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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Fret not thyself because of evil-doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. Psalm 37:1.

The Voters Said "No"

More often than not a sizeable vote in a bond issue or taxation election means trouble for the supporters of the proposal.

That was the instance in Cleveland County last Saturday as some 8700 Clevelanders went to the polls and returned round-figure defeats to the three money proposals by 50 to 37.

It had been suspected that citizens of the county district, the most needful, would vote against. Conversation concerning the proposals had not been in Kings Mountain and the preponderant "no" vote, both here and throughout the township was more surprising. Shelby district, with least to gain, came closest to supporting but didn't quite.

Why?

These reasons, not necessarily in order of importance, have been expressed by voters:

1) The "taxation tired", wanting to slow the upward trend after the federal income tax surtax and an increased social security bite, and fearful of the future in local level taxes.

2) Recent successful bond elections in both Shelby and Kings Mountain.

3) The Scott school program on secondary education, expected to be implemented for the most part, with ten-and-ten percent raises for teachers during the 1969-71 biennium. There is some muttering about this recommendation and many voters felt that the state raise pending is sufficient.

4) The immediate prospect, with equalization of the supplemental tax, of county-wide school consolidation into one unit.

Hindsight being much the best, it now appears that the technical institute proposals of \$850,000 for building an operational tax of up to five cents per \$100 valuation should have been offered at another time and perhaps vice versa. How many voters were, as one Kings Mountain voter remarked, uninformed about the technical institute proposals to the point she remarked, "I don't know anything about that and I'll vote against."

Cleveland's \$850,000 would have produced over \$2 million more in state and matching funds for a facility which should have been in business a quarter century or longer ago. North Carolina has long been weak in vocational education.

Another factor in the defeat of the 50-cent supplemental tax was its size from the county and Kings Mountain district standpoints. It was 2.5 times Kings Mountain's present 20 cents and, of course, the whole half dollar for the county. Forty cents would have been more palatable, though of no appeal for Shelby district, which already enjoys the 40-cent top limit.

Harry Marshall Heavner

Harry Marshall Heavner was a popular citizen and his sudden passing surprised his many friends.

He may not have been the most energetic man in Kings Mountain but he could not have been far behind. He was a buzz-saw of movement, no matter the business at hand.

And he was capable at many facets of business, carpentering in his home shop, selling Mr. Fuller's brushes as he did quite successfully for years, or serving up barbecue or homemade pie.

He was a loyal friend and we shall miss him.

City Hall Repeat

With the election Tuesday of Mrs. Maude Rhea Walker as Ward 5 city commissioner, the Moss Administration has been returned intact.

The conclusion must be that the majority of the citizens felt they had a good team and wanted to keep it another season.

Serving the final 13 months of her late husband's second term by appointment, Mrs. Walker proved herself an able campaigner as she became the first woman to win election to City Hall. Her good record as a commissioner served her in good stead and she defeated a worthy opponent in the person of Charloe Ballard.

As the curtain drops on the biennial city election season, it is timely to comment on the campaigning of all candidates, incumbents and challengers, winners and losers.

It was a clean campaign, a commendation to each and all who offered.

Congratulations to Ross Springer, of Grover, on his appointment to the United States Naval Academy.

Adult Education

In its comparatively short history, Gaston College has grown immensely with wide support not only from the homefolk of Gaston County but from the surrounding area.

A particular contribution the college is making comes to attention from a bulletin on adult education courses being offered during the summer quarter beginning the week June 16-20.

Flower arranging, interior decoration, public speaking, upholstery, drama, dress making are offered. Then there are cake decoration, small engine repair and scuba diving.

One, decoupage, summoned the dictionary.

The Herald Webster's didn't have it.

Budget Down

As it must by law, the city commission adopted a budget amending ordinance Wednesday morning a month prior to wind-up of the fiscal year ending June 30.

The new figure is \$2,358,652, down \$163,813 from the figure of \$2,522,465 adopted last July.

Since state statutes require that budgets from the state itself to the smallest municipality must be balanced, there is a paring of that down amount in both expenditures.

It is interesting to analyze the amended budget appropriations and revenues.

One major change is in utility receipts, \$152,000 below estimates, largely due to the fact the city didn't impose the water surcharge as quickly as it had anticipated, due to delay in project approval and therefore in sale of bonds.

On the appropriation side the same fact pared out-go, as debt service requirements anticipated at \$271,575 were only \$129,310, about \$142,000 difference.

One nice item remained solid, that of the general fund surplus at \$175,517. Utility sales for the year are now estimated at \$1,213,400, including \$237,500 from the water and sewer system, \$525,900 from sale of electric power, and \$450,000 in natural gas sales.

The Congressional effort to limit bonanza agricultural payments is a noble one, but the odds are against its passage in the Senate where Senator James Eastland is a major beneficiary of the legislation.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

Ingredients: Bits of humor, wisdom, humor and comments. Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid over dosage.

By MARTIN HARMON

It was recently driver license renewal time for me and, after bawling up on the Driver's Refresher Handbook, which I borrowed from Chief Tom McDewitt, I went to the Gastonia patrol office. It turned out to be something of an old home week.

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The pretty receptionist, who is also the photographer, noticed my South Coforth street address and asked if I knew the Lindsay McMackins. Quite well, I replied, and we belong to the same church. The lady, Mrs. Green, nee Short, said Mrs. McMackin keeps her four-year-old. Shortly thereafter one of the examiners returned from lunch and he like Mrs. Green is Kings Mountain citizen Jack Day.

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Then, while I was getting my beauty struck by Mrs. Green, LeRoy Brown, the Kings Mountain hospital orderly, came in to renew his driver license.

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As I sat for the photo, Mrs. Green remarked, "You don't need to look so somber." The result was a toothy grin which would do justice to the grins customarily associated with toothpaste advertising.

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Examiner Ballew, native of Marion, administered my test. Even after studying the book I missed two answers. One question I had misread, the other misunderstood. The latter concerned proper speed for entering a complex like the one on U. S. 74. The answer is that one should enter at the speed of traffic. I had answered, "slow down," thinking the question concerned an entrance such as at NC 161 and Interstate 85, where entering traffic is required to yield.

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Years ago, not too long after my wife and I were wed, I took the driver's license examination, didn't bother to study the handbook and passed quite easily. A couple of months later, it was my wife's time for renewal. She remarked she'd better get a handbook. I replied that after all it was merely a matter of common sense and that she wouldn't have any difficulty.

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The result was that my wife flunked. Her errors were that she was too conservative with her answers.

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From that day since we've BOTH studied the handbook before taking the examination.

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One new item I learned this time concerned use of the horn. Use the horn, says the book, for what it's meant, for informing and warning motorists and pedestrians. Do not, the book advises, use the horn for greeting friends. That makes sense.

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The licensing system today is a far cry from what it was in 1936 when I obtained my first one. I saw Patrol Sergeant W. L. Hatcher in front of what is now Neiser Brothers' office on West Mountain street, and asked for a license. Sgt. Hatcher inscribed my name, age, address, etc., gave me a receipt. I believe the only question he asked concerned hand signals for stopping, and left and right turns.

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I support licensing has to be stricter today than thirty-plus years ago for the simple reason of a vastly increased automobile population.

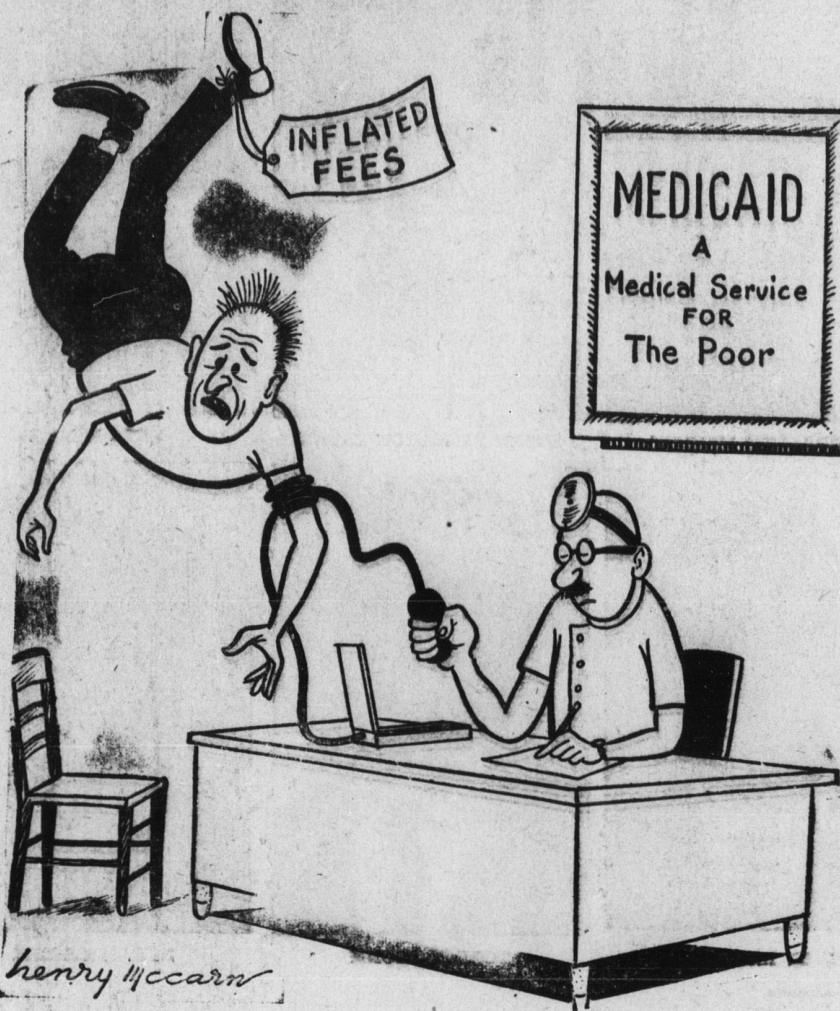
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To continue old home week: after completing the license business I went to the Medi-Center on North Highland street across from Gaston Memorial Hospital. I was greeted by Mrs. Sue Payne, onetime a nurse for Dr. George Payne and wife of Rev. Flay Payne, the former pastor of Faith Baptist church. She introduced me to Bill Parker, the administrator, who gave me the grand tour through this extended care facility opened last October.

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Medi-Center is a quite handsome establishment, very plush, with carpets throughout, motel-size rooms, a physio-therapy room, spacious dining room, and comfortable visitor lounges. Medi-Center, Inc. is a Memphis, Tenn., based firm, now operating 22 such establishments in various parts of the nation.

"You're Over-Doing It Doc!"



Viewpoints of Other Editors

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED

A baseball game between two worthy journalistic groups—the editors of Harvard's undergraduate newspaper the Crimson, and the stand-out reporters at Harvard for a year of study as Nieman Fellows — has gravely hurt the cause of journalistic credibility.

In a front-page story, the Crimson claimed they won the game by the lopsided score of 23 to 2. But on an inside page, the Fellows ran their own version (snidely twice labeled "paid advertisement" by the editors), giving the Fellows the victory by a slim 22-to-21 margin. Further complicating the matter were a purportedly authentic "action" photo and the complicity of the Harvard academic establishment. Umpires for the game were Adam Yarmollinsky, Justin Kaplan, and Nathan Glazer, all ordinarily quick and tough expositors of deception in high public places.

Calls to the participants to find out what really happened proved fruitless. Thus, in the interest of our profession's integrity, let us give our version of the facts: The game never was played at all. At the very hours the contestants were supposedly to be whiffing it out in the Radcliffe Quad, they were really encamped, Mittylike, over their typewriters, elsewhere.

It was a put-on, as any healthy cynical newsmen should have known from the start. After all, what journeyman hack or apprentice intellectual would ever have flaunted his athletic skills before the savage brilliance and scrutiny of the Cliffies?

Christian Science Monitor

THE GRAND AVENUE!

It has been seven years since the late President Kennedy began urging a major rehabilitation and dignified development of Washington's Pennsylvania Avenue.

Now legislation is being readied, at President Nixon's request,

Ten Years Ago

Items of interest which occurred approximately ten years ago

First Baptist church will begin construction of a new \$225,000 church plant in the immediate future.

E. Lawson Brown, Central school principal for the past three years, resigned Wednesday to accept the superintendency of Davidson County Schools.

Kings Mountain citizens Tuesday re-elected T. Luther Bennett and R. Coleman Stroupe, returning to City Hall all incumbents for the first time since 1945.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Piano pupils of Mrs. Martin Harmon were presented in annual formal recital Friday evening at West school auditorium.

Mrs. J. R. Davis entertained members of the One High Rook club at her home Thursday evening.

To legalize and get on with the development.

The present Pennsylvania Avenue commission, though without statutory authority, has done well. Through its persuasions and leadership, two government buildings, a private office building and the proposed Woodrow Wilson Center (for international scholarship) are planned for or being added to Pennsylvania Avenue. There is still controversy over the "National Square" proposed for the White House end of the avenue, which may be overly grandiose. The uncertainties have prevented the owners of the historic Willard Hotel from deciding whether to refurbish it or replace it with one more modern office building.

These matters should be settled, and Congress should soon get on with its contribution to rebuilding this elegant avenue.

Christian Science Monitor

LEST WE FORGET

On May 30, we celebrate Memorial Day. This is the day set aside to pay tribute to the men and women who have given their lives for us. They made it possible for us to take for granted the liberties they died to preserve.

In gratitude to Abraham Lincoln, and to the men and women who preceded and those who followed him in death under the nation's flags, we invite you to read again these immortal words, first delivered at Gettysburg:

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate — we cannot consecrate — we cannot hallow — this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or to detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that the nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and, that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

The Cleveland Times

Craftspun's Blood Take High

A total of 153 Craftspun Yarn employees donated a pint of blood to the Red Cross blood bank at the first-time in-plant visit of the regional collecting unit Friday.

Larry D. Hamrick, blood program chairman for the Kings Mountain Red Cross chapter, termed the success of the visit to the "Enthusiastic turn-out of employees."

Mr. Hamrick noted there were 46 first-time donors among the group and 54 replacements of blood for specific past recipients of Red Cross blood. Thirty-eight donors were rejected for health reasons.

Ernest W. Rome became a member of the one gallon club when he gave his eighth pint of blood on this visit, said Mr. Hamrick.

Craftspun qualified for the Red Cross Industrial Coverage Plan which automatically makes blood available when needed for all Craftspun employees and their families. This program is made available for employees of industries who regularly support the Red Cross blood program with their blood donations. To qualify for this valuable coverage, at least 20% of all employees must contribute a pint of blood during the six months period of coverage. Craftspun Yarns has met and exceeded this requirement.

This first in-plant visit has been termed as very successful by Red Cross officials and plans are underway to offer this program of in-plant visits to other industrial plants in the Kings Mountain area.

Blood donors are essential, but also of great importance to the success of the blood program are the many volunteer workers who assist on the donor belt line. Thirty-nine volunteers gave 157 hours of volunteer service on this visit. "This generous gift of volunteer service by the ladies of our community is essential to the success of the Red Cross Blood Program," added Hamrick.

WOMEN'S HEALTH

THE WRINKLES ARE COMING
Redding, Calif. (WMNS) — Smoking apparently encourages crow's feet and other unsightly wrinkles.

Dr. Harry W. Daniell, an internist, has made a study confirming earlier observations that more women smokers have slack, thin, wrinkled skin than do non-smoking women.

Dr. Daniell, who goes so far as to refer to such skin as "cigarette skin", remarks that some women pay more attention to a diagnosis of impending crow's feet than to "heart-to-heart talks and threats of catastrophic disease, delivered with grave countenance."

HAITIAN MOTHERHOOD
Pernatne, Haiti (WMNS) — Once a Haitian woman in this mountain village has given birth, she doesn't lift a finger for at least one month, remaining home with a towel around her shoulders "to keep the milk warm," placing socks on her ordinarily bare feet, and watching placidly while someone else does the cooking, cleaning and water-fetching.

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