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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

I am the Lord your God; walk in my statutes, keep my judgments, and do them. *Ezekiel 20:19.*

"All That Is Good..."

On Stream

It was announced recently by State Treasurer Edwin Gill that W. E. Easterling will retire October 1 as secretary to the Local Government Commission, of which Mr. Gill is ex officio.

Mr. Easterling has worked for North Carolina 41 years, all but four of them in the position from which he is retiring.

The state and nation were in troubled economic times when he assumed the Local Government Commission job in 1931. A large number of towns, cities and counties were either bankrupt or on the verge thereof.

Today North Carolina's local level governments are financially solvent, and enjoy top credit ratings.

The major reason is Mr. Easterling.

Discussing Kings Mountain's proposed Buffalo Creek water project last fall, a former gubernatorial secretary gave him high acclaim. He declared, "If Mr. Easterling approves your sale of bonds you can sell them favorably. If he doesn't approve you might as well stay home. You can't sell 'em."

The Herald was impressed by him a few years ago when a question of information was posed. Mr. Easterling did not bother to check his files. He had the answer on his fingertips.

Treasurer Gill commented, "... Mr. Easterling has become the symbol of all that is good in local government."

Amen.

On To Chicago

Two Kings Mountain Democrats (never busted a ticket) were talking during the Republican convention at Miami.

One was complaining about the GOP fanfare and bombast and the other jested, "Aw, go on and watch 'em. Then we'll really show 'em how to do it at Chicago."

Efforts are reported by certain convention managers to streamline the Democratic convention beginning Monday, but it's a fair bet the efforts will fail. Politicians like to be seen and heard by the homefolks.

In spite of Candidates McCarthy, McGovern and Maddox, the warring in the credentials committee and other threats to Democratic peace and harmony, the Chicago gathering has all the appearances — in advance — of a replay of the Miami business.

"Stop Humphrey" efforts are predicted to fail, as did the "Stop Nixon" efforts, and chief interest will be on selection of the vice-president.

When this balloting starts, Carolinians will find their convention interest heightened. Candidate Humphrey has spoken most favorably of ex-Governor Terry Sanford of North Carolina and Governor Robert McNair of South Carolina among the list of possibles.

Presumably, the presidential nominee, whoever he may be, will follow custom and dictate his choice, in contrast to Adlai Stevenson in 1956 who let the convention decide and produced a real fight between the late Senator Estes Kefauver, narrow guage winner, and the late President John Kennedy, then a senator, the loser.

North Carolinians would be most pleased if the choice is Terry Sanford, wouldn't be mad if it's Robert McNair.

The Mayor's committee on summer youth employment, chaired by Franklin Ware is to be commended for placing 333 youths on jobs for the summer months. None wants to return to the days when a youth of 12 could begin sweeping at the mill, but many feel more relaxation, for summer work, of child labor laws would do more to solve the so-called delinquent youth problem.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

There's no more tempting section in any publication than the travel section: those beautiful beaches with their vistas of brown-skinned young ladies in bikinis and the verdant growth; the glamor of the ski slopes of Switzerland and Western North Carolina; the luxurious relaxation of life aboard a luxury liner or slow boat to China.

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"Taint always the way the pictures show it. The bathing beauties are there for sure, but then there's the matter of sand, wind, and mosquitoes. It gets cold in those hills and, as Dr. Baker can attest, such untoward accompaniments of broken limbs from the ski operations. Both the luxury liner and slow boat to China get rough in direct accord with the dropping barometer. Furniture must be lashed down and passengers eat standing — if they can eat.

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Lib Stewart, Herald Society editor, was victim of the wrong side of the travel picture last weekend. She explained for Puerto Rico last Thursday morning. The plane was airborne by all of ten minutes when a motor caught fire. The pilot dumped his fuel and landed without mishap. Next chapter was the San Juan heat wave which Miss Stewart says was to the point of unbearable. En route home Monday she became air sick. It probably wasn't air sickness however. She saw her doctor that evening. He found her temperature a high 104 and diagnosed her trouble as a "strep" throat.

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She was still quite ill Wednesday and devotees of Herald society reports owe this week's society news to Mrs. Grace Rutledge Hamrick, of Shelby, former editor of the Cleveland Times, and wife of Rush Hamrick, Jr., my onetime college roommate and confere on the UNC newspaper.

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Some seasons ago Foote Minner's Neil Johnson had a rough trip to Pennsylvania for the company's annual meeting. It was February and snow was the order of the day. Neil elected to leave early and travel by train, which he considered more sure in inclement weather. The trip up was fine. On return, however, his section of cars were side-tracked for a half-day, minus heat. He narrowly avoided pneumonia. Meanwhile, the planes were going and coming on regular schedule.

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But a recent happy trip for all 46 concerned was the annual trek of the Kiwanis club's Little League ball team, along with a contingent of Kiwanians on a chartered bus to Atlanta to see the Braves and Cubs perform.

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John McGill, the druggist, relates some of the details.

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Harold Coggins, a hard-hitting outfielder of a few years ago, decided to make the trip just after the last minute. Harold hailed the bus after it had traveled one block from point of departure. He filled the last remaining seat. "Should he be let aboard?" the driver inquired. "Yes, siree," John replied, "we want him along. His pockets are full of money!"

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The contingent had choice seats along the third-base line near the Braves' dugout. This enabled the Little League lads to fill their scorecards with autographs of their heroes. And it was a banner night for the Braves' concession. They cost \$1.75, says John, but he believes each and every Little Leaguer came home wearing a Braves batting helmet.

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That wasn't all the coin the concessioners pocketed. John says he lads ate from the time they boarded the bus until they disembarked at 3:30 a.m. the next morning. They devoured the opulent quantity of doughnuts on the bus, kept the bus boys at the stadium running hot throughout the game, then ate more after the game at each stop on the return trip. Last stop was at the S-85-Dixon Road truck stop.

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One little fellow asked John, "Mr. McGill are we going to be here long enough to eat? I sure would like a stack of pan-cakes."

Other Side Of The Coin



Viewpoints of Other Editors

REPRIEVE FOR RIVER QUEEN

Congress in its wisdom has seen fit to grant a reprieve to the last remaining big Mississippi river steamboat, the stern-wheeler Delta Queen, which for 25 years has helped keep alive memories of the days of Mark Twain....

The Delta Queen, which for nine months of each year provides excursion trips between such cities as St. Paul, New Orleans, Pittsburgh and St. Louis, almost became a victim of a law passed two years ago.

After a series of fires aboard ocean-going vessels, the United States took the lead in getting the Intergovernmental Maritime Consultative Organization to revise the fire safety standards which had been spelled out in a 1960 international treaty....

To show its approval of the requirements, Congress in 1968 passed a law that ships using U. S. ports must meet the new standards by November of this year. It was not necessary from the standpoint of the international agreement for the 1966 law to include river steamers, but such steamers were included, nevertheless.

Even before the law was passed the owner of the Delta Queen, Greene Line Steamers, Inc., started plans to have a replacement for the stern-wheeler built in conformity with the new standards.

Difficulties immediately arose because no shipyard in the world has built a river passenger steamer for many years and none was ever built with a steel superstructure such as the Greene company proposed.

As a result the replacement won't be ready for a year or two yet. If the Delta Queen had to be junked this coming November and passenger service on the river had to be stopped for two years, awaiting a new vessel, a resumption of the Mark Twain tradition might never be realized.

The State Department objected to a stay of execution for the Delta Queen on the ground that they would be reneging on treaty obligations but Congress has taken the position that the treaty standards were intended for international waters only and we need not adopt them for strictly domestic passenger service until we are ready to do so.

So the Delta Queen will be allowed to operate until November, 1970, when the replacement is certain to be ready....

As the sole surviving stern-wheeler on the Mississippi, with a long history of safe operation, she deserves the special consideration shown for her so that, if for no other reason, the cry of "Steamboat round the bend" will not be forever stilled along the Father's of Waters — *The Denver Post*

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Pericarditis is an inflammation of the thin membrane sac, or pericardium, which surrounds the heart, according to the North Carolina Heart Association.

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.

E. W. Bridges, clerk of Kings Mountain Recorder's Court is suspended pending audit; Pupil Assignment Plan is Adopted; BurMil Wins Little League Title for year.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL: Miss Elizabeth Ann Mitchell and Roland Ellis Tate pledged Saturday in Formal Wedding in Hickory Grove; Ruth McCurdy competed in Junior Miss Alabama contest; Miss Gail Blanton married August 8th to Lawrence Hamrick in Church Rites.

THE FATAL FACTOR

That driving after drinking is deadly is generally known. Thus the new Department of Transportation report on the subject only bears out this familiar theme. Samples:

• One half of all fatal single-car accidents and almost one half of all fatal multiple-car accidents involve heavy-drinking drivers.
• More than half of the adult drivers use the highways at least occasionally after drinking, and crashes of youths frequently involve "hazardous amounts of alcohol."

• The use of alcohol by drivers and pedestrians leads to some 25,000 deaths and 800,000 crashes each year.
• Alcohol is the largest single factor leading to fatal crashes.

One of the most telling findings of the DOT study concerned the profile of drinking drivers, who tended to have histories of arrests, problems with alcohol, and marital or other personal difficulties. This underscores the relationship between a confused or unsteady private life and a muddled consciousness while on the road. It also points to the subtle but real hazards of resorting to alcohol for escape from mental stress.

There are too many excuses made for the drinking driver today. Neither the social drinker nor the escape drinker should be tolerated on the highways. The DOT report shows that the probability of having an accident is one in 20 if the driver registers a level of alcohol in the blood of 100 milligrams per 100 milliliters, a standard measure of intoxication easily reached by the so-called social drinker. The probability of having an accident rises to one in five when the concentration reaches 150 milligrams — a level reached by nearly 90 percent of those arrested for drunken driving.

What is needed? Rigidly enforced penalties for all drinking drivers, on the one hand (far too many whose licenses have been suspended or revoked for alcohol-related offenses continue to drive), plus wider use of such tests like that which has helped Britain reduce traffic accidents and fatalities in the past year.

But most important is a fuller understanding that alcohol, like other drugs, is lethal and only falsely liberating. An advertising counter-campaign, like that being mounted on radio and TV by anti-smoking forces with the support of the Federal Communications Commission is not at all an unreasonable suggestion. — *Christian Science Monitor*.

KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log

VISITING HOURS
3 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.
Daily 10:30 To 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Wesley Bailey
Mr. M. L. Harmon
Mrs. Sidney Huffstetter
Mrs. Mary Johnson
Mrs. Will Pryor
Mrs. Ida Smith
Mrs. Edwin Dyer
Mr. Lester Eaker
Mrs. Carmel Honeycutt
Mr. William Houser
Mrs. Virginia Johnson
Mrs. Florence Lynn
Mr. John Mitcham
Mrs. Edward Odoms
Mrs. James Robinson
Mrs. Paul Sanders
Mrs. W. B. Simpson
Mr. Curtis Thompson
Mrs. Cleo VanDyke
Miss Elizabeth Bonita Whisnant
Mr. Willis Glenn White
Mrs. Clara Wright

ADMITTED FRIDAY

Mr. Julius Stamey, City.
Mrs. Beulah Woods, Route No. 2, Hickory.
Mr. Robert Woods, Route No. 1.

ADMITTED SATURDAY

Mrs. Margie Phillips, 709 Gantt St.
Mrs. Mary Pruett, Route No. 1, Grover.
Mark Price, 320 S. Ransom St., Gastonia.
Mrs. Arnold Murphy, 23 Elm St.

ADMITTED SUNDAY

Mrs. Jack Anthony, Route No. 2.
Mrs. Mary Case, 809 Ellison St.
Mrs. George Gordon, Jr., Route No. 1.
Mrs. J. N. McClure, 610 Crescent Circle.
Mrs. Joe Poll, 616 S. Jackson St., Gastonia.

Mrs. Burman Bryant, 1002 First St.
Mrs. James Laircey, Route No. 1, Gastonia.
Mrs. Jack Anthony, Route No. 2.
Mrs. Nelson Jackson, Route No. 2.

ADMITTED MONDAY

Mr. Joseph Mellen, Gaston St.
Mr. Garland Still, City.
Mrs. Larry Bingham, 105 E. Iowa Ave., Bessemer City.
Mr. J. Mearl Scism, Route No. 1.

Mrs. Bobby Capps, Bessemer City.
Mrs. Barry Hoffman, 1202 W. Gold St.
Dennis Kuykendall, 607 N. 13th St., Bessemer City.
Mr. William Thomas Moss, 211 Margrace.

Mrs. Charles Oxford, Jr., Route No. 1, York, S. C.
Mrs. Raymond Purvis, 1330 Midpines.

Mr. Albert Logan, Route No. 1, Grover.
Mrs. Charles Sinclair, Route No. 2.

Miss Nancy McCoy, Route No. 1, Paul Bank, Route No. 2.

ADMITTED TUESDAY

Charles Worchester, 514 Broad St.

Mrs. Owens Rites Conducted

Funeral services for Mrs. Goldie Dixon Owens, 49, wife of Charles E. Owens, 402 Fulton Road, will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday afternoon from Bethlehem Baptist Church. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

Rev. Russell Ritts, Rev. W. G. Camp, and Rev. James Graham will officiate the final rites. Late Butler and Fannie Whisnant Dixon, a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church and a native of Cleveland County. She was also the operator of Happy Land Nursery of Kings Mountain.

Surviving are her husband; three daughters, Carolyn L. Owens, Jeanette Owens, Audrey Owens; two brothers, Harland Dixon of Shelby and Hubert Dixon of Boiling Springs, N. C.; five sisters, Mrs. Frank Herndon of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Thomas Johnston, Vienna, Virginia, Mrs. Warren Sides, La Port City, Iowa, Mrs. F. L. Elwood and Mrs. William E. Jones, both of Charlotte. The body will lie in state at Harris Funeral Home Thursday from 3:30-4:00.

Mrs. Owens died in the Kings Mountain hospital Tuesday at 11:50 after eight months illness. She was the daughter of the

INTANGIBLES REBATE

The city has received a check from the State Revenue Department for \$10,676.447, representing the city's share of intangible taxes for 1967-68. The total compares with \$10,188.20 budgeted from this source, a gain of \$488.27.

Congenital heart disease results when the heart or the great blood vessels do not develop properly before birth, according to the North Carolina Heart Association. "Sclerosis" means "thickening or hardening," says the North Carolina Heart Association. Atherosclerosis is a thickening of the arteries produced by a "mush-like" fatty deposit on the inner coat.



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