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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms. Psalm 95:2.

Thanksgiving 1966

Few in the United States would deny the validity of the contention that Thanksgiving 1966 is a time for Thanksgiving, the principal exceptions being those kin and friend of the men fighting in Viet Nam and the fighting men themselves.

There are those with lesser problems, such as the football fans who find their teams with losing scores.

The celebration of Thanksgiving, a United States phenomenon, is associated with the Pilgrim fathers who, after many hardships, found their trannies full for the winter season and who paused to give thanks to a higher being.

Since World War II, this nation has regarded as one of its major problems too-full granaries and efforts to cut the gluts have been high on the priority lists of every national administration, Democratic or Republican.

Now a State University (Raleigh) official, knowledgeable as an educator and agronomist, declares the day of surplus has ended and is ended. He points to the population explosion in this nation alone as indicative of the end of the surplus problem.

Fact is, there has never been a world food surplus, the problem being one of distribution. More succinctly, the so-called undeveloped nations, minus the productive equipment and skills to produce either sufficient foodstuffs or goods to trade therefor, continue to face the problems of starving millions.

Thus far, efforts to increase production of the have-not nations have been successful in degree but insufficient. The Aswan dam is designed to improve Egypt's lot. United States missions have and are working in many under-fed nations all over the globe. Planned-economy Russia remains grained-short.

The United States may well be as thankful for an over-stocked granary as for any other of its many blessings this Thanksgiving 1966.

Lawrence Luther Lohr

Lawrence Luther Lohr was a native of Pennsylvania, son of a Lutheran minister, educator, hobby historian, eminent salesman.

For a quarter century he sold school textbooks for Harcourt, Brace-World Publishing Company. A measure of his success in this field was a tribute from a competitor friend with another publishing company. Informed Mr. Lohr had retired recently to Kings Mountain, the competitor friend ejaculated, "Retired my eye, he just sold a million and a half dollar contract! That's the way I want to retire!"

Indeed, Mr. Lohr continued to "keep his hand in" after becoming a Kings Mountain citizen, not only serving as a trouble-shooter in his company's sales department, but also doing a considerable amount of editing for content of textbooks his company projected publishing.

Emblematic of his parentage, Mr. Lohr was an active Lutheran layman and practitioner of his faith. A friend remarked, "I never heard him say anything ill about anyone." Nor did the Herald.

Kings Mountain was benefitted by the seven-plus years of Lawrence Lohr's citizenship here.

Choral Festival Of '66

Great crowds are anticipated Friday night for the Kings Mountain Choral Festival of 1966, when the Kings Mountain area takes formal note of the arrival of the 1966 Christmas season.

A two-hour program of Christmas hymns and songs will be provided by an aggregate choir of what may be 1000 voices, with special selections by soloists and groups.

Could there be a better way to open the Christmas season?
The program will begin at 6 p.m.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By MARTIN HARMON

In the past few days, interesting exposure, half-way round the globe in Viet Nam, has been at hand.

Dewitt Blanton's son Jim is a navy officer assigned to a river patrol boat, armed with 20 machine guns on the port side and another 20 on the starboard. The assignment is to ply up and down the river, continually raking both shores with machine-gun fire. Purpose is to prevent the Viet Cong from mining the river.

Dr. Charles Moore, of Grover, presented the program at the Lions club Tuesday night, showing color films he snapped while on his tour of duty with the 101st airborne. Dr. Moore's accompanying discourse was both witty and facetiously graphic, but his hearers could not escape the fact that the Vietnamese war is among the dirtiest of "always-dirty wars. Even the youngsters are suspect, and American troops are warned not to get chummy with them on pains of a youth-planted mine or bomb in a jeep or compound.

One of Dr. Moore's pictures showed a U. S. observation plane with U. S. pilot and Viet Nam observer. The mission of the pilot was to fly over Viet Nam at 3000 feet. The observer's chore was to spot pockets of Viet Cong for air and artillery. Dr. Moore said the observer's had proved good at making quick decisions, even though the natives on both sides wear black-clad kimonos. The inference was that the decisions were likely more quick than accurate.

The lone indication of esprit de guerre he had encountered was at a beautiful Vietnamese beach. A portion of the beach was unusable for rest and recuperation by our side. Then a sign appeared warning "off limits". The other part of the beach was rest and recuperation area for the Viet Cong. Dr. Moore knew of no incident of either violating the live-and-let-live philosophy.

I was particularly impressed with a personal essay of a Kings Mountain soldier in Viet Nam, Pfc. Ronald C. Oliver, who ends his essay, "I8 and Fighting to Make It 19".

He writes: "The average age of the combat soldier in many units here is 18½ and what a man he is. A pink checked, touzel-haired, tight - muscled fellow, who under normal circumstances would be considered half-man, half-boy, not yet dry behind the ears, a pain on the employment chart, but here and now he is a beardless hope of free men."

There are many other samples. The Sanford dictum is noble and effort should be made to implement it. But in view of the reluctance of office-holders at the local level to shoulder their responsibilities, only relative success can be anticipated.

There even are members of county welfare boards, where local dollar shares for the various programs range from 10 to 25 percent, who regard their chief duty as husbanding cash, when their principal duty is expenditure of dollars within the limits of the law.

Bank-Stock Seminar

An interesting evening is in store Tuesday for those who attend the bank-stock seminar at the Woman's Club, which the Kings Mountain Woman's Club is sponsoring.

How many citizens are aware of the functions and services of banking, other than the sure knowledge that checks drawn must be covered by commensurate deposits?

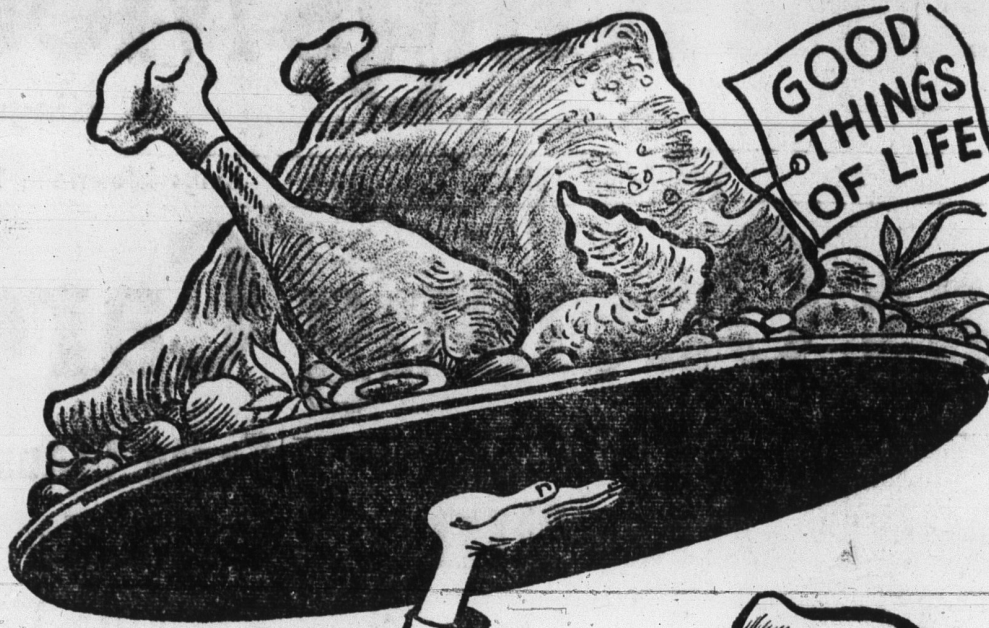
How many people who own stocks in firms large and small are aware of the nuances of bear and bull markets and the implications of the Dow - Jones averages?

These operations have a vital bearing on the nation's economy and, therefore, a vital bearing on all its citizens.

Clean-up time: 1) Kings Mountain United Fund; 2) Gamble Memorial Stadium pledges.

As of Friday it will be just one month 'til Christmas.

Chef's Choice



OFFER UNTO GOD
THANKSGIVING
PSALMS 50:14

Henry McCarrin

Viewpoints of Other Editors

MOVING THE STOVE

Sociologists say we are a peripatetic nation. More and more persons move with the seasons. Some go south for warmth, and others go north for snow and cold. Better economic opportunities induce others to lead possessions into a modern covered wagon and seek a new frontier of opportunity.

Half a century ago a traditional autumn move took place on general farms. Mother wanted the tall, nickel-plated, urn-topped parlor heater moved from its summer storage spot in the back room to its zim mat in the living room. Old sheets were removed and the stove was set on small, peeled, maple rollers. The slow journey began.

It was a monotonous trek, but, like the fabled tortoise, slow, steady progress brought results. Each time the stove moved forward, a roller at the rear was taken and placed under the front edge. The rollers functioned efficiently as the heavy, dignified heater moved through the kitchen, dining room, and into the living room.

The heater came to rest on its tray metal mat. Father and son juggled the angled chimney pipes into position, and placed the collar against the wall. Not a long heft, but an essential part of winter living on the farm. On a blustery winter night after a lad finished his homework, he watched the red and orange flames through the inslath window and dreamed youth's dreams of the time when he would be away on life's high adventures. — The Hartford Courant.

LICENSE CHANGES

Today, a driver's license almost universally is accepted as the most positive means of individual identification. Because driver's licenses are accepted as proof of age, they frequently are borrowed, altered, or defaced to fit the users' purposes.

The Illinois Police and Benevolent Protective Association is seeking support of legislation in the General Assembly which would make driver's licenses more tamper-proof. Association officials contend that laminated licenses bearing colored photographs of the licensee would reduce the sale of liquor to minors by 80 percent. It is their contention that colored photography would stop virtually all reproduction of licenses and provide true identification of the licensee.

This type of license also would aid businesses which cash checks and help policemen in the enforcement of curfew laws, according to the association. Proposals to include a photograph of the licensee and to laminate the license card make a great deal of sense. The Legislature should give the matter more study and come up with a positive recommendation. — The Morning Star (Rockford, Ill.)

you are fighting for your life. "He can do the work of two villains, draws half the pay of one and finds ironic humor in it all. He has learned to use his hands as a weapon and his weapons are his hands. He can save a life or most assuredly make one."

"Eighteen - and - one - half year-old. What a man is he!"

HAIR TO SPARE

Ladies fair are free to wear their locks of hair whosoever they choose or care. Young men had best beware that they never dare to cause the crowd to stare or glare.

We hasten to assure our readers that we have no desire to create either copy for roadside advertisements or books for small fry but we believe that the sentiment we express (if not the style) will commend itself to countless adults, now as in ages past.

We are reminded that in 1649 the Harvard College Book, following I Cor. 11:14, left no doubt as to its position: "Forasmuch as the wearing of long hair after the manner of Ruffians and barbarous Indians, hath begun to invade new England. . . . Wee the magistrates who have subscribed this paper (for the clearing of our owne innocency in this behalf) doe declare & manifest our dislike & detestation against the wearing of such long hair, as against a thing unseemly and unmanly whereby men doe deforme themselves, and offend sober & modest men, & doe corrupt good manners."

That the controversy continues today is news to no one. We merely take note that the youths, supported by the American Civil Liberties Union, have won the recent rounds in the schools. New York. We suspect that the fact that in these cases the hair was clean, neat, and well-groomed had some influence on the decision of higher authority to overrule adamant school principals. Some will call it a victory for liberty, others an invitation to license. We withhold our own opinion on the ground that it might incriminate us.

HIGH FASHION

The vogue for water-repellent, fire-resistant paper dresses presents a serious challenge to the top flight couturiers, who won't thread a needle under \$1,500 per original model. After all, three or four bucks will pay for a whole paper outfit, including a mending kit of adhesive tape. Of course, Paris will find a way out. Look for expensive collections of gowns made from Imperial Russian bonds, thousand franc banknotes and autographed letters from General de Gaulle, promising eternal fidelity to his allies. — The Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1956 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

St. Matthew's Lutheran church will observe its 80th anniversary at Sunday morning services at 11 o'clock.

F. S. Morrison, for the past several years purchasing agent for Foote Mineral Company's Kings Mountain plant, has resigned his position.

Kings Mountain's 1956 Christmas parade will number more than 50 units.

Social and Personal Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Sides, Jr., honored their daughter, Mary, on her 16th birthday Monday at a surprise party at the fellowship building of Grace Methodist church.

SO THIS IS NEW YORK

By NORTH CALLAHAN

For some good reason, Thanksgiving reminds me of the Salvation Army. Both are officially about a century old but of course thankfulness and organized devotion existed long before this in many forms. The Pilgrims themselves who observed the earliest thanksgiving on our shores locally, were much like the Salvation Army in composition, being a tight-knit, firmly disciplined group of devout people who were determined to win over adversity and evil. The heritage of the Pilgrims is our liberty; and if every army in the world were like the Salvation Army, ours would be a peaceful place of loving souls upon this earth.

The Salvation Army was born on the streets of London and still lives in such places around the world. But instead of inciting riots, they hold prayer meetings and play the sweetest sacred music one can hear. General William Booth started the organization and set forth a simple, redeeming religion based on self sacrifice for the salvation of others. His successors have ruled with a firm if benevolent hand. Like sensible persons elsewhere, they disdain the idea that God is dead and give little heed to the current arguments among so-called theologians over the trivial niceties of religion, but adhere to a plain faith in God himself, which anyone can understand and appreciate.

The soldiers of the Salvation Army are drawn from all classes and walks of life and serve under majors, captains and lieutenants who expect proper discipline, since it has been found that this is an efficient way to get things done without delay and question. Each general appoints his successor and in the case of General Booth, his son took his father's place. There was some dispute about this but about 30 years ago, the daughter of the founder, Commander Evangeline Booth became head of the organization and showed that a woman can rule a modern army with the aplomb of a modern Joan of Arc. She had led the Salvation Army in the United States for years before, and under her leadership, great advances were made in the provision of free meals for the deserving indigent as well as night shelters, evangelistic meetings, caring for unmarried mothers and their children, family welfare, aid to prisoners and their families, free employment bureaus and search for missing relatives. Commander Booth endeared herself to people all over the world.

We see only one way that the canners - might win us over. Should paper clothing catch on and sweep the market, we could be persuaded to turn to canned-year. We don't think we'd ever grow accustomed to paper wrapped in paper.

But by then someone will surely have thought of wrapping paper dresses in cotton or wool containers and tin will have lost out. At that point we may have to reverse our stand and admit that the package is indeed more valuable than the packaged. When we can wear the container and discard the content, our conversion will be complete. — Christian Science Monitor.

Outstanding was the work of the Salvation Army in World War I, a time when saving grace was really needed. The whole resources of the organization were placed at the disposal of the Allies, and Salvation Army women ministered day and night to the comfort of the soldiers right up to the front line trenches. The hot coffee and tasty doughnuts of the group became a symbol of cheer and long afterward, veterans were heard to sing the praises of this fine work and never forgot it. In the next world war, the Salvation Army was again active, though by now such organizations as the Red Cross and USO were doing some of the work formerly done by the religious body. The Salvation Army expects a high code of personal behavior from its members.

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