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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ. Galatians 1:3.

A New Year

Already we are launched into 1968, with 1967 merely another chapter in history.

January is the season for the seers of the land to look into the futuristic crystal ball and make predictions of what is to come. There undoubtedly are some able seers, but they will be proved able only by the events in the days ahead.

Since economics are the life blood of people (meat, clothing, shelter) more forecasting is done in this direction than in any other.

How will 1968 be? Will it be a good year? Will farmers, textile employees, and owners, traders, realtors and merchants prosper?

While every year promises to be a big year, indications are that 1968 will be bigger than normally for Kings Mountain.

Last week's paper reported announcement by Congressman Basil Whitener that the city had received a grant of \$450,000 for the Buffalo Creek Water project from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The HUD grant, recommended by the Atlanta regional office will be a major contribution to the project estimated to cost \$3,338,000. In the same edition was announcement by the U. S. Representative that the Department of Labor had agreed to signing of a contract with Industrial Association of Kings Mountain Area, Inc. for \$48,913 job training program.

Congressman Whitener telephoned the Herald Saturday morning news that the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington had approved a \$302,680 grant under the Neighborhood Facilities program to assist the city in financing a proposed \$425,000 community center. The HUD grant will cover about two-thirds of the estimated total development.

The Wall Street Journal in its lead editorial, "The Frightening Future", Tuesday contends the Johnson Administration budget for 1969 is a "dispiriting document the President and his advisers have drawn up. Reckless in spending, unsound in thinking, pedestrian in language, meager in imagination — and more than slightly frightening for the future." They continued, "Weeks ago the Administration leaked the bad news: Federal spending in fiscal 1969 would be on the order of \$190 billion. Later the sum was

Two Worthy Appeals

Two Fund Campaigns are now underway.

One tends to prevent heart trouble. The other fights birth defects.

Gifts to the March of Dimes helps children with birth defects through more than 70 March of Dimes Birth Defects Centers across the nation, providing the kind of medical teamwork which can treat and often correct almost 80 percent of all birth defects. A Mother's March by the Kings Mountain Junior Woman's club last Thursday night collected \$110.

In turn, people here and elsewhere are contributing this month to the heart fund campaign headed in Kings Mountain by L. E. (Josh) Hinnant, providing funds for research to improve techniques in treating heart diseases and most important in fighting ways and means to prevent the excess strain on hearts produced by fast-paced jet age living.

Both appeals are quite worthy and equally in order. Give liberally.

Congratulations are in order to Fred (Rick) Finger, III, high school senior among six finalists from District IX for a 1968 Morehead Scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; to the eight high school seniors inducted by the KMHS National Honor Society recently; and to Glenn Werner, who has completed training as an Eastern Airlines licensed mechanic.

modified to \$186 billion, which has been banded about ever since. By the time the budget was formally presented to Congress Monday, the \$186 billion figure — like an obscenity repeated throughout a novel — had lost much of its shock value.

"Every budget has a theme, and the President states his early and alludes to it often. It is, briefly, that although the United States is wealthy and mighty, it faces stubborn and obstinate foes at home and abroad—poverty, communism and so on. Though the source of these difficulties isn't made clear, we are told they can be overcome. But the fiscal attack will require us to set some hard priorities, to increase our spending only where we must and to cut back, ruthlessly and even painfully, elsewhere, reported the Journal's Washington correspondent elsewhere on the page. Stephen Macdonald continued, "The President apparently believes that the nation is not in a spending mood, for he devotes considerably more space and emphasis to the cuts. In fact three whole pages of the budget message proper are given over to a detailed accounting of programs that are being reduced or reformed this year. No comparable collation appears for the increases."

The editorial continues, "Thus do the planners in Washington help generate the inflation which is robbing the people's purchasing power. In the circumstances it is more than a little distasteful to have the budget message piously intone against inflation and insist that the tax boost will curb it; the way the Government does business, that is an extremely dubious proposition."

General Douglas MacArthur must be praised for his truth, "There's no such thing as security." It was a throwback to the late Franklin D. Roosevelt's speech of confidence, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."

Practically, looser money helps. What person or family has all his buying caught up?

Easy dollars mean turning of factory wheels and this turning produces payrolls.

The basic Democratic philosophy is correct: Spread the money in a lot of hands and business hums. Everyone prospers. Spread it in a few hands and very few prosper.

Today is the last day to list your property taxes and avoid penalty. The old saying is there is nothing sure in life except death and taxes and it's likely the fellow who coined the phrase never heard of income taxes, gift taxes, inheritance taxes, etc. It's also required of all citizens to list their properties for ad valorem taxes. The job must be done, and it's a little late to be an early-bird.

The War in Vietnam came close home again this week with news on Tuesday of the death of Army Pfc. Harold H. Welch, 21, Kings Mountain native, who was reportedly killed in action Monday. The young man, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Welch, had most recently made his home with a sister, Mrs. Evelyn Graham, in Shelby. Several weeks ago Mrs. Graham called the Herald to place an airmail subscription to her brother. "He knows more about events in Kings Mountain than I do and keeps up with everything," said Mrs. Graham. The Herald and community extend sincere sympathy to his loved ones.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By ELIZABETH STEWART

Only the young appreciate winter and bemoan the lack of deep snow.

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The older folk become sated with cold weather following the first breath of winter. Then it's strictly for the Eskimos.

How cold was the weather in January?

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Figures on local temperatures supplied by Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company in connection with their monthly bills to the city gas department tend to show it was quite cold in Kings Mountain in January, much colder than the year before.

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And, gas consumption figures reflected the cold weather, too, this year with the grand total (water, gas and lights) \$15,497 more than a year ago in January. Gas users spent \$54,336.34 in January 1968, \$46,151.86 in January 1967.

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Billings in January included: residential, \$26,838.87 against \$23,253.56 a year ago and \$20,068.73 in December 1967; Small Commercial, \$5,634.97 against \$4,107.63 in December 1967 and \$5,069.21 a year ago; Large commercial, \$7,332.51 against \$7,879.83 in December 1967 and \$5,744.13 a year ago; Interruptible, \$12,164.85 against \$14,107.75 in December 1967 and \$10,62 a year ago; Public buildings, \$1,915.14 against \$1,391.34 in December 1967 and \$1,482.96 a year ago; Gas, \$54,336.34 against \$47,398.33 in December 1967 and \$46,151.86 a year ago.

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Public Service Company of Gastonia keeps a record of average temperatures for each day of the calendar month but said they would not have an accurate figure before February 10th.

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What excuse do we have for writing this piece?

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Our dependence on modern conveniences is never brought to mind more vividly than when a furnace refuses to function properly because some electronic gadget gets out of whack and one wakes to freezing temperatures inside the house merely because something didn't kick off the machine that warms up the house.

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Our yearning for the good old days centers chiefly on the times when a fireplace was a source of warmth and there was always a stack of logs around to take the place of modern inventions and their lack of consideration for folks who are not mechanical geniuses.

FEWER UNWANTED CHILDREN

Four hundred thousand children are growing up on public relief in this city, the great bulk of them in fatherless homes. The decision of the State Board of Social Welfare requiring local welfare districts to make known the availability of birth-control services should help curb the steep rise in this huge total of children born into poverty and despair.

The new rule forbids pressure on welfare recipients to use birth-control devices or to limit the size of other families, but it also removes the senseless prohibition that heretofore had kept case workers from telling clients that there were facilities for guidance on how to stop having children they did not want.

So cruel were the effects of the old ban on volunteering information that many case workers risked their jobs by disregarding it. "If I didn't talk about birth control to clients, the chances are very remote that they would ever find out about it on their own," one Welfare Department social worker told a Times reporter just a few days ago.

Federal welfare authorities reported earlier this year that an overwhelming majority of mothers receiving public assistance did not want any more children but did not know how to keep from having them. No comparable knowledge gap exists for most women of greater affluence. The new ruling, which we have long advocated, guarantees that those sunk deepest in economic distress can now have the same information.

Mayor Lindsay and Welfare Commissioner Mitchell I. Ginsberg, who sought for six months to persuade the state board to remove the former taboo, have made a major contribution toward checking the cycle of inherited poverty that condemns many New Yorkers to an extra burden of heartbreak. Every other community in the state will share in the benefits.

—New York Times

SUGAR SEASON STARTS IN MAY



Viewpoints of Other Editors

'CLASSIC' PAP

There is good sense in the advice to return the classics to the classroom. Much more solid fare than "Dick and Jane" and the like is to be recommended even at the lowest grades. But what is a classic? Certainly not a book that has been bowdlerized and otherwise watered-down to suit a pre-conceived pupil taste or capacity.

The National Council of Teachers of English points out that there are at least five "student-designed" versions of Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" on the market and in schools. The original text has been tampered with, the council reports, "to bring the text within the range of readers with a limited vocabulary, to condense the story for the sake of rapid reading, and to eliminate the stumbling blocks of dialect and solecism."

There is enough good literature at hand to fill students' reading time. The original, not the re-writers' fumbling pencil, is what is needed to stimulate vocabulary development, improve reading speed, and for comprehension of such useful literary devices as dialect.

It is bad enough to feed young readers on pap. It is intolerable that they be fed on pap falsely labeled as beef steak. — The Oregonian.

THE PAPER EXPLOSION

A House subcommittee on Census and Statistics has taken a long look at the Federal Government's "paper work," and stands back aghast at it. In the words of the Washington Post, "Paper-pushing remains a dominant Federal pre-occupation. A large part of the time of all Government employees is given to it. The committee estimates the cost of this paper work at \$ billion dollars." Notes on facts about it as divulged by this study: It requires 360,000 different forms. Federal directives alone run to 2.6 million pages a year. And the aggregate product of it runs to such an avalanche that Washington storehouses are at a loss to accommodate it.

Aside from the enormous cost of filing and storing the endless output of documents, records, etc., Government efficiency is impaired by the loss of really useful data in the paper wilderness.

That just isn't Washington's problem and headache, for a vast number of the forms and reports that are hoarded there by the agencies ordering and receiving them are made out by citizens and business establishments required to do that.

The subcommittee reaching the conclusion that a halt should be called to the proliferation is headed by Chairman Robert N. Nix.

It is called the Nix Committee. The name is altogether appropriate.—The Nashville Banner

COLUMBIA'S CIGARETTE FILTER

Columbia has acquired rights to a new cigarette filter which sharply reduces inhaled tar and nicotine. The filter will be made available to all cigarette companies, and the expressed hope is that the health hazards will be significantly reduced.

Some difficult questions arise from the Columbia announcement: Will news of this "safe" filter only serve to increase smoking? Will the fact that Columbia University endorses the filter induce young people to start smoking and encourage

SO THIS IS NEW YORK



By NORTH CALLAHAN

Even if women's fashions are appropriate, some of them seem ridiculous. Take ear-piercing, for example—and you can have it! In a tiny shop at Lexington Avenue and 56th Street, Sol Kaplan, a jeweler, pierces, he says, from three to five hundred women's ears each week, and the incisive custom seems to be growing. Incidentally Sol sells earrings. He estimates that in his forty years in business, he has run through the ears of 50,000 women who wish to comply with the dictates of Dame Fashion — even if it hurts. The process requires only one minute for one ear, and then just to be on the safe side, Sol cauterizes the wound. What happens? Well, sometimes the women scream, others are calm, he relates. He is convinced that no two women in this world are alike.

A policeman found a note on a car parked in a no-parking area off of 5th Avenue, which stated: "I have circled this block ten times and found no parking place. I have an appointment which if I do not keep, I will lose my job. Forgive us our trespasses." The cop wrote a reply and stuck it on the car: "I have circled this block for twenty years. If I do not give you a ticket, I will lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

This is a different if not a better world, especially when one contemplates the passing of such a thing as the movie newsreel. For as long as I can remember, sitting in the quiet restfulness of a darkened theater and seeing before the feature film, a vivid and entertaining version of news on the screen helped to bring it home in an effective and lasting way. Now this has ended. The news film recently bowed out with the last of the Universal Newsreels. Ed Herlihy, who for 25 years had been its resounding voice, sadly recited its obituary. He recalled other names in the field, Graham McNamee, Lew Lehr, Ed Thorngerson and Paul Douglas. TV, rising costs and end of block booking killed the newsreel. Too bad.

Joe Smith says that if some of the people in civilian life who so freely criticize our government officials were to try to do their demanding jobs at the lower salaries they usually get, along with often uncertain tenure of careers, the critics would be more generous. Take some one in the state or defense departments, for example, who strives and worries for long hours to help produce the best policy for our country's welfare, then when it is put into effect, sometimes gets publicly crucified for it, or perhaps even loses his job, what is his reward? So let those who can do a better job; come forth and prove it.

Clark Kinnaird has produced an interesting and colorful book, "George Washington: the Pictorial Biography" recently published by Hastings House. The stated purpose of the volume is to show not a man whom nobody knew but the Washington that Everybody Should Know. In the vivid pages are shown the self-educated boy, the militiaman, the land speculator, husband, legislator, general and President. Also the father of his country is shown as a prankster who rolled on the ground in mirth on occasion. Even a smiling portrait is revealed, something unusual for George.

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.

Charles E. Dixon, Victory Chevrolet Company sales manager, is Kings Mountain's Young Man of the Year for 1957.

Members of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association are balloting currently to elect officers for the coming year.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Betty Lynn Wagner, whose marriage to Charles F. Mauney will be an event of February 8th in Statesville, is being honored at several parties prior to the wedding.

Mrs. Paul Mauney presented the program, "Folk Lore in North Carolina" at Tuesday's meeting of the Study club.

steady smokers to continue? Should any university profit from a device that probably will have this result? Is this not an anomalous position for any educational institution to be in? ...

Now, evidently on the premise that the educational campaign against cigarettes is hopeless, one of the great educational institutions in the country dramatically announces nothing less than its "sponsorship" of a filter that, while it may reduce the health hazard, will probably increase the smoking habit.

The Columbia filter (as it was dubbed within 24 hours) could be a research breakthrough. But it does not diminish the obligation of government to educate the people — including college students — to the dangers of smoking cigarettes.—New York Times

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