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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth. Romans 7:1.

\$1.3 Million Budget

The city commission adopted the largest budget in the city's history Tuesday night, at the same time keeping the tax rate at 85 cents per \$100 valuation.

Good news per se, the story gets even better with reports that at End-of-Year (June 30) the city enjoys its largest operating surplus of \$257,950.64. Cash-on-hand at June 30, 1966 was \$410,047.44.

The tax rate is predicted on an estimated total valuation of \$21,988,587.00, up more than \$1 million from last year.

Most of the taxable property increase will be derived from the industrial and business categories and the expansion of several plants accounting for the jump.

The \$1.3 budget provides for spending a sizeable sum for permanent improvements.

At the same time the board authorized the mayor to proceed with sites,

plans and specifications for a new public works and utilities building expected to cost \$60,000 and heard reports by D. L. Coburn, chief of the engineering section, and Wilbur E. Long, Jr., chief of the municipal waste section, State Stream and Sanitation Committee, who supplied details on approval of a grant for \$388,500 for improvements and expansion of the city's sewage disposal system.

Kings Mountain was approved a full grant of \$388,500 upon condition, Mr. Coburn said, that the balance of \$81,000 be paid when funds are available. There were 91 applications for \$9.1 million in federal grants, Coburn said, with North Carolina's federal grant for the year of \$3,610,000. Kings Mountain is 18th of 18 districts and cities sharing in the grant.

Another major expenditure will be the construction of a second one-million-gallon capacity water storage tank.

Hats Off

Youth baseball builds character. It trains young men in individual effort and in team effort.

Hats off to the Kings Mountain Teener League, winners in the State

Teen League championship tournament this week in Greenville.

After winning the state championship Wednesday, the team goes to Belmont next week for the regional competition.

Our sincere sympathy to the families of Joe Bill Cornwell, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Warlick, Mrs. J. P. McDaniel, Mrs. Adeline Spargo, and Lim Cassell in their bereavement.

Mr. Cornwell died at the youthful age of 37 and Cassell may be Kings Mountain's elder citizen. He died at the age of 102.

Special sympathies must accrue the Warlick children who lost both their father and mother within a period of 18 hours.

Congratulations to Raymond Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Edwards, recipient of a Presidential Scholarship from the Johnson Foundation to A & T college for the next school year.

Saturday is the final day to purchase 1966-67 privilege licenses without penalty.

SO THIS IS NEW YORK

By NORTH CALLAHAN



In the Hall of Fame of New York University are enshrined many great figures of the United States. Elections are made to this distinguished gathering every five years and those who are represented in the Hall must receive the votes of a majority of the 150 members of the selection board of noted citizens. Those who are in the Hall of Fame are depicted in bronze busts around a colorful colonnade which overlooks a picturesque valley in this part of the Bronx. Yet in this eminent gathering of outstanding Americans, there are only twelve Presidents represented, about a third of those who have held this office.

Why did not the other chief executives make this Hall of Fame? The ones already in are the first seven Presidents, then the chronology changes. George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, John Quincy Adams lead off the list and if you recall your history, they were the first to lead our nation, in that order. But the next President to be elected to the Hall of Fame was Abraham Lincoln, and after him came U. S. Grant followed by Grover Cleveland.

Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson. It should be pointed out that the person nominated must have been dead at least 25 years beforehand, but this does not explain the omissions.

Most historians I believe would agree with the choices already made, but excepting J. Q. Adams and U. S. Grant, the latter being probably the worst President this country ever had, with the possible exception of Warren G. Harding. But Grant probably got in on the strength of the great wave of Union sentiment which swept the country after the Civil War and to some extent still exists. He was an able general but a miserable chief Executive. J. Q. Adams did not compare with his father as a leader and in his own term, proved a disappointment to the electorate as well as himself.

Doubtless all of the Presidents have been nominated for inclusion in the Hall of Fame and there are some who do not deserve to be elected. Yet one can well wonder why others have not been so selected. James K. Polk, for example, was an able and forceful executive who served but one term but did not wish to

be in office any longer. He set out to accomplish three things, he did accomplish them as President, then promptly died, and that was the end of him. But he is more deserving of being in the great Hall than some of those already in. Chester A. Arthur, Rutherford B. Hayes and William H. Taft were good leaders in many ways. But they have not sufficiently caught the popular fancy to get them elected to this honorary repository. Franklin D. Roosevelt has been dead only 21 years and is not yet eligible. But it is sure that he will be nominated and probably elected when the time comes, although there will be some electioneers who will doubtless be opposed to him on one ground or another.

Shakespeare said, "The evil that men do lives after them, the good is often interred with their bones." This maxim has been partly true in regard to our Presidents who are judged in the cold light of history. Calvin Coolidge is usually berated by historians, yet what he could have done that was much different in a time of prosperity is not easy to see.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

Ingredients: Bits of words, wisdom, humor, and common sense. Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid

By MARTIN HARMON

It's official.

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The Kings Mountain High School class of 1936 will hold its first reunion August 20, 1966 — the year '36 being a nicely round number, year-wise.

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Sentiment, it is said, is expensive. But what is life without thereof?

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President Earl Ervin McGill is scheduled for a telephonic conference as this hits press. Otherwise, Frances Allran Herndon says, "What may I do?" Mrs. Mary Susan McGinnis Howard absolutely has no time to aid until Title I is over, but has time to move eastward to Greenville (N. C.) for a bit of baseball. No bite, really, is indicated here. The Kings Mountain Teener Team is on the move and it would be imperative to see athletic son Geepie, in action. "Bill Fulton (Class of '36, a son there, too), called and said "we should be on the road." He apologized.

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All of which is emblematic of the spirit of the Class of '36 as is proper.

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There have been a few road blocks, now resolved.

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The figuring was for a weekend in August, largely based on August 20, a Saturday evening which would permit more attendance. Figuring, too, was the American Legion ballroom, where accommodations are superb and proof of the pudding being the recent highly successful gathering of the Class of '41.

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The Legion management called when I was out of the office to relate that any August Saturday night would be fine, except August 20, when a dance for members and friends was scheduled. It had developed meantime that only August 20 would be the ideal date. The 6th would be too early to complete details, August 13 and 27 conflicted with local-classmates' schedules.

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Hurried conferences, hurried telephone calls, and all fell into place. The show is on the road.

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My problem remains...completing addresses of members of the class and members of the faculty.

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At moment: needed addresses of immediately graduating members (as usual, the ladyfolk: more of them, naturally, and married, pose the major problem).

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Wherefore are thou: Ila Mae Frady, Hazel Hawkins, Jessie Louise James, Doris Viola Plyler, Mabel Elizabeth Putnam?

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There's more to this chore than that, because we want, for instance, Address of Delmas Hendrix, Class of '36 who was a classmate but completed only one year of high school before leaving Kings Mountain (last reported Minneapolis, Minnesota) and others if same or other ilk. To name a few: Dupree High, Jeanette McSwain, Bryan Ellison, Elmer Owens, Jake Early, ad infinitum.

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Faculty members are being invited as well as class mascot Patti Neisler Plonk, mother of five youngsters.

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It will be a nice party.

Senator Sam says, "Government too nose!"



Viewpoints of Other Editors

NOTHING IS FREE

As the government and the medical profession seek to discharge their duties to older people under the medicare law, everyone should be reminded again and again that there is no such thing as a "free" service. Nothing in this world is free and nothing new has been created under medicare. By law, the taxpayers are paying some of the medical bills of a selected group of people. As time goes on, the law may be revised to include the care of other age groups. Medicare may eventually be extended until it becomes a national health service such as was adopted in Britain nearly 18 years ago.

The British plan of government medical care which was to provide free service to all is threatened with a disastrous breakdown. A British Medical Association reports that "Unless vast new sums of money are made available — from some source or another — the present concept of a hospital service must be abandoned. . . . Half of the nation's hospitals are more than 80 years old, and only two new general hospitals have been built since 1939. The British Medical Association report concludes: 'If the public wishes to have an unrestricted health service, it must be prepared to pay for it. . . .'

The medical profession in the United States is going to do everything possible to facilitate the operation of medicare. It will do its utmost to preserve the all-important, doctor - patient relationship that is so vital to the high medical standards to which we have become accustomed. It is the obligation of the people, all of us, to remember that medicare does not mean "free" medical care. The more that is demanded in the way of service from hospitals and doctors, the more it is going to cost unless we wish to end up with a bankrupt medical system as Great Britain appears to have done. — The Transylvania Times.

POSTAL SERVICE

As every new postmaster general is expected to do, Lawrence F. O'Brien is talking about bettering the U. S. postal service better. He has notified his 650,000 employees that shoddy service "will not be tolerated" and he has launched a scientific analysis of the department's operations with a view toward their modernization.

Mr. O'Brien's efforts are commendable, but unhappily, the deficiencies of the postal system seem irremediable, for they derive from government attempts to run a business without business principles.

The postal service is a communications business that should be operated according to the same standards of efficiency that privately owned communications companies must follow. There are steady increases in rates, but the Post Office Department is forced to provide free service on a scale that would bankrupt any private enterprise. It must distribute without compensation vast quantities of congressional self-promotion and federal departmental propaganda.

Finally, there are the numerous powerful postage unions that oppose the extension of automated processing. Mr. O'Brien's program is ambitious but inspires no great ex-

SWEET MYSTERY OF 841.12

Cargoes are ever fascinating, for their very names evoke adventure, mystery, romance. Naturally one does not speak here of sand and gravel nor yet of petroleum products, but rather of copra and ginseng, silk and ebony, teak, mahogany and jade, amber, macaws and myrrh.

An ideal freight mix, as we say in the transportation business, is to our mind the one John Masfield ascribed to that "quintessence of Nineveh from distant Ophir" in his poem "Cargoes," bearing "ivory and apes and peacocks, sandalwood, cedarwood and sweet white wine." There, sirs and mesdames, is the music of poetry and the poetry of music, enticingly concocted and garnished with a dream.

It comes accordingly as a rude awakening to the rigors of the twentieth century to learn that United States airlines have adopted a standard numerical code to identify all freight commodities to permit electronic data processing. "Much of the imagery conjured up by certain words may never be the same again," the Air Transportation Association of America announces with a very pretty balance between nostalgia and pride of accomplishment.

Diamonds, caviar and ostrich feathers, to mention but these few, will hereinafter be known as 666.2, 032.01 and 291.96 respectively.

Ah, wilderness, henceforth no longer wilderness but something on the order of 123.45.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

THE MESSAGE

The President is still serious about White House economy. Last week a member of the administration received a collect telegram inviting him to attend the signing of the 1966 Bail Bond Reform Act.

Insider's Newsletter

Expectations among a public which has discovered that the more it costs to mail a letter the longer it takes for it to be delivered. — The Gastonia Gazette.

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.

Lewis Hovis was named vice-chairman of the county hospital board of trustees at the July 25 meeting at Brackett's Cedar Park.

City school trustees voted in a special session last Thursday to eliminate the make-shift auditorium - classrooms from the school system.

The City of Kings Mountain received a pair of safety awards during the past week in recognition of its pedestrian and traffic safety record for 1955.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Giles Cornwell and son, Reggie, have returned to Cleveland, Ohio after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Deck Fulton and other relatives.

Mrs. Novella Blackwell of Greenville, S. C., and Mrs. Dean Blackwell of Montgomery, Ala. were Wednesday dinner guests of Mrs. Virgie Blackwell.

SYMPHONY IN THE BARNYARD

There are those who staunchly maintain that appropriate background music in offices and factories helps people turn out more and better work. Others claim that cows produce more milk when under the spell of musical masterpieces and that chickens lay more eggs when accompanied by song.

Miss Rosemary Soans, poultry officer at the Royal Agricultural Show, Stoneleigh, England, who makes a practice of singing to her hens, was recently quoted as saying, "I have learned that all living things respond if you treat them properly."

In explaining the amazing level of egg production attained by her 6,000 hens, she said, "It's the singing that does it." Hen-favorites, she reported, are "We'll Gather Lilacs," "Keep the Home Fires Burning," and "Someday My Heart Will Wake."

Acknowledging that music may make the day go better for some whose work may seem to them especially grim and cheerless, we have no hesitation in expressing our appreciation for its absence in our own offices. We have, moreover, our reservations about music to which we become a captive audience. In this area, as in others, we are wary of invasion of man's privacy and are swift to support his freedom of choice.

But when it comes to the cows and chickens, we are less apprehensive that piped-in music will invade fundamental rights of the listeners.

Available evidence would suggest that beats and fowl are satisfied with the music provided them. We can't help hoping, however, that there are just a few nonconformist hens and renegade cows who would prefer, now and again, to pass up afternoon at the pops, a night at the opera, or evening symphony.

Christian Science Monitor

Land Auction Wednesday

Properties of the M. A. Wade and W. S. Fulton Estates will be sold at public auction Wednesday, August 3, at 10 a.m. at the business properties (what was formerly the Roller Mill at the corner of Gold street and Railroad Avenue).

Subdivided into four business lots, the corner lot containing two buildings includes a three-story brick building 90x30 and one three-story metal grain building 90x85.

Maps of the properties may be obtained from W. S. Fulton, Jr. at Fulton's Department Store here or from J. E. Nolan Company in Shelby, selling agents for Carolina Land Auction Company of Hickory.

The sale will be conducted rain or shine, and Gene Sams will be auctioneer.

Free hams will be given away as prizes.

Nuckoles Joins Charlotte Firm

Roy Nuckoles, manager of the Kings Mountain Harris-Tetter Super Market, has resigned to become manager trainee in the grocery department of K Mart in Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Nuckoles and their two daughters are moving this week from their W. King street home to Charlotte.

Mr. Nuckoles came to Kings Mountain from Gaffney, S. C., where he operated the Harris-Tetter store there. He has been manager of th Kings Mountain firm since last October.

The Nuckoles family attend First Baptist church and Mr. Nuckoles has been active in the Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Three Return From Convention

Three members of the Kings Mountain Optimist club attended the Optimist District convention last weekend in Wilmington at Holiday Inn.

They were President Lewis Hovis, Dean Payne and W. D. (Doc) Byars.

Dr. Chuck Johnson of Charlotte, district governor, presided.

OFFICER, ARREST THAT MOUSE!

The field of mice of Stelvio in northern Italy, like all field mice, are a hardy breed. But, unlike their brethren elsewhere, they have documentary proof of their endurance and fortitude.

For, according to recently unearthed court records, it was in 1320 that a local court, charging them with having "gravely damaged the crops, sentenced them to leave the Selvio countryside "within two weeks." But more than four centuries later, their descendants are still there, firmly in possession of the ancestral lands.

Stelvio farmers, the records tell us, even built bridges so that the mice, in carrying out the court's order, could cross nearby streams in safety. They did not, however, figure on the sturdy independence of the country mouse nor anticipate how ingrained was his attachment to the soil and to his homeland. He could not be uprooted and sent into exile, even by such an exalted authority as the court itself.

Successful in his resistance to the harsh penalty of banishment, he carved his niche in history and fostered the freedom of generations of kinsmen yet unborn. From that day to this, no court has had the temerity again to bring him to trial.

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