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**TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE**

That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. I Corinthians 1:31.

### Good Snow Show

As he and Grady Yelton reported last week arrangements for quick-handling of snowfall to keep traffic moving, Mayor John Henry Moss added, "Of course, it may not snow."

But snow it did Saturday, and quick, hard work by the city street crews did keep traffic moving and provided none an excuse to miss Sunday church services.

Not only did the city crews clear streets, but also cleared both public and industrial parking lots.

Mayor Moss and Superintendent of Public Works Yelton were pleased with the work of the clearing crews and also with the results, among them:

- 1) Only one auto wreck was recorded, and it was minor.
- 2) Traffic was kept mobile.
- 3) At least one large industry continued regular work schedules it would have otherwise been forced to cancel—a benefit to the industry, pushed for delivery by its customers, and to the employee who suffered no snow-induced wage loss.

### Extended Terms?

President Johnson, in his state of the union address, got the plaudits of the majority of the Congress—presumably all of the 435 members of the House of Representatives—when he urged extension of the terms of House members to four years.

There are quite practical and personal reasons for these plaudits, as, with two year terms, a House member is hardly elected and sworn until he faces the necessity of campaigning again. The period is shorter for those with primary contests. Campaigning is expensive in time and treasure and the cost is escalating along with other costs.

Some won't approve extended terms for House members, particularly when their favorites have lost. Others won't approve on grounds the more frequent an officeholder must face the electorate the more responsible he is to that electorate.

Others, who feel the Congressmen (a feeling this newspaper does not share) overpaid at \$30,000 per year and underworked, will prefer the two-year term retained.

Perfection not being attainable in the ranks of mere men, it is safe to record no system is attainable of perfection.

Political, or otherwise, a system is not better than the men or women who operate that system.

### Whitener's New District

U. S. Representative Basil L. Whitener, after four brief years, find, by act of the General Assembly, that he must get acquainted, or better acquainted, with another segment of North Carolinians.

The tenth district, which Mr. Whitener has represented since 1957, now includes Cleveland, Gaston, Burke, Catawba, Avery, Alexander, and Iredell counties. Newcomers are Alexander and Iredell, replacing Rutherford and Mitchell.

The political pundits write that Mr. Whitener was not benefited by the General Assembly, as Alexander is historically a Republican county while Iredell, recently of the ninth district, gave a majority to GOP Representative Jim Broyhill.

There were similar surmises following the 1961 re-districting, yet Mr. Whitener's 1961 majority approximated 10,000 and the voters of the old tenth nearly doubled it in 1963.

The Congressman always had been attentive to the personal needs of his constituents and is going up the ladder of House prominence, which is determined by seniority of service.

Kings Mountain is within reach of its goal on the United Fund and contributions to attain this goal are in order.

### Why Vietnam

United States citizens, as is perhaps typical of a comparatively young nation which settled and has developed a rugged wilderness, have yet to prove themselves well-attuned to partial war, or so-called "police actions", if they endure for more than a few days or months.

Thus the question is asked, by a minority of citizens and by a few governmental leaders: Why are we in Vietnam?

In its recent Man-of-the-Year issue (South Carolina's General William Westmoreland, commander in chief of U. S. troops in Vietnam), Time Magazine rather succinctly set forth both the ideological and practical answers.

On the ideological side, Time quoted the late Sir Winston Churchill:

"Is anything worse than war?"  
 "Dishonor is worse than war."  
 "Slavery is worse than war."

On the practical side, Time quoted General Gallois, a French soldierier regarded a particular expert on strategy:

"If Southeast Asia goes, you can forget your Pacific lake."

Additionally, it was noted that a take-over of South Vietnam by the Communist regime of the north would automatically result in the crumbling of Cambodia and Laos. Defense of further inroads by the enemy would then be from Thailand — much more difficult to supply with troops and arms.

Pearl Harbor showed the fallacy of the ostrich policy of weakness, as did Korea.

The Administration rightly reasons a policy of weakness in South Vietnam has no better hope of success.

### Amen, Mr. President

Recently, this newspaper suggested that Kings Mountain retailers, service establishments and governmental agencies adopt more cohesive policies on hours of doing business with implication that some lengthening of open-for-business schedules were to be desired.

Particularly mentioned was the need for increased postal service, the postoffice now being closed on Wednesday afternoons, parcel post deliveries limited to five days per week, and window service considerably restricted on Saturday mornings.

These policies, of course, are set upstairs at Washington, D. C., not by Postmaster Charles Alexander and his staff.

Evidently, some upstairs people, including President Lyndon Johnson, are aware of the inconveniences to individuals and delays to business and industry that the policy of restricting postal service to a five-day week contrive.

Last weekend, he recommended to Congress that the postal service be operated full-speed six days per week, and he asked the Congress to appropriate the necessary \$15 million to pay for the extra service.

Business and industrial firms are effected particularly by what seems to be virtual stoppage of parcel post movement on weekends and they have learned to employ means of transit — bus to air freight — if the goods or parts are emergent in category.

To this recommendation, let all say, "Amen, Mr. President."

Tax listing officials here report a mid-month lull in this one month chore. They know that most folk will meet the deadline of February 1, but they also realize long lines will form with resulting delays to those who adopt a last-minute attitude.

### MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

Just after church Sunday morning, Tommy Tindall, Harold Cogins and other men of Kings Mountain Baptist church were talking when a beggar approached and asked for some change to assuage his hunger. Tommy gave the man some coins, then asked, "Do you drink?"

"No, sir," the man assured Tommy.

Tommy had a Bible in his hand, grasped the beggar's hand and placed it on the Bible. "Would you say that again?" Tommy asked.

"No, sir!" the beggar ejaculated, and left at something akin to double time.

Harold was relating the incident in the presence of Paul Ausley, the First Presbyterian pastor. Pastors, particularly when they are new in a community, are quick marks for the professional mendicants.

"One of the best ones," Paul recalled, "was when Marion DuBose was victimized early in his pastorate at Kings Mountain Baptist church. The fellow gave Marion a very sad picture of his destitution. His children were shoeless and hungry and the fellow didn't know where to turn. Marion was impressed and wrote a personal check to the fellow for \$7.50. When the bank returned Marion's check with the next month's statement, the endorsement was that of a Blacksburg liquor store."

"I've been taken, too," Paul confessed.

Paul didn't say whether it happened here or elsewhere, but a welfare group, having received application for aid from an indigent visited the man's residence to investigate his needs. Parked in front of the house was a big, shiny late model Cadillac.

When the man answered the knock at the door, one of the investigators inquired, "Do you have company?" There was no company. The obvious next question was, "Who owns the Cadillac?" It was the man's.

"You mean," the righteously angry investigator pursued, "you own a Cadillac and have the nerve to ask for charity?"

"That's my trouble," the alms-seeker answered frankly, "it requires everything I get to make the car payments."

Dr. Frank Sincex is a quite interesting personality and a man of varied interests and talents. I did not know until recently that he pilots an airplane, nor that he had been a navy pilot, as well as a navy medical man.

Recently I was commending him for what I considered much courage and imagination last spring when he repaired Jonah Falls injured eye. Frank replied that experience gives one confidence and he gleaned experience in eye work in the hardest kind of school.

"You know," he said, "that shatterproof glass on the bridge of a destroyer isn't shatterproof. We were in the midst of a hurricane and a big wave hit the bridge. The glass shattered and one fellow got glass in both his eyes. Miles at sea and in the middle of a storm, where was I going to send him? I had no choice but to go to work."

The injured seaman was in sick bay for six months, but his eyes mended and he suffered no loss of vision.

Mayor John Henry Moss proved to be quite prescient in getting the city street department ready for snow. He and Grady Yelton, public works superintendent, were out with the troops, who did quite an effective job of clearing streets.

I remarked about the weather one chilly morning recently to Melvin Lovelace, harked back to 1960 when snow fell on five consecutive Wednesdays. "You don't have to tell me how many times it snowed that winter," Melvin laughed, "I was working for the state highway department. During one snow I was on the job more than 24 hours, got home at 10 a.m. The phone rang at 2 o'clock and they were calling me back."

### "I oppose such terms, sir!"

Henry McCarrin

### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### ALL-AMERICAN VEGETABLE

A squash and a head of lettuce are in the news. And rightly. It is no small honor to be picked as winners of the All-American vegetable award for 1966. The horticultural competition is sharp. Always there is someone who is working at bringing out a redder radish, a plumper pumpkin, or cucumber capable of turning into a crispier pickle.

What did these two vegetables have that made them top winners? The squash, named Gold Nugget, is a sweet, meaty globe of softball size. Kitchenette cooks will welcome it. The quality of the lettuce is described by its name, Butter King. Big and tender, no doubt. It derives from a strain developed in Israel. Many a salad bowl will be waiting for it.

Now we wonder what future All-American contests will bring. We can think of many improvements that could be made in this nation's vegetables.

For example, there is the problem of the crackly celery which adds one more sound to the clatter and din of restaurants. Could not the garden experts give us a noiseless stalk? String beans have already been made stringless, a real labor-saving improvement. How about growing them frenched (slit), as they come from the frozen package? Then there is the spinach problem facing so many thousands of the new generation. How about a candy-flavored variety, Mr. Seedman?

We look forward hopefully to the "All-Americans" of the future. Growers who changed the once-rough cucumber to a smooth, sleek number, and who defuzzed the peach can be expected to meet other challenges.

*Christian Science Monitor*

#### DEGRADABLE WASTE

We are reminded quite frequently of our inability to cope with certain byproducts of our advanced civilization. Take the case of junk, or "urban solid wastes" as junk is called by the environmental pollution panel of President John's Science Advisory Committees.

Every year, the panel said in a recent report, "we must dispose of 48 billion cans, 26 billion bottles and jars, 65 billion metal and plastic caps and crowns, plus miscellaneous packaging material worth more than half a billion dollars." This is the price of affluence; it wouldn't happen in a primitive society. One man's waste is another man's treasure. But United States prosperity is built on high production and a high rate of waste.

So the problem is to get rid of waste materials. One major need to which the panel called attention, and which everyone recognizes, is a container that will serve its purpose and then "degrade rapidly when discarded."

The development of such containers "is not likely to be an easy task," said the panel. We agree. But it is worth a lot of research, and we think a civilization that can produce a tin can ought to be able to find a way of getting rid of it painlessly.

*The St. Louis Post-Dispatch*

#### THE NEW TOWN MEETING

Outside of predominantly rural Congressional districts, the average voter may go along for years without ever seeing his Congressman or his Senators in person. Even at election time he may glimpse his representative fleetingly if at all; by and large there is mighty little direct communication between most voters and the people they send to Washington.

A freshman member of Congress in Georgia has been trying to do something about the lack. Last spring Rep. James A. Mackay, whose Fourth District includes part of Atlanta, met with a selected group of constituents and, asking them to help develop a modern substitute for the old town meeting, proposed creation of a "grass roots Congress."

From about 400 persons who were willing to take part, 31 panels were created to study water resources, foreign relations and trade and other topics expected to come before the next session of Congress. Mr. Mackay saw to it that during the summer the panel members received copies of bills and committee reports on matters they were studying. When the group reconvened earlier this month the number had dwindled to about 250 and only nine panels were prepared to submit reports. However, there was a lively grass roots give-and-take.

Now Mr. Mackay does not promise to follow such recommendations as the panels made—that, for instance, China should be admitted to the United Nations, or that the Administration's foreign aid program be continued—but at least he has the benefit of their thinking and advice. And the participants in turn have the benefit of his. For although most Congressmen send a periodical newsletter to their constituents, this form of communication is essentially a one-way affair; the advantages of a two-way exchange are plain.

Some other Congressmen have been following the new town meeting effort and if it proves successful they say they plan similar programs in their own districts. It seems a little early to tell just how successful it is. But any program that may promote understanding of the governmental process deserves a good try.

*The Wall Street Journal*

#### FORM 1040 SPRUCED UP

No publication in the United States has so wide a regular readership as Form 1040, the income tax return. Circulation: 60,000,000.

But until this year its publishers gave little thought to its format. If it brought money into the Treasury, that was enough to ask of it.

This was an old-fashioned view. We commend Cyril Magnin, a public-spirited San Francisco merchant, who took it upon himself to bring the need for modernizing the typography of Form 1040 to the attention of the income tax people in Washington. To make his points, he presented them with an improved version done by his advertising layout staff at his request.

We commend also Sheldon S. Cohen, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, for accepting the proposal with eagerness. He, too, had been thinking about changes and went into action. The California influence can be seen in the 1966 edition of Form 1040, now being mailed. While it will have the same searching questions, they will be printed in lighter type, and will be better arranged.

What will be the next change, if Form 1040 is to be kept up with the times? Perhaps future editions will start with some friendly chit-chat from the commissioner, thanking the form-filler for helping pay his country's bill. Or the form may show marginal sketches showing smiling people happily filling out their returns. (Imaginary scenes, of course.) Color? Probably not. "In the black" has a good connotation; red on an income tax form would be too symbolic. But a garland of forget-me-nots might be in order.

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### SO THIS IS NEW YORK

By NORTH CALLAHAN

Two memories here are blending into a new dream. They are Madison Square Garden and the Pennsylvania Railroad Station and while both the original versions are still active, they will not be so for long but will be merged into one marvelous combination. Back in the Twenties when the Garden was built, it and the city itself was friendlier and required less excitement. The Garden was known as the house that Tex Rickard built for big fights in the days when boxing was respectable. Mayor Jimmie Walker used to come by on Friday nights and watch the boys work out. Joe Louis defended his title in the Garden nine times. Mickey Walker, after he retired, opened up a bar across the street. But Rickard never foresaw the day of hockey, track and basketball for which the big arena has been used for to a great extent of late, obsoletely.

So a new Madison Square Garden is being built on the site of the Pennsylvania Station. Visitors to New York who are accustomed to seeing the noted station hardly recognize the jumbled construction project they now see. Over it will soon rise the 116-million dollar Center being built and scheduled for completion next year. But demolition of the 55-year-old depot and erection of the new Garden and its companion 29-story office building are taking place at the same time. While one crane is lowering the girders of the old station to the ground so that they may be trucked away, a companion crane is hoisting new structural steel into place nearby. The reason for this unusual procedure is the necessity of interfering as little as possible with the 650 Pennsylvania and Long Island trains which enter and leave the station each day with their hordes of commuters and long-haul passengers. Also being considered are the convenience and safety of the quarter of a million people who daily pass through the many levels of the station. A giant concrete slab at street level will serve both as roof for the railroad station and as a floor for the center. This slab is supported by hundreds of steel columns footed in concrete between the tracks.

The new Madison Square Garden will be more than just a sports arena. It has been designed to function as the world's largest and most modern convention-exposition hall and will also house cultural, entertainment, commercial, business and political functions. In sports events, the Garden will provide a clear, unobstructed view of the playing floor from each of its 22,000 seats, thanks to its cable-suspended roof which requires no interior columns. Adjoining will be a 5,000 seat forum and a 500-seat movie theater, so one can well imagine some 20,000 fans cheering a hockey game while near at hand, 5,000 movie lovers are charmed by the concert of a big orchestra. The sports center and the office building will be separated by a four-lane private roadway which will be used by taxis and private cars bringing visitors to both structures as well as passengers coming to the redeveloped railroad facilities below.

It is predicted that no other area in the world will be so well served by public transportation. Besides the two railroads this will be the express stop for two subway lines. Two other subways and the Hudson Tube are but a block away by an underground passageway.

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### 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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Grady Howard was Kings Mountain's Young Man of the Year for 1955.

This week has been proclaimed Junior Chamber of Commerce week in Kings Mountain as well as around the nation.

Kings Mountain Baptist ministers organized a Baptist Ministerial Fellowship here Monday night.

**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL**

The Mary Kennedy Circle of the ARP church held its regular meeting Monday night with Mrs. J. E. Anthony, Jr.

Mrs. H. C. Mayes entertained members of the Study club at her home on Ridge street Tuesday.