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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven. St. Matthew 6:1.

## Unhappy Results

As expected the Kings Mountain Lake Authority Bill (SB 364) died as the General Assembly adjourned sine die at 7:19 p.m. July 2.

The results apparently:

- 1) The Kings Mountain city commission is the lake authority.
- 2) Zoning of the lake area is the province of the Cleveland County Planning board.
- 3) There is little, if any, immediate prospect for development of the lake for public recreation, in spite of approval of a federal grant (50-50 federal - city matching funds) of \$125,000 for development of a 491-acre recreational park.

The impasse between Representatives W. K. Mauney, Jr., and Robert Z. Falls, and the county commission, on the one hand, and Senator Jack White and the City of Kings Mountain on the other, continued down to the wire. As suggested in a prior Herald editorial, a dead heat in this kind of horse race produces no pay-off.

Indeed, it appears a costly result for the city, and, perhaps more important, property owners in the areas adjacent to the lake.

Let it be said that the city commission in its action of several weeks ago declaring Kings Mountain would forego public recreation, minus city zoning authority, policing power, and lake control, has the support of the citizens of Kings Mountain from comments reaching this newspaper—and the number of comments is not small.

## City Budget Analysis

Mayor John Henry Moss is proud of the 1969-70 tentative budget and said it publicly at Tuesday night's city commission meeting.

It's another record budget, up about \$120,000 from last year's model. The Mayor feels that the figure is reasonable in view of increased costs of about everything the city buys, salary increases for all employees, increased fringe benefits for all employees, a \$265,000 capital expenditure outlay, and the peak debt service year of \$391,700.

Salary and wage increases range from five to ten percent, with lowest paid full-time employees getting the ten. Minimum wage for full-time employees will increase from the federal minimum of \$1.60 to \$1.75 per hour. All employees get sick leave, paid vacations, and six paid holidays.

All this, says the Mayor, without an ad valorem tax increase.

He noted, however, that expected tax revenues are \$252,000, a record due to industrial and residential expansion and the annexation of taxably valued property in the southwest area totaling \$2,100,000. And, of course, the estimated revenue from the water and sewer department of \$275,000 reflects 1) the 90 percent surcharge imposed last fall on water bills and 2) expected increase in water consumption when the city gets the capacity. (Lowder Construction Company has put down over two of the seven-plus miles of 24-inch water main from the treatment plant site toward Kings Mountain.)

The budget reflects, said the Mayor, "that the city is a business, designed by citizens to be of service to its citizens."

Most will agree: that's right much doing.

Water note from the Superintendent of Public Works: York Road and Davidson Lake Water levels are going down, as increased consumption and hot sunshine take their toll.

## Local Legislative Review

Considerable local legislation was introduced, much of it ratified, by the General Assembly which adjourned sine die last week.

Non-controversial bills which passed included a bill permitting the county commission to employ a director of finance, another relating to tax listing regulations, the bill creating a Ward 6 city commissionership here to provide area representation for the city's new section in the southeast, and inclusion of Cleveland in a Gaston county bill to give city police authority within a five-mile perimeter of the city limits.

Controversial, but passed as amended, were the Kings Mountain eminent domain bill cleaning aged sections of the city charter, and the Rockingham Alcoholic Beverage Control bill, here Cleveland and Stokes tagging along, requiring cities to call ABC and beer-wine elections on receipt of valid petition signed by 25 percent of the voters in the previous city election. In the latter instance, Cleveland's Representative Robert Z. Falls won passage in the House of a "fix it for Cleveland bill", as Senate Judiciary 2 committee gave Falls' bill an unfavorable report.

Two local bills failed: Kings Mountain's Lake Authority bill and the "leap-frog" annexation bill where the House and Senate delegations declined to agree.

## Andrew C. Jenkins

When he was a youth, Andy Jenkins forsook laundry employ to train as motion picture projectionist under the late Guy Webb.

He went to work in Mt. Holly, later plied his trade at the old Imperial and Dixie Theatres here, finally at the Joy.

His was a business of long and late hours but he relished it. He met many of the stars and visited with the late Gary Cooper, whom Mr. Jenkins had met before, when they were fellow patients at a New Orleans, La., hospital.

During his long tenure in the motion picture business, Mr. Jenkins witnessed many improvements in film and projection techniques — sound arrived, as did color, and the wide screen.

Mr. Jenkins was a good citizen, interested in his city government, articulate and blessed with a cut-through, get-to-the-point mind.

He was in ill health the last decade or more of his life, but he did not flinch through all these difficulties.

The community mourns his passing.

Best bows to: George W. Mauney, veteran president of the Kings Mountain Hospital board of trustees, and to Chairman Carl F. Mauney of the Kings Mountain Redevelopment commission, both on their re-election.

No wonder it's tough to be on the roads. The United States Bureau of Transportation estimates North Carolina auto population for 1968, at 2,003,000, with another 525,000 trucks and buses, or 2,528,000 vehicles. (Figures on motorcycle population are not given.) The automobile Manufacturers association says there are more than 100 million cars, trucks and buses in the nation.

The Lowder Construction Company reports to the water project engineer, Dennis Fox, it will complete patch-work on Mountain and Tracy streets within the week, weather permitting. Then, hopefully, the city will be quick about letting contract for re-surfacing of what many term the "roughest-riding street in town".

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

Ingredients: Bits of humor, wisdom, humor and comments. Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but a void overdose.

By MARTIN HARMON

My late father was my first employer. I worked for him at the Dilling Mill store (phone 14), if one can be accused of working at the tender age of seven, five days a week and the munificent pay was 60 cents per week.

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The next summer it was a full week's work and a raise to a dollar. By summer's end I could flash a wallet with \$20 in it. Major portion of this sum went for half of my first bicycle. The other half was a bonus from my employer.

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Working was fun. There was plenty of time for losing at checkers to Hard Luck Littlejohn and Robert Ford Church. H. H. Littlejohn was a morning visitor as a delivery boy on George Lewis' Sunrise milk truck. The postman dropped the area mail off at the store and delivering groceries on Dilling street and Dogtrot was fun, too. A big bonus was a pass to the Imperial Theatre, occasioned by a billboard display on the front of the building. There was a cat for the inevitable rat, and a cat-hole beside the front door.

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Among other employees of my Father were R. N. Parrish, his son Howard Parrish, Jim McGill and Dink Bennett.

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Mr. Parrish carried me and some others fishing one day and I brought home five little fishes which just had to be cooked. It's the best day's fishing I've ever done.

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Downstairs in the Dilling Mill office were Walter Dilling, Boyce Simonton, and Buck Dilling. J. F. Moss, superintendent of the mill, lived in the house behind the store and just across the railroad switch track.

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There was a one-man calaboose, remnant of the Town of East Kings Mountain, and still used about every Saturday night. Many were able to break out and proved it. The Eskimo Pie people put a letter of the Eskimo Pie name in their chocolate-covered vanilla ice cream product, with big prizes promised, but the "m" was seldom found.

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It's strange how little incidents of no real importance remain in mind of a youngster.

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When I was five, my Father took me to the auto races at the old Pineville wood track. Pretty big doling, these races were, with Indianapolis type cars and several winners of that classic, including Tommy Milton who'd crossed the Indianapolis line first three times. But my big memory of the day was my Father's treating me to a mammoth bottle of orange soda pop.

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July 4th was a great annual event, with Uncle Charlie Harmon's family host to a family picnic. On one occasion, a bridge was being built over the creek near Stony Point. There were two narrow wood rails across it. My Mother and I exited from the Model T Ford and walked across. Dad drove over. Entertainment for the boys at Uncle Charlie's meant big eating, riding the horses, and swimming in Muddy Fork creek.

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My Father speeded my decision on getting married. I was 27 and had partied 'til the wee hours of Sunday morning. As was our custom on Sabbath morning, we visited the postoffice box, then checked by Plunk Brothers. Dad complained about the late hour of home arrival and said, "I was young once and know how it is. But your Mother worries and won't let me sleep." I suggested I probably should figure on getting married, but that if I waited as long as he, I had several years of bachelorhood ahead. He replied, "If I waited that long, I wouldn't." Why did he not marry earlier? He said, "I didn't think I could afford it. But my friends kept getting married and seemed to get along just fine. I decided if they could, I could too." In less than a year, I went trembling to the altar.

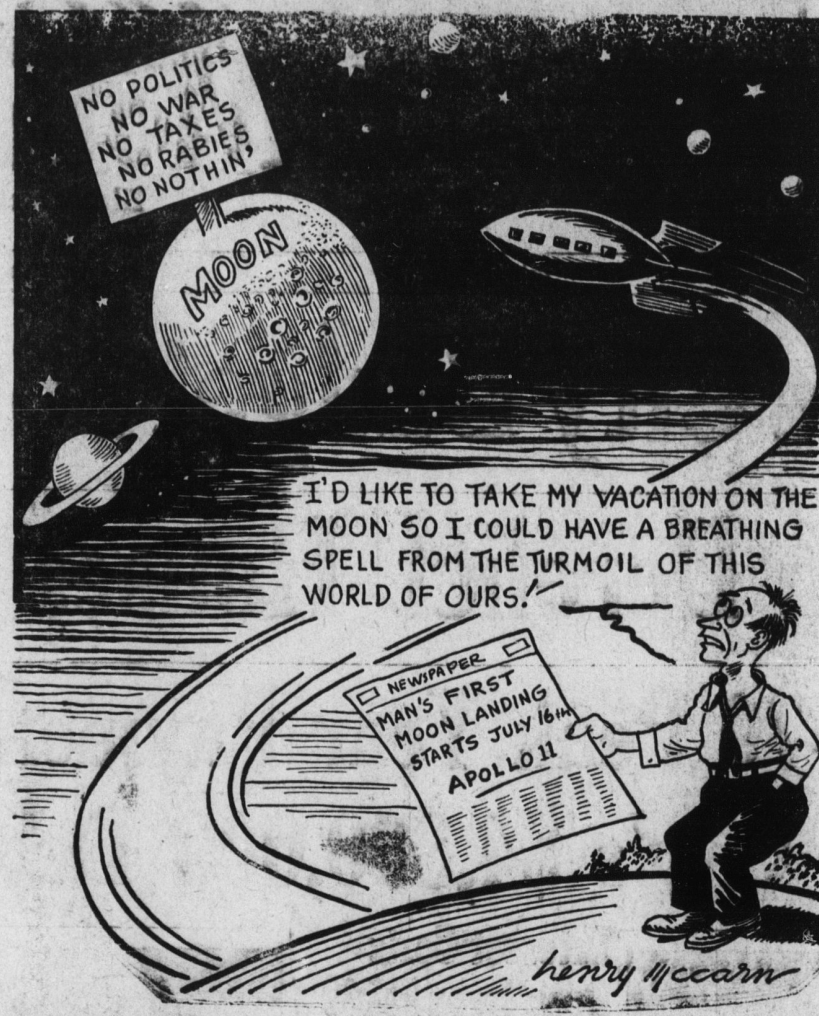
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He thrashed me good for going to the ball game when my Mother was away and I was supposed to come to his store. I was in the second grade. He never thrashed me again. He didn't need to.

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I remembered that one well.

## A Vacation We Await



## Viewpoints of Other Editors

### Ten Years Ago

Items of interest which occurred approximately ten years ago

The city board of commissioners met briefly Monday night and tentatively adopted a \$621,938 budget for the 1959-60 fiscal year. Ralph (Babe) Ware will rejoin the police department as quickly as a replacement is employed for his position as second shift operator of the water filter plant.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Caldwell spent part of last week in the mountains of North Carolina. They returned home Tuesday.

### GRASS ROOTS

When taxes go up every producer of goods must necessarily raise the price of those goods in order to meet the increased tax bill. And as soon as the price of consumer goods is raised every laborer in the country demands and gets higher wages and the increase is tacked on the price of goods...business needs...to get some of the tax burden off its back. Then and then only will the price of goods produced return to more normal levels. — La Plata, Md., Times Crescent.

"The prediction by a couple of medical men that babies born today may expect to live 100 years has a rider attached to it. They may expect to live that long, say the doctors, if they can avoid death by violence." — Towanda, Pa., Review.

"A new study which has just been made with regard to whether older automobile drivers are involved in more accidents than younger drivers provides considerable comfort for those who are in their later years. Making the study was a group of University of Denver educators... Senator Williams of New Jersey introduced the details of the study into the Congressional Record at Washington, with this comment: 'These remarkable findings confirm that the older driver is certainly not the hazard some would portray him. Quite the contrary, drivers past 65 represent a rational, responsible and reliable segment of the motoring public.' Findlay, Ohio, Republican Courier.

"If the American people wish the government to cut expenses, they are going to have to stop expecting the services they presume taxes should furnish, from hot lunches for school children to reading the labels on breakfast cereal for them. No matter where the cuts come, someone is going to be screaming. If the American people truly want more financial stability, they will have to revise their standard approach to every problem which usually commences: 'The government ought to do something about...'" — Fredonia, Kans., Citizen.

ruinously costly... If the ghost of Mencken still walks, none of those students assigned to his house will ever enjoy a decent night's sleep. Better the house had been turned into a bar, with facilities for steamed oysters, clams on the half-shell, and choice steaks, and a line of dancing girls. That would have done proper honor to the Sage's memory. — Chapel Hill Weekly

### NEEDED — MORATORIUM ON SPENDING

One reason the cost of government, particularly at the federal level, keeps rising out of all proportion to productivity is that spending proposals once turned down by Congress are resubmitted year after year. An excellent example of this is a federal power development plan in the state of Maine known as the Dickey Lincoln School hydroelectric project which once more is to come before Congress as it has in previous years. This year the price tag is \$229 million. One Senator speaking for Dickey Lincoln observed, "This will be our third attempt."

The stumbling block to Dickey Lincoln this year may possibly be an administration moratorium on all but the most urgent public works projects as part of its fight against inflation. Recent studies have shown that projects such as Dickey Lincoln are an economically indefensible waste of taxpayer funds when the full cost of the projects including tax and interest privileges are considered. These studies have shown that federally subsidized electric power projects constitute what amount to a major tax loophole that costs the taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars every year so that customers of the subsidized projects may enjoy "cheap" electricity. Whenever a tax-privileged public power development takes place, it becomes a substitute for development by a taxpayer, investor, owned company. Thus, each public development, while exercising tax and interest privileges of public ownership, simultaneously obliterates a source of tax revenue. A moratorium on them would come as good news indeed to hard-pressed taxpayers — Lincoln Times-News.

### VESPER SERVICE

Dixon Presbyterian church will hold Sunday night vesper service at 7:30 p.m. Sunday with Rev. Robert A. Wilson delivering the message.

## KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log

VISITING HOURS  
3 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.  
Daily 10:30 To 11:30 a.m.

PATIENTS IN KINGS MOUNTAIN HOSPITAL AS OF NOON WEDNESDAY:

Broadus Kermit Barber  
Mrs. Celia Sharpston Bonds  
Mrs. Carl H. Carpenter  
Mrs. William Marshall Dulin  
Henry Wilson Gamble  
Mrs. Mary Diana Gamble  
Mrs. Frank L. Goforth  
Arthur Hamrick  
Mrs. Homer A. Kilgore  
Mrs. Cora Hull Laughter  
Mrs. Dalton Mooney  
William Hoyle Moss  
John Bedford McDaniel  
Mrs. Mamie Della Smith  
Mrs. Minnie Emma Pruitt  
Mrs. Florence Randall  
George Washington Shipman  
Mrs. Little Bell Ware  
Jasper H. Bradley  
W. Q. Dover  
Mrs. Marie Cain Fewell  
Mrs. Alice L. Harmon  
William Franklin Houser  
Mrs. Sidney Dulin Huffstetler  
William Lawrence Moss  
Raymond David Sharpe  
Mrs. Ida Lumpkin Smith  
Mrs. Raleigh Smith  
Martin Luther Wilson, Sr.  
Mrs. Conley B. Ervin  
Mrs. Tomas Watson Smith, Jr.  
Obediah B. Boyce  
George M. Goforth  
ADMITTED THURSDAY  
Mr. William Boyd Stone, 914 Church street, City  
ADMITTED FRIDAY  
Mr. Carol Hayes Whitlock, Sr., 4501 Willard street, Charlotte.  
ADMITTED SATURDAY  
Mr. Robert Blackwell Leonard, Rt. 1, Box 199, Grover, N. C.  
ADMITTED SUNDAY  
Alonzo Kale Goins, Rt. 1, Box 24, City  
Mrs. Glenn Surratt, Box 68, Boiling Springs  
Mrs. George John Henry Wylie, Rt. 1, Box 162, Blacksburg, S. C.  
ADMITTED MONDAY  
Mrs. Loy J. Goins, Route 1, Box 506, Bessemer City  
Aden Humphries, 320 Central street, Belmont  
Norman Ray Ramsey, Route 2, Bessemer City  
Miss Ida A. Huffstetler, 615 N. Piedmont Avenue, City  
Mrs. Essie Irene Little, Route 1, Grover  
Mr. Aven W. Smith, 302 Knox Street, Clover, S. C.  
Mr. Lawrence Carl Barker, 1206 S. Myrtle School Road, Gastonia  
ADMITTED TUESDAY  
Mrs. Edwin M. Johnson, 604 Mica Street, City  
Mrs. Haj Alexander Eudy, Rt. 1, Box 324A, City  
John Franklin Coyle, 513 Broad Street, City  
Robert Theodore Huffstetler, Route 2, City  
Bobby Gene Metcalf, 217 N. City Street, City  
Mrs. Mary Blackwell Ragstone, Trailer No. 28, Dixie Trailer Park, City  
Mrs. David G. Herndon, Jr., Box 365, Grover  
Mr. Billy Lewis Jones, Route 1, Clover, S. C.  
Mrs. John A. Poteat, 604 Temple Street, City  
Thurmon Lee Prince, 614 W. Westview Drive, Gastonia  
Mrs. Dion H. Brown, 906 Henry Street, City  
Mrs. Ethel Mae Hambricht, 1419 Grover Road, City

### BUSY MONTH

Grover Rescue Squad reported a busy month of activities in June. The department answered a total of 19 calls for a total of 241 hours of volunteer service and 691 miles traveled, according to report of Wyatt Adcock, squad reporter.

### SCOUT PROJECT

Boy Scouts of Troop 92 of First Baptist church will cut grass Saturday from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. to pay camp expenses. Citizens who want grass cut and want to help the Scouts in this project should call the church office, 739-3651 before 5 p.m. Friday.

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