pleasant and worthwhile directions. Best wishes go with them to Plainfield, N. J.

Rankin Balloon

A leading Democratic politician in 1940 commented that it was then customary for North Carolina's next governor to be chosen, in effect, about two years before a tual voting day.

Since then the pattern has changed occasionally, when candidates "supposed" to win lost to other candidates. Case in point is the election of W. Kerr Scott in 1948.

The story of the weekend that Edward L. Rankin, of Raleigh, might be the administration-backed candidate for governor in 1968 seems somewhat jumping the gun. In fact, the early rumor could be damaging to his candidacy, should he offer, as there is no dearth of gubernatorial aspirants, among them Lieutenant-Governor Robert Scott, ex-state Democratic Chairman Bert Bennett, Senator Voit Gilmore, Representative David Britt, Banker Lewis R. Holding (soon to be a business citizen of Kings Mountain), Senator Robert Morgan of Harnett, Highway Commission Chairman Joe Hunt and perhaps several others.

Nonetheless, none is more experienced in government than Ed Rankin, Governor Dan Moore's director of administration. He has been directly identified with four administrations, first going into state government as public relations director of the state highway commission (its first). Subsequently he served as secretary to William B. Umstead, both when Mr. Umstead was United States Senator and Governor. He stayed on with Governor Luther Hodges, then returned on invitation of Governor Moore.

The Herald queried Mr. Rankin as early as 1961 on whether he ever envisioned himself in the candidate side of politics. His reply was negative at the time, he pointing out that campaigning costs in the big Tar Heel State continue to escalate with each passing year. He pointed to the television medium as being quite expensive and added that billboard, newspaper and radio rates were getting no cheaper.

A personal friend of this newspaper of long-standing, Mr. Rankin has the added gubernatorial qualifications of integrity, energy, imagination and open-mindedness.

Zoning Tough Chore

Robinson Crusoe, apparently alone on an island until he and Friday discovered each other, had to honor no regulations except those pertaining to food and shelter and, therefore, survival.

In urban communities, rules, laws and regulations are necessary to assure orderly living.

Thus, in Charlotte, a motorist who over-parks on North Tryon street in the afternoon rush hour sometimes returns to his car to find no car. The constabulary has towed it away - an action deleterious to humor, pocketbook and ulcer.

Similarly, carving a community the size of Kings Mountain into land-use zones - for business, industry, etc. - obviously must cut across private property ownership and private property rights, and the more rugged individualists are upset when they feel their inalienable rights have been infringed.

It points up the difficult responsibilities of the newly reactivated Kings Mountain zoning commission.

Kings Mountain's 1948 zoning ordinance is considered quite antiquated. Except for "spot" re-zoning via amendment, the ordinance is the same as it was. Best custom is massive reconsiderations at five to ten year intervals, the experts say.

A particular problem at the moment is regulation of trailer use for residential purposes.

Some don't like trailers, even on the highways. Others do. Obviously, there is nothing illegitimate or sinister about use of trailers for residential purposes.

There is the question of keeping a community sightly, neat and clean and therefore product ive of healthful and pleasant living.

Establishment of minimal standards for trailer residential use and trailer parks is among the first items of business with which the zoning group is called on to consider.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By MARTIN HARMON

There's an old saying that everything happens at once and most folk have experienced such waves of events at some time in their lives.

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One of those "weeks that was" occurred recently for the Thomas Keslers. Tom had made his decision to join Minerals & Chemicals Phillip on a full-time basis, so he and Margaret went to Plainfield, N. J., and bought a house. Next port of call was Minneapolis, Minn., for son Steven's wedding. Meantime, Margaret's father was hospitalized, but telephone checks indicated his condition was improving. They called on arrival home to find he had passed away while they were en route. Margaret was then put to bed by a nasty virus and it appeared she would not be able to attend the funeral. Drs. John McGill and Frank Bincox plied her with medicines, one of which she was allergic too, with a heavy rash the result.

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Still pretty ill, she, Tom and Frank weighed possibilities of the trip to Pennsylvania and Frank decided it would be better for her to attend the funeral, though unwell, than not to attend. Frank wrote a note to the airline that Margaret's rash was in no wise contagious and she and Tom caught a 4 a.m. flight north.

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The medicines began doing their duty and Margaret, buoyed in spirit, improved steadily.

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Said Tom when the sequence of events had passed, "We felt we'd had it."

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The Paul Neisler family, as many of the Neisler clan, are loyal supporters of Davidson college. Paul, Sr., went to school there as did his three sons, and it was natural they wanted the grandsons to follow in the same footsteps. However, Tripp, the eldest grandson, shied away from Davidson, even though his grandmother said she'd buy him an automobile if he would change his mind.

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Some weeks ago, No. 2 grandson Alex asked his grandmother, "Did you promise Tripp a car if he went to Davidson?" Miss Katherine said she'd forgotten all about it but replied, "Yes, I believe I did."

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Said Alex pointedly, "I'm going."

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Naturally, he's getting the car.

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Most ministers feel constrained to help folk who come to them with tales of financial woe, and it is natural that they sometimes hold but two gallons." Otis Sr., was recalling such an instance when the late Dr. W. P. Gerberding was victimized.

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A man had approached Dr. Gerberding for some cash for gasoline, saying he was away from home, out of money, and needed five gallons to get to his destination. Dr. Gerberding called Otis, told him to provide the five gallons and charge it to him.

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"The guy's gas tank wouldn't hold but two gallons," Otis remembers, and when he informed the wanderer, the fellow pulled a can out of the trunk and told Otis to put the other three gallons in the can.

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Otis told him, "You scoundrel, I don't believe I ought to do that." He called Dr. Gerberding who said, "You're undoubtedly right, Otis, but fill his can. I promised him in good faith."

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Dr. W. L. Pressly and Dr. P. D. Patrick, both living on U. S. 74, got a great amount of that kind of traffic.

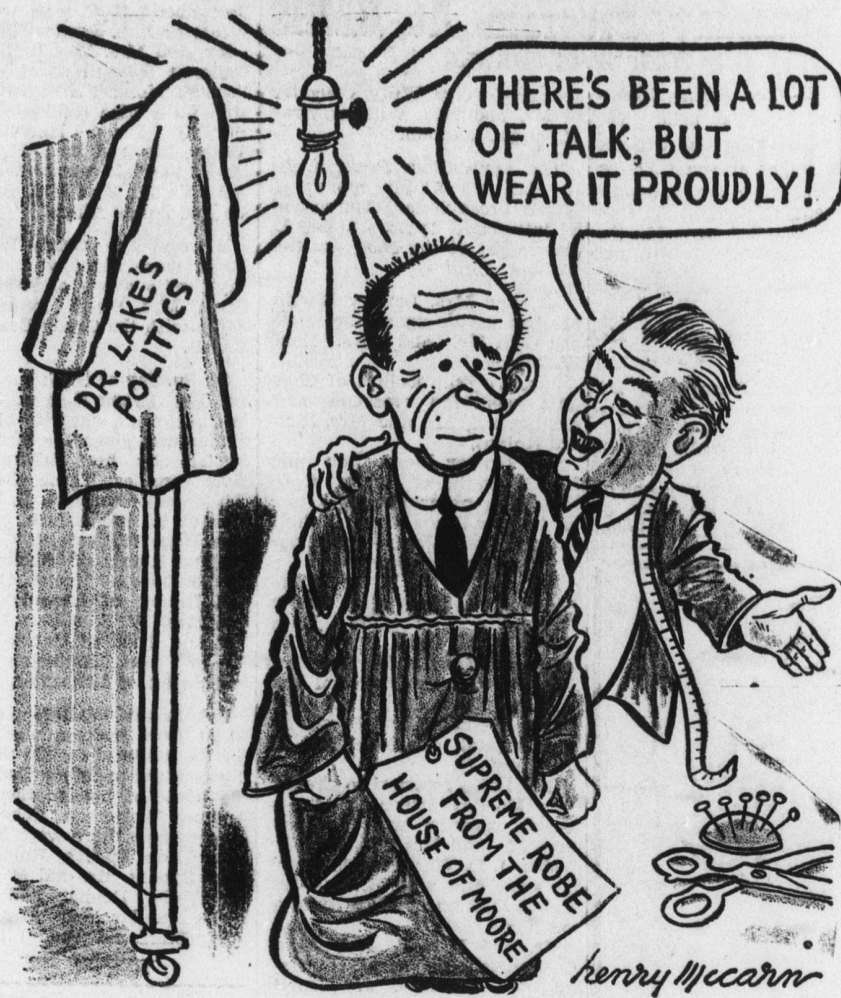
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Dr. Pressly often teased his friend Dr. Patrick, accusing him of routing beggars up-street to his door.

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"Earning" a living are undoubtedly quick-minded could make a good living quite honestly if they devoted their wits to legitimate enterprise.

Perfect Fit, No Alterations



Viewpoints of Other Editors

THE PRESIDENT'S ANSWER

Headlines go to hard news - the doubling of draft calls, commitment of another division to Vietnam, the decision not to call reserves now.

But the headlines, because they skip the familiar, are likely to miss the persistent difficulty reflected in the President's speech yesterday - explaining the necessity to fight, of defining strategic goals in a war that is not the Armageddon.

Let national leaders fall and slip into an epic war, and explanations become easy. In a World War I or II, it's obvious to all that the goals are simple and necessary - destroy the enemy, stamp out their evil influence, institute at last the world-wide reign of goodness and justice. Such goals may lead to disillusionment later, but during the conflict they explain away doubt and give men for sacrifice.

But a leader may seek to prevent the immense sacrifice of an epic war by asking lesser sacrifices earlier. Then, though the people may follow his leadership, their doubts are nearly impossible to still. In battlefields like Korea or Vietnam, the question remains, as the President aptly phrased it, "Why must young Americans - born into a land exultant with hope and golden with promise - toil and suffer and sometimes die in such a remote and distant place?"

The question cannot be brushed aside. Vietnam is not only a far but a strange land. Who rules it is of no consequence in the daily affairs of Americans, and all too often it seems that the Vietnamese themselves put too little value in their freedom. It is not easy to say to what purpose Americans die there.

Yet it seems to us that the President has answered the question as well as any man could.

"If we are driven from the fields in Vietnam, then no nation can ever have the same confidence in our promise or protection. In each land the forces of independence would be weakened. . . The battle would be renewed in one country and then another, bringing with it perhaps even larger and crueler conflict, as we have learned from the lessons of history.

"We have learned - at a terrible and brutal cost - that retreat does not bring safety, or weakness peace."

The President's answer is not one to comfort any man's heart, or even to explain away all doubt, but it is not an answer that any of us can surely put aside.

Wall Street Journal

JUDGE SPEAKS OUT

Public welfare should be a vehicle for raising the stands of the recipient, not a reward for indolence and depravity, says Judge Kidd Stout of Philadelphia. . . I have the deepest sympathy for the good mother struggling to bring up her children on a welfare grant. . . But I deplore a system that regards the handing out of checks as its prime function, that subsidizes the lazy and immoral home with the taxpayer's dollar. . . - Lake City, S. C. Times-Herald.

THE LADY LORDSHIP

It would be nice to know what W. S. Gilbert would have made of the appointment for the first time in Britain of a woman to be a Justice of the High Court of Justice.

We doubt whether Judge Elizabeth Lane, Q.C., (whose appointment to the High Court has just been announced) would ever sing - like the Learned Judge in "Trial by Jury".

In Westminster Hall I danced a dance
Like a semi-dependent fury;
For I thought I should never hit on a chance
Of addressing a British jury.

For one thing, she is entirely worthy of the precedent-making honor conferred upon her. And as a commissioner, acting in the place of a High Court judge, she has already heard herself addressed as "his Lordship."

The anomalies and paradoxes of British tradition and protocol are quite baffling to an outsider. Non-Britons, for example, can hardly ever get British styles and titles right. The solecisms that appear in American newspapers, we know, must often be galling to the editor of Debreit.

But Britons must be indulgent with those outsiders who get mixed up. We know they themselves will take seriously and in their stride Judge Lane - suitably bewigged - being known in future as Mr. Justice Lane. It could be even more perplexing if - as with High Court judges hitherto - the Sovereign conferred upon Judge Lane the rank of Knight Bachelor. (She is in fact a married woman.)

Yet as always, the age-old traditionalism of the British can be made the vehicle of quite revolutionary innovation.

The Christian Science Monitor

ANSWERS NEEDED

What this country needs . . . before it drops more billions of tax dollars into welfare and anti-poverty programs . . . is for someone to come up with a few clear, concise answers and/or illustrations on just what, if anything, these astronomical billions are buying and/or accomplishing. Federal state welfare programs alone currently are costing us in the neighborhood of five billions a year. Something like 41 separate anti-poverty programs which will cost the taxpayers 15 billions in 1964 are in the hands of six separate Federal agencies. - Rockville, Md., Monitor.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

Miss Frances Goforth, Kings Mountain native, has co-authored a drama, "Ark of Safety", which will be televised nationally by NBC on the Goodyear Playhouse Sunday evening. The ninth annual Bethware Community Fair, sponsored by the Bethware Progressive club, will open at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Social and Personal
Children of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. F. White held a reunion Sunday at Maple Springs Pool. State Senator Robert Morgan will address a meeting of the Kings Mountain Woman's club Friday night at 7:30.

Endowment Campaign Set By Erskine

DUE WEST, S. C. K The award-winning Living Endowment Campaign of Erskine College will get under way in Central, South Carolina and in North Carolina Friday, September 10, as Towers Club (special gifts) chairmen from those two divisions hold a meeting at 7 p. m. in the Elks Club in Rock Hill.

Dr. J. M. Lesesne, Erskine president, will address chapter and division chairmen at the meeting, one of three during the week that will launch Erskine alumni drive that has four times earned national awards from the American Alumni Council.

Ray Wilson of Abbeville, Towers Club chairman for the 1965-66 campaign, will instruct campaign chairmen and workers at the meeting.

Division chairman for Central, South Carolina is S. E. McCuen of Columbia. Miss Rachel Spencer of Gastonia, N. C. is division chairman for North Carolina.

Everette Carson of Bastonia is overall chairman for the 1965-66 Living Endowment Campaign.

Chapter campaign chairmen for the two Towers Club divisions include:

Central South Carolina - Dr. Rant Taylor, Chester; J. M. Dickson, Clover; A. N. Whitesides, Columbia; Brown Wylie, Lancaster; and W. M. Kennedy, Rock Hill.

North Carolina - E. D. Craig, Gastonia, Mrs. John Cheshire, Jr., Kings Mountain; Dr. Leon Kennedy of Charlotte, Mecklenburg Chapter; and Mrs. Paul Ashburn, Statesville.

Campaign workers within the chapters are Dr. J. M. Bigham, Miss Mary Sutherland, and Thomas S. Watt, Columbia; E. L. P. Barron, Sr., and Mrs. B. O. Purley of Rock Hill, J. Dixon Leslie of Fort Mill, Rock Hill Chapter; Rachel Spencer, John M. Alexander; and Charles B. Todd, Gastonia; John Cheshire, Jr., Kings Mountain; and Mrs. E. A. Anderson, Paul Miller, Dr. C. Lowry Pressly, and Dr. Paul A. Stroup, Mecklenburg Chapter.

Other kickoff meetings for the campaign during the week are scheduled Thursday, Sept. 9, in Greenwood, where Western South Carolina Towers Club chairmen will meet at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn; and Saturday, September 11, at 9:30 a.m. at the Alumni House in Due West, where Campaign Chairman Everette Carson and Erskine Alumni Director Winnie M. Phillips will explain the mechanics of the campaign and distribute materials to be used to division and chapter chairmen in the general solicitations phase of the campaign.

The general solicitations phase of the campaign will be launched in all of Erskine's 44 alumni chapters during campaign kickoff meetings beginning later this month and continuing through October.

Erskine last year had 71 percent alumni participation in the campaign that provides current operating funds for the college, a record three times the national average. In 1963-64, last campaign rated by the American Alumni Council, Erskine led the nation's small co-educational colleges in three areas of alumni giving.

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