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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think they shall be heard by their much speaking. St. Matthew 6:7.

Plea Rejected

The county commission declined a plea by the county district school teachers for a 20-cents per $100 valuation tax increase to provide some "extras" the county district sorely needs.

Among the "extras" are teachers in over-load situations, teacher aides, instructional tools and supplies.

In view of several factors, the county commission could hardly have done otherwise.

1) The commission already was upping the tax rate by eight cents.

2) Under the per capita pupil division formula on which funds derived from county-wide school levies are shared, the amount desired by the county district teachers would have had to be increased sufficiently to provide equal per capita amounts for Shelby and Kings Mountain school districts.

3) Perhaps most important, voters of the county had voted solidly to reject a 50-cent local supplemental tax on May 24. The voters had spoken and to ask the commission to flaunt the voters was a disservice to the asked—and asker, too. In a democratic society, it just isn't done that dictatorial way. If it is, the result is some neat guillotining on the next election day.

Hindsight is wonderful, foresight tricky, but the factors by which the needed supplemental tax defeated many.

Timing was bad, because the General Assembly had not yet enacted the state public school program. Shelby district had little to gain with only a 10-cent increase in authorization. The 50-cent bite on the county district citizenry loomed quite large.

And many people had joined the chronic anti-taxers for sundry reasons.

Learned leaders of government particularly those of the elected variety, know it is hard to carry the voters far, too fast.

The county district very well may have voted a 20-cent supplement.

The Raleigh advice that a county-wide election would mean a much simpler gear-up was quite valid, but, had the metes and bounds of the county district been spelled out, district registration held, and an election conducted, the county district may have been on a higher road.

Mixed Wednesday

"The shopping centers near-by are eating'em up," a Kings Mountain citizen remarked recently. He cited his own purchases away from home, largely due to plenty of free parking and longer operating schedules, and declared he never went away unless he saw many of his neighbor-friends.

Many merchants here say they realized the same. They feel one way they can improve the situation is to work a full day onWednesday.

This week for the first time three of the city's four financial firms were open on Wednesday afternoon, joining several department and variety stores, garages, auto dealers, and service stations.

Kings Mountain is a mixed-Wednesday city.

And it's confusing to the customer.

A real service of the merchants association would be evolvement of a standard policy including the vast bulk of retail and service establishments.

Well, a businessman had a framed declaration on his office wall some years ago, which read: "The improbable we do today. The impossible we do tomorrow."

Cheap Improvement

One rail crossing which is most dangerous can be easily improved.

This is the Baker street crossing.

Traffic moving west cannot look to the south without putting car noses on the track because 1) tall grass impedes the vision and 2) the bank along the rail bed is too high.

Cutting of grass and paring of bank would make the crossing safe for any motorist who practiced the stop-look-listen rule of the road.

The cost would be in no wise kin to the $25,000 for flashing bell signals, nor the $30,000 for flashing bell signals with barriers.

House Razing

Those conducting the several clean-up plans promoted here during the past several years knew they had made forward strides, but not near enough.

The incidence of sub-standard housing remains high and there are plenty of falling-down derelects still about, some of them occupied.

Sample: A Herald reporter saw one Wednesday. There was an out-door toilet and a well nearby. Clothes were drying on the line. Closely adjacent were an unoccupied derelict damaged by fire and next on the short row was a burned-out bulk.

Even at the occupied house an old refrigerator, death trap for youngsters, wasn't far from the front door. The garbage can was the ground and the odor was not pleasant.

The city is offering to raze the derelicts, all for free, within the month, on request of the property owner.

Implication by the city commission is that the next step will be condemnation action, the razing cost of course to be borne by the owner.

Henry Wilson Gamble

Henry Wilson (Wilkes) Gamble was another of the rugged individuals of the Reconstruction period.

His chore was a difficult one, providing bed and board and clothes for eight children in a time when the impoverished South was trying to recover from the loss of men and treasure in the Civil War.

A son recalls, "We raised cotton to provide clothes, corn and other grain to feed the stock, cane for molasses, vegetables in the summer. We were never without food. Of course, we didn't have chicken and country ham everyday. By the way, that cornbread and milk for supper was mighty good."

Mr. Gamble did his job.

He was an upstanding citizen and his passing at 93 removes from among us a man much-respected.

Miss Maude Gardner

Not a great number of Kings Mountain area citizens knew Miss Maude Gardner, for she came to reside in Kings Mountain in her senior years.

Her contributions to mankind's welfare were considerable.

As a young woman, she entered the nursing profession and became the administrator of a large Baltimore, Md. orthopedic hospital, a position of responsibility not usually accorded a woman.

She was, additionally, a most interesting personality.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By MARTIN HARMON

It is patent that the fellow who has an operation (successful) brags about his unusual experience, only to find that he has much company. Sometimes he finds that, like fishermen, the other fellow caught a bigger one.

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Recently, in Kings Mountani, rumor was extant of the expiration from this vale of tears who proved very much alive, which are the kind of false rumors which ought to be spread, if any false rumors should be. In the instance I have run across, some shouldn't have been, and others were hilarious.

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Four years ago, at my college class silver anniversary reunion, a friend, ex of Mooresville now of Spartanburg, grabbed by hand and shaked it with undue warmth. He said, "Boy, I'm sure glad to see you!" I replied in kind. Then he continued, "I heard two years ago you were dead!" Admittedly, his report inspired a bit of a funny feeling.

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I had a similar experience the following day. I was sure I had read in the alumni publication one of my Greek classmates from Hendersonville had lost his life in the service in World War II. As we gathered for the luncheon and before "chow down" was sounded, who walked in, hale and hardy, but Nick? I shaked his hand in quite warm fashion, too, but I didn't tell Nick what Charlie had told me. Nick, international sales manager for Royal Dutch Petroleum, had flown in from Rochester, N. Y.

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I had a similar experience last year. Comparing notes on do-you-know-so-and-so with a new acquaintance from Monroe, I bemoaned thefate of Louis, a fellow horn-tooter in the band, who had quite a flying record with General Claire Chennault's volunteer Flying Tigers in China, subsequently with the army air force.

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I had mourned his fate in 1947 when I read (I thought) he'd lost his life in a lightplane crack-up near Myrtle Beach. "Oh, no," by new-found friend said. "He's right there in Monroe and in business."

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Among the roughest I've heard (and ambarrassing to him) is told by Dr. Frank Sincox, who admits to waxing rather brusque at interruptions when he's busy. He answered a call at the hospital. He recognized his wife's voice. What did she want? "I just wanted to talk to you," she replied. "You know I don't have time to talk," Frank stormed, as he clammed the receiver on hook. His embarrassment transpired at home. Someone had called to report his death in an auto accident. "I've tried to be more polite since," he says.

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Estelle Hord Ware says a report on her father's death circulated after he'd been carried home with a stomach ailment. That evening Mrs. Press McGill and Miss Janie Jackson, who'd heard the report, paid call. Mr. Ed opened the door. It was three days later before Mr. Hord learned what had happened. "I thought," he said, "those ladies looked mighty flabbergasted."

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The Hughes sisters, Mrs. Phillip Baker and Mrs. E. C. (Abie) Martin, had the unhappy experience of Mrs. Sincox.

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In Mrs Baker's instance, her husband and Bud McDaniel were fishing in the Catawba river and were caught by a storm. Practically, they decided to pull their boat into a cove, wait out the storm, and await the dawn. Some their gear floated ashore. Someone found it and life-saving crows were out in quantity. Their deaths were reported. Phillip told Ruby he felt kinda riding down Mountain enroute home. But Bud, folklore has it, told his wife, laughing all the while, "Thought you'd lost your sugar daddy, didn't you?"

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Louise Martin's experience was much longer drawn out. Abie was reported killed in action in Germany. It was two weeks before the welcome telegram from the adjutant general of the army informed that Abie was wounded, but very much alive.

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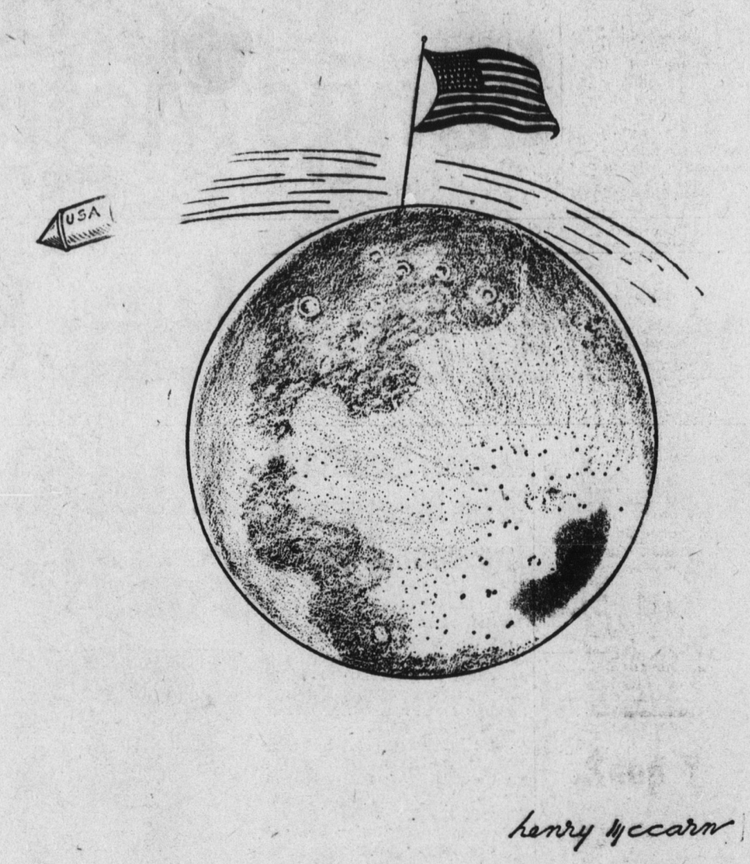
The biggest sin a news reporter can make is the sin of assumption, as they learn painfully. The motto: Always check it out.

Achievements



Viewpoints of Other Editors

SCHOOLING FOR JOBS

Experience shows that a young person who is given vocational courses and job experience as part of his education is far less likely than the untrained to face frustrating or even dangerous unemployment periods after his school or college days are over.

But millions of youths still leave American high schools and colleges without what educators call "salable skills." Many adults, too, need opportunities to retrain in order to keep up with technological change.

Aware of these facts, the United States Congress last year approved, by a rare unanimous vote, a bill to encourage expansion and updating of vocational education. In the Vocational Education Amendments Act of 1968 Congress authorized federal support 'amounting to about $3 billion over a four-year period.

Educators hailed the act as "a new charter for vocational education."

But the bright promise of the act now appears dimmed, at least for a time. Congressional delay in the adoption of the budget for the new fiscal year which began July 1 is expected to put off appropriation of authorized funds until September or October. This is too late to get new programs going this school year.

More serious, however, are the expected cuts. President Nixon's budget recommendations, if approved by Congress, would reduce appropriations for vocational education to about one-third of those authorized in the act.

It is vital that public attention be focused on this situation. The Vocational Amendments Act is a carefully written document with safeguards against the misue of funds and with terms designed to direct spending to the areas most i nneed of aid. As is vividly stated by the writer of a letter which appears on this page, this legislation has the potential of bettering the future of millions of youths and adults, especially those in disadvantaged areas.

But it will take renewed effort to see that it fulfills its potential. Congress has the responsibility of carrying out its own good intentions. It has enacted a bold piece of legislation. It should now see that it is adequately funded. — Christian Science Monitor.

CLIMBING CLAMS

Nature's bounty never ceases to astound. Most of the time this generosity is warmly welcomed by man. But on occasion there can be just too much of a good thing. Ask Newport, Rhode Island.

This once most fashionable of all American seaside resorts (it may still be) has been invaded by uncountable numbers of clams which climb and clamber all over themselves to reach the famous beaches. But unlike the shoals of humans who do the same thing these hot July days, the clams refuse to go home at night. Hence the problem.

In two weeks more than 300 tons of what are oftenreferred to in novels as "succulent hivalves" have been bulldozed onto trucks and carried away. But still they came. Not even an estimated 1,000 clamdiggers from up and the clamdigging East Coast have been able to keep up with the invasion. Folks in Newport doubt if even the Walru and the Carpenter could cope.

This is, of course, an amazing situation to the inveterate clam-eaters of New England, who, year by year, have seen clams grow scarer and dearer. And many of them say, perhaps overboldly, why can't this happen on my beach as well as on Newport? —*Christian Science Monitor.*

Ten Years Ago

Items of interest which occurred approximately ten years ago

Our amazing Juniors are in the Area Four Finals. The Kings Mountain Legion Kids gained the final round in the Western area, defeating Hickory for the second straight time, 10-5, here Tuesday night in a wild game marred by rain, rhubarbs and ball-hunting episodes.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Baxter Payseur and Mrs. W. H. Dillingham were hostesses Monday night at the former's home to members of Circle 7 of Central Methodist church.

The Friendship class of Grace Methodist church held regular meeting Tuesday night at the fellowship hall of the church with Mrs. Doc McDaniel and Mrs. Kate Smith as hostesses.

THE CHICAGO WARNING

The Justice Department's warning to Chicago — that it must come up with a plan fast to change faculty policies — has jarred hornet nests in big city districts across the country.

There is no doubt that faculty segregation on racial lines exists in most cities. In Chicago, few white teachers teach in black districts and few black teachers (3 percent) teach in white schools. There is also no doubt the Justice Department's second charge against Chicago — "a disproportionate number of new, inexperienced, less-educated and noncertificated" teachers are assigned to largely black schools — holds true for other cities. Faculty segregation and the assignment of poorer prepared teachers where the best are needed lie at the heart of city school problems.

But what the public and all parties concerned must lead off as a result of the necessary federal-city confrontation is a new wave of teacher-union hardline reaction, or subtler but worse, greater dispiritedness among teachers in big city school systems.

The federal warning in effect asks Chicago to abandon its policy of letting senior teachers choose the schools they want to teach in. They tend to want to teach, not unexpectedly, in schools nearer their homes. Since teachers by and large tend to live in the more desirable parts of the cities, they usually choose to teach in schools that reflect their own class and race. Teachers will resent giving up what choice they have had over their assignments. And one wonders whether unwilling senior recruits are at all superior to an inexpericed staff.

This is not to say that the Justice Department's warning to Chicago to comply with the 1964 Civil Rights Act is not in order. But clearly, it points up other needs. Ways must be found to train more teachers from the neighborhoods in which they will teach. In Detroit, the city's chief teacher training university has only a 12 percent black enrollment, though it's located in the heart of the black district. Also, the flight of the educated to the cities' fringes and suburbs must be slowed.

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MORAL STARVATION

One does not know whether to applaud or weep at word from the gambling resort of Las Vegas that the newest hotel there has provided dormitories for children, so that, as one newspaper said, "they cannot disturb their parents' nocturnal antics." Applaud because the children are being separated, in part at least, from an atmosphere to which no child should be exposed. Weep at the thought that there are parents callous enough to take children into such cheapness.

As one thoughtful observer said upon reading this news: "The only starving children today are not in Biafra. To take a child to the gangster-attracting tawdriness in Las Vegas is to starve that child morally and intellectually."

Yet how many Las Vegas-hopping parents, after an atmosphere and shunted them off into dormitories, will not someday piously shake their heads when reading of young folks gone astray? Children are extraordinarily sensitive to the mental and moral influences around them. And the false and vulgar glitter of much of Las Vegas has no part in a child's life.

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VISION AND A CAREER

A man of great heart and great wisdom, the late Walter Gropius exerted a tremendous influence on world architecture. A rose in full bloom was the emblem he wore on each birthday — and he asked that the festivity of life, not mourning, mark his passing.

His words to a group of schoolboys in Spokane, Washington, written in 1964, are loving and wise and bear out the example of his many-decades-long career:

"For whatever profession, your inner devotion to the tasks you have set for yourself must be so deep that you can never be deflected from your aim. However often the thread may be torn out of your hands, you must develop enough patience to wind it up again and again.

"Act as if you were going to live forever and cast your plans way ahead. By this I mean that you must feel responsible without time limitation. And the consideration whether you may or may not be around to see the results should never enter your thoughts.

"If your contribution has been vital, there will always be somebody around to pick up where you left off, and that will be your claim to immortality." —*Christian Science Monitor.*

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