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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. *St. Matthew 2:10.*

Tight Cash

When the prime interest rate—that charged a bank's most affluent borrowers—goes to seven percent that's news.

It's the highest prime rate in a century, pointing up the fact of the Federal Reserve Bank's increase in the discount rate, that charged banks who, borrowers, too, get cash from the Federal Reserve to lend to customers.

The views are mixed on whether tight money is good or bad for the country.

Traders sold stocks heavily pushing the stock prices down. Gold remains in heavy demand in foreign nations where trading in gold is permitted. United States Treasury bonds plunged in price with better returns elsewhere.

The Federal Reserve apparently takes the views that the twin problems of rising prices and increasing totals of both short and long-term debt need to be slowed. Tight or high-cost money is supposed to do the job.

On whether tight money is good or bad, it may be presumed that it is good for the guy with it, less good for the guy without it.

Good Service

Congratulations to Holmes Harry for his effective service on the Kings Mountain board of education, dating from area consolidation in July 1961.

During that period were some trying times and difficult decisions.

Effecting of area consolidation itself was difficult with especially crowded conditions until the new high school plant was built. The 1964 civil rights act added to the fun.

But the business has been managed here with a minimum of pain and Mr. Harry deserves his full share of honor for it.

He was particularly proud, he said at a football game in the new John Gamble Stadium, that Kings Mountain now boasted the only stadium in the conference with rest rooms on the visitor's as well as home side of the stands.

"It cost $8,000," he said, "but it's sure worth it."

Congratulations:

To P. A. (Tippy) Francis, newly appointed member of the Kings Mountain district board of education;

To Frank Humphries, at age 13, an Eagle Scout;

To Miss Nancy Lublaneski, University of Mississippi senior elected an officer of the student chapter of the American Pharmaceutical association.

To Navy Lieutenant James C. Blanton, recently promoted to that rank.

That's Better

The Office of Education, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, has aproved the Kings Mountain school district's 1969-70 assignment plan and tagged a note of congratulations to the approval.

It was expected.

The board of education has asked for dispensation for the present term on grounds of new construction at North school and got most of what was asked.

And the plan continued the policy of the Kings Mountain board in keeping the faith with the 1964 civil rights act.

Oriental Graft

Senator William Proxmire has charged that two men were penalized for "doing their jobs too well".

The armed services involved have admitted nothing, but the navy has agreed to a civil service decision for review of disciplinary action against John McGee who supplied the information to Senator Proxmire.

Even so, a General Accounting office report details theft of 5.5 million gallons of fuel and lubricants in 1967 alone.

McGee pulled the whistle on theft of fuel and other supplies in Thailand.

The reports apparently are quite valid and point up one of the major reasons for United States difficulties in dealing the Orientals.

The inscrutable Oriental mind is hard to analyze.

Time Magazine did a studied essay on the subject several months ago, attempting to detail the differences between the thinking of Thais, the Japanese, the Vietnamese, Formosan China Nationalists, etc.

What this nation regards as rankest corruption seems to be a way of doing business in many Oriental nations. The fellow with the power would be foolish not to use it for his own benefit.

It's hard to do business successfully with one crook, much less possible with nations of them.

A Kennedy Win

The advance copy read strangely. Senator Edward Kennedy didn't know whether he could beat Senator Russell Long for majority whip or not. Then why was Senator Kennedy offering.

The answer was weak. Even a loss would propel him into the public eye.

Senator Kennedy apparently knew more than was admitted, even if his margin was not a landslide.

The victory is important for the role of whip is important. It is his chore, with the aid of regional assistants (including Senator Fritz Hollings of South Carolina) to corral the votes to push favored legislation through the Senate and to defeat unfavored legislation.

Fact that Republican from the opposite side of the aisle are President and Vice-President increases the importance of the job Mr. Kennedy won and its responsibility.

Is Ted Kennedy's eye on the top job in '72?

Why would it be in light of the tragic fate of his two brothers?

Senator Edward Kennedy, like his brothers and father before him is a political spelot. He aims at the pinnacle.

Computer Study?

Paul Vogel, unsuccessful Republican candidate for the county board of commissioners, has addressed the county board with the suggestion that feasibility studies be made before the board proceeds with a previous decision to purchase a computer.

Mr. Vogel included a Gaston County study on the subject entitled "County Tax Computation and Billing by Service Contract Agreement with a Data Processing Center."

To sum up Gaston County found it more economical to contract for data processing services than to purchase a machine to operate on its own.

Perhaps the computer purchase has been checked already and is quite valid.

But there is apparent sincerity, certainly no tone of sour grapes from Loser Vogel.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

It was my pleasure to cover Wednesday's luncheon meeting of the Cleveland Organization of Government Officials executive committee. The food was good, as I have always found it at Hotel Charles dining room, my neighbors interesting conversationalists, and the Shelby parking meter man generous.

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To begin with last first, Mayor John Henry Moss and I were headed for the car and I looked up to see that I was going to owe the City of Shelby a quarter. John teased, "Want me to try to use my influence?" No, I replied, I've over-parked and owe the quarter. But as I reached for the ticket to insert the quarter the officer took it back, said, "No, you made it back in time."

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John was interested in the enclosed Cushman motor scooter the officer was driving. After duty on regular cycles, the officer was all for it, particularly in foul and cold weather. Speed on the beat? Much faster in covering the metered areas. Cost of upkeep? He didn't know, but the Chief would.

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My immediate neighbors at table were Walter Thomas, county superintendent of schools, Mayor Hubert Plaster of Shelby, Bill Dover, Shelby Star reporter, Lamar Young, retiring CAGO chairman, and Dave Wilkinson, recently arrived Shelby city manager.

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Dave proved to be athletic minded, particularly in the directions of squash, volleyball and tennis. He hadn't been able to locate any squash courts. Supt. Thomas said he had none in the schools. John Henry said the new neighborhood facilities building could accommodate him when the building is complete. Dave didn't appear to be overly heavy but said he'd gained five pounds since coming to Shelby. "The climate agrees with me," he commented. Well, partially, since Dave's previous area of operation was Miami Springs, Fla. He grew up in Pittsburgh, Pa., schooled across state in Philadelphia. On the restricted exercise business, Dr. Plaster told Wilkinson, "I'll take you down to the farm and we'll dig some post holes. Nothing like it to take it off and put it on where you need it."

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Supt. Thomas was eloquent on the woes of fallen-in gymnasium roofs and accompanying legal action. Presuming the county gets restitution to cover all damage costs, one cost will be omitted by North Carolina law: the fees of the county board of education legal battery.

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Bill Dover, like me, had eaten breakfast early. We ordered the veal cutlet.

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There was a dash of levity. Malcolm Brown, Shelby superintendent of schools, said there was one item of long unfinished business. It is customary, he noted, to give a retiring president a plaque, if the board thought he'd done his work well. The committee had so felt in the instance of the presidency of Les Roark, the Shelby city commissioner. "I

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don't know exactly what happened," Malcolm continued. "Maybe Les missed a meeting, but that plaque had had a first birthday right there in my office."

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It was agreed to be better late than never and handle the presentation at the membership meeting here next Wednesday.

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The committee agreed Lamar (Buddy) Young, retiring chairman, had earned a plaque, too. CAGO seemed off to a good if tardy 1969 start. The Mayor, George H. Mauney and I were equally a little late. Don Jones was on time, though he'd made a round-trip to Swannanoa. But Secretary Jones had left his minutes at home.

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Dentist Plaster was later, which meant some patient didn't enjoy lunch.

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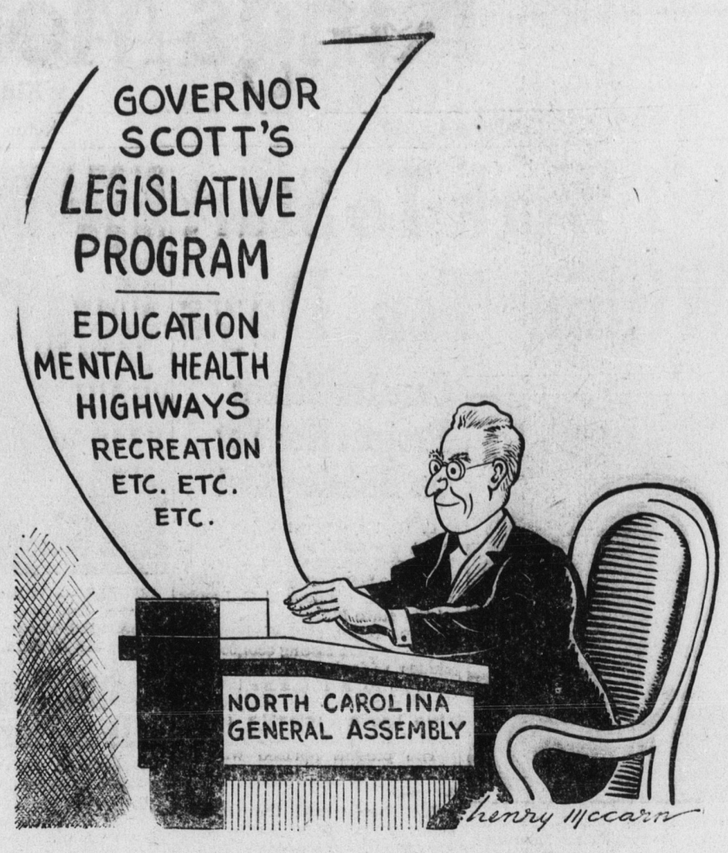
Buddy Young was latest, on a mission of mercy to get a stove installed.

Looks Like A Fine Bill Of Fare



Viewpoints of Other Editors

A NEIGHBOR'S MALADIES ARE PAINFULLY FAMILIAR

If misery really loves company, it may be some comfort to realize we are not alone in our housing woes.

According to the Kings Mountain Herald, that Cleveland County town comparable in size to Mooresville needs no less than 1,000 homes to meet projected demands during the next three years. Mooresville's immediate and short-term needs are placed at 800 new homes.

In Kings Mountain, the Herald reported, industrial growth is outpacing homebuilding. Have you heard that lament somewhere? Or how about Kings Mountain Mayor Henry Moss' call for stepped-up expansion of sewer and water service?

"Industrial potential and municipal utilities open the door of opportunity to all Kings Mountain citizens," the mayor said, "but we must provide matching residential development."

Familiar?

Now, let's get deeper into this matter. Mayor Moss said no less than 27 percent of Kings Mountain's available labor works out of town. And that town, like ours, has no unemployment.

So which comes first, homes or job opportunities?

At least one thinking Mooresville resident reverses this chicken-or-the-egg quandary: He insists economic advancement creates its own solutions.

For example, he points out a competitive industrial wage would attract and hold workers — and, more importantly — it would give workers the purchasing power they need to secure the homes they need.

In other words, give a breadwinner and his family financial reason to live and work here, and they will. It is not the answer to put the housing shoe on the subdivision developer's foot. Take the solution one step further and give the worker incentive to come here in the first place.

At the Kings Mountain mayor's suggestion, the town's employment committee, job-training programs within the area's industries and Cleveland Technical Institute are working together to come up with ways and means to build an economy in which "every able-bodied person in Kings Mountain can find a job right here in his own city."

Mooresville area industry is encouraging the vocational school and it is offering assistance in other ways designed to attract new people, re-train employees in new jobs and do what everyone recognizes must be done.

It is not enough, certainly, to insist 800 more homes will mean 800 more soldiers in our industrial army. That we recognize this is a start toward a healthier economic climate. — **Mooresville Tribune.**

WELFARE

"Under our present welfare system millions of our citizens are kept in a state of government-imposed economic bondage, without the means or the incentive to improve themselves. The worst effect is on the children of those dependent upon welfare. It has achieved one objective, it's a disincentive for recipients to work. . . . It would appear that incentives should be worked into the program, along with training of the children of welfare recipients to they know that there is another way of life in America." — **Waterville, Wash., Empire-Press.**

Ten Years Ago

Items of interest which occurred approximately ten years ago

Robert Rhodes Plonk, Troop 9, won the Eagle award, highest honor in scouting, at Court of Honor for Kings Mountain District Boy Scouts Thursday.

The Kings Mountain Life Saving Crew will conduct a roadblock Sunday to raise funds for the March of Dimes.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Dwain Lynch entertained Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Phifer at a bridal party honoring Miss Dorothy Frances Goforth, bride-elect. Miss Goforth and Jacob Dixon will be married in February.

Mrs. Paul Briggs was hostess Monday night to a joint meeting of Circle 4 and 6 of Central Methodist church.

READING & WRITING

A nationwide, four-year study by experts has confirmed the worst fears of most parents: There are severe shortcomings in the teaching of English in the nation's high schools.

The National Council of Teachers of English and the University of Illinois made intensive studies of 158 representative high schools in 45 states and discovered that the two areas of greatest weakness are reading and writing.

Some highlights from the study of 1,600 classrooms:

There is little direct instruction in writing despite the fact that 16 percent of class time is devoted to composition.

Only 13 percent of student papers examined by observers showed signs of any thorough rewriting and only 17 percent showed any evidence that teachers help students with organization of ideas, critical thinking and clear communication.

Reading programs are inadequate, uncoordinated and almost non-existent. Most programs seemed lacking in purpose, organization and impact. The non-academic, non-college, slow-learning student is neglected.

Few teachers show themselves capable of effectively leading class discussion. Barely a fifth of the time is used in discussion and questioning. The emphasis is on recitation and rote response.

Language is the least well taught of all elements of the English curriculum. A majority of schools concentrate on mechanical drill and error-based instruction, with effective communication being subordinated to grammatical accuracy in classroom presentation.

Those who made the survey stressed the need for quality leadership from the principal and chairman of each English department and the need for a small cadre of "master teachers" in each school employed on a merit pay system. English teachers nationally average 150 students each — 50 more than the recommended maximum of 100.

These suggested cures probably sound familiar. Developing a cadre of master teachers in the various disciplines, paying them on merit and freeing good teachers from noneducational duties is what Tribune education writer Kyle Goddard has been preaching for a long time.

When we cheat boys and girls of the ability to read and write well, we limit their ability to communicate effectively and to reach their potential. But like we've said before, quality education costs money.

So does undereducation.—**Tulsa Tribune.**

A STICKY WICKET

Boston is not the only city which cherishes its parkland. One of the warmer controversies in New York at the moment concerns a project that would devote part of Central Park to croquet.

With the best of intentions, the New York Croquet Club donated $10,000 to build a croquet field, open to anyone for a fee, on parkland. No sooner had a fence been erected around it than the Save Central Park Committee fired off a protest. The Parks Commissioner ordered the fence reduced in height, but the committee didn't care for either a tall or short fence. Now the Park Association of New York City and the Council for Parks and Playgrounds has joined the fight, stating that they are opposed to "continuing preemption of public parklands for special interest facilities."

The generally genteel croquet players seem somewhat abashed by the fierceness of the battle they have touched off. The Croquet Club should be thankful that its sport doesn't require a stadium.—**Boston Herald Traveler**

A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

President-elect Richard M. Nixon has pledged that "the great objective" of his administration will be "to bring the American people together."

He explained that he will have an open Administration, "open to new ideas, open to men and women of both parties, open to critics as well as those who support us."

We have the opportunity to assist the Administration in achieving this worthwhile objective during the year 1969. Petty political maneuvering must give way to sound, positive action at the executive, legislative, administrative and public levels.

Each of us should lend positive public support to sound constructive objectives, which not only will achieve the goal of togetherness, but will accelerate our economy into a better America for all — **Transylvania Times.**

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