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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. *Romans 8:28.*

Moss Administration

Two years ago was the first time in modern city political history that a Kings Mountain mayor was returned to office without opposition.

It has applied also this election year 1969.

Also unopposed besides Mayor John Moss are Ward 1 City Commissioner Ray Cline and School Board Trustees James E. Herndon, Jr. and George H. Mauney.

None can fairly assess the fact of minimal political activity this year, without crediting the energy, imagination, hard work and dedication of Mayor John H. Moss, the city's chief executive officer. That he fares well with Kings Mountain citizens was attested again Tuesday night when citizens flocked into the courtroom to stand by the city board on its decision on Buffalo Creek.

Also "home free" are the two schoolmen and Commissioner Cline, all veterans in their respective positions, and all of whom can be credited with good performances.

A few items of evidence of the city's progress was detailed in a lengthy filing statement of the mayor two weeks ago. Among them: launching of a long-term water program which will benefit the whole area, and for water, Eastern Cleveland County particularly; expansion of the city recreation program with a long-needed community center scheduled for completion this summer; McGill and Pilot Creek Waste treatment plants scheduled for completion in early May; a downtown urban renewal project designed to upgrade downtown; seven new industrial plants have located here, along with four service industries; attention to low-rent housing for the poor who qualify; a summer youth employment agency which produced jobs for 330 young people last summer; meantime the normal work of the city—from fire protection to garbage pick-ups—which was continued on full measure.

Most folk know when they're doing a good job but the members of Moss Administration II will be pardoned if they grin a little that their neighbors know it.

Performance pays.

Last Registration Day

Saturday is the last day to register for the May 13th municipal election.

Registration activity has not been great. Most activity has been recorded by Mrs. Donald Jones at Ward 6, the newly-created ward. Mrs. Jones reported that 25 names were logged the past Saturday which brings to 90 the names of new citizens added in that precinct at Kings Mountain high school.

Other registrars reported considerable "checking" by citizens. Mrs. Ruth Bowers in Ward III has reported a total of 12 "news" with several transfers to other wards.

The voters choose on May 13th whether to return four incumbent city commissioners or elect challengers to City Hall positions and determine the new face on the board in the person of Ward 6 city commissioner from the newly-created area.

He who is not registered cannot vote.

Congratulations to Sheila Green and Carolyn Wright, top winners in the Western N. C. High School 1969 Forensic contests, to Girl State delegates Diane Tria and Debbie Timms; to Charles Mauney, elected president of the Catawba Valley Hosiery club; and to the Senior Band of Kings Mountain high school, accorded rating of superior in state band contests recently.

Not Nice Reading

1968 was an ugly year for Americans. Tragedy of spectacular magnitude became a frequent front page occurrence. But a quieter national calamity took its dreadful toll on all the days before, during and after the Tet offensive in Vietnam, the riots, the assassinations.

It was "quiet" only because it was not concentrated in a single place at a single time. There was no focus to put this misery on the front pages. To the families and friends of 55,300 men, women and children killed in auto accidents, however, it was the ultimate calamity. To the 4,400,000 victims of injury, it was hard core agony. The economic loss, about 13.5 billion dollars, was an appalling waste.

This view of 1968 is contained in the annual booklet of highway accident statistics from The Travelers Insurance Companies. Statistics in the booklet were compiled from records of motor vehicle departments throughout the country.

The 1968 highway toll followed a year that saw a leveling off in the number of highway deaths and injuries. In 1967 approximately 53,000 lives were lost in motor vehicle mishaps — 4,200,000 persons were injured.

Why the increase? Was it because Americans were lulled by the "improvement" of the preceding year?

Whatever the reasons, the tragedy as there are people to voice opinions.

There are, perhaps, as many reasons remains. More than 55,300 persons were killed and 4,400,000 injured.

Mr. Driver, it's up to you to help make 1969 beautiful!

Mini-Vacation?

Ever try a mini-vacation?

We were interested in an article in the latest edition of "Petroleum Today," a magazine published by the American Petroleum Institute, describing mini-vacationing — a brief two or three-day trip to a not-too-far-away place of interest — as an easy and inexpensive method of getting away from it all.

The article stated that already very popular, mini-vacationing promises to become even more so when new federal and state laws establishing four additional weekend holidays become effective in 1971.

At that time, federal employees and District of Columbia residents will celebrate Washington's Birthday on the third Monday of each February, Memorial Day on the last Monday in May, Columbus Day on the second Monday in October, and Veteran's Day on the fourth Monday in October. Several states already have voted to follow Congress' lead, and by 1971 the extended weekends are expected to be effective nationwide.

School Registration

Registration books opened for the May 24th schools referendum on issuing of a 50-cent county-wide supplemental tax Saturday.

The books will be open again Saturday, April 26th; Saturday, May 3; and Saturday, May 10th.

Polling places here are: Bethware at Bethware school; East Kings Mountain at Kings Mountain Fire Department; West Kings Mountain at the Armory; and Grover at the Grover Rescue Squad.

No new registration is required. If you voted in the general election you are eligible to vote. New citizens who have been residents of the state 12 months and residents of the county three months should register.

Of the 50 cent supplemental tax, only 40 cents will be levied.

You must be registered to vote.

Letter To Editor

Dear Sir:

I would like to express my personal thanks and appreciation to you and the Kings Mountain Herald for your generous and loyal support of our Police Department and our Kings Mountain Jr. Police Organization.

I would also like to congratulate each of our Policemen for their unique appearance and devotion to duty. We have traveled and lived in many states and cities of the United States, and of course our interest in Law Enforcement has always drawn our attention to Law Enforcement officers. And it is with great pride that I say our officers are "tops".

It is the responsibility of each citizen of a community, the kind of Police Department they have. The support and backing of local businessmen is a great contributing factor to a good Police Department.

July 1, 1968, the Kings Mountain Jr. Police Organization was formed with 22 members. Today the membership is 112 boys, aging from 10 to 16 years. A present there are three members of our City's Police Department supervising these young men. Some of these young men's problems are great and the need for local support and help with these boys is even greater. There has been help, financially, from a local church, the Optimist Club, some businessmen, and a very few individuals. The Jr. Police are selling car tags to raise money for their badges and uniforms. But we still see too many cars in our city not bearing the tags of our Jr. Police Department. These young men are the leaders of tomorrow and they need the help of the leaders of today. It seems the interest of this organization is greater outside our city. Calls have been received from Charlotte, Asheville, Tenn., Kentucky, and other places, requesting more information about our Jr. Police, while our local citizens seem to be avoiding or uninterested in these young men. They meet once a month. One month is a business meeting and discussion of their problems, usually held at City Hall. The next month a dinner is served at the Kings Mountain Police Club. Any citizen interested in giving assistance or attending these meetings is most welcome.

Thanks again to the Kings Mountain Herald for your support and help.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jean McDevitt

Dear Sir:

As a citizen and tax payer of Kings Mountain for the past thirty-five years it always been Shelby this and Shelby that.

It's got real sickening the way the citizens of Kings Mountain lay down and get walked on by the people across the creek. The lake now in progress being paid for by the citizens of Kings Mountain and Shelby wants to take it away before its paid for.

Now take into consideration what has Shelby paid on this lake? Why should the county zone it?

The City Commissioners of Kings Mountain, all spoke in behalf of the citizens at a meeting April 28 at City Hall. They should be congratulated.

Stephen E. Rathbone

Dear Editor:

I would like to clarify some untrue statements in last weeks Kings Mountain Herald made by Alfred Tucker about a trailer home fire outside Kings Mountain City Limits. We did not have outside insurance on this trailer home, the person owning the property on which the trailer home was located had coverage on his home, but not on the trailer located one tenth mile from his home. Tucker stated we should have gone to this fire also. He stated the Fire Department could not find this person's card in our file and this person came to the Fire Department and found his card and showed it to a fireman. This person did come by and asked to see his card, I showed it to him and explained to him we did not have a card on the trailer home. If his home had been endangered by this fire we could have gone. We checked with the company that has the property owners insurance and they stated they would not have paid for the call if we had answered the call. All statements made by Tucker concerning this fire are untrue.

C. D. Ware

City Fireman



Henry McCann

Giving Him A Helping Hand

Viewpoints of Other Editors

STATE SHOULD LOOK FOR WAY TO SUPPORT MEDICAL SCHOOLS

North Carolina's two private medical schools that have made a bid for state financial support that makes economic sense, but it may have a tough time politically.

The deans of the Wake Forest and Duke University medical schools propose that North Carolina subsidize the tuition of their medical students. They want the state to bridge the gap (\$3,628) between a \$700-per-student tuition and the estimated \$4,328-a-year of medical education for students from North Carolina. They also want the state to contribute \$1,000 a year toward bridging the same gap for their out-of-state students.

This proposal makes some basic economic sense. It proposes that North Carolina ease the tortoiselike fiscal problems of the two irreplaceable units in the state medical field. This state clearly has an interest in promoting the economic health of two quality medical education and research centers. Their value to North Carolina couldn't be duplicated even if the state added a second medical school of its own.

As a percentage of the present state budget, the aid sought by the two schools is relatively small — \$474,032 for Wake Forest's Bowman-Gray and \$474,656 for the Duke University Medical School. The two schools make their requests reluctantly because of rising costs and decreasing federal outlays.

Here is the supreme irony. At a time when medical education should be of greatest concern at the federal level, support is falling off.

Modest and sensible though their proposal may be, the political problem is obvious. There is no question about the value of the two schools to North Carolina, but there is a worrisome question about the future usefulness to the state of the specific doctors to be subsidized. This is a particularly true of the out-of-state students who make up a majority of the 563 students at the two schools.

As was proven beyond any question during debate over the proposed second state-supported medical school for East Carolina University, there is no assurance that training a future doctor in a region or a state will, in fact, lead to his settling there. So the Duke-Wake Forest bid can't very well be sold on a basis of over-coming North Carolina's shortage of medical practitioners, though we are almost certain to retain some who get their training here.

Unless the schools are willing to tie their students to a post-graduate practice arrangement, which neither the schools nor their students figure to welcome, a subsidy as proposed by the two deans seems likely to encounter opposition. But if for political reasons North Carolina can't go along with the deans' plan, its stake in the future of the Duke and Bowman-Gray operations demands that the new Scott administration and the next General Assembly look for alternate aid arrangements.

The Charlotte Observer
Boston Herald-Traveler

SUPPOSE...

More and more, people are realizing that you just can't compartmentalize children's minds into 45 minutes of English, followed by 45 minutes of biology, followed by 45 minutes of history, followed by 45 minutes of typing, followed by 45 minutes of it's all Greek to me. And please do not shove in the hall...

And educators are beginning to see environmental education as the focal point which can unify the different disciplines and take them out of their time-honored artificial niches.

Suppose you have a scientific problem in the field of conservation. For example, effluents from a certain paper mill create water pollution in a certain river...

So, how do you clean it up? You can determine a scientific answer. But suddenly you have gotten yourself all tangled up in the social sciences. Economics... people's jobs depend upon that paper mill which is making the water so dirty. Politics... one faction just wants to keep the paper mill happy in town...

And a new factor, public relations... writing material to be sent to townpeople, writing letters to key citizens, photographing what the river might look like, if only it were cleaned up. And maybe reaching up to the national level, to influence congressmen. Maybe figuring out a way to get a federal grant to help the paper mill with its clean-up chores.

So, suppose you as a teacher in the local high school give the problem of the paper mill and the river to your students as an assignment. They'll learn enough about science, social sciences, humanities, and life to make them understand a part of the complexities that make up the modern world.

Maybe the problem will even give the kids something constructive to protest about.

Massachusetts Audubon Society

MAKING IT OFFICIAL

Every state has designated as official certain of its characteristics, flora and fauna. New Hampshire, for example, has a state motto, "Live Free or Die." Missouri has an official nickname as the "Show Me State."

Tennessee's state song is the "Tennessee Waltz." Louisiana's state tree is the bald cypress. Oklahoma's state bird is the scissor-tailed flycatcher. And Nebraska's state flower... is the goldenrod.

A few states have added special designations. Kansas, for illustration, has named a state animal, the buffalo. Oregon has named a state fish, the Chinook salmon. And Idaho has named a state gem, the star garnet.

Obviously, if state lawmakers do not restrain themselves in making things official, the list could get longer and rather ridiculous. The Minnesota Legislature, for example, is weighing a bill that would designate the Lake Superior agate as the state rock. Virginia has considered legislation that would make the foxhound the state dog. And last year the Massachusetts senate debated a bill that would have made cranberry juice the state beverage.

YANKEE DOLLAR, DON'T GO HOME

It seems like only yesterday that Europeans were complaining of an American "takeover," as U. S. businessmen and investors poured dollars into the Continent. Now that high U. S. interest rates are drawing dollars out of Europe, though, European officials are anything but happy to see them go.

In monetary matters timing and perspective can make all the difference. Until recently European nations, most of which were doing a good job of controlling inflation, were urging the U. S. to do something about its own price pressures. If the U. S. had acted on that advice sooner, rather than later, the U. S. might be lighter.

What worries Europe is that the outflow of dollars will be excessively deflationary for its economy. That may be a reason for concern, but even greater problems would result if Europe tried to counter the outflow with excessively inflationary domestic finance.

In any case it would be foolish for the U. S. to curb the dollar flow with new controls, of the sort that some Europeans have indicated they favor. Experience surely has shown that controls merely distort capital movements without doing anything to solve the basic difficulties.

The current trouble points up once again how tightly the Western economies are interrelated. If each country shows proper respect for its own currencies, maybe dollars, pounds, francs, marks and lire all will once again feel at home anywhere.

The Wall Street Journal

CANCER DRIVE GIFTS

Gifts to the Kings Mountain Cancer Fund, if in check form, should be made payable to the American Cancer Society, says Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, chairman. Treasurer of memorial gifts for the drive is Mrs. J. E. Herndon, Jr., 119 N. Piedmont Avenue.

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Ten Years Ago

Items of interest which occurred approximately ten years ago

Rev. Marion DuBose, Jr., pastor of Rowletts Baptist church in Rowletts, Ky., will become pastor of Kings Mountain Baptist church June 7th.

J. T. McGinnis, Jr., Plunk Motor Company salesman, was elected commander of Otis D. Green Post 155, the American Legion, Friday night.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
Double-ring vows pledged Saturday at 5 p.m. in First Baptist church united Miss Marcia Leigh Yarbrough of Kings Mountain and William Franklin Crag, Jr. of Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Osborne announce the engagement of their daughter, Norma Jane, to William Hoyle Burton, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Burton.

WOMEN DRIVERS

The World Health Organization has surveyed a panel of experts who testified that "women drive automobiles as well as men do and probably better."

No less an authority than Graham Hill, a world Grand Prix racing champion, said sex has nothing to do with driving ability. "There are good drivers and bad drivers, that's all," he concluded.

The panel decided women usually are more prudent than men when behind the wheel of an automobile. They are involved in fewer serious accidents...

Look at it this way: Without the woman driver myth how would people such as Henry Youngman, Alan King and Milton Berle make a living?

The Plain Dealer

LANGUAGE PROBLEM

The Cherokees are somewhat more American than apple pie, but their native tongue has been classified as a foreign language, and in the circumstances we agree that this is proper.

The Office of Education did the classifying because it was the only way it could make federal funds available to teach English to Cherokee children. The law says they can be financed in the study of a foreign language. If theirs is a foreign language, then English is a foreign language to them.

Well, since they speak a foreign language perhaps they can also be reclassified as a foreign nation. That would make them eligible for foreign aid and maybe we could do more to improve their miserable living conditions.

Chicago Daily News

You And Social Security

Q—I have several doctor bills and I wish to file a claim for payment from Medicare. How should I file my first claim?

A—Since you have never filed a claim before, it would be a good idea for the social security office to help you with your first claim. Bring all your itemized bills and your Medicare card. It is not necessary for the bills to be paid to file a claim.

Q—My husband left me many years ago. We did not get a divorce, and neither of us has remarried. He is now receiving social security checks. Since I am also past age 62, I was wondering if I could receive anything as his wife.

A—If you have never been divorced, you are still his legal wife. Therefore, you are eligible to receive a wife's monthly benefit on his social security account. You should get in touch with the nearest social security office immediately to discuss the specifics of your case.