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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.
Romans 12:9.

Crossed Policies

Action of the Federal Reserve Bank board, by vote of 4 to 3, in raising the bank discount rate finds the Johnson administration crossed on policy with one of its key agencies.

President Johnson himself has criticized the action which followed pointed suggestion by Secretary of Commerce Henry Fowler that no action should be taken prior to the January budget message.

Simply, the action makes borrowing money more dear and also tends to restrict the supply of money available for lending by banks. Meantime, permissible payments by banks on time certificates of deposit or savings accounts was raised to 5.5 per cent.

What effect this action will have in North Carolina — where the legal interest rate is at a maximum of six per cent — is hard to figure. Lending agencies, of course, actually earn more than six percent on some types of loans, where special fees are added for insurance, closing costs on mortgage loans, and other means.

William McChesney Martin, chairman of the Federal Reserve, historically is a "dear" or "hard" money supporter who has a built-in fear of run-away inflation and is even more fearful with the added pressure of expense of carrying the Viet Nam conflict.

The Johnson Administration disagrees that inflation is threatened, pointing to the fact of greatly expanded productive capacity as compared to the days of the Korean War.

As is usual in a comparatively free economy, some goods are up and some down, the governmental price index shows. Durable goods (refrigerators, autos, television sets) cost slightly less. Construction costs are higher and service fees are higher.

The layman is hardly qualified to offer an expert opinion, but it is historic that the average citizen lives more prosperously with cheaper money.

Gardner-Webb Support

Gardner-Webb college, en route to graduating to four-year status, has elicited the active monetary support of the business and industrial communities of Cleveland and neighboring counties in its current million-plus campaign for additions to physical plant.

Meantime, the college has retained the long-term Baptist position of non-acceptance of governmental aid from the federal government — a quite moot question in Baptist circles.

Kings Mountain area has pledged more than \$100,000 to this expansion program, and the gifts have come from practitioners of various religions.

This support shows enlightened self-interest, as employers seek employees capable of managing more modern machinery. A nearby college means availability of educational opportunity to many who could otherwise not have it.

In the person of Dr. Eugene Poston, Gardner-Webb has a personable and hard-working administrator who has the big view on the role his school should play in this area of the Piedmont.

Mrs. Ruth Davis Gamble

Many citizens were unaware, until her last illness, that Mrs. Ruth Davis Gamble, more than 30 years executive secretary of the Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter, battled leukemia the last ten years of her life.

That kind of fight requires a particular brand of courage which many wonder whether they have and hope they never must learn.

In her service with the Red Cross, Mrs. Gamble more than earned her pitance pay. Her attention to problems of servicemen and their families, particularly when tragedy struck, was legend, and she was an expert in balancing emergency aid to the genuine indigent against the panderers seeking largess by hand-out.

Indeed, officials relate, Mrs. Gamble's illness dictated the merger of the Kings Mountain chapter with the Cleveland chapter.

A gracious and efficient public servant, Mrs. Gamble was equally a fine wife and mother.

Painful

North Carolina House Speaker Pat Taylor, of Wadesboro, was quite accurate when he described the upcoming re-districting chores, scheduled for a special session in late January, as less difficult than painful.

As a result, he is appointing a 16-man committee from the counties with problems of loss of representation to recommend a re-districting plan to comply with the federal court ruling.

One-man-one-vote defies the principle of the founding fathers in retaining a split system, one legislative branch apportioned on basis of geography, the other on basis of population. This was regarded as a check-and-balance hedge against untrammeled rough-shod treatment by the majority against the interests of the minority, a live-and-let-live philosophy.

Practically, the Supreme Court felt the heavy migration to the cities posed new governmental problems at all levels of government that would not be coped with nor solved without a shift in representation.

State Senate re-districting, also ordered, apparently will pose less problems, though there will be some shifting of senatorial district lines. Adding members to one or both houses may come later, but will require constitutional amendment.

Problems are posed, too, in federal House of Representatives realignment. The 11th district of Roy Taylor has too few people on the 414,000 per representative ideal. Basil Whitener's 10th is about right as is, but will be disturbed since there is no way to expand the 11th except by moving eastward. In the East, the only way to move is westward. Considerable change is indicated in the 277,000 1st district of the late Herbert Bonner, and properly, not only on basis of population, but because it is most important to the state that senior representatives be retained.

As Rep. Whitener has noted, he is addressed questions on public issues due to relative seniority, is assigned an office on basis of seniority, and even parks his car via seniority assignment.

Congratulations to: Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Campbell and Miss Jean Harlow, named to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, and to Misses Zelma Scruggs, Mary Wright, Margaret Swanson, and Kay Mauney, Mrs. Becky Stowe Fisher and Paul Smith, recent graduates of King's College, and to Samuel Humes Houston, Jr., who recently completed undergraduate work at Appalachian State Teacher's College.

The passing of Mrs. Grace Berry Plonk removed from the community a citizen of long-standing, who, in her roles as wife, mother and active churchwoman made many valuable contributions to her fellow citizens.

Congratulations to Superintendent Jay Powell and his conferees at Superior Stone Company's Kings Mountain quarry for compiling a five-year record of on the job safety, in work which has perhaps more than a normal share of potentially hazardous operations.

Make a liberal donation to the Empty Stocking fund.

General Charles de Gaulle, the intransigent Frenchman, was handed a rebuff Sunday in his re-election bid. There is no question that his successful efforts in giving stability to the French government has been good for France, but apparently many Frenchmen agree with non-French that De Gaulle's unwillingness to cooperate with other nations, be it NATO, nuclear power, or the Common Market has been detrimental to France.

Death is never a happy event for kin and friend, but it seems unusually harsh when it strikes youth. Our great sympathy to Rickie Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson, and to his sister, who survive him.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By MARTIN HARMON

Youngsters are noted literalists and sometimes their elders are, too.

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The Glee E. Bridges, D. F. Hords, and Jim Anthony's were at our house for a bridge game recently and all had some provoking incidents.

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Third-grader Ed Anthony had missed a couple of days of school due to illness. On his return, Mary Evelyn addressed a note to his teacher, Mrs. Fred Pritchard, saying the boy had been ill and suggesting that he be kept in.

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Later than usual coming home, Mary Evelyn asked where he'd strayed. Ed replied that Mrs. Pritchard had kept him after school. This naturally brought the question of his conduct into play. "Didn't do anything. Mother, you wrote her to keep me in!" Mary Evelyn had meant that she wanted Ed kept in school during play period, as she was afraid he would have a relapse. Mrs. Pritchard, of course, thought Mary wanted the boy to make up his missed school work.

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This tale brought one from Dr. Hord, who recalled when he was in the second grade he carried a report card home with a "C" on conduct. "Papa Fletcher informed me that something was going to have to change. Miss Pearl Fulton was my teacher and I told her about the same time my father had told me "My Daddy said something is going to have to change!"

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Miss Fulton replied, "You have a seat, boy, and I'm going to tell you how it's going to change!"

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I met a dental appointment with Dr. O. P. Lewis last week and got some new information about teeth. Dr. Lewis says the usual cavity may show only a very small dark spot but that underneath it fans out like a turnip. My job was for a cleaning and for repair to a tooth I'd broken off with some Halloween hard candy. Dr. Lewis explained there was nothing to hold the filling in so he would dovetail it. He drew a neat diagram of what he did.

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Dr. Lewis rates good general bodily condition, with its implication of proper diet, as best means to dental health. Cleanliness, he says, is almost as important, and tartar unremoved is a one-way ticket to the false teeth plates.

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Dr. Lewis once had an elderly tabby cat which has lost all her teeth. However, the roots were extant, and occasionally her jaw would swell with an abscessed root. On one such occasion she disappeared for a couple of days. When she returned, Dr. Lewis relates, the swelling was down. Her jaw was shaved as if it had been done with a sharp straight razor and the neat scar on her jaw might have been done with a surgeon's scalpel. The cat had operated on herself: "I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't seen it," he adds.

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When World War II in Europe had ended, then-Col. Lewis was at Camp Lucky Strike awaiting passage home. In the course of his duties, he became acquainted with some interesting people, among them a long, lanky Negro boy named John. Col. Lewis happened onto a dice game one night of major monetary proportions and the Negro boy had money piled high in front of him. Dr. Lewis asked, "John, what are you going to do with all that money?" He replied, "When I get back to New York I'm going to buy the longest Cadillac I can find and take all my friends to ride." Two days later, John had lost all of his winnings. What was he going to do now? Dr. Lewis asked.

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"Aw," he said, "some of my friends will have a Cadillac and they'll take me to ride."

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One Kings Mountain teacher had a lad in her room who was very shy. On the third day of school, he raised his hand timidly. "Pardon me, ma'am," he asked, but will you tell me your name again? My Mother said I better not come home another day and not know my teacher's name!"

Come now, Congressman,
 a little needle never hurt anybody!



Viewpoints of Other Editors

RACING FOR THE MOON

Among the growing number of individuals questioning the wisdom of spending \$30 billion for the sake of getting an American to the moon by 1970 is Dr. Warren Weaver, mathematician, educator and a former president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Now Dr. Weaver is not against going to the moon. For it is plain that man cannot — and should not — be dissuaded from going there any more than the Wright brothers could or should have been dissuaded from experimenting with their flying machine. What he is against is the hell-for-leather way the moon program is being whipped along.

"There is too much haste," he says in an interview in U. S. News & World Report. "If we are doing this as some ridiculous race against the Russians, I think that is just plain stupid... I think we are utilizing at the present time altogether too much money" and, more important, "too much of our nation's technical competence. I don't think it rates it." There is, incidentally, evidence that the Russians are having somewhat similar thoughts about their own moon program and are paring it back accordingly.

It is unfortunate, we think, that a good many people are likely to focus attention on Dr. Weaver's estimate of what might be done with \$30 billion — "a completely unimaginable figure to any citizen of this country" — If it were spent elsewhere. It would, for instance, "give every teacher in the U. S. a 10% raise a year for 10 years; endow 200 small colleges with \$10 each... build 10 new medical schools at \$200 million each," and considerably more. But that line of argument is much like saying that if all Americans stopped smoking here would be about \$8 billion annually available for good causes.

Where the emphasis rightly should fall is on Dr. Weaver's assertion that "the great ideas that develop within the body of science—strange and improbable as this sounds—arise from curiosity and not from urgency," and that the moon program has caused a massive diversion of scientists and engineers from possibly more productive fields. "Of course," he says, "it is noble to explore the unknown, but let's be a little bit sensible about it."

Certainly a calmer consideration of scientific priorities seems in order. Victory in the moon race would be hollow indeed if it were purchased at the price of needed technical progress right here on earth.

Wall Street Journal

CAROL SING

Junior-High and Senior-High young people of Central Methodist church will go carol singing Sunday afternoon following the Christmas program to be given by children of the church.

PRESBYTERIAN

Dr. Paul Ausley's sermon topic Sunday at First Presbyterian church will be "Our Service." Special music will be rendered by the choir under direction of Mrs. Darrell Austin.

SCOOTERS VS. HORSES

We see a chance for a lively debate. Which is a more effective mount for a policeman in hot pursuit down a traffic-jammer street or in an effort to control a crowd: New York's new police scooter or a horse?

There is much to say for New York's innovation. The first "scramble patrol" in the country, made up of 10 scooter-mounted patrolmen, it gives proof that the scooter has many virtues.

One of them is the ability to go places where a squad car cannot travel. Only 30 inches wide, the scooter can slither its way between lines of stalled traffic, climb over curbs onto sidewalks, and even make its way down low stairs. Being equipped with radios, scramble cars are able to keep in touch with each other and work in group formation.

But then there is the case for the horse. The handsome steed of the mounted policeman, symbol of the dignity of the law, has almost disappeared from the American scene. But Boston, which retains a 10-horse mounted unit, finds the police cavalry still useful.

Its experience convinces us there is an argument for the horse in this debate. The horse, too, can slip between rows of stalled cars and climb curbs. What is more, it can back up without shift of gears, it can make friends, and it can discipline people without offending them.

"When a patrolman pushes a crowd back, people resent it," says Lt. John Lynch, in charge of Boston's mounted unit. "But nobody takes offense at a horse. People just move back for him. One horse is worth 15 men in a crowd situation."

Remembering how pleasant it is to give a policeman's horse a pat on the nose or to slip him a lump of sugar, we are happy to think there may be a place in cities of the future for both motorized and equine mounts.

Christian Science Monitor

STAMP COLLECTORS

Stamp collectors are likely to be at least a minor problem for new Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien.

Under orders from Mr. Gronouski, the 44-year-old United States Philatelic Agency in Washington will cease handling orders for less than \$25, effective Oct. 9. Shutting the door to small orders is expected to save \$100,000 a year. Besides, Mr. Gronouski found that orders for less than \$3 accounted for 33 per cent of the agency's business, while 49 per cent were for less than \$25.

The 18 percent of orders for more than \$25 worth of stamps brought in 75 percent of the agency's receipts.

The change may be good business, but it won't endear the Post Office to hobbyists around the country who have been buying stamps from the Philatelic Agency in Washington. They may not form a bloc vote, but they knew a fresh well-centered block of stamps when they see it.

The Miami Herald

OVER ALL?

A statistic to be alarmed about was released (recently) by the United States Bureau of Public Roads. Automobiles are increasing in number twice as fast as people.

The bureau said the 75,024,000 cars on the road this year are 4.3 percent more than last. The human population went up only 2 percent and the birth rate shows signs of slowing down.

If the trend continues, according to the statisticians, autos may soon be in the majority.

The impact will be tremendous, but we don't think it will go as far as a television network implies by putting on a show called "My Mother, the Car."

The Miami Herald

SO THIS IS
 NEW YORK



By NORTH CALLAHAN

The reports of casualties from the Vietnam war front cause sadness here as well as elsewhere, but a veteran of World War I looked rather impassively as a young person who was relating excitedly the results of a recent battle. The graying vet nodded and then said, "Yes, buddy, I know it is hard to accept the tragedy of war. It was hard for me and the boys in 1917. But we soon learned the hard way. We had little training, we thought at first the war was a glorified picnic and we didn't have anything like the weapons and experience the U. S. has today. There is nothing nice about war, you know. You think 83 men is a lot to lose in one fight. Why in the battle of Verdun, one million men were killed before it was over."

A little girl in Sunday School told her teacher that her favorite character in the Bible was King Solomon because he was so kind to ladies and animals. The startled teacher asked the little girl who told her that, "No one", was the reply. "I read it myself in the Bible. It says Solomon kept seven hundred wives and three hundred porcupines."

Many college professors are criticized as being materialistic and even nonmoral. But one here, Floyd Zulli of New York University had this to say about the arts today, including television, in which he often is a prominent performer: "It is not so much the arts on trial as it is the total abandonment of sense, taste, self-discipline and self-respect to a lunatic fringe of smart alics and pseudo-artists." Do there still exist, Professor Zulli demanded to know, theaters, bookstores and magazines in which one is not confronted with confronted with "what was once confined to the bedroom or at worst to the walls of a public toilet?"

Recently the makers of an aspirin tablet conducted a nationwide survey to learn about folk remedies for the common cold—which will soon be upon us widely with winter. Here are some of the remedies:
 Mount Holly, North Carolina: "I drink lots of carbonated soft drinks."
 San Diego, California: "Starve yourself."
 Des Moines, Iowa: "Eat all the food you can."
 Chambersburg, Pennsylvania: "Go to a chiropractor."
 Virginia, Minnesota: "Take garlic capsules and vinegar pickles."
 Carthage, Texas: "Drink buttermilk and soda water."
 Springfield, Ohio: "Iodine is the answer."
 Canton, Mississippi: "Raw seasoned peanuts, chew well."
 New Ross, Indiana: "Place a poultice of hot mashed onions on your chest."

Here and There: First Christmas card received here was from Charles C. Clayton, former editor of Sigma Delta Chi's magazine, *Quill*. It was mailed from Hong Kong on October 8 and arrived a month later by regular mail. Thanks, Charlie!... the Hudson River has tides reaching as far up as Troy...when junked, an automobile ends up in a 2x2x1 1/2-foot cube worth about \$20 in scrap...poor health forces four out of ten men to retire...travel agency sign: "Let Yourself Go!...once upon a time when you said your battery was dead you were talking about your car, not your toothbrush...the American Medical Association says, if you get a cold, stay home in bed. Keep warm."

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