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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. Romans 8:28

Accomplish Some More

Some 194 Kings Mountain high school seniors received diplomas last week, signifying their completion of a dozen years of formal schooling.

Marriage is around the corner for many, income-producing jobs for others, and college for some.

College should be and could be for many, too.

In the days before post World War II affluence, the great mass of high school graduates did not consider college for the financing wasn't available. In some instances parents stretched financial means tight to assure their children high school diplomas.

It's different today.

But the student and his or her parents must have the will to try.

Colleges and universities are comparatively rich in scholarships and loan funds and the would-be entrant who asks has good chance to get.

With more and more automation, industry is requiring more knowledge and more skills and it is a trend certain to accelerate.

More than two dozen students are recipients of college scholarships at Kings Mountain high school this year. Others have applied.

In congratulating the graduates on their educational accomplishments, a word should be added: accomplish some more.

Leaving the Past Behind

Throughout the ages, societies have shown special concern for the widows and the fatherless.

There is, of course, a Biblical injunction that one should.

After the senseless and tragic round of events in Dallas in 1963, virtually the whole world properly proffered warm sympathy for the presidential family robbed of its husband and father by an assassin's bullet.

Now in June 1968 the Kennedy family has been robbed again by an assassin's bullet. A widow, expecting her 11th child, and her 10 children have been left behind to bear the burden of loss.

Many people admired the dignity which the widow of Senator Robert Francis Kennedy and her family conducted themselves last week.

Surely, good wishes are in order, coupled with the hope that future happiness will wash away cruel memories from the past.

June Dairy Month

Cleveland County citizens kicked-off June Dairy Month June 1 at a breakfast in Shelby and the dairy industry of the state is calling attention to its activities and to the part it plays in the state's economic well being.

The N. C. Dairy Industry can point with pride to its rapid growth.

Milk has become a great boon to North Carolina. Milk and other dairy products have meant for many farm families here and throughout the state a cash crop, replacing a once a year cash crop, like cotton, which could make a farmer richer one season and broke the next year.

Dairying has offered and still offers a cash crop opportunity to this area's farmer.

Good Job, Well Done

One veteran Kings Mountain teacher not only concluded a year on Monday but also completed a long, fulsome and rewarding career.

Retiring at the end of the current term was Mrs. Winnie Vera Mauney Still, who has initiated a whole host of Kings Mountain youngsters into the educational process. Mrs. Still, wife of Garland E. Still, joined the East school faculty 18 years ago.

The Herald joins her many friends in wishing Mrs. Still happiness and best wishes.

Good News

Budget planning underway by the city reveals that a larger budget for fiscal year 1968-69 won't increase taxes. The increase in the budget will come from increases in the amount of property to be taxed—new construction.

Best Wishes

The Herald and community extends best wishes to Teresa Jane Jolley Miss Kings Mountain, in her bid for the Miss North Carolina crown this week in Charlotte. Area citizens can view the finals on WBTW Saturday night at 8:30 of a suggestion from local Jaycees is to join them in taking groups to Charlotte to cheer Miss Jolley in the preliminaries to-night and tomorrow.

Job Pool

The Mayor's committee on youth employment has a 151-person work pool who have filed applications for summer employment.

These students want to work. Fields listed include textiles, construction, retail sales, service station, food service and office work.

SO THIS IS NEW YORK

By NORTH CALLAHAN

For some time here there has been a sort of controversy about the value of music being played in connection with work or other day-by-day activity. It was tried out in Grand Central Station when soft melodies emanated from speakers placed around the big concourse and were heard by thousands of passengers boarding or getting off the trains. So many complaints resulted that the music was stopped, although some of the squawks arose because of the commercials injected into the melodic stream. However, a local management firm has completed a before-and-after study of background music on worker efficiency, and has come up with these results: department efficiency up 2.8% after music was introduced into the background; individual efficiency up 4.1%; promptness up 31.2%. In another study, it was found that one company reported a 38.6% decrease in key punch errors after music was provided in the background.

Book jackets sometimes exaggerate what is inside the covers but when one states that Billy Rose was one of the most fabulous personalities of our time, it is true. The volume is "The Nine Lives of Billy Rose" by his sister, Polly Rose Gottlieb recently published by Crown. In his teens, Billy was a champion stenographer, a wizard at shorthand. He wrote over a hundred popular songs, many of which are still played and sung. Rose was a renowned theatrical producer, a world's fair producer (he invented the Aquacade), a nightclub operator (Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe), a syndicated newspaper columnist. He became a big Wall Street operator and owned more shares of A.T. & T. than any other individual. He was a director of the New York Central Railroad and owned large blocks of shares in other companies. In later years he turned to art and amassed one of the world's most notable collections of paintings and modern sculptures, as well as donating a million dollars worth to Israel. Billy Rose was married five times, all of these ending in divorce. At this, he was not successful.

It is reported that there is an upsurge in the membership of the Daughters of the American Revolution, something which may surprise those who think of the organization as a stodgy and antiquated throwback to our early history. All across the country, according to the records, young women who can meet the stiff requirements — proof of direct descent from some one who aided the cause of American independence — are joining and bringing new blood into the sturdy and patriotic society. Thousands are being added each year and the total membership is now nearing 200,000. After the folk singer, Joan Baez, tried to rent the DAR's Constitution Hall and was refused, Mrs. Henry Sullivan, the present regent explained, "Joan Baez is against everything we stand for. She's against patriotism, the flag and promoted civil disobedience."

An irate aspiring author had submitted a manuscript to an editor who had promptly rejected it. The author rushed to the editor's office and demanded to talk with him. Upon being seated in the office, the author cried out, "Look here, young man, I positively know that you did not read my story, because I pasted together pages 7 and 8 and the manuscript was returned with them still pasted. Just because I'm an unknown author, you don't think you can get away with not reading my story!" The long-suffering editor replied, "Madam, when I eat my breakfast, I don't have to eat the whole egg to know it's rotten."

STARLINGS

Hawks and doves don't stand a chance in Washington, D. C. The starlings win without ruffling a feather. At dusk great flocks of the noisy birds return from the suburbs to roost on federal buildings.

Special wiring on many buildings shocks the birds. But they tend to regroup on the nearest unprotected edifice — or tree.

The White House uses more subtle measures. At twilight a shrill recording of a starling in distress is amplified over the vast lawn. The bogus cry usually keeps the grounds clear.

A well-intentioned philanthropist — Eugene Schefflin — imported the starlings from England as part of a project to bring to America all the birds mentioned in Shakespeare.

Unnumbered millions of starlings now inhabit North America. They have pushed north to Canada, south to Mexico, and west to California. — The National Geographic Society News Bulletin

Our sympathy goes to the Kennedy family, two of whose members have now paid such a price for public service. For Senator Kennedy the sinister attack upon him is compounded by the fact that it came at a moment of political triumph when, after his setback in the Oregon primary, he had won strongly in the California primary. What the effect will be upon the race for the presidency, none can say. But the shooting cannot help but have a deep and immediate effect upon political attitudes and loyalties.

It is a truism that liberty is indivisible. It should become equally clear to Americans that violence is also indivisible. A people cannot have violence in race relations, violence in the streets, violence on television, screen and radio, violence on the highways, and so on, and expect to rule violence out of other aspects of their lives, such as politics.

We see two steps which this latest tragedy makes more than ever necessary. The first is early congressional action on a strong and effective legislation to control and limit the ownership and use of fire-arms. The second is for every American to make the individual effort to replace hatred with love, division with brotherhood in his heart.

—Christian Science Monitor

VIEWPOINTS OF OTHER EDITORS

RID AMERICA OF HATRED

Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of this newspaper, many years ago warned mankind that "Hatred inflames the brutal propensities." The United States, a nation founded upon the principles of the brotherhood of man, has of late fallen increasing victim to unleashed forces of hatred, murder, violence, and brutality. The shooting of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, coming almost upon the heels of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s murder and only four and one-half years after President Kennedy's assassination, cries out of the vital necessity for Americans to combat, immediately and actively, the mental attitudes and human passions which lead men to violence.

As The Christian Science Board of Directors said in a public statement upon the occasion of the King tragedy, that event "should awaken all Americans to the urgency of meeting hate with practical humanity and brotherhood based on a keener understanding of the one God of all men, who is infinite Love."

Hatred is a corrosive, whose effects upon a nation are as baneful and deadly as upon an individual. It solves no problems; it only intensifies them. It opens no paths to progress; it only shuts men's minds and hearts to that higher inspiration which in the end is the only dependable guide to progress.

These three recent shootings of high public figures, plus the many acts of violence which continually mar American life, cast a pitiless spotlight upon the need of that society to rid its thinking of attitudes which have no place in a modern, civilized land. By these acts the national image is deeply tarnished abroad, its tremendous potential for good is hobbled and encouragement is given to similar evil forces elsewhere.

Today's youth is in many ways readier to vote than he has ever been. There is much to be said for the President's remark at Texas Christian University that the group he would enfranchise are the "brightest and best-trained generation" he had ever seen.

The success of Sen. Eugene McCarthy's campaign youth corps, in their trek from New Hampshire to Oregon, has accentuated the effectiveness of the young in the political theater.

Would granting 18-year-olds the right to vote help channel their energies through the established political framework? Most likely. For the amendment to pass, however, not only must traditional states' rights objections be overcome but also a rising public antidisorder sentiment—in part caused by the actions of the young people themselves.

—Christian Science Monitor

WHILE FRANCE SLEPT

Charles de Gaulle may use time and concessions to ride out the revolution in France. Such sudden storms can abate as well as grow. But he and France, and the Western World have learned a lesson that will last.

Neither economic affluence, nor educational prestige, nor assertions of national grandeur can insulate even the most highly civilized society against political convulsion if discontents are ignored.

De Gaulle had brought pride and prosperity to France. Suddenly he had to deal with the results of that. The people wanted more. All of his posturing in foreign affairs brought him no immunity from discontent at home. The political passivity his rule had induced burst into vitality and opposition. Gaullist France will not be the same again.

Since anything can happen, it would be foolhardy to say it can't happen in America. But it would be equally absurd to equate contemporary American society with France, or American institutions with the French. Political debate and ferment, for instance, certainly have not been stilled under Lyndon Johnson as they have been under de Gaulle; on the contrary, Johnson has been the most sorely beset president since Herbert Hoover. Nor are American labor union members, often pros-



10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

President Johnson now favors giving 18-year-olds the right to vote. His stand is in line with a mid-May announcement that 44 senators, including the majority and minority leaders, had already endorsed an amendment proposal.

It is also in line with other wartime bids to balance battlefield and voting-booth age requirements. World War II saw public support for the 18-year-old vote rise to 42 percent from a prewar 17 percent, but Congress did not pass the amendment. During the Korean war public support edged up further to 63 percent, and again an amendment drive fell short. The most recent Gallup Poll places public support at 64 percent, and Congress again is being asked to consider the change.

This spring's drive to lower the voting age, however, cannot be dismissed as a byproduct of the heightened political awareness that always accompanies wartime.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Rachel Ann Hardin of Kings Mountain and Henry Carroll Cline of Granite Falls were married Sunday in Grover's First Baptist church.

perous to the point of fighting social change, likely to rush with red flags to the campus of Columbia to extol Che and Mao alongside the young beards.

But impulses are at work here and everywhere, as the news from Resurrection City to Prague makes clear. Boredom with affluence, impatience with old assumptions, irreverence for established leaders—all these factors play their part. The United States, with its impoverished economic class and its excluded Negro race, has one of the more volatile situations on its hands.

The lesson emerging from the French confusion, as it is emerging from the anti-Stalinist turmoil in Czechoslovakia and from the ghettos of American cities, is that no nation, no society and no system can afford to fall asleep at the switch, ever, and drift into belief that changes aren't needed. The vitality of involvement, participation, and movement are deep needs of all men. And men, even Frenchmen, can be deceptively passive until some impulse ignites the latent discontents where safety valves have rusted. — The Atlanta Constitution.

VA Questions And Answers

Q—I am a World War II veteran with a 20-year G. I. insurance endorsement policy that will mature in a few months. Do I have to take the face value of the policy or can I convert this to another type of insurance?

A—You may exchange it for a policy of lesser cash value if you present evidence of good health. However, this must be done before the policy matures.

Q—I was recently separated from service. During service I was treated for a condition that has flared up again. Can I get treatment from VA?

A—In all probability you can. You should apply to the Veterans Administration for an examination and determination that your condition is service connected. Once this has been accomplished, you should have no trouble getting treatment from VA.

Q—I am a veteran with a service-connected condition, recognized by VA as 60 per cent disabling. Does this degree of disability entitle my children to any type of educational assistance?

A—No. Only children whose parent is rated by VA as 100 per cent service-connected disabled and who is permanently disabled is entitled to assistance. Such children—and children of veterans who died in service or from service-connected causes are eligible for War Orphans Educational Assistance Benefits.

You And Social Security

Q. In 1966, I filed a claim for disability and could not get payments because I had only worked 3 years after leaving college. Do the changes in social security affect my case?

A. There is a change in the law affecting young disabled workers. It is possible that you would have enough work now. If you became disabled by the time you reached age 27 and have 3 years work in a job where you paid social security taxes, you would meet the special work requirement.

Q. I am now age 42 but have been disabled since I was 27 years old. I asked about disability at the Social Security Office three or four times, but was told that I needed more quarters. I don't like to keep bothering the people at the social security office, but I would like to try again.

A. By all means, you should ask again. It is no bother to us at social security to answer your questions, and it may well be that you will now qualify. There has been a recent change in the law that allows people who become disabled before age 31 to qualify with less work. Many people have inquired as you did, or actually filed a claim only to have it denied because they did not meet the previous work requirement. These people should also check with us again.

Q. Does a disabled widow need to bring a doctor's report when she comes in to file a claim?

A. No. One or more medical reports will be requested after the claim is filed depending on the extent of her treatment. But medical evidence prior to application is unnecessary.

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