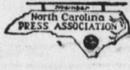




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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned. St. Mark 16:16.

### Voting Qualifications

The Bureau of the Census will check Cleveland County's recent voting totals on basis of race to determine whether the county's percentages meet the test of the civil rights provisions. Herein lies a paradox. The law makes illegal discrimination on basis of race, color, national origin and on sex. Is logging of citizens on the poll-books by race and national origin legal? Under present law and legal rulings to date, North Carolina retains in over 70 of its counties its long-required, but not always enforced, law requiring voters to be able to read and write the North Carolina Constitution, except in counties where Negroes have not been voting in sufficient number on basis of the Negro population.

This poses the question, both academic and practical, of who — and who not — should be granted the right, privilege and prerogative of the ballot.

There are two major fields of thought. A Kings Mountain businessman remarked some years ago, "A person who can't read and write likely doesn't have the ability to cast a knowledgeable ballot." Today, however, there is the medium of television, added to radio, which gives persons unfortunate in ability to read and write opportunity to be informed.

The other side of the coin, espoused by another Kings Mountain businessman was expressed, "A person who pays taxes should be able to vote."

If anyone's not paying taxes of some kind in A. D. 1965, they are few and far between.

In the Cleveland instance, Negroes have been treated as others by voting registrars for many years, nor has there been any pressure on Negro candidates to keep their names, as candidates, off ballots.

The survey results, of course, will prove interesting.

### Redistricting Plans

Senator Jack White, in his speculation on possible re-districting of the North Carolina General Assembly's two branches, proved quite prescient.

The special House committee is recommending that Polk, Rutherford, and Cleveland be made a three-representative district.

The special Senate committee is recommending that Gaston and Cleveland be made a two-senator district.

Throughout the state the recommended districts of both branches meet the indicated tests of the federal courts, as none vary more than 15 percent from the ideal figures of equal numbers for all districts.

Speculation by those studying court rulings is that intra-district rotation agreements within the political parties (these now have the force of law) are probably illegal, too.

If the speculation is correct, herein lies the test of statesmanship for one-man-one-vote, ordered by the federal courts.

Will Cleveland, with the heaviest population bulge, be charitable with neighboring Rutherford and Polk in nominating future Democratic House candidates?

To put the shoe on the other foot, will Gaston, with the heavier population bulge, be charitable to Cleveland in nominating Democratic Senate candidates?

Our guess is yea to both questions. The minority Republican party seldom has such a problem in providing nominees. Customarily, the Republicans nominate candidates at party conventions, whether county, district, or state, and the convention nominations are honored.

Few if any changes are anticipated in the committee recommendations when the General Assembly convenes next month in special session.

Next item on the agenda is work of a joint committee on federal House of Representatives re-districting.

Will the result in our bailiwick pit Whitener (D) vs. Jonas (R), or White-ner vs. Jonas and Broyhill (R)?

Or otherwise?

### New Business Citizen

Merger of Dixie Mines, Inc., with United States Gypsum Company, brings to Kings Mountain another major industrial citizen with not only nationwide but worldwide operations.

Others include Burlington Industries, largest textile producer, BVD Corporation now launching another expansion of its Craftsman Yarns plant, Martin-Marietta Company with its Superior Stone operations, the lithium producers Foote Mineral Company and Lithium Corporation of America, Park Yarn Mills, a unit of the Johnston textile chain, Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, Reeves Brothers, textile producers, recently merged with Duplex-Shannon, Ltd., and the several mica producers, English Mica Company, Kings Mountain Mica Company, United States Mica Company, and Kings Mountain Silica, Inc.

It's a rather imposing list. U. S. Gypsum Company, a 45-year-old firm based in Chicago, Ill., is one of the major producers of building materials.

The community welcomes this new industrial citizen.

### Shop Where? Here!

Christmas gift-shopping is an adventure for some and for others a considerable chore.

What's the easiest method?

Shop here at home.

Every retail merchant is constantly updating inventories to provide breadth and depth buying opportunities for Kings Mountain area citizens.

Majority of retailers have already been providing Friday night open hours to accommodate gift buyers and several will be open late the last few nights before Christmas.

Services here are good. Free gift-wrapping is the policy at many stores and those who have paid alteration charges on apparel at out-of-town firms are quite aware of the comparable alteration bargains extant in Kings Mountain.

Shop where? Shop here.

### Traffic Survey

Effort of the city commission to work with the traffic engineering department of the State Highway and Public Works commission to speed transit within the bounds of safety, on US 74 (King street) is most commendable.

King Street is quite clogged with traffic at any hours on most days, and the weekend traffic is terrific.

Already the four-man engineering team here last week has indicated ways and means of improving transit flow through one of them, Gwyn Sandlin, was quick to say that any traffic signal changes and others can merely alleviate the problem on crowded US 74.

It might appear that the Mayor and city commission are operating at cross-purposes when they seek speedier transit after asking for another traffic signal at Country Club and King. Mayor Moss was soundly grounded, however, as he pointed out that the requested signal would aid ingress and egress at four other heavily-trafficked points Edgemont - King, the entrance to Kings Mountain hospital where the approach are hazardous, Sims - King, and the entrance to First Baptist church parking lot.

The turning lanes at Cleveland King, Battleground-King and Watterson-King already have proved helpful, both for speedier transit and safety, as citizens traversing King street frequently have noticed.

Whatever the decision on the US 74 by-pass or through-way, most guess building it will require three to four years.

Congratulations to Ollie Harris, re-elected vice-president of the county March of Dimes organization, an important organization with which he has long been a leader.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By MARTIN HARMON

"People who say this country is going to hell are full of baloney. We're rearing better people today than ever before."

Homer Austin Smith, Davidson College head football coach, made the statement at the 1965 renewal of the annual Kings Mountain Lions club football banquet honoring the high school Mountaineers. In refuting the prophets of doom, Coach Smith supported his contention with evidence, gleaned from several sources—from Cape Kennedy and outer space (the amazing astronauts and the many "brains" who supply their machines) to the football field. Noting that Davidson had two all-conference players in '65, first Wildcats chosen for 29 years, he said neither were exceptional, on either physical stature or grid-iron ability. The difference, he said, was dedication and fight. "When you compete, give it all. Fight furiously," he advised.

Coach Smith opened his address by breaking a speaker's rule. It is: "Never declare yourself a poor speaker. You might fool some of 'em." Exception: "...except when you're good." Coach Smith made considerable use of an old, long-proved successful platform device, which was to lampoon not only himself, but members of his audience. Some samples:

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"Is Chip Bridges here?" No reply. "Coach Bates said I'd do well to keep you awake."

**m-m**  
He'd found on his windshield a note urging he protest Coach Bates' treatment of Danny Finger. He continued, "It was signed Jackie Dunn."

**m-m**  
Mrs. John L. McGill, board of education member present for the banquet, had greeted him on arrival. She was very fulsome in her praise of his first Davidson season, had heard of his speaking prowess, and was very happy to have opportunity to hear him speak. "But would you please," Mrs. McGill was alleged to have asked, "stop in time for me to get home for 'Peyton Place'?"

**m-m**  
Smith's finale: "I quit—before Carl Weisener gets hungry again."

**m-m**  
Charlie Neisler is a member of the Davidson College athletic council. I congratulated him on helping to employ Coach Smith. "I didn't have much to do with it," Charlie deprecated, then added, "but I wish I could claim I did."

**m-m**  
The Lions club football banquet date to the 1939 season, which makes this event probably ten to a dozen years older than majority of the 65 Mountaineers. Charlie and I were reminiscing on banquets of the past and the coaches who were as expert more or less, on the speaker's stand as on the football coaching lines. I suggested Carl Snavelly, who spoke here just prior to taking his North Carolina team to the Sugar Bowl, was among the poorer platform artists. Charlie recalled the event and agreed, but added, "His audience hung on his every word."

**m-m**  
Charlie then recalled one of Snavelly's most famous understatements. Much sought-after Charlie Justice, the Asheville gridiron whiz who had starred for the Bainbridge, Md., Naval Station team during World War II, had decided to accept the blandishments of UNC recruiters over the many others. Receiving congratulations from members of the sports writing fraternity, Coach Snavelly smiled as he commented, "Yes, I understand Justice is a good boy. I hope the lad decides to come out for the football team." 'Twas likely the understatement of the century.

**m-m**  
Two "foreigners" were among the guests at the banquet. Richard Parles and Richard Peterson, of New York, sales agents for Mauney Hosiery Mills, were guests of Carl Mauney.

**m-m**  
Veteran Coach Don Parker says he and his wife expect to be alone for Christmas for the first time, since Don II arrived. He is in Texas and Number 2 Son Punch recently reported for duty with the navy at San Diego, Calif. With one son 1500 miles distant and the other 3000, Don doesn't anticipate either will get home for the holidays.

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"T's kinda bad," Don remarked. Which it is.

## Blessed with Plenty



### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### IN LOCO GRANDPARENTS

If there is anything modern society needs, it is more practicing grandmas and grandpas. We mean the kind who have time to read stories to small folk or to show them how to do useful things like whittling or baking cookies. The kind who have the gift of understanding little people.

These talents are not too rare. Often they flower when a person retires and is no longer pushed by the demands of a business or profession. But in many cases the retiree finds no outlet for his ability. Either he has no grand-children of his own or, as is often the case, lives too far from his married children to see their youngsters except perhaps at Christmas.

Happily, there are plenty of children who need the companionship of the elderly. And ways are being found to bring these tots into contact with persons eager to give grandparently service.

A heart-warming project is that of the Adult Community House; White Plains, N. Y. Here 14 older people are acting as "substitute grandparents" for 60 boys and girls who rarely, if ever, see their own. As the elders teach the children to knit, use a saw, paint or carve, happy relationships spring up between the generations.

There should be many more centers where gifted retired persons and children can meet. No one who can qualify as a successful acting grandparent should be permitted to let his talent lie idle just because the want ads list no openings in this field. The demand is there. Let the jobs be found.

Christian Science Monitor

#### COUNTRY ROAD

One of the forgotten benefits of the superhighways is the fact that they take the hurry-hurry traffic off the lesser roads and leave the back roads that wander through the woods and over the hills to those who would dawdle and enjoy the countryside. There one can stop to look at a tree or a vista, even to get out and walk and know the feel of autumn underfoot. There one can pause to watch a busy squirrel, or a skein of wild geese honking southward, or a brook meandering across a meadow.

The highways too often seem to lead from traffic jam to traffic jam. But the byways lead to the nearest can reach on wheels to the uncomplicated serenity of woods and hills and streams. They lead back to the land itself where time is measured by seasons and years, not by hours and minutes. Back to hills that were old when man built his first cities, hills that change only on their own terms.

They lead to quiet places where one can see a hollow glowing with the golden candles of autumn larches, to hilltops where the sky is a huge blue bowl, to lowland beaver meadows, to cattail bogs, to brown old farmhouses with blue curls of fragrant wood-smoke at their chimneys. In a sense, these back roads lead to a simpler yesterday, perhaps; but those who seek them out are not searching for the past. They are looking rather for the enduring now, the persistent reality of a native tree, uncluttered hill, a sunset.

The New York Times

#### BRING BACK BIRDS

Nobody ever says what circumstances were beyond their control, and neither will we. Except to make it clear we did not go in search of any special phonograph record to help any young canary learn to sing. We came across it because of circumstances, etc.

But the music did stir memories—even if it came from a canaries more or less singing "Mexican Hat Dance" to the accompaniment of somebody on the organ console. By the time they had chirped through the "Blue Danube Waltz," we were wondering what ever happened to the canaries on Sunday morning radio.

Television sent them to roost, probably, on the assumption that nobody watches a string of canaries, sitting on a wire, singing "Nola." Maybe so. But unless the programs we do watch turn a corner of some kind, we are about ready to welcome back the canaries.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

#### CHRISTMAS TOYS

This is the year of Christmas war games, in which toy makers have devised an extraordinary variety of implements for make-believe carnage with blast, burp, and wheeze.

For example, the stores are offering a "Paratrooper Jump Master" described as a "one-man junior army" and enables Junior to "knock out snipers with a rapid-firing toy gun! Wipe out bunker with practice hand grenades!"

And one catalogue advertises "Hold Your Ears!" when you fire your "Screaming MEE mee-E with the 'sound of the century. Pow! Pow! Pow! Pow!"

Other combat choices include a gun that shoots around corners, the Aero M. Sonic Blastre, the Golden Agent Pistol Set, the Secret Sam Snooper Gun, the Napoleon Solo Gun, Secret Agent 007 attaché case, battlefield "ambush" sets, etc.

Wagons, scooters, roller skates, etc. are not quite "in" this year—a reflection of what is happening far away in Vietnam, and on the human race in general.

It's an understandable, but nevertheless ironic, emphasis on our children's Christmas in 1965.

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### 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.

Kings Mountain's ace 1955 football squad and its coaches will be the honored guests at the annual Kings Mountain Lions club football banquet Thursday night at 6:45 p.m. at the Masonic Hall.

Safe crackers "punched" a safe in the Benett Brick and Tile Company office Tuesday night and took approximately \$50, it was reported Wednesday afternoon.

**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL**  
The Macedonia Baptist Church Women's Missionary Society held regular meeting Tuesday night at the church. Miss Dutch Cloninger read the devotional and offered prayer.

The Azalea Garden club met Thursday night at the home of Mrs. Clarence Jolly.

## SO THIS IS NEW YORK

By NORTH CALLAHAN

People outside of New York City must look with some disdain if not grim humor upon the comic opera carriages-on of the local transportation and labor union officials regarding a subway strike. It is reminding of the two boys who were threatening each other, with one being afraid and the other glad of it. One would think we need the subways just to live. And yet in the recent Great Blackout, the subways were stalled and somehow folks managed to keep going. Not that this subterranean form of travel is not a very important part of Gotham life and is said to be the cheapest and quickest kind of travel in the world. Despite the raucous ravings of leaders on both sides and a blatant example of buck-passing by the mayor and mayor-elect only equalled in the military, the subways will keep running—and doubtless so will big mouths.

The tendency of many persons to make slighting remarks about the work of government employees is belied by a recent experience. I went to a window in the local postoffice to obtain a money order. In filling in the form, I absent-mindedly placed my name on the wrong line, and went back and told the clerk about it. Instead of complaining, he smiled and said, "Oh, that happens to a lot of people. I will just void that one and give you another." Which he cheerfully did. When I thanked him, I noticed that his name on the window was J. Hart; and although I did not tell him, I am going to notify the city postmaster about the fine treatment this helpful man gave me.

Have you missed anyone from your family lately? Well, it may not be so bad even if you have. There is an organization called the Tracers Company of America which specializes, I am told, in finding missing persons. It claims that in its 40 years of service, 500,000 cases of missing persons have been solved. Those located include lost husbands, wives, teen-agers (don't get excited at first about these, is the advice. They'll usually turn up), debtors, witnesses, lease-breakers, love swindlers, alumni and others.

## Shelby To Get Phone Expansion

Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company will add \$489,000 in plant and equipment to its Shelby exchange, Manager Floyd Farris has announced.

The addition is designed to provide accommodation for 800 more telephones immediately and eventually to a maximum of 14,000 more.

Cost estimates are \$160,000 for building, \$99,000 for interior equipment, and \$230,000 for cable and line installation.

Target date for completion of the building is July 1, with Western Electric scheduled to begin installation of equipment on July 9. Project completion date is October 16, 1966.

Mr. Farris said the Shelby exchange provides 12,800 phones of the 23,000 now in service in Cleveland County. He noted that the Shelby exchange only had 4300 phones when the dial system became operative in 1950. In 1930, the Shelby exchange had 1155 telephones.

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