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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart. Psalm 73:1.

Keep Lid On

There have been some individual ex-ceptions, undoubtedly, but, en masse, the citizens of Kings Mountain have demonstrated to date unexpectedly even tempers on the very emotional issue of whether sales of alcoholic beverages shall be legal within Kings Mountain's metes and bounds.

This is commendable, a credit to wets, to dries, and to the few who couldn't care less about the referendum result.

Actually, a chronicler of the jokes perpetrated, the bizarre tales told, the funny incidents occurred, would be able to publish a genuine collector's item which would grow more valuable with the years.

As mentioned in these columns before, voters will mark their crosses "For" or "Against" for a vast variety of reasons, these being among the most popular:

Dries—

- 1) A religious issue or "liquor is the product of the devil".
- 2) An alcoholic father, brother, sister, mother, husband or wife.
- 3) An unwillingness (particularly those who drink "wet") to endorse legality on grounds of placing a potential stumbling block before the uninitiated or the person who is an alcoholic.
- 4) A belief that "liquor money" is tainted money.

Wets—

- 1) A preference to employ the legal control system, rather than the hypocrite under-the-table method of sale and consumption extant in this part of North Carolina since 1908.
- 2) A belief that revenue from sale of alcoholic beverages benefits the public, whereas illicit sales benefit those who wink at Johnny Law.
- 3) A firm belief, based on the Noble Experiment of national prohibition, that liquor, whether high grade bottled-in-bond or the rankest popskull, will always be with us.

There is little middle ground between proponents and opponents. While on most issues, deciders think in terms of grays (dark oxford to light pearl), most folk think on the issue at hand Tuesday as black and white.

The Herald hopes that the even temper of the community will continue through Tuesday and beyond.

Winner and loser will be neighbors next Wednesday morning just as they are today.

The question of legal liquor or illegal liquor is merely one of many needing answers and many of the questions are much larger in scope and importance.

What issue, for instance, is more important today to Kings Mountain: water or firewater?

Let us keep the lid on.

Mrs. Houston

Nothing saddens a community more than the death of a person at a seeming untimely age: the youngster who steps in front of a car, the teen-ager with an incurable disease, or the person in the prime of life who dies by accident.

It is true in the accidental death of Mrs. Eva Mae Suber Houston, an outgoing, friendly person who would do anything for anybody and did.

A patron of her beauty salon noted her hospitality: "Not only did she serve a cooling drink while you were under the dryer, but she brought a piece of delicious homemade cake, too."

Mrs. Houston may have been, likely was, the first at-the-desk on scene society editor the Kings Mountain Herald boasted. Certainly she was the first under the present ownership. She wore capably and with correct detail, as the files confirm and as readers during her editorship recall.

Perhaps of larger importance was the good will she generated by her sympathetic approach to the Herald's most sensitive department.

The whole community mourns her passing.

Tax Break

With the considerable aid of House Speaker David Britt, Governor Dan K. Moore has won a victory in his effort to provide an income tax cut to some North Carolinians.

The total will be \$23.3 million during the upcoming biennium.

The bill, as enacted by the House Wednesday morning, provides a modicum of relief where it is needed: for parents who have known all along a \$300 dependency allowance for children was a joke (it'll now be \$600); an additional \$800 deduction for a child in college or trade school; an extra \$1,000 exemption for taxpayers over age 65; and a \$500 exemption on service pay of men in combat zones or those hospitalized for wounds due to combat service.

There was, of course, some merit to the argument of Senator Marshall Rauch that the appropriations bill should be enacted first, a tax cut considered afterward.

But Senator Tom White was right, too, when he declared a tax cut would precede appropriations or there would be no cut — too many hungry agency mouths to feed.

Governor Sanford recommended about the same paring in 1963, but his recommendation ran afoul the same situation about which Senator White was talking.

Against a \$2.7 billion budget, \$23.3 million is a drop in the bucket.

Old Song, New Verse

The new break-out in the Middle East is literally as old as Methuselah, the Biblical record-holder for life on earth at 900 years.

Indeed, while it was policy in the Middle East in those long ago times for a fellow to observe a birthday when he so desired, he could desire several times a year.

But the enmity of the Arabs for their Jewish cousins, and vice versa, is recorded in the Holy Bible. It was Moses who led the children of Israel in escape from Egypt and back to the Promised Land.

Until after World War II, when victorious Britain, France and the United States carved out the Israeli state for the benefit of displaced Jews, thereby displacing a large number of Arabs, the real estate had been Egyptian for several centuries.

Regardless of the merits of the disputants deeds to the Israeli real estate, the fact of the Israeli state is, and the fact of the expressed intention of Egypt's Nasser to totally destroy Israel is a threat to international peace, or what remains of it.

Much is made of the 1956 troubles, when Nasser successfully brought off abrogation of the Suez Canal agreement with the British and French. Here the United States made a considerable mistake, for which this nation is continuing to pay. The USA, angered by British-French precipitate action, undercut her allies, when US support would have made Nasser's threat an empty bluff.

The graying Colonel has been no easier to deal with since, and France has waxed more and more difficult.

Western Europe and the United States, nevertheless, cannot allow the Middle East to explode for long. The oil reserves are imperative both for supply and to maintain the world balance of power.

Congratulations to Glee E. Bridges, promoted to commander in the naval reserve. As Commander Bridges, he wears "scrambled eggs" on the visor of his hat, this uniform-of-the-day difference marking the difference between "man" officers and "boy" officers.

Congratulations to David P. Delevie, newly elected state vice-commander of the 40 & 8.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

Reference is made in a front-page news story in today's edition that Kings Mountain citizens are considering the question of legalizing alcoholic beverages as a community entity for the first time in modern history and possibly only the second time ever.

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Back in February 1874, the Town of Kings Mountain was born as a corporate entity. Just a few months later an election was held on the liquor question and the result was a 13-0 vote outlawing liquor sales.

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In that day of yesteryear, of course, the town area was in acre's rather than square miles, and it is conceivable plenty of grog shops operated in the environs.

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Charles Neisler paid me a compliment recently by suggesting I write a history of Kings Mountain, a chore I would regard as a chore of love and one I would like to undertake. However, the problem is that one of T-I-M-E, the business of recording today's history suffering from the fact a day has only 24 jet-speed hours, daylight saving time notwithstanding.

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At any rate, Charlie said he'd like to know how much gold really was cleaned from the mine now furnishing us 300,000 gallons of needed water daily and were there really ten saloons in Kings Mountain during the time the gold mine was flourishing?

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Folklore is that a million dollars was extracted before underground springs sprang and stopped the operation, but I'd never heard about the saloon population.

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Had I read last week's advertisement of the dries about the sad plight of the City of Burlington since those good folk joined the legal wets November 8, 1961, in February, I would have attended my pretty kinsman's wedding with fear and trepidation, if at all. As it happened, the Burlington journey was most pleasant, I saw none in his cups, and the closest brush with trouble came from an in-a-hurry-to-go-nowhere hot-rodder near Kannapolis.

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The Mayor of Burlington, incidentally, is getting red under the collar about what he regards as slandering his city. I have before me a photostat of a letter he recently addressed to Mayor S. Lester Myers of Concord (where the same figures appeared in the Concord Tribune). His Honor W. L. Beamon wrote on May 11, "It is shocking to find that figures such as these have been published without verifying same with the City of Burlington. These figures are quite erroneous and are quite opposite from the truth." He continued, "... our records show a decrease in all those (crimes) shown in your advertisement with the exception that the number of sex offenses are the same."

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I have known Les Myers for many years, was once very enamored with his niece. (She married an aluminum executive.)

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But if anyone wants to check out the situation with someone he knows personally, then a telephone call to the Mayor of Graham would be in order. He is Myron Rhyme, Kings Mountain native and son of Mrs. Claude Rhyme. It is a Burlington-Rhyme.

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A "holy war" of another kind has cost, at least temporarily, Mrs. Hilda Barber Goforth a trip abroad. Mrs. Goforth was to emplane at Charlotte Tuesday afternoon for Casablanca, French Morocco, Africa, by way of New York and Lisbon. Worrying about the Middle East blow-up and wondering if son Tommy's leave would be cancelled, but finding Casablanca 1500 or more miles from the scene of trouble, Mrs. Goforth went to Douglas Airport to emplane. It was there she learned her flight had been cancelled and travel in that direction embargoed.

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Hilda knows how to change plans quickly. She proceeded to Lake Waccamaw, where husband Hag and son Riekey already were vacationing.

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Fighting never did make much sense, but homo sapiens can't get it through his thick skull.

Problems in Higher Education



Viewpoints of Other Editors

This Week In Tar Heel HISTORY

By ED H. SMITH

On June 5, 1844, the Historical Society of North Carolina held its first meeting, in Chapel Hill.

It was organized by U. N. C. President David L. Swain, who had also been, at 31, the youngest governor in the state's history (1832-35).

Swain was responsible for the preservation of many priceless records of the state's early history.

On June 5, 1917, a nationwide registration was held for the draft in World War I.

North Carolina set an example in patriotism that day for the rest of the nation, one which provides a sharp contrast to the sorry spectacle provided today by "peaceniks", draft-card burners and others.

There were parades instead of demonstrations, and six percent more men (ages 21-30) actually registered than the census had indicated were in the state's population. A total of 480,491 men signed up, and draft officials later speculated that some had actually lied about their ages in order to register!

On June 9, 1586, Governor Ralph Lane and his 106 original settlers of Roanoke Island learned that Sir Francis Drake was offshore ... "with a mighty fleet of 23 ships".

The starving settlers—who had spent their time looking for gold instead of planting crops—chose to return to England with Drake.

Several weeks later, Sir Richard Grenville would arrive with supplies from England and discover the settlement abandoned.

On June 10, 1861, Henry Lawson Wyatt, of Edgecombe County, became the first Confederate soldier to die in action.

He was killed at Big Bethel, Va., in the war's first battle, a Confederate victory described by historians as a "minor, scrambling contact".

North Carolina supplied more men in the war than any other Southern state, 125,000 in all. It also suffered the greatest casualties, approximately 49,000 killed.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS
Died June 6, 1816, Benjamin Hawkins, of Warrenton, member of the Continental Congress and one of N. C.'s original U. S. Senators.

After one term in office (1789-95) he served for twenty years as Indian Agent to the Creek Nation. Sincerely interested in the welfare of the Original Americans, Hawkins was called by the Indians "Beloved Man of Four Nations", the Creek, Choctaw, Cherokee and Chickasaw tribes.

Died June 9, 1925, Locke Craig, who was governor (1913-17) at a time when the state was unusually well-represented in national affairs. Former N. C. resident Woodrow Wilson had appointed Josephus Daniels Secretary of the Navy, David F. Houston Secretary of Agriculture and Walter Hines Page Ambassador to England.

THE CREDIT-CARD RACKET

With over 200 million credit cards now in the hands of the American people, there has grown up a thriving black market in stolen cards. It is estimated that in 1965 alone, 300,000 cards were stolen. The annual loss to retailers and card-issuers is put at more than \$20,000,000.

Efforts by banks and companies to track down and prevent credit-card abuse are hampered by inadequate legislation and by failure to develop foolproof cards.

The need for specific laws to combat fraudulent use of these cards is urgent. All 50 state legislatures should enact a law providing criminal penalties for the unlawful possession or use of credit cards. A model state law already exists and ought to prove a useful guide.

Just as more states are adopting tamper-proof drivers licenses bearing information enabling officers to make a relatively fool-proof identification check, even so it is in the self-interest of the companies to lose no time in developing credit cards bearing the kind of information which can be electronically checked to protect against fraudulent use.

When fraud is made more difficult and prosecution and conviction more likely, this flourishing racket will cease to flourish. (The Christian Science Monitor)

THE CABBISH

Tass reports that the Russians have crossed a radish and a cabbage, coming up with a plant with a radish root and succulent leaves.

If it tastes anything like we imagine, maybe it ought to be brought to the attention of a group of U.S. negotiators now working with the Soviets. It would be a fine target for a non-proliferation treaty. — The Wall Street Journal

Billboard Lobby

It's that time of year when a lot of New Yorkers begin thinking about vacation trips in the car and being bombarded with appeals to avoid littering the highways and to Keep America Beautiful.

Meanwhile, that band of highwaymen collectively known as the billboard lobby is bombarding Congress with demands to Keep America as Ugly as Possible.

Their hit-and-run attack is directed at the Highway Beautification Act passed two years ago and their strategy is as simple and as selfish as ever: wreck the law. The tactics this time involve crippling amendments.

It doesn't matter whether you are going to the mountains or to the shore this year. The chances are you'll have to cross long stretches of man-made wasteland enroute. If you're tired of this, you may be disposed to tell your Senators, your Congressmen, Rep. Klucynski (D-Ill.), chairman of the House Public Roads subcommittee — and the White House. — New York Post

Wojcicki On Staff

Ron Wojcicki, who was named New Jersey Coach of the Year at South River High School after only two years as a prep head coach, will be a member of the staff of the second annual N. C. State Athletic Camp (June 18-23 and June 25-30). Wojcicki was understudy to all-America quarterback Roman Gabriel as an under-graduate at N. C. State. Gabriel, incidentally, will also be an instructor at the camp again this year.

SO THIS IS NEW YORK



By NORTH CALLAHAN

This city is often credited with hairdressing; a horde of pink pacifists, yet a recent event does not bear this out as a general characteristic. At a local church, a panel of five college students discussed current problems on their campuses, one each representing Dartmouth, the University of Michigan, Yale, Princeton and Columbia. They talked about drug use and the Yale man seemed to take this rather lightly, stating he believed that at least 25 per cent of students at his school used LSD, marijuana or something stronger. The subject of discussion naturally turned to the war in Vietnam. All of the students opposed it except the one from Columbia University, Tom Sanford, who spoke up and said he was in the Naval Reserve and ready to go at any time. Columbia, as we know, is in New York City.

Received in the mail a notice of a dictionary of hairdressing and wigmaking, written by an Englishman. One of the selections given is the definition of a barber: "A Barber is always known by his checked, parti-colored apron. (This was in 1888) "His instrument case contains his looking glass, a set of horn combs with teeth on one side and wide for the combing of hair (most mean that of beatniks), a rasp to file the end of a tooth etc." Another entry in this hirsute volume is that of "Eel fat. 18th century remedy to make hair grow." (think I will order some of this.)

Some New York clubs and restaurants will not admit men not wearing ties. One of these is the Copacabana which on a recent night refused admittance to a young man wearing a turtle-neck sweater. But when the wearer turned out to be Joe Namath, the football star, he was admitted, the first such exception, the manager says, that has been made in 27 years. Wonder what will happen if Joe comes into town in his football uniform and tries to make a touchdown through the dining tables.

The doctor examined the shins of his husky male patient and shook his head. The legs were badly dented and discolored. The doctor asked him if he had been taking part in soccer or hockey. "Neither, doc," he answered. "All I play is bridge."

Longest foot bridge in the world is the Ward Island's pedestrian bridge between this island and 103rd Street, built to provide easy access to this location of homes for the aged etc. The bridge spans the mouth of the Harlem River and is 956 feet long between abutments. It is probably the world's most expensive foot bridge too, costing over two million dollars. It also has a 330-foot vertical lift span weighing 350 tons, which can be raised to let river traffic through.

Here and There: highway sign at Holly Springs, Miss. "Thirty days have September, April, June and November — and any motorist who exceeds our speed limit" ... a widow spending her last years in Florida sends in this observation: "You don't grow old by living but by a lack of interest in living" ... in the office of a firm which manufactures plaques etc. I saw a miniature of Abraham Lincoln but underneath it the words, "Abraham Lieberman" ... in the United States, the Negro suicide rate is 3.9 per 100,000; the white rate is 11.4 ... only 6 per cent of Americans now live on farms

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