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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

But the Lord is faithful, who shall establish you, and keep you from evil. II Thessalonians 3:3.

Gaston Has Policy

Gaston County is committing itself to the expenditure of \$26,000 for a sewer line to serve the Kings Mountain Industrial Park which, in turn, will get service from the City of Kings Mountain sewage disposal system.

It was a simple cooperative arrangement between two agencies of government.

Gaston county has a policy on the laying of water and sewer lines. It is a written policy and the proposal met the several tests, principal among them being:

1) The Industrial Park is in Gaston County.

2) J. E. Herndon Company, the Kinder Company and its neighbor both a building, easily meet the return-of-taxes test. Their taxes, over a ten-year period, will easily out-strip the 26,000 cost of the line.

3) The bounds of the City of Kings Mountain protrude into Gaston County, making Kings Mountain a Gaston county (as well as Cleveland municipal citizen.

One item in the engineering estimate was the balance of \$6500 noted as Cleveland County share - cost of the eight-inch line from the Gaston line to the Kings Mountain city limits.

That appropriation, under prior policy of the Cleveland County board of commissioners, will not be forthcoming. The industries will pay that bill. They need the service.

Cleveland went big-time into water and sewer in the interest of obtaining Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company's Washburn Switch fiber glass plant. Indeed, then-Representative B. T. Falls, Jr., introduced and won passage of a state-wide bill to make it possible for counties to expend funds for water and sewer service. The county borrowed \$415,000 which has proved a fine investment and regularly getting better. (Pittsburgh has just announced another major expansion.)

But several successive county commissions have continued to say, "We're out of the water and sewer business."

It is to be hoped the recently inducted new members and the two holdover members will take a new view of this important and growing phase of county governmental service.

It should also be noted, of course, that Gaston County's policy spells out that the county is strictly a line-layer and that the agency providing the service also pays maintenance cost, meantime collecting whatever fees are charged, if any.

Cleveland had the maintenance point noted in the report of J. N. Pease & Company which was engineer for the county planning board's water service survey. Not feasible, at least now, was the engineering firm's report.

A firm policy on water and sewer that promises a measure of aid in obtaining new industry - and providing service to business and residences along the route - is a considerable need in Cleveland County.

Ladd Hamrick

Younger citizens of this area didn't know Ladd Hamrick. He left Kings Mountain not long after World War II and had been in poor health in recent years, after returning to his native grounds of Boiling Springs.

But the older ones knew him well and remember him as a civic-spirited man, able city commissioner, churchman and textile manager.

The Herald and his many friends regret the passing of a fine former citizen who contributed to the well-being of this community.

Commission Reports

Governor Dan Moore had, at least, a not-too-popular first year in the four-year term he is now completing. His critics termed it a very bad year. Even some of his friends joined in the jests that, when a touchy issue was advanced, the Governor recommended appointment of a study commission.

The General Assembly acquiesced.

The results are now arriving - big, thick, well-detailed manuals of the state of the state in particular fields, along with recommendations.

The recommendations, as was to be expected, say, in effect, there ain't enough money to do the job. More cash must be put in the till.

To date there have arrived the reports on higher education, public school education, and the highway department. Shortly to be in the mails is the report of the plight of the local governments as embodied in the local government study commission report.

A speed reader, at this moment, is sadly behind.

Some of the proposals to help local governments are the one percent sales tax, increased auto licenses (from \$1 to \$5), and a local government income tax.

The last mentioned pair, upping the city auto license fee and what the Herald labeled the right-to-work tax, is a revival of an old show that failed back in 1957. This show deserves early death again, particularly the local income tax, which would be levied on a Shelby or Gastonia man working in Kings Mountain and vice versa.

There seems merit to the one percent sales tax, where Mecklenburg, of the 99 counties, is a happy guinea pig.

Sales taxes are being collected and the one percent reversion would aid immeasurably the hard-pressed counties (all of the 100 likely), and the hard-pressed municipalities (the vast bulk of them).

Maybe it should be, as many contend, that North Carolina should levy a tax on cigarettes. Certainly taxes in all the other 49 states have failed to deter use of the so-called filthy weed.

But this newspaper will believe - when it sees - that day when 26 votes are mustered for a tobacco tax in the North Carolina Senate.

Increased gasoline taxes, though not in the degree recommended, are likely and that need is apparent. Item: estimate on the York road improvements was \$550,000. The low bid, exclusive of right-of-way and engineering costs, was over \$691,000.

Let us, however, have to right-to-work tax.

Merchants Have It

Kings Mountain merchants are in best shape for Christmas shoppers of 1968 than ever in history.

They have invested heavily in goods designed to please, whether cost of the gift desired is minimal or maximal.

Coaching in Retrospect

Both were rather wistful, as they chatted Tuesday night, Kings Mountain high school Coach Bill Bates, and UNC Coach Bill Dooley.

Had Kings Mountain overcome Chase, reasoned Bates, the record might have been 8-2, rather than an even-up 5-5. Dooley had his "ifs", too, about what might have been a much better than 3-7 season. Of course, Dooley could point with pride to two successive victories over arch-rival Duke.

They agreed: there's 1969 and better days ahead.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

Another Mountaineer football team was honored Tuesday night by the Kings Mountain Lions club which first began its annual football banquet in January 1940, honoring the 1939 aggregation.

It was the customary festive occasion, with Dave Saunders, Lions tail twister, twisting "em (no pin and no bulletin cost me a quarter), the youths drinking milk and the elders coffee, and good humor flowing about.

Bill Dooley, a second-year man at the coaching helm of the Carolina Tar Heels (won two, lost eight in '67, won three lost seven in '68) was the rostrum man and was presented by Lion Charles Blanton, a Carolina alumnus. Charlie averred he had met Dooley only a few minutes previously and normally would have declined the job had it not been for the rumor that the man who gave Dooley the best introduction on the banquet circuit would be provided at least four tickets to the Atlantic Coast Conference basketball tournament.

Charles also recognized the long-suffering Carolina alumni football fans present including himself, Jessie Putnam, of Bessemer City, Larry Hamrick, Dr. George Plonk and me.

George confessed that Coach Dooley had batted 50-50 for him during the recent season, referring to the dismal last quarter debacle against South Carolina and the wonderful glorious finale against Duke.

To Charles Blanton, Coach Dooley responded in kind. "No," he said, "I can't provide any ACC tournament tickets, but I can fix you up for next year's Carolina-Duke game. I have nothing to do with that round ball stuff."

Noting that recruiting season for future victories is well underway, Coach Dooley told of the telephone call he'd received Tuesday morning as he was leaving. A Pennsylvania all-state high school halfback wanted to play for North Carolina. The Coach posed the usual questions: size - six-foot-three, and 230 pounds. And speed - captain of the track team, running the 100-yard dash in 9.7 seconds. (This was sounding better all the while.) As president of his senior class and football captain the lad obviously got along with his fellows. Now, the key question concerning the books? The lad was B-plus student and had scored 1300 on the college entrance examinations. The exultant Dooley said, "Son, you're perfect. We'll give you a full scholarship." There was a moment of silence until the lad said he had one little fault. One, against all those assets, was hardly a problem. "What is it, son?"

"Coach, I sometimes lie a little."

Coach Dooley pledged he would not be long-winded, following an experience of the previous week at a banquet in Texas. He was considerably shaken, after speaking for 90 minutes, when two tall Texans pulled six-shooters out of holsters and parked them on the table.

Noting Dooley's discomfiture, one of the gun-totin' Texans said, "Don't you worry, son, we're not going to hurt you. We're lookin' for those guys who brought you here."

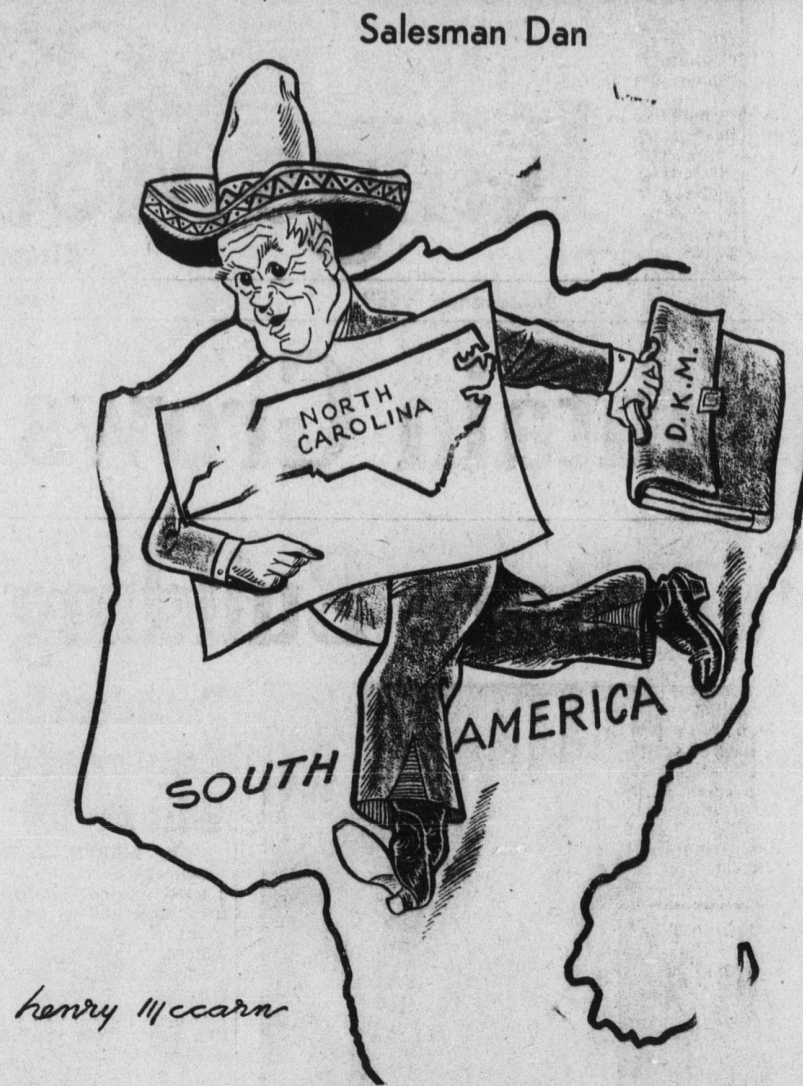
But Dooley did not string out his remarks. He compared football to life. Life, he said, is a series of mountains and valleys. In football, you get knocked down, but you get back up. "You're gone," he said, "if you can't come back out of the valleys."

He continued: "Football is discipline. It teaches you to say 'no' to yourself. It's practical democracy. The guy from across the tracks plays alongside the guy from the silk-stocking district."

He advised: "Continue your education! Scratch, claw, dig to continue it, so you can pursue what YOU want to do."

"The yuppies and hippies, the long-hair and tennis shoe element aren't connected with athletics," he had noted.

There were no six-shooter showing, but Coach Dooley had another reason for making his speech short and sweet: a 9 p.m. engagement in Shelby with a hot prospect for the UNC frosh of '69.



Henry McCarn

Salesman Dan

Viewpoints of Other Editors

MORE FREEDOM IN THE AIR

George A. Spater, president of American Airlines, suggests that individual airlines should be given more freedom to set their own fares. The idea, it seems to us, is well worth considering.

As Mr. Spater concedes, the freedom would still have to be limited. When an airline has been granted a monopoly of a certain route, the Government cannot permit the carrier to charge whatever it pleases. In the public's interest, moreover, the Government should intervene if a line discriminates against certain groups of travelers or certain areas. There may be other reasonable exceptions.

With greater freedom to compete in price, though, the airlines might find it less necessary to compete in some of today's fairly foolish ways, such as the shortness of stewardess' skirts and the size of cocktails. Most travelers, we suspect, would welcome the change.

More flexibility in fares also might help ease the traffic jams that now trouble some major airports at peak travel periods of the day. It would be interesting to see what happened to travel patterns if flights cost slightly more during aerial rush hours than they did during quieter hours of the day.

In the words of Mr. Spater, "The economic theory that still prevails in the United States is that competition, the give and take between rivals, and the interplay between the producer and consumer, provide the most successful way of determining prices."

Maybe it wouldn't be a complete success in the airlines. No one will know for sure, however, if the idea is never allowed to get off the ground.

Wall Street Journal

RICKOVER ANSWERS

Crusty Vice Admiral Hyman G. Rickover had a system for handling personnel investigators during World War II that would have solved many postwar problems - particularly in the days of the late Senator Joseph McCarthy and other would-be subversive hunters.

Rickover told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee about his system recently. He and his busy staff were pestered by Civil Service Commission investigators checking into various employees. Rickover anticipated the four most frequent questions and had answers mimeographed. The form went like this, according to a report in the Washington Post:

Q: Is this employee loyal?
A: I wouldn't have hired him if I didn't believe he was loyal.
Q: How does he do his job?
A: If he didn't do his job well I would fire him.
Q: What are his out of work habits?
A: I don't know, and I don't care what he does after work hours. I'm only concerned with what he does during working hours.

Q: What do you know about his moral behavior?
A: I'm too busy with my own work to have time to discuss his personal affairs with him. If I find his outside activities interfere with his work, I will take appropriate action.

When the investigators came to inquire about an employee, Rickover's secretary would type

Ten Years Ago

Items of interest which occurred approximately ten years ago

The coveted Plonk Blocking Trophy remains in the family this year. David Plonk, senior guard and tri-captain of the Kings Mountain Mountaineer football team in 1958, has been awarded the handsome trophy given each season to the team's most outstanding blocker by his father, Fred W. Plonk.

The Kings Mountain high school band and Mixed Chorus will present a joint Christmas concert Friday evening at the high school auditorium at 7:45 p.m.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Charles Carpenter, Jr. was hostess Wednesday morning to members of Circle 2 of Central Methodist church.

Mrs. Hunter Allen entertained members of Central Methodist church at her home Monday night.

COMMUNITY-SPONSORED MUSIC

Most universities and colleges with large auditoriums feature annual concert series. In years past, there have been waiting lists for subscriptions to the cultural events, usually the only programs of their kind within miles of the campus. But with growing interest in community-sponsored music and stage presentations, a college series may not hold the unique cultural position in a town as in former years. As a result, subscribers may be harder to find. To make it easier to get tickets, a New York college this year adopted a scheme transforming banks, travel agencies, airline offices, department stores and even supermarkets into instant box offices.

A circular from Hunter College credits that school with being the first campus concert bureau to use Ticket Reservation Systems (Incorporated) (TRS), which applies data processing to ticket processing. A homemaker may stop at the TRS outlet in a grocery store where a machine is connected to a central computer. The machine's operator asks the computer to locate the best seats available at the price she wants to pay. While Mrs. John Q. thinks it over, the system holds the seats for 50 seconds. If she decides to take them, the machine prints instant box-office tickets which can be handed to the usher at the door on concert night.

Thus, the computer adds to its growing list of services that of opening the door to classical music for many persons who may never have entered before. With the sales accent on individual performances instead of season's tickets, the series planners get a better perspective of audience preference for future reference. (But, as with every other rose, there is a thorn. Nobody has yet come up with instant, free, money to pay for the Debussy or the doughnuts.)

Hartford Courant

the employee's name on top of the mimeographed sheet and hand it over. At first investigators complained of lack of cooperation but in the end they stopped bothering him. And, said Rickover triumphantly, "nothing was ever found wrong with any of my employees."

Milwaukee Journal

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VISITING HOURS
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PATIENTS IN KINGS MOUNTAIN HOSPITAL AS OF NOON WEDNESDAY:

- Mr. Claude Camp
- Mrs. David Campbell
- Mr. Earl Carpenter
- Mrs. Margaret Farris
- Mrs. Fannie Furse
- M. William Gregory
- Mrs. Ida Hamrick
- Mrs. Aquilla Huffstetler
- Mr. Hobart Metcalf
- Mrs. Maggie McClain
- Mrs. A. H. Patterson
- Mr. Thomas Turner
- Mrs. H. C. Bell
- Mr. James Byers
- Sharon Byers
- Miss Nancy Childers
- Mrs. Jimmy Curry
- Elizabeth Fitch
- Mrs. Carl Frazier
- Mr. Lloyd Hall
- Mr. M. L. Harmon, Sr.
- Mr. Paul Henson
- Mr. J. D. Hord
- Mr. William Houser
- Mrs. William Hudson
- Mrs. Sidney Huffstetler
- Shella Johnson
- Mrs. Mack Jordan
- Mrs. Florence Lynn
- Mrs. Lee Martin
- Mrs. Elmer Martin
- Antorie Meeks
- Mrs. Amzie McClain
- Mrs. Paul Sanders
- Mrs. Ida Smith
- Mrs. Arngel Steese
- Mrs. Lalor Williams
- Mrs. Ervin Williams

ADMITTED THURSDAY

- Mrs. Jack Day, 2508 E. Spear Ave., Gastonia, N. C.
- Mr. Wade Patterson, 402 Walnut St., City
- Mrs. Don Sigmon, 901 First St.

ADMITTED FRIDAY

- Mrs. Lena Goforth, 205 S. Piedmont
- Mrs. Janie Rockholt, 113 Center St.
- Mr. George Runyans, 119 Bridges Dr.

ADMITTED SATURDAY

- Mrs. Lillian Early, 411 Cherokee St.
- Mr. Joseph Ervin Mellen, 355 N. Gaston St.
- Mrs. Mattie Mellen, 514 E. Virginia Ave., Bessemer City
- Mrs. James Crocker, 370 Crocker Rd.

ADMITTED SUNDAY

- Mrs. Ethel Mullens, 1030 Oakwood Rd., Gastonia
- Mr. William McNeely, Rt. 1, Cherrylville, N. C.
- Mrs. Jack Gaddy, 400 C. Dr., City
- Mr. John Greene, Box 184, Grover

ADMITTED MONDAY

- Mr. Joe Herndon, 106 N. Oriental Ave.
- Mrs. Albert Head, 902 Rhodes Ave.
- Mr. Earl Hicks, Dover Dr., Bessemer City
- Mr. Kenneth Smith, 611 Meadowbrook
- Mr. Samuel Stewart, Jr. 116 W. Holder Dr., Gastonia
- Kurt Trammell, 402 E. King
- Mrs. Jetter Wykle, 617 E. Trade St., Dallas
- Mrs. B. Thomas Ellis, Grover

METER RECEIPTS

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