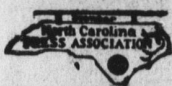




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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And I gave them my statutes, and showed them my judgments, which, if a man do, he shall even live in them. Ezekiel 20:11.

County Government

Three new county commissioners were sworn Monday along with all members of the county board of education, only one of whom was a holdover member.

The commission make-up is three freshmen, two holdovers, with B. E. (Pop) Simmons, one of the holdovers the new chairman.

There has been some public viewing of alarm about what the new men, who unseated three incumbents, will do. County Manager Joe Hendrick is departing to Lumberton and a very obvious fear — generating a campaign with some measure of pressure — that the new men would abandon the manager system and revert to the old one, where department heads would be directly responsible to the commission.

New member Fritz Morehead campaigned as much against the manager as against his opponents and his victory excited citizens dedicated to the manager form of government (which this newspaper does not prefer).

The populace of Cleveland need not fear for several reasons, principal among them: 1) county commissioners are strictly limited by law as to what they can do; 2) minus raising tax rates county commissioners are strictly limited as to what they can do; and 3) the look at government (at any level) is much different from the responsible inside than from the challenging outside.

As to the county board of education, platforms of the winners were for traditional better schools, spelled out in a supplement for operations.

Here lies the problem of both boards.

Kings Mountain citizens voice frequently at tax-paying time, "I don't mind paying my city tax bill but that big county bill makes me mad."

Likelihood, of course, is that the county bill will get bigger for the simple reason that the county's revenue from other than ad valorem taxes is puny indeed. It was patently shown in the instance of Kings Mountain Hospital's plea for a seemingly small \$100,000 to augment its construction funds. Here, for the county board, there was only one avenue. The \$100,000 had to come from non-tax sources and was just not there. Otherwise, the \$100,000 had to be voted by the people or be derived from the three steps forward, two backward bonded debt rule.

A special state commission is studying the problem of local government financing and will report soon.

Mecklenburg showed the way by voting a one percent sales tax, which may be the best and easiest route to easier financial strains (they'll never be easy) for local governments.

Add Note On Extension

A petitioner for city limits extension of the city limits to the southwest passes on an added potential benefit for these citizens who want to become city taxpayers.

The Herald mentioned a half-dozen last week, hadn't thought of this one. Property taxes, the petitioner pointed out, are deductible items every April 15 on federal and state income tax returns. Assuming minimal income tax payments, a \$100 local tax bill should net out at about \$80.

Congratulations to Carl B. Moss, newly-named dean and vice-president of King's Business college.

Compact Notes

Schools are prone to become emotional subjects, at least those one has served or attended. Alumni dig into their pocketbooks for annual giving campaigns, building funds, semi-professional athletic teams, and other excuses for giving.

Thus the Compact friends' plea for maintenance of Compact as a school is quite understandable.

The plea is further understandable when one peruses the history of Compact, unknown it is estimated to majority of Kings Mountain citizens, as to the Herald, until the historical report of last week.

It is quite interesting that this school dates to 1872 and the demise of the Reconstruction era Freedman's Bureau school.

"Integration is fine, but we want Compact whether integrated or not," the Compact Parents Association declared.

It is not to be, per the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the ministrations of the Office of Education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

There is yet another angle.

A school official remarked recently: "Our problem is this. De-segregation we have; integration, no."

Learning to live together has never been the easiest choice.

The Chicago Report

To criticize our own brethren of the communications world may be unmeet, but the Herald feels 1) the newspaper and television people overplayed the Chicago mess at the Democratic convention and 2) overplayed the report released this week on the alleged "police riot" of Chicago police.

The strong arm of the law being wantonly strong-armed deserves public attack.

But the strong arm tactics of willfully disrupting hippies, "way out students, and others deserve equally strong public attack.

Mayor Richard Daley said last spring that he would talk after order was established, but that the order would come first.

He, with the aid of the Chicago police force, simply kept his word.

Notably, Negroes were not involved in the Chicago business.

After the serious Chicago racial troubles a couple or three years ago, the Negro leadership decided to take the positive approach of law and order with redress of grievances to be obtained through regular channels.

And, before the convention, Mayor Daley passed the word the Negro community could not participate in riots and get largess from City Hall at the same time.

Temperance

This doesn't concern the subject of temperance — at the bar, the dinner table, or several other spots people tend to over-exert themselves.

It concerns the statement of Senator Roman Hruska, of Nebraska, who called down the zealots, seeking identification with a popular vote-getting movement or absolutely sincere, in the hearings underway to determine "why" of the high cost of automotive repairs.

While the zealots sought to damn just about the whole of the auto industry, from Detroit to guy at the garage down the street, Senator Hruska reminded that hearings are to determine the facts, not for mass condemnations.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

Thanksgiving was a rough day for portions of the J. C. Bridges family and yet they had as much to be thankful as on any previous Thanksgiving holiday, and perhaps most ever.

Mr. and Mrs. Bridges were returning daughter Jo to her studies at Lenoir-Rhyne college. About five miles north of Lincoln on the Startown road there were suddenly dead ahead two large obstructions. There was a considerable crash.

Two horses were on the hood, into the windshield and catapulting over the car's long roof. Glass was raining inside.

The poor horses were down with broken legs. The station wagon was a mess.

The three Bridges, miraculously, were unhurt.

I didn't confirm this, but a friend said Edith, when she brushed her hair, created another glass shower.

The horses had to be destroyed.

They proved to be the property of Harold Deal, of Hickory, who when he came to the scene, found the gate of the barn lot unlocked and nine more of his prized horses gambling on the green, happily not on the roadbed.

How did the horses get out?

Mr. Deal speculates that some careless hunter, or hunters, left the gate open.

Damages to the Bridges car have not yet been estimated by insurance adjusters. J. C. philosophizes, "You can buy a new car, not another life."

He said he and all passengers were riding with their seat belts fastened securely, thinks this fact saved the three from very serious injury, perhaps their lives. It was an harrowing experience.

Does Alabama still have an open stock law?

Years ago eight of us then young college youths were en route, in station wagon, to New Orleans on a football jaunt. Somewhere in the wilds of Alabama, in the 20-mile stretch between Montgomery and Mobile, in the wee hours of the morning, there suddenly appeared in the headlights a large cow. The swerve was successful.

At that time, Alabamians let their stock roam free. It was said that motorists who had the misfortune to wreck with a scrub cow, spavined mule, or scrawny hog, paid long bloodline prices for their dastardly crimes.

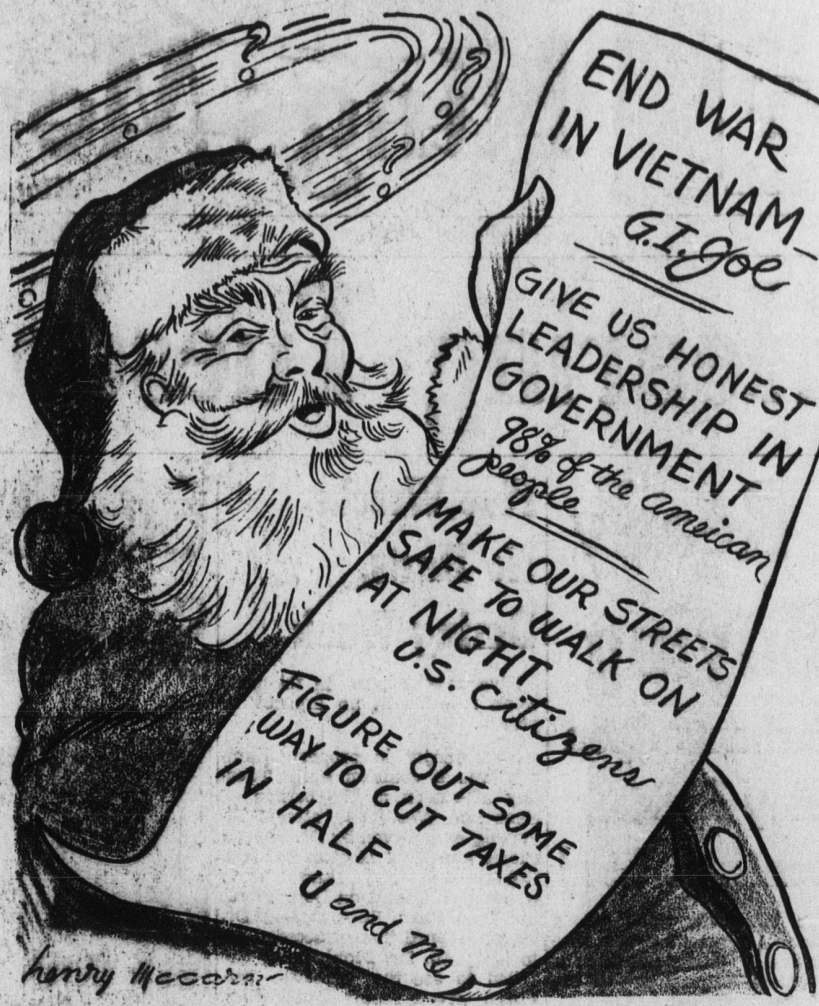
The auto, of course, has been a dangerous animal ever, which can rear, buck, and kick at a moment's notice.

Mrs. Jacob Cooper recently en route to Charlotte, saw a car suddenly swerve, gyrate three times in the road. He was lucky the closest car wasn't quite close enough. She speculates the car hit a slick spot on the road, for it was a cold day.

I've disenjoyed that experience twice and hope never to experience it again. My friends of the first one, circa 1940, were Jim Anthony, the chauffeur, and Fred Finger. The second time was a few years ago, on Christmas Eve, the Greer-Spartanburg highway, my wife my passenger.

No, I couldn't be a Hell Driver. I failed to ask a C. es-pilat which he thinks is safer, air or ground travel.

A Tough Christmas List



Viewpoints of Other Editors

WHITE HOUSE HISTORIAN

Ten Years Ago

Any average treatise on White House aides and assistants to the President would fail to mention one of the most ubiquitous and essential of all — President Johnson's "official" photographer, by name of Yoichi Robert Okamoto.

If you happen to be an ambassador visiting the White House, let us say, and you noticed an able, taciturn man clicking his camera at any and every sort of meeting (even when no press photographers were on hand) that was "Okie." This Yonkers-born individual worked for the U. S. Information Agency and began snapping LBJ when he was vice-president. He did so well that he was brought to the White House when Johnson took office.

Mr. Okamoto returned to USA suddenly for a time when a reporter disclosed that he had taken 11,000 photos of the President in his first seven weeks of office. But after the 1964 elections, he returned.

The ebullient LBJ has a Texas-size conception of a president's role in history. He is also aware that historians — appreciating a pictorial as well as a wordy record — will value an intimate, complete photographic collection which has caught a vigorous president at moments great and small — whether conferring in top secret session or admiring his grandson.

So, somehow, an estimated 250,000 photographs have accumulated. Some will go to the LBJ library at the University of Texas. We wouldn't want to have to wad through the others, if the moving van was waiting at the door. If President Kennedy had his "instant historian" at the White House, Lyndon Johnson has had his "instant pictorial" historian.

Christian Science Monitor

THE LAST RAH-RAH

Resolved: That the university as an institution should take a more active role in social service.

This question is being debated ever more earnestly today by the academic community's leaders. Columbia's Jacques Barzun, for example, argues that the university should stress the liberal education of students rather than allow the school's energy to be sapped by social activist projects.

One sign of the student mood is the decline of the fraternity and sorority. At the University of California at Berkeley, the dearth of new pledges has led to estimates that half the campus's 39 frats will soon fold. Those that are surviving have had to undertake community projects, and abandoning policies of exclusion, admit Orientals and blacks.

The one-time fun days of pledging, hazing, and of homecoming queens seem remote for today's campus. When young people are brought together more and more by causes, social and political, there is something naively poignant in the lament of one unsuccessful fraternity recruiter: "We were just looking for the kind of guys who'd fit in with the rest of us — the kind of fellow you'd do business with later."

The Christian Science Monitor

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Why Embarrassed?

Jim Nabors, young actor from Sylacauga who plays Gomer Pyle, made news when he was overcome by the temptation to buy a Rolls-Royce. "Me and my sisters — Ruth and Freddie — used to walk every place in Sylacauga or hitch rides. I fell in love with this car and I just felt I had to have it."

So he bought it, but not without embarrassment for having fashion. The question is, why indulged himself in such luxuries should he feel guilty? He's hit it big in the entertainment business. Why shouldn't he be able to blow a bundle on an expensive car without pangs of conscience?

Perhaps he's afraid that his cosmopolitan tastes might damage his folksy image. More than likely, however, he is a victim of American mores about the use of wealth. David Brinkley's comment about sums it up: "An attitude widely held in this country (but almost nowhere else) is that it may not always be sinful to have a lot of money, but it is vaguely sinful to enjoy it and unforgivably sinful to do so in public."

The Alabama Journal

NEWSPAPERS' FUTURE

There is a bright future for quality newspapers in the 1970s, according to Lord Thomson of Fleet.

The Plain Dealer concurs in his assessment. It also is in agreement with the condition he attaches — that in order to be successful, those who print the news must understand the role of the press in the electronic age and "shape it so that it is complementary to and not just competitive with new media."

The fast advance of higher education requires the quality newspaper to be published for a more intelligent readership, and it must be written and edited by ever-better educated and trained persons.

The medium of television conveys the human appetite for news, but does it create demand for thorough explanation of the events it bulletins, it presses upon the newspaper industry to speed up its own technological advance. In Thomson's view, and ours, that which brings about more efficient production and distribution of a better product has obvious benefits both for newspapers and their readers.

Thomson sees room for new newspapers to be started in local areas where population shifts occur. He also sees a need for the established press to lend a hand to the development of newspapers in developing countries.

Those are not the words of an enthusiastic newcomer to newspapering. They are from a man who heads one of the world's largest publishing empires. At age 74, Lord Thomson continues to demonstrate his tremendous capacity for thinking ahead.

Lord Thomson's view of newspapers in the 1970s is wide-angle, not limited in focus or scope to Great Britain and Canada where his enterprises are best known. He is especially qualified to include the American scene because among his extensive holdings are more than 50 newspapers in the United States, several of them in Ohio.

The press and the public it serves can profit from his forecast. — The Plain Dealer

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Went Bankrupt
Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens), whose book, "Innocents Abroad," grossed more than \$500,000 for his publishers when the author was still in his 30s, was bankrupt by the time he was 58 due to bad business investments.

French Cravat
The cravat, as a term for a man's necktie, was originated by the French in the reign of Louis XIV to describe the neck scarf worn by the Croatian soldiers enlisted in the Royal Croatian regiment.

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