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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace. Psalm 29:11.

Manager Question

The Shelby Daily Star's Jack Creech developed a news story in Wednesday's edition on the subject of the county manager.

Former County Auditor Max Hamrick, a quite knowledgeable veteran of county government, was brought out of semi-retirement to serve as acting manager after the resignation of Joe Hendrick, the county's first, who went to Lumberton as city manager.

Whether or not inspired to his work by the editorial department (the Star favoring the county manager system), Mr. Creech's gleanings indicate the difficulty of obtaining the services of an able government administrator for a permanent position, whereby the man hopes to live in relative peace, eat, feed his youngsters, and do a creditable job of management.

The county commission is split 3 to 2, or was at last vote, on the question of the manager system itself.

It is said of the executive corps of many large corporations: It's either up or out. In other words, a man won't stay long in one slot. He'll either be promoted or get the axe.

It is much the same in the governmental management league. Duke England, late of Gaston, must hold something like a world's record, with 14 years in the same managerial spot before the powers that be saw fit to seek new blood.

Commissioner Fritz Morehead, against the manager system, continues to advance the thesis that the citizens should decide the question of whether to employ, or not to employ, the county manager form of government. Chairman B. E. (Pop) Simmons, who favors the system, if unintentionally, furnishes support to Mr. Morehead's contention by delineating frankly the division in thinking on the subject, not only within the commission, but throughout the county.

The Herald has stated in print, many times, that Cleveland County might best be served by the governmental system employed by Kings Mountain. In other words, the chief executive officer of the county would be a paid full-time chairman of the commission, elected by the people.

In such a system, there is no passing of the buck and the executive officer must obtain periodically ratification of his work from the electorate.

In view of the divided thinking among Cleveland's estimated 35,000 free-white-and-eligible-to-vote adults, Mr. Morehead's referendum idea seems apropos.

In turn, the Herald would very much like to see the paid chairman plan on the same ballot.

James Claude Gibson

The community was as shocked and saddened at the illness and death of James C. Gibson as any young person in recent memory.

He was 47.

Mr. Gibson, a stellar athlete in football and baseball in his youth, he continued his athletic prowess on the golf course.

All who knew him knew him as a "right guy".

He did it right on the athletic field, did it right as an army man in World War II, lived cleanly, dealt honestly, worked hard, and served his community and his church with quiet competence.

He was the kind of man many less worthies wish it were possible to emulate.

It has been said the good die young, undoubtedly of questionable truth.

But the statement applies in the instance of the passing of James Claude Gibson.

Facts vs. Emotion

The Charlotte Observer editorialized a couple of years ago about the law business and averred that a lawyer who has a case fights with the bedrock solid facts, while a lawyer who does not have the facts fights with emotion, fru-fru, and the kitchen sink.

The Herald was reminded of the Observer's comments on legal bombasties when perusing accounts of the recent hearing before Clerk of Superior Court Paul Wilson on the city's condemnation action to acquire a tract from Buford D. Cline for the Buffalo Creek reservoir dam site.

Ernest Delaney, the Charlotte lawyer representing defendant, was quoted as questioning "little" Kings Mountain's need for "all that water", Kings Mountain's ability to pay the \$3,000,000 tab, Kings Mountain's intent to take the project to fruition, among other impuginations of character and veracity.

The city's engineers, in testifying, wisely declined to get into the trap of prophesying, merely stuck to history of the past 100 years as a chart for increasing water consumption.

As to Kings Mountain's ability to pay the tab, Kings Mountain is already paying via a 90 percent water surcharge imposed (as promised prior to the bond election) nearly a year ago. Mr. Delaney, from big Charlotte, would not be supposed to know that little Kings Mountain's peak bonded debt requirements is in the current fiscal year ending next June.

His histrionics on "intent", of course, is the most ludicrous, unless Mr. Delaney, enroute the hearing grounds at the county courthouse in Shelby, took one of the two long ways 'round to navigate the route between Charlotte and Shelbytown, i.e., via Gaffney or Cherryville.

If he motored as the crow flies, who could not have failed to see those many sections of 24-inch steel pipe strewn along U. S. 74 west from Kings Mountain. The big pipe, incidentally, supplied by Armo Steel, vents for slightly more than \$9 per lineal foot.

Charlotte's Mayor Belk undoubtedly wishes the fiscal picture of his and Mr. Delaney's city were in comparable position to little Kings Mountain's.

The Bus Edict

The legal dictum whereby inequity law is quite a new twist from the moot question of busing (blue-back speller correct bussing still means kissing) students across town to accomplish desegregation.

As occurred here, out-of-city areas in the school district, subsequently annexed, did not change the status of students in the new in-city area as qualified for school bus transportation if 1.5 miles from the school attended.

Discriminatory, ruled the court.

Nothing was said about the incy student living 1.5 miles from the school he attends. He's still in the foot-power league, unless his parents transport him, either in person, or via public conveyance, or via business with an auto salesman.

William Lindsay McMackin

The fatal cerebral hemorrhage suffered by William Lindsay McMackin was no less shocking to his many friends than that of the 14 years younger James Claude Gibson.

Indeed there were many other parallels between them. Both had owned and operated service stations, both were loyal to church, family, and friends. Both were diligent workmen. Both were kind in both manner and deed.

A native of York County, Mr. McMackin had spent the major portion of his adult life in Kings Mountain, where he contributed without ostentation to the welfare of his community in many and varied directions.

It won't seem right without friendly Lindsay McMackin.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By MARTIN HARMON

I had a visiting weekend.

Tom Harper had been ailing early in the week. On Saturday afternoon, I stopped by his residence to be welcomed by his wife and my kinswoman Maude who cordially welcomed me to come in. As I started to sit down, I told her my mission was to check on Tom. "He's not here," she replied. "He's in the hospital, had an operation yesterday."

After a visit with Maude I saw Tom at KM Hospital Room 34. He observed it was the first time he could recall being at the hospital without finding patients in the passageways. It was the first time for me, too, in several years. Tom exited Sunday but still isn't up to football.

At the instance of Mrs. Fred Neal, happily back to duty from Grover, I chatted with Mrs. Ben Williford, in turn happy that during her son's year sabbatical from Bucknell, he will be visiting professor of chemistry at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Next port of call was the Golden Wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Black. The Blacks were beaming, as well they should, with their three sons, Ray, Barney and Houston (chronologically descending order), their wives and children present.

The Black boys are geographically spread out. Ray is a Floridian, in transportation, after making 20 in Uncle Sam's army which he entered prior to World War II. Ray and I are the same age and both of us, three plus decades ago, were supplying copy on school events to the Herald. My newspapering has never supplanted a nickname (though plenty of calumnious sobriquets) but Ray became "Article" Black.

Barney can supply the low-down on the Green Bay Packers, even if the practice sessions are secret. From his office with the paper company (Aurora brand, division of Continental Can Company), Barney can look down on the Green Bay stadium. Barney and his cousin, Peggy Black Jackson, who lives in Chicago, use the telephone to swap news of family and friend in Kings Mountain, visit each others' families when the leave time is short.

Houston, the athlete of the family (Catawba) is a veteran employee of Carolina Power & Light Company, and now checks in for work at the home office in Raleigh, where a years-ago friend of mine, Sharon Harris, holds sway as CP & L president.

On Sunday afternoon, it was another Golden Wedding reception for Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Griffin. Gurney and Ruth Grantham, just returned from a trip abroad, greeted guests as they entered. The 24th is also the wedding anniversary of the Granthams (No. 45) and of the C. A. Butterworth's (No. 35). And did Harry Page say he and Grace celebrated the same or one day removed? (Anne and I logged 21 on August 21, which means we should now be old enough to vote.)

It was before we even entered that we learned Mr. E. W. was 36 before risking the aisle trek, a bit of propaganda I must charge to Miss Mabel, practically a child bride.

Wilson, the younger is following in his father's footsteps, as is well known. Jeanne, now Mrs. Bargar, is the wife of a James-town, N. Y., wholesale grocer-friend of 19 years - standing of Mayor John Henry Moss, then business manager of the James-town baseball team, a Tiger farm. Walter, married in Cherryville, lives in High Point, and is a chemical products salesman. Comparing Walt and his young son, I decided here, indeed, is the image. Then, when I saw Mr. Griffin's wedding picture of 1919, I realized that Walt is an image, too.

I have many childhood memories of the Griffin family but two stand out: One was the delicious Sunday mornings around the pot-bellied stove in the back of the drug store, where my Father and other men gathered for heady talk before the trek to Sunday School.

The other was a May Day party Mrs. Griffin gave. I was an early-day wrong-way Corrigan and fouled the maypole dance.

Hands Across The Nation



Viewpoints of Other Editors

THE THEME OF AUGUST

As the anniversary of the Russian invasion and occupation of Czechoslovakia a year ago draws nigh, it is clear that the book is far from closed. Public opinion in the West may have reverted to the same rather lethargic acceptance of Eastern and Central Europe as a Russian sphere of influence which was its attitude before the stirring events in Czechoslovakia last year. And once Alexander Dubcek had been forced out to make way for Gustav Husak, Western public opinion may have assumed that the Czechoslovaks themselves would resignedly adjust to another variant of that basically alien oppression which has so often been their lot. Certainly that is what the Russians, and perhaps even Mr. Husak, hoped for. But it has not worked out that way.

The best evidence of this is the jitteriness of both the Russians and the Czechoslovak leaders at the approach of August 21. The Russians had startling indication of what might be brewing when, last Tuesday week, V. V. Grishin, a visiting Moscow bigwig, was stoned instead of cheered by workers at the Avia factory in the suburbs of Prague. Small wonder - were Russians - that they should have announced joint Soviet-Czechoslovak military maneuvers for the days covering the anniversary period. Perhaps even more significant was the sudden departure of President Svoboda and Mr. Husak for the Crimea - officially for a vacation. Since the Soviet leaders are in the Crimea, too, it can be assumed that there has been more earnest discussion than just lying in the sun together on the beach at Sochi.

What it boils down to is that the brave and long-suffering Czechoslovak people have refused to be cowed. Things are not as open as they were six or nine months ago - and for that reason, they are perhaps all the more dangerous for both the Kremlin and Mr. Husak. For a while after he took over, Mr. Husak was given the benefit of the doubt by many of his countrymen. There was relative calm. But now those days are over. And in addition to the indignities visited upon Mr. Grishin the other day - described in Rude Pravo as the "monstrous wickedness of several pig-headed people" - the authorities are manifestly panicky over an apparently well-organized network distributing leaflets on "the theme of Au-ust," as the official news agency euphemistically calls it.

August has always been a fateful month for Europe. August, 1914, and August, 1939, are tragic milestones in the continent's recent history. August, 1968, is a milestone every bit as tragic in the post-war history of Czechoslovakia. Then the eager hopes which had blossomed over many months were cruelly crushed. What is happening now suggests that crushed they may have been, but not extinguished. If the Czechoslovaks made some dramatic gesture of protest against their alien jailers on August 21, the response might well be a brutal crack of the whip - and certainly no immediate opening of the prison door. Yet something tells us that August 21 cannot and will not be consigned to the limbo of history. The Czechoslovaks themselves will prevent it.

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Ten Years Ago

Items of interest which occurred approximately ten years ago

Robert Howard Bryant, new principal at North school, and family moved into their new home at 805 Groves street two weeks ago. Mr. Bryant comes to Kings Mountain from Allensville Elementary school of Person County in Roxboro.

Labor Day - Monday - will be a holiday for majority of Kings Mountain retail firms. Mrs. Luther Joy, secretary of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association, said the holiday is one of several annual holidays the retail merchants will enjoy.

Social and Personal Miss Patsy Ann Dover and Charles Preston Herndon pledged marriage vows Friday at 7 p.m. at the home of the bridegroom's sister, Mrs. W. T. Ledford and Mr. Ledford.

TOWARD FAMILY INDEPENDENCE

One of the myths about welfare is that many of the nine million getting aid could earn their own way. Actually, of this number only 10 or 12 percent could be thought of as breadwinners - including mothers with dependent children, many of whom already work. The rest are the children themselves, the disabled and aged.

Yet it would be a tremendous help to those mothers on welfare - as well as the greater number not on welfare but who must nonetheless help support their household - to have day-care centers available for their preschool youngsters. Right now, the number of such centers is minimal. Both the government - both in Congress and the Children's Bureau at the Health, Education, and Welfare department - is weighing a larger day care program.

The drawbacks of such centers are obvious. Harvard professor Jerome Kagan has warned that separating a very young child from his mother might deprive him of the special attention he needs. And the use of such centers to promote money-hungry, often the motive for some women's working, isn't desirable.

Yet, for many mothers - even fathers - the lack of adequate day care for their offspring makes it awkward for them to take needed work. A Gallup Poll this week showed a majority of Americans would support government action in this area. Hopefully, the President will allow for this need in his forthcoming welfare reform proposals.

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SUFFICIENT GLORY

It is always welcome when the warmth of the human touches the political and historic. This was true of the decision to bear to the moon the medals of the two Soviet cosmonauts and three American astronauts who were casualties of the earthlings' space conquest.

The Soviet medals were given to Apollo 8 Commander Frank Borman by the cosmonauts' widows when Colonel Borman visited Moscow earlier this month. In a sense, inclusion of the medals among the memorabilia to be deposited on the moon offset a certain official coolness before the flight. For their part, the Soviets (along with France) had declined to send a goodwill message.

Social Security

Q-I will be 62 in 3 months. I do not have a birth certificate, but I have secured some documents showing my age and am attempting to get more. Should I wait until I have all my records before I apply for benefits?

A-No. You should apply now. The people at your social security office will tell you if you have enough evidence of your age. If more is needed, they will help you get the additional evidence.

Q-I am 50 years old. For the past 2 years I've been receiving disability benefits based on my own work under social security. Since my husband died recently, I'm wondering if I'm eligible for disabled widow's benefits also.

A-You may be. It is possible to be eligible for benefits as a disabled worker and as a disabled widow at the same time. However, you cannot be paid both benefits. You would be paid the higher of the two benefits.

Keep in mind that the social security definition of disability for widows is somewhat different than that for workers. For this reason you may not be able to get benefits as a disabled widow even though you are eligible as a disabled worker. Get in touch with your social security office for specific information about your case.

There was a like touch of political provincialism in Congress's specifying that only the American flag - not even the United Nations flag, stepped lower - could be implanted on the moon.

President Nixon was right when he said, "There is no national boundary to courage." There is likewise no national or time boundary to credit. From early Oriental mathematicians to the tremendously speeded scientific flowering in today's West, man has been readying himself for this test. The glory is sufficient to embrace all mankind.

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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:

- Annie Mae Adams
Amanda C. Blanton
Sarah P. Boheler
Jasper H. Bradley
Farris Bridges
Lela G. Carpenter
Mark D. Detter
W. Q. Dover
Marie Fewell
Leola B. Gillmore
Jay Greene
Arthur Hamrick
Gertrude Hamrick
Alice Harmon
J. B. Hawkins
Earl D. Hicks
Wm. F. Houser
Sidney D. Huffstetler
Timothy Johnson
Florence Kilgore
Cora Laughter
Myers Lee
Wm. Mauney
Beulah Moss
Mary E. Peeler
Ida Smith
John Ware
Ammie Goodson
Patricia C. Smith
ADMITTED THURSDAY
Judson T. Boyd, Rt. 1, Bessemer City
Vera C. Dilling, 100 N. Piedmont, City
Martha D. Murray, 506 E. Penn. Ave., Bessemer City
ADMITTED FRIDAY
Bessie Dellinger, 809 2nd St., City
Clara M. Rhea, 410 Fulton Rd., City
Elizabeth T. Willeford
ADMITTED SATURDAY
Brigitte Irvin, Rt. 2, City
Lonnie G. Brown, 406 Clinton Dr., City
Mills H. Camp, Box 264, Grover
John A. Cheshire, Sr., 107 Country Club Rd., City
Admiral D. Cochran, Rt. 1, Grover
Elizabeth R. Harmon, Rt. 1, Bessemer City
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Ruby P. Hurlbutt, 600 McFarland, Gastonia
Linda M. Lovelace, 106 Fulton Dr., City
Jennie S. Yelton, 210 N. Carpenter St., City
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Andy Dill, Box 532, Lowell
Mollie C. Goforth, Rt. 3, City
Rufus Johnson, Rt. 3, Shelby
Haywood D. Oliver, 213 Lackey St., City
Barbara J. Price, 801 3rd, City
Juanita H. Pruetette, Box 54, Grover
Mary R. Rush, 322 Waco Rd., City
Mary V. Starns, Rt. 1, Gastonia
David W. Strickland, 104 W. Gold, City
Wm. P. Sweezy, Rt. 3, City
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Ethel B. Burton, 200 York Rd., City
Ted J. Ford, 301 Fairview, City
Eunice P. Harmon, 107 W. King St., City
Betty L. Reid, Canterbury Rd., City
Sarah A. Seism, Rt. 1, City
Brenda C. Thomas, Rt. 1, Grover.

Legionnaires At Convention

Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion, had a good delegation at the national convention in Atlanta.

Among those attending were Bob Smith, J. H. McDaniel, Jr., Ray Cline, Carl Wilson, George Hull, John Gladden, Dave Delevie, Cary Wiesener, and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Aderholdt.

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