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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost. St. Matthew 18:11.

Gastonia Water Problem

The Herald inquired of a Kings Mountain citizen his opinion on the proposal to fluoridate the water supply.

He guessed it was all right, he said, and if good for the youngsters he was for it. Then he added, "But if it's fluorine that makes that Gastonia water I've been drinking the past two days taste as bad, then I'm against it."

Gastonia was still having its water troubles Tuesday. The water not only tasted bad but smelled bad.

The utilities director and others had been scratching their crania as to cause, didn't credit the trouble to fluorine or the purification chemicals, but to inversion of Rankin Lake, the water supply reservoir.

He explained that something had occurred to cause the cool water at the top of the lake to go to the bottom and the warm water at bottom to rise to the top. The result was "the microscopic sediment on the bottom of the lake has become mixed with the water", causing the foul taste and odor.

Graham Wilson, the utilities director, and his staff have been working arduously to correct the difficulty with the use of additives in the chemical packages of charcoal and potassium permanganate, at least twice thought the problem solved only to see the foul taste and smell return.

Gastonia's problem reminds of a chronic one in seacoast areas where, as in Gastonia, the water is fine for drinking, healthwise, but otherwise, "wheh".

Our sympathies with the hard-working utilities director, his staff, and the water drinkers, and our hopes that our neighbors to the east will soon be back on more tasteful stream.

Oh, Those Mets!

Chickens should not be numbered before they hatch.

Nor should one forget last autumn.

But as of Wednesday afternoon, those fabulous, unbelievable amazing Mets, denizens of Shea Stadium in New York, appeared on the road to taking it all.

Had a game-of-chance practitioner put a bit of change on the New York Mets to win the National League pennant and perhaps the World Series last April, he could now be contemplating fur coats, diamond rings, big automobiles, and trips around the world—that is, if the authorities would permit his release from the strait-jacket into which he would have been put last spring.

The Mets still only have three wins and four are required and, again, only last autumn it was the Cardinals 3 the Tigers 1 and history records the Tigers as the 1968 World Champions.

But there seems some correlations between the Miracle Mets of 1969 and those Miracle Braves of 1914, who trailed the pack on July 4 and brought off the pennant.

That's what makes baseball baseball.

Mrs. Ruth McGill Hallman served for many years as a Kings Mountain area teacher, first in the county system, then in the Kings Mountain system. She was an excellent teacher and a fine person.

Congratulations to Mrs. W. T. Weir on her long and valiant service as a Sunday School teacher at First Presbyterian church.

Moratorium Day

"Hanoi Happy", the headline read. It also detailed that the South Vietnamese were unhappy.

And why not?

A nationwide "bring my boy home" (more nearly don't take me, Uncle Sam) was to culminate with a day of mass demonstrations from coast to coast.

It was Hitler's fondest dream that the United States would never support a war, and it encouraged the German dictator to attack that dreaded Black Bear as his backdoor, the Russian.

But Mr. Hitler's dream was never realized.

The circumstances, indeed, are different.

Well before World War II found the United States an official combatant, there were "incidents", shooting incidents at sea where the German fired and the American fired back.

And the sneak attack of the Japanese on Pearl Harbor cemented it all.

A peace demonstrator would have been tarred and feathered after that and some reputed draft dodgers almost were.

The wrongness of the Vietnam war has been less our participation than our seeming willingness not to want to win the war. A jungle war was won against the Japanese.

Always the United States military policy has been expanding control of real estate. Yet in this war lives have been lost for many strong points which were subsequently abandoned.

But Moratorium Day is hardly a jewel in the crown of the United States.

Robert B. Osborne

The Herald erred last week in its obituary report on Robert E. (Eob) Osborne.

Mr. Osborne's Kings Mountain battle drama was the first, but it was "Then Conquer We Must", not "The Sword of Gideon". Let it be said that almost all critics thought Mr. Osborne's far the best. Mr. Osborne, though an amateur in the writing business, found the most important of dramatic ingredients. "Then Conquer We Must" had pace. It did not drag.

As quite a young man, Mr. Osborne came to Kings Mountain, managed the Western Union office, continued with the telegraph company to Albemarle, Gastonia and Charlotte. His communication knowledge also carried him to the Pacific Theatre during World War II.

He married here and was well-known to many citizens.

He possessed a natural wit and friendly personality and his sudden passing at the early age of 55 shocked his friends as it saddened them.

Suitable Quarters

Joe Laney, director of the Redevelopment commission, sought to reassure businessmen last week on the business of re-location in connection with the central business district project that, tentatively, marks some occupied business homes for razing as over-ripe and too inform for upgrading.

Meantime, several committees were named by Chairman Charles D. Blanton, of the central steering committee, for specific research into particular problems.

Meantime also, the commission awaits word on its invited re-application for more funds for the project. Mr. Laney is optimistic.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By MARTIN HARMON

Just about all men are little boys when it comes to watching construction work. I remember the late Arthur H. Cornwell, already retired, doing sidewalk superintendent duty when the Herald building was underway, and he did the same when our neighbor, Winn-Dixie was going up.

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So it was Tuesday afternoon when Superintendent Jackson, of the W. H. Weaver Construction Company, contractor of the Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority project, was giving Director Tom Harper, Vice-Chairman Brooks Tate, Carl Wilson and me an inspection tour.

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First we paid call at the Weaver office on Morris street, trailer with air-conditioning units and heating units and properly outfitted.

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There was a wall display of plumbing fixtures, mostly chrome, and with a standard-sized medicine cabinet. Tom liked the idea of screwing the towel racks to the wall, rather than merely the brackets with the slip-on rods with which his home and mine are plagued.

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There were insulation samples for the walls from Johns Manville (mat type) along with the blow-in type which will be used in the ceilings. We later learned at one of the duplex units on Lackey street that studs on one side are alternated on the other. This means the insulation wraps around the studs and cuts down noise.

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Tom wanted us to see the nail gun, which is what it is, really a nail machine gun. We were given a demonstration. An air compressor is utilized and a clip of nails fits into the machine, much as a clip of staples in a stapler and, indeed, a clip of bullets into a 50-caliber machine gun. A slight press of the trigger and the nail is home true—none bent, no hammerhead marks, no smashed fingers. One man can do the work of five, says Supt. Jackson, with the nail gun.

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A small scale shop has been set up on the Morris street office, warehouse site and, on rainy days, workmen pre-fabricate various and sundry items soon to be headed. Supt. Jackson, incidentally, remarked that it has rained in Kings Mountain on every Wednesday and every Friday since his crew arrived. Well, yesterday was Wednesday and Jupiter Pluvius performed again.

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All of the lumber being used in the exterior of the houses next to the weather is pre-tested for water resistance and virtually all of it, even the untreated, comes from the West. Fir, Supt. Jackson explained, will take the weather without warping, as the pine grown in this area won't.

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Metal door and window frames are being used throughout.

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Floors are concrete slabs topped with asphalt tile. The slab must meet 3000-lb. test and is poured atop clay which is required to be 95 percent compacted. Between the clay base and the concrete slab is a sheet of polyethylene plastic to prevent moisture rising into the slab during wet weather.

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Roof beams are joined with brackets rather than nails.

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Tom Harper laughed about getting a letter from a college student, doing a term paper on public housing and wanting some information, yet already asking the question, "Why do they use such cheap and shoddy materials?" Tom's invited the lad for a visit to let him see for himself.

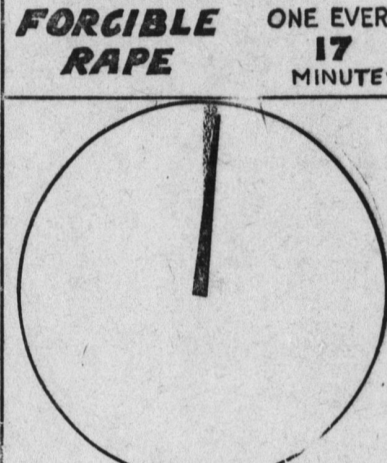
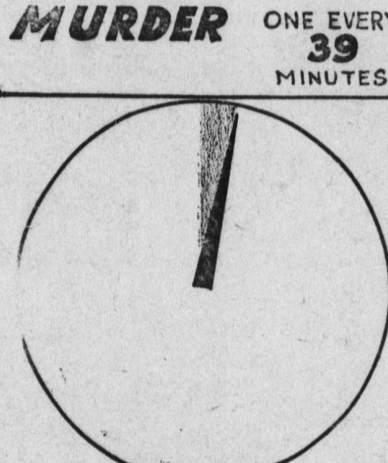
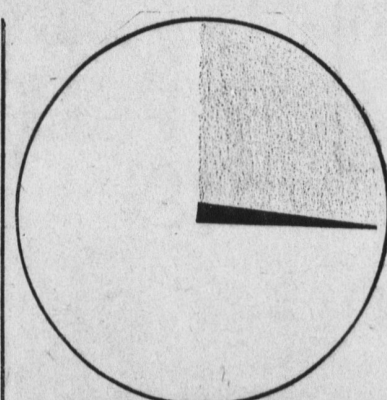
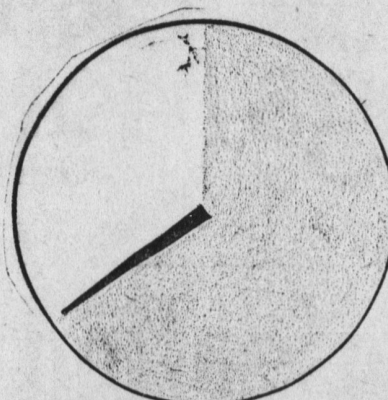
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The big red, white and blue signs identifying the construction as that of the Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority in cooperation with the federal government, the architects, etc., are required at each site—whether one unit is being constructed or 40. In the case of the latter, there are nine signs and the signs cost the contractor \$200 each.

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Director Harper does not laugh about one item. Already he has applications for rentals from more than 100 elderly (persons over 65). Only 30 units are particularly desired for the elderly. By utilizing other units, Tom figures to be able to honor not more than 63 of these applications at best.

Crime Clocks



Viewpoints of Other Editors

CANDOR AND KINDNESS

What is it that prompts youngsters to bait a frightened teacher? Or a certain species of wit to prod at another's visible weaknesses? Or some journalists to pluck at a man's vulnerabilities and hold them up as so many ill-gotten grapes?

We are usually so quick to laud the freedoms of the American and Western press and its society. Yet we should stay alert to the way those freedoms can be used to confound individual lives.

Anatoly Kuznetsov, who defected to London in pursuit of the intellectual and literary freedom he was denied in the Soviet Union, is learning all too quickly about this other side of what he sought. Novelist William Styron was among the first to charge that Kuznetsov acted dishonorably in leaving his homeland. Playwright Lillian Hellman has picked bones over whether he had over-compromised with censors and now was over-complaining about his treatment.

But perhaps the most woe of goes-over Mr. Kuznetsov has gotten was from Morley Safer in an hour-long CBS telecast. The special was called "The Ordeal of Anatoly Kuznetsov." And the tone of the questioning did its best to make the interview itself into an ordeal. Samples:

"You know, Anatoly, human nature is a very funny thing. No one really likes a turncoat. How do you feel about that?"
"You called Russia a concentration camp, yet you've left your own family back in that concentration camp. Do you fear for them? . . . And do you think the Soviet authorities will make them pay for your crime?"

Such terms as "turncoat" and "your crime." Obviously these were used to evoke from Kuznetsov the mental agony which a deep-thinking man may suffer when he undergoes a major shift in his life. And many viewers of the show, or those who heard its radio version, were moved to compassion for the Russian and to outrage at the meanness of the questioning.

Not at whatever truth the session might have sought. Still, frankness need not be brutal.

Another man than Kuznetsov might have defended himself better. Kuznetsov will have to learn to guard what is private in his life and to let himself be known through his writings. But his odyssey to the West is evidence of an impulse to freedom—an impulse which survives repression. There is in this fact much cause for confidence in mankind's future. It is therefore a species of menace akin to the darkness he fled, for the West's press to gather and howl in the shadows of such comforting fires as Kuznetsov may have sought in our midst. (Christian Science Monitor)

THE UN'S MISS BROOKS

It's the custom, when reporting on women public figures, to mention in the second or third paragraph what she was wearing. Thus reporters covering the opening of the 24th General Assembly of the United Nations acted true to form when they noted that the new president of the Assembly, Miss Angle E. Brooks of Liberia, was dressed in flowing African garb.

This dutifully done, however, they quickly moved on to what she had to say in her opening address. For Miss Brooks, true to her own form well established in her 15 years of UN service, showed in

TOUGH ON JOHN WAYNE

The arrest of a group of "Green Berets"—including high ranking officers—in connection with the mysterious disappearance of an equally mysterious "agent" in Vietnam has brought the glamor outfit into the news with a vengeance.

The Green Berets were created as a special force of tough guys, specializing in the business of controlling wars of liberation and other odd and often messy jobs around the world. They trained the Bolivian force that put Che Guevara out of the way and broke up his insurgency plans. They have had missions in the Congo and Liberia, in Ethiopia and Laos, in Thailand and many parts of Latin America. They worked with the Kurds in Iran, the Chinese on Taiwan, the Montagnards and Chinese and Cambodian mercenaries in Vietnam.

Their work in Vietnam has been storied in books and films and songs. And they've done special little jobs for the central intelligence agency.

The Washington Post has been having a look at the Green Berets in the wake of the latest Vietnam mystery. It finds that the Special Warfare School at Fort Bragg, N. C., where the special forces are trained, is hunting for new aura and dignity. The name has been changed to be John F. Kennedy Center for Military Assistance, Brig. Gen. Edward Flanagan, Jr. tells visitors that his constructs are really "assistants—a constructive force."

A colonel with experience with the Green Berets in Vietnam says angrily that "they have made us look like a bunch of . . . Mafia characters who sit around fingering people to kill." But it remained for Maj. A. Lincoln German, the center's training director, to cap the new image the group is trying to attain: "In a way, we're a kind of a Peace Corps."

Well, that's going to make John Wayne feel like a chump. He's been running around jungles, living off reptiles, shooting natives, planning nasty tricks and lecturing against Communists as a Green Beret for some time now—in movie theater after movie theater over the world. How's he going to take the idea that he was really just doing a Boy Scout job aimed at peace? (The Milwaukee Journal)

her remarks she had her eye resolutely on the task before her, with no glances aside to reveal preoccupations of an aspiring feminist. Miss Brooks clearly said the UN has failed to show the dynamism demanded by world problems, and this has led to "the gradual decline of the United Nations in the eyes of world opinion."

The Assembly accepted without protest the dressing down they got from their new president at least partly out of fondness for her. Miss Brooks is generous (she has adopted 19 children) and outgoing and forthright.

The only other woman president of the Assembly was Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit of India 15 years ago. Thus, advocates of women's rights can note, the only parts of the world to place a woman at the head of the Assembly or in the chief post as head of government are Africa and Asia—not the "advanced" lands of Europe and North America. (The Christian Science Monitor)

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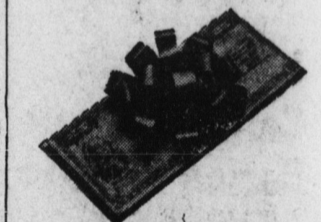
Letter To Editor

Dear Sir,
I want to thank you for the exceptionally fine editorial on The Constitution and the article on "The Constitution by Mr. Bob Maner that appeared in your paper on September 18.

Without the cooperation of patriotic newspaper editors and writers, the Daughters of the American Revolution are hampered in their efforts to draw attention to the fundamentals on which our Republic was founded. With their cooperation, perhaps we can be a truly significant force in seeing that these fundamentals are understood and upheld.

Very truly yours,
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