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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Hear the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer, that goeth out of feigned lips.  
Psalm 17:1.

### 75 Out-of-Step?

In the days ahead, it is quite conceivable that the political leadership of 75 counties, three-fourths of North Carolina's 100, will have second thoughts and find that the minority of 25 are not like the proverbial private in the rear ranks who thought all others in his platoon were out-of-step.

Admittedly a complicated, hard-to-understand (even for the professional) gear-up, the sales tax option, whereby counties could vote on themselves, for themselves and their cities, an additional one percent sales tax, the option did provide some surcease from the heavy financial strain under which all the 100 counties and majority of the state's towns and cities find themselves. It was another avenue of revenue, now limited in non-legal liquor counties and cities, to ad valorem taxes on real and personal property.

It is easy to understand why very small and very poor counties voted for the tax for these were desperate. It is easy to understand why tourist centers like Buncombe, Watauga, and coastal counties voted "yea" because visitors will pay a large share. It is easy to understand why Cumberland, home of Fort Bragg, voted favorably for there are many visiting transients to pay a large share.

But star of the "pro" show is Durham County. Here the political, industrial and commercial leadership apparently saw the light in time to do something about it. Durham folk saw the reason in paying a few dollars day-by-day than a mounting property tax once per year.

Why the defeats here and elsewhere?

- 1) A growing knee-jerk, no reason reaction to any and all proposals for increased taxes of any kind.
  - 2) Luke-warm support on the part of proponents, afraid of political repercussions for voicing their true feelings.
  - 3) Quiet opposition of political leadership at the state level, which leadership wants to retain the sales tax avenue as its very, very own. (Lieutenant - Governor Pat Taylor said as much at the League of Municipalities convocation, Governor Bob Scott stood mute.)
- In Cleveland County, Mayor Hubert Plaster of Shelby hit the nail on the head when he said, "... I think the county commissioners muffed the ball. They have been looking for additional sources of revenue and here was a source handed to them in their laps..."

Mayor Plaster further suggested that the county was the agency in financial pain. Shelby and Kings Mountain, two of only eight cities selling both profit-making power and gas, can always use more cash, but new sources of revenue are not required. He openly supported the added tax, but, in turn, it was neither Shelby nor Kings Mountain's role (cities being comparatively minor beneficiaries to counties), to organize and direct a campaign.

That was the county's role. And, as Mayor Plaster declared, the county commission muffed it.

It won't seem right to be paying Dewey Styers for the Shelby Daily Star rather than the Charlotte Observer, and many have expressed regret at Mr. Styers' decision to change his newspaper distribution tag. The common remark, "I've never missed an Observer, except the one the dog carried off." Indeed, in 22 years, Mr. Styers has failed only once (during a rough snow last year) to have his subscribers' papers delivered in time for early-morning coffee. Mr. Styers is sure how long it will require for him to get over the habit of being on duty by 3 a.m. A measure of his good service is the fact that Mr. Styers will be making numerous refunds to those customers who pay a year in advance, a markedly mark of confidence, which is a tribute to his honesty and good service.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

They don't call it by the same name but to the older among us, it's still the Floral Fair. For that matter, when the civic-minded and spirited ladies of the community were presenting it many moons ago the organization was not called the Kings Mountain Woman's Club. Was the name in former days the Kings Mountain Civic Association?

The first Floral Fair I remember was a real ball for me and other waifs my age and size. I must have been six or seven. This one was held in what is now Sterchi's main building. My mother was a working clubwoman, which gave me free rein to my considerable enjoyment, if, perhaps, not for others. Other ladies I remember working over skillet and otherwise were Mrs. Dorus Mauney, Mrs. C. E. Neisler, Mrs. A. H. Patterson, Mrs. W. A. Ridenhour, and Mrs. M. L. Plonk. Yet another: Mrs. E. W. Griffin, very much on scene at this year's 68th annual event and current president of the Woman's Club.

In those days, manufacturers supplied large quantities of "free" samples, including small sacks of flour. These were about the size most folk buy today. In that day, no self-respecting biscuit baker brought less than a 25-pound sack and the fast selling models weighed 50 and 100. But there weren't any canned biscuits in those days either and light bread's excuse for being was essentially san-wiches.

I perhaps am restored to the glutton class to which I belonged as a child. After eating too much at the Floral Fair luncheon (ham entree), I returned for dinner (turkey entree). Tantalized for the evening was the addition of scalloped oysters to the menu and they were well worth the trip. Both meals were topped off with pound cake a la mode.

The Fair was a couple of weeks later than usual this year but, as Mrs. W. T. Weir remarked, there remained an abundance of home-grown floral arrangements of exquisite beauty. The handicraft department was well-filled with imaginative items, from felt covered match boxes, to aprons, to Christmas decoration. A display of art of the late Mrs. Herman Campbell demonstrated both her ability and virtuosity. One painting was of the former St. Matthew's Lutheran church building, which prompted Mrs. Marvin Houser to note she was married there.

And the children's art display demonstrated there's more talent at hand. Biggest tickle came from the water color of David Herndon, William's youngest. Instructed to paint a turkey, David did — old Tom on his back, drumsticks in air, baked and on the platter, ready for eating.

Among the visitors, whom I regret I didn't get to see, was Mrs. H. C. Dwell, of Charlotte, widow of the late town commissioner of public works (cira 1919-23), a landscaping specialist who designed Mountain Rest cemetery.

But the Floral Fair is more than fine food, interesting crafts and art. Perhaps the most important are the people. Not only does one see and greet hometown friends whose paths seldom cross, but out-of-towners, too.

Items: Peggy Arthur Miller, up from Burlington; Annie Laura Summit, of Charlotte, a former across-the-street neighbor, with her great-niece, daughter of sister Barbara's eldest of three pretty ones, in tow; Image I and Image II (Jim Anthony, Jr., and his son Ed, with daughter Jane and Mary Evelyn); lunch and good conversation with Madge Warlick and the Humes Houstons; dinner with the Charles Mauneys, who moved into their new home on Roxford road Saturday, and their four children, etc., ad infinitum.

Was there ever a Kings Mountain said Partner Larry Harris' rick had posed the question. Mayor John Henry Moss later said, "Yes, there was." Chief Harris served a short term between two times Chief Bryant.

Just as we circled around, only, of course, to benefit the two grandchildren. But I detected a gleam in Humes' eye reminiscent of the one he had 33 years ago when Johnny McGill treated Humes, Billy Weir, Earl McGill and me to "the greatest show on earth."

Mrs. George Thomasson and Mrs. Ray Holmes co-chaired this year's event and deserve copious curtain calls for their performances.



### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### WORK, NOT JAIL

J. C. Duvall of Texas sounds like a good judge to have in one's county. He believes that minor offenders are better working than sitting in a jail. He recently sentenced five men to \$1.75-an-hour jobs in a steel mill, telling them that if they missed so much as an hour's work, they would go to jail.

We have often wondered if this concept of corrective work might not be more widely explored and utilized. Above all where youthful offenders are concerned. Could not young vandals, troublemakers, rioters, and petty thieves be set to work helping the community and themselves rather than being locked away.

We do not mean by this any return to the cruelties of either indentured labor or the roadside chain gangs. But there are innumerable necessary jobs which need going today for which help cannot be found. Could not some of those who injure society be made to help society in return, thereby perhaps learning a bit more respect for work, for the sweat that goes into earning an honest dollar, and for the fact that, inevitably in the long run, justice requires payment for injuries done another.

True, organized labor, understandably anxious not to create a low-wage competitive work force, has opposed such remedial work. But with so many crucial social needs going unmet, may there not be merit in adapting Judge Duvall's practices to a wider end? — Christian Science Monitor.

#### ABILITY COUNTS

"It is ability, not disability, which counts."

That, in essence, is the meaning of "Hire the Handicapped Week."

A great many employers are finding and have found in past years that handicapped persons, if placed in positions compatible with their abilities, can make good. In fact, many of them maintain excellent ratings in job performance.

The Albemarle office of the Employment Security Commission reports that it has applications from 36 persons with various handicaps, some slight, some more severe. All, however, are capable of doing some jobs. The problem lies in matching the abilities of the applicant to the job.

Another factor is training. In this age of specialization, job training is becoming increasingly important. A great many of today's jobs require very limited activity, the performance of a single operation repeatedly. This creates a situation in which it is easier to train for a specific job.

The local ESC office reports that in the past six months there have been 49 persons with handicaps placed on jobs. This is a good record, which we hope will be continued. It indicates that employers in the Stanly and Montgomery county area are giving consideration to the abilities of handicapped persons rather than the disabilities.

#### Ten Years Ago

Items of interest which occurred approximately ten years ago

The United Fund campaign reached the \$7,000 mark this week, Chairman Sam Stallings said, as he re-issued an appeal for reports from campaign solicitors.

#### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Mary Helen Logan and Alfred Delano Tate were married Sunday afternoon at 4:30 in Kings Mountain Baptist church.

Miss Jane Wall Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ollie Harris, has completed plans for her marriage to Donald Sheppard Hambricht, son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Hambricht, and announces them today.

#### PACE FOR SPACE

President Nixon's task force on space offers useful guidance for the American space program over the next decade. A manned orbiting station, a space shuttle, a nuclear-powered rocket, unmanned probes, and satellites for communication, meteorology, and navigation — these set the tone and pace for the postmoon phase.

The United States needs a vigorous space drive. This is a vast, productive, challenging frontier. There must be, of course, a thoughtful sharing of funds with the more urgent and immediate programs here on earth. A proposed \$4 billion budget for each of 10 years may be overly ambitious. But even the eventual manned landing on Mars should not be jettisoned.

An orbiting space station would be a gate-opener for further explorations, besides affording essential experience in space living. The space shuttle would, economically, get men to the orbiting station, bring intelligence data back to earth, launch unmanned vehicles. The nuclear rocket would power, some day, the great ship for Mars.

The essential aerospace companies need a continuity if they are to maintain their talent assemblages and financial stability. Some day, the American space program may become a worldwide project, including the Soviets. But as of now it is up to President Nixon to assure that the United States carries on adequately with its well-begun space odyssey. — The Christian Science Monitor.

#### IN A DECENT SOCIETY

Day and night, especially during the evening prime time hours, television commercials extol the joys of cigarette smoking. Each commercial makes only a modest impression on a viewer. But when you multiply that impression by thousands of TV commercials seen by millions of viewers, the outcome is a national scandal: an estimated 13.3 billion impressions per month, each one bluntly or subtly encouraging the viewer to light up.

For ex-smokers and those trying to stop, moreover, the advertising barrage can be devastating. Cigarette advertising degrades our entire culture and impugns its basic dignity. Surely in a decent society the cigarette companies themselves would hesitate to promote the sale of a product that causes an estimated 250,000

#### Letter To Editor

To the Editor Kings Mountain Herald and the Citizens of Kings Mountain.

I have never written to any paper before, or spoken out for or against any laws, ordinance, or acts that our City's leaders have made, but since they are about to make the worst mistake in the history of our town, I think it is time for everybody to express an opinion. I am referring to the fluoridation of our water. I am against adding fluoride to our water because we know so little about it or what effect it will have on the human body if consumed for many years. We do not know what effect it will have on our water in general, such as making it taste so bad we can't drink it, or making it so hard, we can't wash clothes in it. As you all know Kings Mountain has now and has had for as long as I can remember the best or as good a water as there are in the State.

For goodness sake, and for the sake of our good health, lets keep it that way. I would sure hate to see our water get to tasting and smelling like our good neighbor, Gastonia's water did.

No body seems to know what caused their water to get that way. Some body might have slipped out to Rankin lake and poured in a sack of fluoride. I don't know if fluoride would make our water that bad or not, but I do know that I am satisfied with the way God and nature made our water.

If our City Leaders want fluoride let them eat it with a spoon and chase it with a glass of our nice clean water.

James M. Staley

to 300,000 premature deaths a year... Surely in a decent society newspapers, magazines, and broadcast stations would voluntarily refuse to run the ads. Now that TV-radio commercials are on the way out, why not ban all other forms of cigarette advertising as well? — Consumer Reports

### 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.

- Robert Adams
- Mrs. Juanita F. Allran
- Mrs. Celia S. Bonds
- Mrs. Willie S. Bratton
- Mrs. Minnie B. Burris
- Hubert Clemmons
- Lawson H. Dover
- Mrs. Minnie L. Harry
- Mrs. Cora E. Laughler
- High R. Parton
- Jesse Lee Ramsey
- Sam Williams, Sr.
- Lawrence Davis Barber
- Mrs. Miles R. Boyd
- Mrs. Bynum P. Cook
- Mrs. Doyle E. Day
- Mrs. Marie C. Fewell
- Mrs. Roland A. Gohns
- Thomas W. Grayson, Jr.
- George Moore Hannon
- Mrs. David G. Herndon, Jr.
- Sidney Dullin Huffstetler
- Mrs. Della C. Jenkins
- James Henry Mitcheum
- Donald Richard Sarvis
- Mrs. Prince Starnes, Jr.
- Mrs. Eunice L. Sutherland
- Mrs. Woodrow Wells
- Willie Gene White
- Mrs. Jimmy L. Wilson

#### ADMITTED THURSDAY

- Mrs. Will Nicholson
- Mrs. Kirby Wilson
- Mrs. Harry D. Wilson

#### ADMITTED FRIDAY

- Mrs. Marshall Rich
- Hillard Dean Smith
- Mr. William B. Davis, Jr.

#### ADMITTED SATURDAY

- Mrs. Guy Schofield
- Mrs. William R. Case
- Mrs. Lonnie E. Peeler
- Mrs. Crawford Rucker
- Mrs. Emma L. Bowen

#### ADMITTED SUNDAY

- John William Foster, Sr.
- Mrs. Larry D. Anderson
- Mrs. John Allen Gordon
- Gartel Lee Grigg
- Mrs. Paul F. Perkins
- Mrs. Kemp F. Weathers
- Mrs. Clara J. West
- John Francis Brogden
- Thomas Edward Murray

#### ADMITTED MONDAY

- Mrs. Effie D. Jackson
- John A. Carpenter, Jr.
- Mrs. Marshall Waldt
- Mrs. Myers N. Lee
- Mrs. Donald J. West
- Mrs. Rosa S. Smith

#### ADMITTED TUESDAY

- Dennis L. Dotter
- Homer A. Kilgore
- Richard D. Green
- Clarence E. Smith, Jr.
- Mrs. Annie Mae Lockridge
- Mrs. Gudsie L. Rayfield
- Mrs. Arlie Lee Dunn

### Letter To Editor

Dear Editor:

On Tuesday, November 3rd, I attended the committee on Floridation meeting, the purpose being to bring the results of our opinion poll from the people back to the meeting. Being a member of this committee, and working with them, I was very impressed with the enthusiasm and concern they had for their community. Each committee member gave his and her findings, and opinions from the people. After discussing each case, we came up with the vote of 7-3-2 in favor of recommending to the city board that they implement Floridation to our water. The committee felt that we covered the city well in getting the opinion from the people. These people are to be commended for giving of their time and energy for the betterment of Kings Mountain, I, and I am sure the rest of the committee, appreciate the confidence the mayor and commissioners showed by appointing us to this job. I only hope that after the time it took for the mayor and board to set up this Floridation Committee, that they support this recommendation and not turn their backs to prove that it was in vain.

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