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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hands to do it.
Proverbs 3:27.

Mis-Directed Aid?

Excerpts from a press release from the U. S. Department of Health, Education & Welfare, Region III, 220 Seventh Street, N.E., Charlottesville, Virginia 22901:

"School districts in North Carolina that are having any difficulties as a result of integration can now obtain technical help, assistance, and special training for school staff from a newly created Equal Educational Opportunities Program in the Charlottesville, Virginia, Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

"Bernard V. McCusky, Regional Director for the Department, announced today that Mr. Joseph J. Franchina had been named head of the new program. Mr. Franchina, with 35 years of public education experience, has a staff of professional educators with extensive experience in public school work trained to help school districts eliminate discrimination and segregation.

"The Equal Educational Opportunities program was created by Title IV of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Title VI of the same Act provides that Federal funds must be withheld from any school district that discriminates because of race, color, or national origin. Mr. Franchina's efforts will be directed toward helping school districts take the necessary steps to assure equal educational opportunity and avoid the possibility of the withholding of Federal funds."

Well, hurrah!

It is, of course, too much to expect from the bureaucrats who enjoy making law by the two-edged sword of bureau directive and economic blackmail, but it would seem, at the least, Mr. Franchina could be charged with responsibility of reading several times the recent Supreme Court decision on "freedom of choice" school pupil assignments and after the readings, endeavor to implement the text and spirit of the decision.

"Freedom of choice," said the Supreme Court opinion, isn't wrong per se. Each individual case would be judged on its own merits.

The Herald is not familiar with the facts in the New Hanover county situation, where the Charlottesville HEW folk are concentrating their big guns at the moment, suspects that New Hanover (county-wide consolidated years ago) has some serious problems in satisfying the Office of Education people.

The Herald is familiar with the Kings Mountain district situation, where school officials wasted no time in implementing the 1964 civil rights act and have continued to further implement the act annually, the Charlottesville folk are still unsatisfied. Segregated Park Grace and Compact won't do, say the federal folk, but made no mention of segregated (all-White) Bethware.

How now brown cow?

The freedom of choice principle has worked to the Congress-HEW-Court sought ends here and should be continued, as best for the pupil, his parent, and for school administration.

National Champions

Kings Mountain claims no Jack Kramer in the tennis world, has supplied only two players to the major baseball leagues, one to the professional football ranks, and few of national rank, if any in other sports.

Not so in the world of duckpin bowling.

For the third time in five years, Kings Mountain's mixed bowling entry in the national duckpin championship competition, has brought home the honor and cash (about paid expenses, one member said) of a national champion.

A second mixed team entry copped

Local Sales Tax Test

Now you have it, now you don't.

Thus the sad plight of Mecklenburg County, the City of Charlotte, Towns of Pineville, Cornelius, Huntersville, etc., which planned to ease their money and service woes with the cash from the one percent local sales tax, applicable only to Mecklenburg of the state's hundred counties.

A taxpayer group didn't like the sales tax idea, took it to the courts, and now have put the proposition of legality to the state Supreme Court.

But action isn't anticipated until February and the statutory deadline for county and municipal budget adoption July 28.

To budget or not to budget, that is the question.

To raise rates, or not to raise them, is another question.

While D-Day is short term, leaving the questions hanging for only one fiscal year, any who have ever served on local governing bodies know fully well that constituents can impatient when services they need and deserve are not provided immediately.

Odds are, on face, the local option sales tax will be ruled legal.

But there is another legal principle and question involved concerning purely local bills and bills generic to the whole state. This principle made it necessary, then-Representative B. T. Falls, Jr., thought, that the bill employing Cleveland county to get into the water and sewer line business (to serve Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company's new plant) apply not to Cleveland alone but to the whole of North Carolina—which is the way the bill was drawn and enacted into law.

Phoenix Resignation

It is the observation of many Cleveland County citizens that the county schools lost a capable superintendent in the person of Lee Phoenix, who is becoming an assistant superintendent of Gaston County's consolidated system.

Mr. Phoenix took a rough lick early in his five years in Cleveland. County system residents declined to vote funds for 1) needed high school buildings and 2) a supplemental tax which would have made the system more competitive in bidding for teachers and supplied other operational funds needed for supplies and maintenance.

He took it in stride, took pride when the citizens, with only the building program on the agenda, soundly endorsed construction of two consolidated high schools.

Then the roof fell in, literally, that being the gymnasium roof which caved under the excessive weight of ice and snow.

The guy (guys) in the slot in the kudos, when it's good, and the brickbats, when it's bad.

Results of the spring primary, when only one incumbent won re-nomination put the hand-writing on the wall.

Mr. Phoenix moves to Gaston. He prefers to eat.

third, and sixth, seventh and tenth place finishes were recorded in other competitions.

Hearty congratulations to this team, which included Betty Hullender, Lib Gault, John Dilling, Albert Brackett and Ronnie Culbertson.

And Bowler Dilling's rather proud on a personal basis: his three-line 415 was good for a 74th place finish in the men's singles division.

Penalty date nears on privilege licenses, and the City Hall office reports purchases sparse.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

We were finishing lunch Monday at my Mother's when there was a noise like a whirring lawn mower and Sir Winston, the dog, started barking. This is "my" dog operating procedure for Sir Winston when lawn mowers are in action, big trucks are passing, or when he sees and/or smells another dog.

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Shortly thereafter I was giving Winston his after-lunch walk and found the reason for the barking. He'd heard the noise of the city electrical department's cherry picker being lifted to a pole on the houseboat lot.

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Already, Lineman Dutch Wilson and Clarence Auten (veteran of fire days with the department) were working on the job at hand: tightening the cables supporting the road number signs east of the King-Battleground stoplight.

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Jim Leigh had noticed one or more of the higher trucks scraping the cable when passing underneath and had told Electrical Superintendent Hunter Allen, who dispatched a crew to tighten cable.

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Mr. Auten's tenure with the city was almost ended.

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Auten was pulling on the line, as Dutch operated a tightening mechanism. Suddenly, there was a zinging "zip". The line had slipped and zinged past Auten's head. He ducked and I thought for a moment he was going to dive out of the basket. The steel cable was setting speed records.

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Auten shook his head and twitched his handle-bar moustache.

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Quoth Dutch: "It's all in next week's paycheck."

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Foreman Floyd Thornburg retrieved the cable, passed it to the bucketmen and they renewed their chore, this time bringing it off.

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It reminds that "all in a day's work" in many seemingly routine jobs is not necessarily routine and, contrarily, danger-filled.

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Supt. Allen, crossing his fingers and knocking on wood, says, "In the years since 1931 when I joined the department we've been mighty lucky—never had a serious accident."

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There's always a first time, 'tis said.

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I've been fiddlin' with newspapering since I was 12 years old which means a total of 36 years. I'd heard about it happening, nearly seen it happen, but at pressing on last week's edition, I saw it happen.

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As a man was putting the editorial page on the dumb waiter for the trip down to the pressroom, the page slipped off, plummeted downward and all the type piled (spewed out of the form). The Herald employs two typesetting machines, but Shop Superintendent Dave Weather was on vacation. This was terrible. Already several would-be Herald buyers had been told, "Just ten minutes."

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But we went to work, retrieved the editorials type, rounded up a Herald advertisement, and found some unused guest editorials type. Meantime, Fred Bell began resetting the masthead, Martin's medicine, and the WKMT advertisement. Bob Myers and I put the mish-mashed editorials into galley, took proofs, and started the jigsaw puzzle job of putting the lines into proper order.

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Bob and I did pretty well. When we finished, all editorials were in apple-pie order except for one missing line of type. When Fred finished, other make-up had been finished by Paul Jackson and all there was to do was lock up, lock the page on the press and push the button. I didn't have a stop watch, but I don't believe the clean-up required more than 40 minutes. Teamwork can do the job anytime.

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I was relating the event to Don Crawford and Ken Pruitt, told them if I can gain success from piecing pages for 36 more years, I'll welcome another.

HURRAH FOR THE PONY EXPRESS

FIVE DAYS
HECK!
WE DELIVERED
SEVEN



Viewpoints of Other Editors

OUT OF PLACE

Political observers, disoriented by the mystifying turns of events in American politics this year, can take heart. They are not alone in having to make adjustments. So are geographers.

Greenland, at least its northern tip, is not where it is supposed to be—according to most maps, anyway. A team of polar explorers recently returned from the northern wastes of Greenland reported that Cape Morris Jessup is actually 12 miles farther east and one mile farther north than is shown on maps. Moreover, the explorers discovered it is an island, not a peninsula.

The new findings, made with the latest navigational instruments, are being checked by U.S. Army Map Service.

Pending further study, the apparent discrepancy could necessitate a complete revision of all maps of Greenland's entire northern coast, which is important because of the extensive nuclear submarine operations under the polar icecap.

It appears that not only some pet political theories are due to be shaken this year. Some maps may be, too.—Dallas Morning Star.

WASHINGTON REPORT

by Congressman James T. Broyhill

CRIME, HOUSING AND HEALTH

The leadership in Congress returned from the July 4 recess determined to wind up the work of this session and adjourn during the first few days in August. But by mid-week, the engine was sputtering and it looks now as though the session could drag on into September or October. It is true that many of the legislative demands of the White House have not been enacted. Even so, the country would probably be better off if the session were ended as soon as the remaining essential measures can be passed.

A jumble of bills, large and small, were considered and passed by the House of Representatives last week. One of these measures would set up a joint Congressional committee to investigate crime. Although I supported this proposal, it seems to me that a great majority of the American people are tired of substituting studies for more positive action.

In my opinion, a needed step forward in dealing with one element of the crime problem took place as the House approved a bill providing increased penalties for persons trafficking in and possessing certain drugs. The intention of this bill, which I co-sponsored, is to help police in dealing with the use of LSD and other dangerous drugs which are associated with many young people today.

The blockbuster legislation of the week was the omnibus housing bill which passed the House after a long debate. This 280-page proposal with more than 90 sections is a vast assortment of good and bad plans to deal with the nation's slums and housing problems. In its first year, the cost of the bill would be over \$5 billion. However, the long-term cost of the bill is probably nearer \$50 billion. It provides for a 40-year program and raises many serious questions about its financing.

In this bill are more bright promises for the nation's poor. It would be better, however, if the chances were brighter that we could keep these promises. Nev-

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.

Rev. Howard T. Cook, former pastor of Second Baptist church, left Monday for Gamaliel, Ky., where he will assume the pastoral duties of Gamaliel's First Baptist church.

Governor Luther H. Hodges announced in Raleigh Wednesday appointment of Martin Harmon, Kings Mountain Herald editor, to the State Probation Commission.

Charles H. Moss returned to Neilsen Division of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company Monday, it was announced by Alex Malno, general manager.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
Mrs. M. H. Biser was hostess Monday night to the regular meeting of Circle 9 of Central Methodist church.

The marriage of Miss Addie Sue Sanders to William Earl Stroupe, Jr. took place July 5th at 7 o'clock in Gaffney, S. C.

ertheless, the means and the ultimate costs are not at all clear and, again, the Congress was, in effect, signing a blank check. By doing this, it has conferred tremendous new powers upon the Department of Housing and Urban Development and agreed to a number of "backdoor financing" plans over which the Congress will have little or no control.

In my opinion, this bill, despite some new and desirable features such as provisions to encourage home ownership by poor families, was a big bite that I believe future Congresses will find very difficult to digest. The problems of housing and slums are serious, but the shotgun approach of this bill is more likely to satisfy the Administration's public relations needs, rather than provide a sound housing program that will make the dollars spent effective. It seemed to me that this is the test we must apply if we are to reconcile all this with the income tax increase and budget reduction that the Congress passed when it was in an economy mood several weeks ago.

Extended the existing program of grants for the regional medical programs for heart disease, stroke, and cancer; to provide health services for migratory agricultural workers; and for the construction and operation of facilities for narcotics addicts. In addition, the bill provides help for community mental health centers.

The legislation continues these imaginative, but cautious programs in the public health field which the Congress established several years ago. Since I helped to write the original legislation in the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, I am glad that the experience with the programs has proved they were based upon careful and productive thinking. North Carolina has been among the leaders in utilizing Federal and State resources to set up these programs and we have seen the potential benefits that they contain. The continued development of these medical programs will yield positive and long-term results for the good of all our people.

YE OLDE INN BEDS

One's point of view can make a delightful difference, as a recent exchange of letters in The Times of London points up.

An American tall man, feeling cramped on a stay in England, wrote: "May I suggest some sympathetic tourist association compile a helpful Tall Men's Guide for the British Isles."

"Being six-ten I have suffered acutely during my vacation stay here, having to endure endless mini-beds and on several occasions finding myself in hotel rooms where it was impossible to stand without fear of decapitation. The farther one travels outside London, the greater the hazards, and it would be welcome to many people like myself to steer clear of intense discomfort by avoiding quaint picturesque but miniature accommodation, and its dangers."

Alas, he gained little pity. An Englishman, presumably of medium height, wrote: "Mr. T.H.'s letter clearly reveals a dastardly English plot to cut Americans down to size."

And this from a fellow-American of yet different stature: "Tourist T.H. complains of England's mini-beds and low ceilings. He is nearly seven feet tall. 'Leave ye olde inn beds and ceilings as they are. Natural selection will eventually restore men to their ideal size. I am five feet four inches tall.'"

—Christian Science Monitor

PLAN TRIP

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis club members and their families will accompany members of the club's sponsored Little League baseball team to Atlanta, Ga. August 6th for a game between the Atlanta Braves and the Chicago Cubs. Heading the committee on arrangements are John L. McGill and Paul Ham.

ON DEAN'S LIST

George Webb Plonk, Jr., junior student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, was listed on the dean's list for the spring quarter. He is son of Dr. and Mrs. George W. Plonk of Kings Mountain.

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Mr. Robert Hovis, Route 3
Mr. Leroy Brown, 210 Watter-son St.
Mrs. George Clary, 201 Gaston St.

Mrs. Robert Moses, 507 Lee St., Bessemer City
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Randolph Campbell, 826 First St.

Mrs. John T. Lee, 605 Mica St.
Mrs. Jean Love, 201 Klzgs Mtn. St., Clover, S. C.
Mr. Edward Stewart, Route 2
Mrs. Bertram Rob, 625 Rankin Lake Rd., Gastonia
Mrs. Herbert Smart, 824 Grace St.

Mr. Robert Keeter, Grover
Mrs. Mary Martin, Route 1, Grover
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Mr. Joe Herndon, 106 N. Oriental Ave.

Mrs. Mildred Miller, Route 2, Bessemer City
Mrs. James Robinson, 808 Rhodes Ave.
J. Robert Thompson, Jr., Smyrna, S. C.
Mr. Alvin Correll, Route 1, Gastonia

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Mrs. Ida Norman, 1092 Shel Rd.
Mrs. George Collins, 208 S. Myrtle School Rd., Gastonia
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Mr. Winfred Russell, 510 Monroe Ave.
Mr. Ed Adams, Route 1, Grover
Mr. William Allen, Route 1, Grover

Mrs. Homer Kilgore, Route 2
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Mr. Ben Black, Route 2
Mrs. Joe Farris, 306 E. Tenn. Ave., Bessemer City
Mr. Conway Gault, Jr., 104 N. Goforth St.

Mr. Wm. Frank Herndon, Rt. 2
Mrs. Bertha Martin, 501 Lime St., Blacksburg, S. C.
Mrs. Gerald Lutz, 623 E. King St.

Mrs. Richard Goforth, Route 1, Grover
Mr. C. M. Lovelace, 307 Silver St.

DIXON SERVICE
William Alexander, Bible teacher in the schools, will fill the pulpit at morning worship services Sunday at Dixon Presbyterian church. Members are asked to note the service schedule change. Sunday School will be held at 9:30 a.m. followed by the morning worship service at 11.