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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And to a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. St. Matthew 3:17.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By MARTIN HARMON

Postmaster Charles Alexander typed a summary of three major rate increases in mail rates which become effective for mail posted Sunday.

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- They are:
- 1) First class letter mail (which most folk use most) will cost a six-cent stamp. If the letter weighs more than an ounce its 12 cents.
 - 2) Airmail becomes 10 cents per ounce (see below).
 - 3) Postal cards will be five cents each.
 - 4) Airmail postal cards will cost eight cents.

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The Postmaster received numerous telephone calls about the effective date of the new rates, many thinking they were effective Tuesday. Some made unwitting voluntary contributions to the postal receipts.

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However, the rate changes—for some mailers—are't as simple to understand as Charlie's summary, nor for postal employees.

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The "Postal Bulletin" of December 28 lists some other interesting changes, only two representing decreases in rates.

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Postmaster General Lawrence O'Brien has announced publicly the new bargain offer for parcel post (PAL) to military personnel in Hawaii, Alaska, and anywhere else. For payment of an extra dollar over surface carrier rates, a person may send a parcel weighing up to 30 pounds and not exceeding 60 inches in length and girth combined to servicemen with APO and FPO addresses.

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The other bargain: "The free mailing privilege for the blind is extended to physically handicapped persons who are unable to read normal reading material, and additional categories of mail matter may be mailed postage free."

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Yet another bargain may be applicable to the Herald and some of its present subscribers, but it's not yet operable. The new law authorizes the transportation by air on a space available basis of second-class mail publications upon request by the publisher or news agent and payment of regular postage plus additional charges prescribed by the Postmaster General. The bargain, of course, depends, on Mr. O'Brien's decision on "extra charges". A 16-page Herald mailed locally after bulk mailings has cost seven cents. Airmail to APO and FPO addresses has cost 40 cents. Airmail on regular rates will be 50 cents next week.

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The new airmail rate of ten cents per ounce, incidentally, will apply only to the first seven ounces. Air parcel post rates apply thereafter.

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The Herald will get another pocketbook lick in the form of address correction notices. These, in some quantity, have been arriving at the rate of a dime (once a nickel) and advance next week to 15 cents.

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Many mailers employ permit imprints. One of the principal ones in Kings Mountain is the City of Kings Mountain utilities department which uses a postal card type bill. The postage imprint is impressed by the printer. The City draws a check to cover the mailings when it costs them. The City customarily orders 50,000 billing cards. For 60 days, Postmaster Alexander is authorized to accept the out-of-date imprints, accompanied, of course, by the new postage rate at a nickel each.

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I do not know what the city's utility billing stock backlog is, but apparently some 6500 (about 3250 per month) can be used as are. The girls at City Hall hope the backlog is low. Otherwise, they face a lot of stamp licking. Ugh!

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Even the postoffice has complained that the rate advance came about too quickly. The stamp vending machines must be changed to provide for receiving five cents instead of four, six cents instead of five, and ten cents instead of eight.

Letter of Recommendation



THE BEARER,
 TO WHOM IT MAY
 CONCERN:
 MR. NINETEEN
 SIXTY SEVEN HAS
 BEEN IN MY EMPLOY
 SINCE LAST JAN.
 OWING TO THE LIBEL
 LAWS I HAVE NOTHING
 FURTHER TO SAY
 ABOUT THIS
 CHARACTER.
 YOURS TRULY,
 THE WORLD

Viewpoints of Other Editors

This Week In Tar Heel HISTORY

By ED R. SMITH

On December 24, 1821, the Canova statue of George Washington was unveiled in the rotunda of the State House in Raleigh. Sculpted in Italy, it was regarded at that time as a classical work of art. It was destroyed when the Capitol Building burned in 1831.

A replica of the statue was presented to the state this year. A request to place the new statue in the rotunda of the present Capitol Building caused controversy in the General Assembly over its artistic style.

On Dec. 28, 1700, the English explorer John Lawson left Charleston with six English companions, three Indians and a "squaw cook" to explore the backcountry of what is now North Carolina.

Lawson's book, "A New Voyage to Carolina" was published in London in 1709, making him one of the state's earliest historians. The book was republished this year by the UNC Press.

Lawson served as Surveyor General of the colony until he was killed by Indians in 1711.

According to the "North Carolina Historical Almanack", the first session of the General Assembly to be held in the new State House in Raleigh opened its doors on Dec. 30, 1794.

Thirty-six years later, on Dec. 27, 1830, another session of the General Assembly passed a resolution to re-shingle the Governor's House, repaint the Capitol roof and repair the leaks in its gutters.

Shortly afterwards, as mentioned above, the building was destroyed by fire.

Andrew Johnson, seventeenth President of the United States, was born in Raleigh on Dec. 29, 1794.

His birthplace, a tiny clapboard house situated behind the inn where his parents worked, has been restored and moved to a location adjacent to the N. C. State campus.

The controversy of the Reconstruction Period shadowed Johnson's term and helped obscure the fact that he was a better President than often supposed.

FEW FAMILY FILMS

What's happened to the movie the whole family can see? It was possible once for a father or mother to say, "Let's go to the movies," with reasonable assurance that there would be a suitable film somewhere around the neighborhood. Now there's no assurance that what's playing is something children should watch.

Nobody expects a solid diet of "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," the "Wizard of Oz," or even a charming hit such as "Sound of Music," one of the few exceptions to the ultra-frank trend that dominates the motion picture industry today. Indeed, we've come a long way from the time when the word "damn!" (spoken by one of the characters in "Gone with the Wind") caused a nationwide shock wave.

Nor are we saying that this adult generation should be foreclosed from films that are strictly for adults. Grownups ought to be privileged to watch grownup fare. By reading the advertisements and the criticisms, they have plenty of opportunity to judge whether a particular film suits their tastes.

Hollywood seems to have opted for sophistication over family fare, but "Sound of Music" proves that a warm, lively musical can make plenty of money. The industry's theory seems to be that ultra-frankness makes even more money. The result is that films saturated with sex and violence dominate the screens of neighborhood theaters.

It is true, of course, the climate has changed since the days when the Motion Picture Producers' Association feared to produce films that spoke out honestly lest pressure groups descend on them. A new and, in some respects, welcome frankness has permeated literature, painting, dress, and theater arts. Liberally fits the times, and topics once discussed in whispers are now common talk. We cannot expect the motion picture industry to stand aside from this trend. But the filmmaker, especially the film-going family, deserves a wider choice than the film industry is giving.

The trouble is that the film industry is giving too little consideration to family enjoyment. TV, being government-regulated, can be required to provide a certain amount of public service programming. Movies are produced by private-enterprise companies which are under no such inhibition. But hasn't the pendulum swung too far? Isn't it time to bring back some of the balance—by bringing back more films the entire family can see?—*Newsday*

FALLEN TEMPLE

The man who beat Mrs. Shirley Temple Black has invited President Johnson to listen to what goes on in San Mateo county in the coming month. Mr. Paul McCloskey won the Republican nomination, in a free-for-all primary election for a vacant congressional seat, with his modulated call for the United States to take stronger initiatives for peace in Vietnam. Now he faces a run-off election on December 12th with the Democratic front-runner, who has generally supported the Johnson Administration's war policies. The debate between the two men will swirl around alternative ways of enticing the North Vietnamese into what are called "meaningful negotiations."

Mr. McCloskey, who is a lawyer and a former Marine officer decorated for bravery in the

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1957 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Myers Department Store, leading Kings Mountain retail establishment, will be liquidated, O. W. Myers, owner of the 20-year-old establishment, announced this week.

John A. Cheshire, Jr. will be installed Thursday night as president of the Kings Mountain club. He will succeed Harold Coggins.

Scott Willard Norris, apparently the winner of the Kings Mountain Baby Derby as well as the Cleveland County contest, arrived just 12 seconds after the joyous shout, Happy New Year, went up.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Aubrey Mauney and Miss Margaret Goforth will present the program at Monday night's meeting of the Junior Woman's club.

Korean War, drew much of the backing for his lavish campaign from Democrats. He got many of their votes too, as well as those of Republican moderates who liked neither the escalation of the war nor Mrs. Black's advice that war was best left to generals.

The Republican organization will close ranks behind Mr. McCloskey who is expected to win the run-off easily. But the party cannot hide its disappointment. The defeat of the former child star was the first rebuff to Governor Ronald Reagan's conservatives. Even so, the California Republican party will not be pushed into advocating "peace." But Mr. McCloskey's victory emphasizes the growing importance of that issue in American politics; it also proves that you do not have to be a film star to win votes in California.—*The Economist* (London)

SO THIS IS NEW YORK

By NORTH CALLAHAN

All of the bank robberies and attempts at same do not appear in the press. One such event occurred here recently when a man appeared at the teller window of a branch of the Chase Manhattan Bank and handed the young lady there a ten dollar bill with a note attached. She looked at it and found it stated he was a dope addict, needed only \$2,000 in \$100 bills, adding that she should make no trouble for he had a gun. Stopping down as if she were getting the bills from underneath the counter, the girl pressed an alarm buzzer instead. She remained stooping and apparently he thought she had gone downstairs after the money. Meanwhile, the alarm alerted some male employees, one of whom walked over and engaged the man in casual conversation. The alarm had also sounded in a nearby police station, so that within minutes, eight armed cops appeared on the scene, pounced on the would-be robber, and a little episode was over.

It's here. The new Picturephone which means face-to-face telephone service and for the present is connected only with Chicago and Washington. It can accommodate comfortably as many as five people for a business conference. New products can be seen and thus demonstrated, auditions held, fashions displayed and applicants interviewed. Servicemen can visit visibly with their distant families, grandparents can greet the cute, new baby and the main feature of course is being able to be seen as well as to be heard. Many people will soon be in pictures.

Passing through lower Manhattan, I noticed the front of the famed Delmonico Restaurant which is a mellow part of this city's history. Now some 130 years old, the restaurant's original structure catered to old timers who loved elegant variety. The 11-page menu offered a choice of 12 soups, 32 hors d'oeuvres, 28 beef entrees, 46 kinds of veal, 20 of mutton or lamb, 46 varieties of fish, 51 vegetable and egg dishes and 57 desserts.

Margaret Culkin Banning says that writers are most fortunate in not having to retire when they grow older. Like actors, they may have a big public, but the public does not particularly care how writers look. The thoughts of 60 or 70 are not as absurd or pitiable as faces of the same age may be when revealed to the great public. If you embrace the writing profession, she says, it is a close and long embrace. It lasts for life and may be as vital at the end of life as it was in the first young approach.

Some one has estimated that over half the people in our country are less than 25 years of age. These youngsters do not know what a depression is, have never seen a ration coupon, have never seen a town or city washed away by flood, have never had to stand in a bread line, never ridden a freight car, never cashed a \$13 check, could not describe an ice box, would not know how to light a kerosene lamp, couldn't put a patch on an inner tube or wouldn't be able to tell you who Fred Allen was. So, it is asked, do you think they are ready for self-government?

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