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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For the kingdom is the Lord's; and he is the governor among the nations. Psalm 22:28.

The Law Requires

A Kings Mountain insurance agent, somewhat harried by inquiries of policyholders and sympathetic with them, yet powerless to help after the mule is out of the barn, called attention this week to a new law passed by the 1965 General Assembly requiring continuous liability insurance coverage.

The teeth: A driver must deliver his license plate to the Motor Vehicles Department before his insurance terminates. If he doesn't, he automatically loses his driver's license for 30 days.

The insurance agent's comment is that the new law has received minor publicity and that many are unwittingly finding themselves driverless for 30 days.

The following is provided from the folder of the Department of Motor Vehicles:

"If you stop operating a vehicle and want to cancel your automobile liability insurance, turn in the plate before the termination date of your insurance. Later, when you want to begin operating that vehicle, you may obtain another plate, free of charge, providing, of course, you have renewed your insurance coverage.

"First, you will receive from this Department a Form FS-5 asking you to tell the Department the name of your new insurance company. (The form to use is attached to the FS-5 you received — Form FR-3.) Your new insurance must pick up where your old previous insurance ended. If it doesn't, your insurance has not been continuous.

"If your insurance has not been continuous, to avoid loss of your driver's license you must surrender your plate within 15 days of the date of the FS-5 notice we mailed you. You can't get this plate back but when insurance is again in effect, you can immediately purchase a new plate.

"If your insurance has not been continuous and if you ignore our notices, the law says the Department of Motor Vehicles shall revoke your plate and driver's license for 30 days. No one in North Carolina has authority to waive this penalty—not even the Governor.

"Where can you turn in your license plate? A motorist can mail his plate to the Department of Motor Vehicles, turn it in at one of the offices selling auto licenses, or to any of the highway patrolmen or automobile inspectors."

New Political Leaders

Several Kings Mountain citizens have been honored recently by election to top offices in the field of politics.

1) Edward H. Smith, new Cleveland County Republican chairman.

2) Mrs. F. A. McDaniel, Jr., new chairman of Women Democrats of Cleveland County.

3) William White, new chairman of Cleveland County Young Democrats.

Additionally, Bob Maner was re-elected secretary and Bill Babb elected treasurer of the county Republican organization.

With all this top echelon group — split as to party — residing in Number 4 Township, it might be anticipated that the 1966 general election will find the area a major battleground, as, indeed, the respective Democrats and Republicans intend it.

It is sufficient to recall, of course, that the warriors are friendly and sportsmanlike political enemies on basis of past performance.

Meantime, area members of both parties are pleased at the escalation of their neighbors to these positions of leadership in politics.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By MARTIN HARMON

Zeb Plonk, the Kings Mountain native now of Wellesley, Mass., veteran executive with Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, remarked a few years ago that, if he had opportunity to live his life over again, he would follow exactly the same course he had followed.

I hadn't heard anyone else make that statement and queried, "You mean, Zeb, you'd repeat that busted knee you got playing football at State College?" Zeb grinned as he replied, "Yes, I suppose that, too."

I surmised Zeb was saying by indirection a person must have a few bad days to accompany the good—or else he wouldn't appreciate the good days.

Dr. W. L. Pressly, my former pastor, phrased it this way: Adversity doesn't build character, but adversity proves character.

That's a long way round to reporting that, as of Wednesday from the standpoint of Herald tenure, I am old enough to vote, as Wednesday marked my 21st anniversary in this chore.

I can't make quite as strong a statement as did Zeb, as I can think of a few changes I would attempt to make, though for the most part I too would repeat most of the course. I like to think that the mistakes over the years stemmed from immaturity or misunderstanding and were of the mind rather than the heart.

Like most folk I would concentrate more heavily on book-learning, particularly in the direction of greater curriculum breadth. One of my college roommates was majoring in geology. He was a most pleasant fellow, but I was pretty sure a fellow messing with rocks must be a little off his rocker. Then I found myself in the center of the Lincoln-Gaffney mineral belt, where lithium, mica and limestone abound.

I made the mistake of disdaining my late journalism professor's advice to get an acquaintanceship with the textile industry and know now an apprenticeship at least in textiles would have been most valuable in this textiles-heavy area of the Piedmont Carolinas.

I would also have attempted to get running a derelict T-Model Ford or "stripdown" as the mechanically interested boys did, and would have followed up with a course in mechanical drawing. Navy ordinance would have proved much easier but most important would have been more knowledge about machinery generally, as the printing industry employs many complicated machines.

We've had our share of tough times, machinery-wise, with breakdowns of one kind and another, most of which are attributable to human error or what Charlie Carpenter, former Herald staffer, referred to as lack of first-echelon maintenance.

In course of 21 years, I have witnessed the state administrations of Governors Gregg Cherry, Kerr Scott, William Umstead, Luther Hodges, Terry Sanford and now Dan Moore.

In Kings Mountain, I have worked with Mayors Joe Thompson, Tom Fulton, Jim Herndon, Sr., Garland Still, Glee Bridges, Kelly Dixon, and now John Henry Mess. As has been noted previously, the several governors and mayors have had different ideas and promoted varying favorite projects. But all have made important contributions to the welfare of the state and city.

We occasionally are on the receiving end of some brickbats, but the compliments outnumber. It's always pleasing to learn an advertisement has more than earned its cost, whether it be 80 cents worth of classified or a full page of display.

But the highest compliment remains, "I read your column," or "I read your story."

My wife is infected, too, says she was thrilled to note a man standing on a street corner Saturday reading the Kings Mountain Herald.

While I would be less than truthful to claim agreement with Cousin Zeb Plonk, I would also be less than truthful to deny I have enjoyed most hours and minutes of the past 21 years.

The Chiselers Get the Paddle



Viewpoints of Other Editors

SIGHTED SENSIBILITY, SANK SAME

In one of the great intelligence coups of the Cold War, the Sentinel has intercepted the following dispatch from the chief Soviet spy in North Carolina, Comrade Shmirkov, to his chief in the Kremlin:

Dear Comrade Commissar:

Everything is going our way in North Carolina. The University is jumping. The students and professors are mad at the Governor and trustees. The Governor and trustees are mad at the students and professors. The university administration is prostrate with chagrin. The newspapers are well, you know the capitalist press.

I wish I could take credit for this happy state of affairs or at least say it was the work of our local Communists of whom we have at least two or three in North Carolina. But actually it was brought about by our good conservative allies, who so often do the best work for us.

It all started with an invitation from some of the students to Comrade Aptheke. You remember Comrade Aptheke — he's the schnuck who thinks Little Red Riding Hood was Lenin's niece.

This invitation spread panic across the state. The Governor roared. The trustees trembled. The university administration, professors and students pleaded. The press cried outrage. Then the Governor and trustees ruled that Aptheke could not speak to the students. Between us, Comrade Commissar, I believe this is the best break for communism in years—Aptheke is a bore even by Moscow standards.

Well, there it is. The way things are going in this state will be jumping for months. And, by the way, next month Robert Welch, the President of the John Birch Society, will speak at the University. He's the peerless leader who said Eisenhower was a tool of the Communist conspiracy. With enemies like Welch, who needs friends?

Submerging again, Shmirkov.

Winston-Salem Sentinel

ON MISCHIEF

Revealing an uncomplicated Weltanschauung before the House Foreign Affairs Committee the other day, Dean Rusk made world problems as clear as night and day. Said the secretary:

"The world is round. Only one-third of the people of the world are asleep at any given moment. The other two-thirds are awake and probably stirring up mischief somewhere."

While we can only guess as to what the secretary would propose to do about this, his analysis suggests that if we intend to catch our enemies napping, we'll have to stay awake.

Charlotte Observer

* THOUGHTFULNESS

At the side of the road a woman looked helplessly at a flat tire. A passing motorist stopped to help her. After the tire was changed, the woman thanked her benefactor and cautioned: "Please let down the jack easy, sir. My husband is sleeping in the back seat." — *Armstrong Tropic Magazine*.

AIR SAFETY

Two of the several air crashes since the beginning of this year have followed disconcertingly standard patterns. A culture broke the rotor of a helicopter in Pakistan and 23 people died in the crash that followed; birds are a menace to aircraft and elaborate methods are used to clear them from airfields, but how does one clear them from open country and at the heights at which helicopters fly? This is a setback, not only for the use of helicopters for intercity communication in regions where surface transport is poor.

But equally worrying was the disappearance of a rear-engine Boeing 727 in Tokyo Bay with the biggest air death toll on record, the fourth 727 to crash, all of them on coming in to land.

The first rear-engine aircraft of them all, the French Caravelle, was trouble-free, but the second generation of much higher-performance rear-engine jets that replaced it have shown a disconcerting vulnerability to stalling trouble, i.e., at slow speeds, when there is no longer sufficient flow of air to hold the aircraft up, they do not dip nose first, and pick-up speed again as most aircraft do—they just fall out of the sky like the prototype One Eleven of the British Aircraft Corporation. When wind-tunnel evidence was examined, it showed that the One Eleven had this tendency, but it was a tendency that could only be detected in the light of hindsight.

What emerged then was the disturbing discovery that although stalling is as old as aviation, there were big gaps in our knowledge about stalling, and wind tunnels in use across the world did not adequately show this up because the speed and volume of air going through them was not designed to. These gaps in knowledge were not noticed while aircraft had their engines in the normal place. But they are crucial to the design of high performance, rear-engine aircraft.

Most British rear-engine aircraft have had stalling trouble, mercifully detected while still on test. The Douglas DC 9 has hardly been in service long enough for any trouble to show but it is what has downed the 727s in succession? There is pressure among scientists in Britain for a special, \$9.8 million wind tunnel to test this sort of thing. Someone ought to built it—quickly. — *The Economist (London)*.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about King Mountain area people and events taken from the 195 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Kings Mountain Knitting Co., Inc. will start operations within the next week.

George Thomason, Kings Mountain lawyer, will manage the Kings Mountain area campaign of Ralph Gardner, who seeks the Democratic nomination for 11th district Congressman.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. M. A. Ware spoke to members of the Bessemer City Garden club at the club's regular meeting at the home of Mrs. J. T. Hamrick last week.

SO THIS IS NEW YORK

By NORTH CALLAHAN

Whether one likes Arthur Godfrey or not, there is no doubt about his being successful. He believes that he has had help in a special way along his upward climb. Once when he was driving along a narrow Washington street, a truck hit him head-on and he ended up in the hospital unconscious for a week. Then as he slowly recovered, he listened to the radio and often heard announcers virtually shouting their messages to the audience and talking as if the people were not near but "way out there in radio land." Godfrey decided that this was not so good. So he later developed the soft and intimate approach so that he sounds as if he is speaking just to the individual listener. This misfortune, like other similar cases, turned out to be a kind of blessing after all.

Roy L. Brickey has a suburban service station and his customers have found that he is a man of several talents. The other day one came in with a set of new license plates and plastic covers for them, carrying a printed set of directions for attaching the covers. "These instructions are about as clear as thick mud," grumbled the customer. Roy silently reached out and took them, then read them quickly and picked up the plates and covers. Defiantly he put them properly together and then handed them to an assistant to be attached to the car. The customer was wide-eyed and asked how in the world this was understood and done so quickly. "Well, you see my kids often come to me with instructions for their toys," he replied. "So I've had experience."

Walking along the street with Oscar Carrell, eminent professor and author, I was surprised when he reached into his pocket upon being accosted by a bum. Quoting Oscar extracted a quarter and handed it to the beggar. I shook my head and asked him why he did this, when so many of these dead-beats approach us here. "Oh, I always give the first one who asks a quarter," he replied. "It's a good deed accomplished for the day."

Rounding the upper tip of Manhattan one the west side, one gets a glimpse of the lordly Hudson River almost up to Tarrytown where Washington Irving wrote his delightful tales. There in his beloved home, "Sunnyside," which has been restored to much of its original form, Irving could sit in his cozy study and look out across the grand sweep of the Hudson and pen his stories. He was not married but some children missed having a marvelous father; for he wrote with his nieces and nephews so much in mind that at times his language is almost that of a child speaking to another.

Earl Nightingale says that what every man, woman and child needs is one very close friend of his or her own sex. No matter how close a man and woman may be in marriage, there are things a woman will only discuss with a very close woman friend. The same is true of men. Every man needs one very close friend. And an hour or an evening spent with this individual can be of enormous benefit.

Here and There: one woman said to another, "The thing I hate most about parking a car is that awful, sickening crash!"... Liverpool Cathedral, the world's longest, is being designed by Frederick Gibberd, a Methodist, while 800 yards away, the Anglican Cathedral was designed by Gilbert Scott, a Catholic.

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