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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually.

I Chronicles 16:11.

Agnew's Blast

Vice-President Spiro Agnew, much-maligned at times as a consistent victim

of hoof-in-mouth disease, gained criti-

cism anew in some quarters following

his recent blast at television news cov-

icism, from a wide television audience

sated, at the national level, with race

riost, violence, and calumniation, in short an accentuation of the negative.

dience and 2) finding some space at least

for the positive

measure up.

But he won more plaudits than crit-

Mr. Agnew essentially was kind to newspaper media as 1) having a more diffused offering to a more diffused au-

Some newspapers, of course, don't

The television industry is hardly

The problems were pointed up a

Time itself is one enemy, as the

The creed of responsible reporters is objectively: As Jack Webb intoned in "Dragnet", "Give us the facts, all we want's the facts." But as Mr. Agnew

CBS major effort to improve its

unaware of its problems in what has

couple of years ago in considerable de-

tail by Time Magazine in a cover story on Walter Cronkite, the eminent tele-

vision newsman for Columbia Broad-casting System. Mr. Cronkite then and

pressure is continuous to obtain news

from all sides of the globe (and with the moon, above it) on film for a showing

pointed out, divorcing personal ideas and inclinations from the hard field of facts

fare, or at least to broaden the menu,

has been the Charles Kuralt features.

Cerainly, it was refreshing on a recent

evening to visit the Connecticutt factory

of the world's greatest manfacturer of musical cymbals, be it for the Boston Symphony or Jazzman Buddy Rich

from the Vice-President's forcefully-de-livered diatribe and perhaps some good.

Curious At 76

director of the selective service system,

has impressed throughout his long ca-

reer as a man of considerable solidity, a

man who understood his unhappy job

and who related it to the needs of the

At 76, he is retiring next February, being more or less eased out by Presi-

Over the weekend, he demonstrated that he has lost none of his zest nor his

interest in the rights of individuals, nor

his high regard for the nation in which

he became and remained an outstanding

anti-Vietnam peace meetings "just to

as charitable when he commented that

the meeting was conducted with decorum

and that the protestors were well within

the bounds of conduct guaranteed by the

that he and his niece did not agree with

tains the fairness of thought to give the

Constitution of the United States.

the protest group.

printing the ballots

devil his due.

He and a niece attended oneof the

The General didn't regard himself

The General further commented

It is interesting that the General re-

City Attorney Jack White came up with a new one-to most folk-that the

city could not defray expenses of an in-

formational referendum to obtain in-

formation it wants and needs. Are the

1957 and 1959 city boards culpable? Since these information samplings were

held at the time as the regular city elec-

tions the culpability would be negligi-

ble-something like \$10 to pay cost of

General Lewis B. Hershey, longtime

The Herald anticipates little ill

now recognizes the problems, too.

within a day or half-day.

is hardly an exact science.

been referred to as 'instant news".

Among The Elite

Of 76 North Carolina cities and towns, Kings Mountain and neighboring Shelby are among 14 adjudged among the financial elite — at least to the point of being adjudged likely to be able to ssue voter authorized bonds within the limits of six percent interest in the tightest money market in many years.

There are several "why's".

The city has been blessed with good management, with succeeding administrations keeping a weather eye to its committments for long-term debt and meantime keeping a tight rein on operational expenses.

The major factor, though, dates to 1903-1908, when the city took on the function of distributing electric power. Three administrations collaborated in finally putting the city into the power distribution business in 1908. The power system has produced a gradually increasing profit through the years which has permitted a lessened demand on ad vaorem property taxes for required reve-

In 1951-54 came natural gas distribution, to further augment city revenues and to enable Mayor John Henry Moss to declare, "The City of Kings Mountain isn't much of a tax collector, it's a utility

The current year's budget reflects the truth of this statement, the tax levy returning approximately ten percent of

Kings Mountain enjoys an "A" credit rating with Moody's, the firm regarded as the "bond buyer's bible".

Moody's three principal rating yardsticks are current financial situation, taxable base, and past performance in amortizing bonded indebtedness.

Kings Mountain remains "A" with a bonded debt at the beginning of the present year last July 1 of \$4,300,000. This figure will be reduced \$170,000 to \$4,130,000 by next June 30. Kings Mountain has a don't-miss bond re-payment record and the current fiscal year is the city's peak debt service year.

Kings Mountain was mentioned because the city has \$300,000 in sewer bond authority not yet issued and has apitely 17 months to issue them b fore the five-year deadline, when unused issue authority passes into limbo.

Sympathizing with those communities in the tight money squeeze, the city can yet be proud that, in face of largest public improvements projects in its history retains a Moody "A".

Mrs. Sallie Baker Fulton

Mrs. Sallie Baker Fulton, who sucnbed recently, was another of those Kings Mountain area citizens, spawned in the rugged early days of Reconstruction following the Civil War.

She and many others were reared in genuine hard times, withal gleaning from it a large residue of physical and spiritual strength.

A lifelong Kings Mountain citizen, Mrs. Fulton contributed much to the civic and religious life of Kings Mountain as to her family. She was the wife of Cleveland County's first mortician, who also served as chairman of the county board of commissioners and a North Carolina State Senator. Her son served first as a city commissioner, subsequently as mayor.

She was of the old school, truly a gracious lady.

Congratulations to Danny Finger, named to the 1969-70 edition of Who's Who in American Colleges and Univers-

Buy a fruit cake from a Lion, a table treat for Thanksgiving.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

Ingredients: Bits of humor wisdom, humor and com ments. Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but a-void overdosage.

My around-the-corner Neighbor Hetty Cox remarked, "Bob says I've gone into semi-retire-

Well, hardly, considering the duties of a mother to several (including Col. Bob). Hetty was referring to her more recent extra-curricula duties as Ferrie Mae, leading member of the cast of "The Curious Savage", presentation of which last weekend marked a successful revival of the Kings Mountain Little Thea-

m-m

Successful it was, both in performance and at the box office. Boots Walker McDaniel, Nan Jean Gantt, Mrs. Ken Pruitt, the aforementioned Mrs. Cox, and Bob Forney played leading roles in this well - written, lineslick comedy. Dr. Bob Baker, cast as the medic in the show, proved he

How soon the next show?

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A couple of Friday evenings ago the Glee E. Bridges family had something of a fright. So Tommy, a freshman at Carolina called home to relate he was afoul the influenza bug. Talking to his Mother, Tommy said he didn't feel too badly. He'd check-ed by the infirmary, been given some pills, told to injest loads of water and fruit juices and to bed down for all but the most important classes.

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This portion of the conversation having transpired, there was a sudden "plunk". Mother, momentarily, thought that Tommy had dropped the phone remy had dropped the phone re-

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The answer hardly satisfied Mother and by midnight, Glee thereby, in one stroke, putting relates, she was pressing to call Buckingham Palace to miximum Chapel Hill for a condition re use and helping to relieve Britport. Glee objected, "No, he's ain's terrible housing shortage. all right. Besides he's probably 2) The American poole and asleep and that's what he needs. Call him in the morning."

ed, one with five stitches, and it "The Phil and Betty Show." other with seven.

Needless to say, Mr. and Mrs. Bridges embarked immediately for Chapel College. Tom was doing nicely, thank you.

Glee was a corollary tale of a quarter century ago, when was a college boy at Chapel Hill. Wartime crowded, the dormitories were outfitted with doubledeck beds. Glee employed the upper.

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It was his roommate's habit, Glee was awake and ready to get prepared for class.

kick was a bit too true. Glee tumbled out on his head. Result: seven cranial stitches.

Like father like son.

for which ground was broken Fuesday, lived in Kings Mountain as a tot. He doesn't remember much about it, as his folk moved way where Hugh was reared in Cramerton. But he can point out the house in which he lived on Walnut Street. In that day, Walnut generally was referred to as Dog Trot.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

trouble making ends meet these days like us commoners.

Prince Philip, the royal consort, confided to an American television audience that his missus' annual allowance of \$1.1 million was being stretched a bit thin and for the last couple of years Her Majesty has been forced to dip

As a result of the financial

royal financial strain:

1) They could take in roomers,

3) They could star in a family Report of the morning call: thing like the old "Father Knows Tommy was in the infirmary, Best" or "Lucy and Desi" or "Hartwo cranial gashes neatly mend-riet and Ozzie" shows. Maybe call ed. one with five the control of the control

even wind up as loaded as Danny Thomas and Doris Day combined.

50p

"Revolt against the heptagon" read the headline in one of Le The Bridges were much im- Monde's letters from London last pressed with the attention provided at the infirmary. During the course of the Bridges Saturum whether the heptagon was the unified Ministry of Defense in the course of the Bridges Satur-visit, Tommy's attending British capital. But reading fur-sician paid call four time the heart, disruptive work stoppages of the physician paid call four times, ther we realized that the heptain spite of an UNC at home foot ball game. there we realized that the heptain spite of an UNC at home foot course 50p takes some getting lived for so long with a 10-bob note. For those who are still confused, 50p stands for "fifty new pence," the equiva-lent in Britain's new decimal cur-ey will be of any help. rency for 10 shillings, hitherto represented by a brown-tinted note (or bill).

Henceforward, half a pound sterling will be represented by a unique seven-sided coin of cupronickel described officially as "an equilateral curve heptagon." In Glee says, to provide a swift kick true British style, a society for its into the upper mattress morn-abolition already has been set up. abolition already has been set up, sure hand-sleeping under the leadership of a retired wake and ready to d for class.

Bethware school, has been named "Miss Bethware" by the student body. Miss Yarbrough is daughter say the heptagon is "continental to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Yarbrough. izing" England. The colonel dem-m scribes it as an outrage against the Queen. One correspondent to the Queen. One correspondent to the press claims that Britannia's umbled out on his head. Result: clothing (on the obverse of the coin) is embarrassingly transparent. And, of course, there is the flood of suggestions for a popular nickname for the new coin. Which Like father like son.

brings home to us rather sadly that such English Anglicisms as "tanner" and "bob" will soon be on the way out, together with the with Arthur Smith of the Crack-erjacks in the 100-room motel for which ground was broken.

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ROTARY CLUB

Kings Mountain Rotarians will hold their regular meeting Thursday at noon at the Coun-

BAILING OUT

Thenry Mccarn

AN OPEN SESAME

-the daily hour-long program for

There are other good children's programs on TV. Both "Captain Kangaroo" and "Misterogers," for

example, mix humor with gentle-ness and help induce healthy

But until "Sesame Street" there

wasn't a major effort to use TV to teach the rudiments of learn-

ing — words and numbers — to preschoolers on anything like a

systematic basis. TV has tremend-ous potential for educating. But

function, and the noncommercial folk haven't had the funds, the

world today is not disciplining the intelligence of the young. More

of the nation's 12 million pre-

PRESBYTERIAN

sermon topic, "Benefits of Thanksgiving", at the Sunday

at 11 o'clock at First Presbyter-

LUTHERAN TOPIC

"Is It Pie In The Sky Or Mud In Your Eye?" will be the ser-mon topic of the Rev. Charles Easley at Sunday morning wor-

ship services at 11 o'clock at St.

Matthew's Lutheran church.

Dr. Paul Ausley will use the

Christian Science Monitor

thinking in the voung.

End of the Trail

Britain's royal family, you will be interested to know, is having trouble making ends meet these trouble making ends meet these trouble making ends meet these bailed out only with some sort of Federal aid. Perhaps the situation Federal aid. Perhaps the situation arrived. It's not on any of the commercial networks' schedules, outlays that President Nixon is tional Television's "Sesame Street"

> Real progress for the merchant marine, however, demands much more than additional money and additional numbers of ships. Fortunately, the Administration at least appears aware of what's needed

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As a result of the Innancial bind, the royal family is taking austerity measures. "Very considerable corners have had to be cut," is the way Philip put it. The family has sold off a small yacht, it was Roommate Corky Fulton on the wire to relate, "Tommy just conked out, but he's all right."

As a result of the Innancial bind, the royal family is taking austerity measures. "Very considerable corners have had to be cut," is the way Philip put it. The family has sold off a small yacht, may move into "smaller premises," and Philip may have to give up playing polo, things like that, in fiscal 1971 and would decline in fiscal 1971 and would be tailored to encourage shipbuilding efficiency. At present the flower in the family is taking the first proposed program, for instance, construction subsidies would be tailored to encourage shipbuilding efficiency. At present flower in the family has sold off a small yacht, may move into "smaller premore instance, construction subsidies would be tailored to encourage shipbuilding efficiency. At present flower in the family has sold off a small yacht, may move into "smaller premore flower in the family has sold off a small yacht, may move into "smaller premore flower in the family has sold off a small yacht, may move into "smaller premore flower in the family has sold off a small yacht, may move into "smaller premore flower in the family has sold off a small y Right off the bat, we can think of at least three ways to ease the the challenge, the Administration warned, the subsidy would be dropped altogether.

> Operating subsidies would be paid only for the higher wage and insurance costs that Amer-2) The American people could send them "Bundles," as we did for many Britons in World War subsidies for would be eliminated. Wage subsidies moreover would be figured under a new formula designed to encourage the ship lines to keep payroll costs down.

The overriding goal of the program is creation of a fleet so swift and efficient that the U.S. Shoot, with residuals they might merchant marine again will be cargoes. Yet even such a fleet. Chapel Hill Weekly Mr. Nixon recognizes, would be of little use if the industry continued to be hobbled by frequent strikes and cost-increasing union work rules.

Labor and management, he said, must find ways to resolve their differences without halting operations. "If the desired expan sion of merchant shipping is to Of past must not be repeated."

The problems of the industry used to after having lived for so are chiefly the creations of the unions and companies themselves If they don't find the will to solve them, no amount of Federal mon

Ten Years Ago

Items of interest which occur ed approximately ten years ago

Barbara Yarbrough, senior at of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Yarbrough

John Cheshire has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce. He suc-

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Poston en-tertained Saturday at their home

Emil Zatopek has been expelled from the Czechoslovak Commun ist Party. The man who won three gold medals for Czechoslovakia in the 1952 Olympic Games, and played a key role until recently in the army's physical training try club. According to the club program, has been found to be bulletin the program is billed "unhealthy."

-The Globe and Mail (Toronto)

Hospital Log 3 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Daily 10:30 To 11:30 a.m. HOSPITAL LOG

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Mrs. William F. Carroll Mrs. Joe N. Nations Robert Eugene Edwards Burman Coley Bryant

David Jacob Delevie

Samuel Curry Moore

Mellon Rites the commercial networks have largely abdicated their teaching

folk haven't had the funds, the interlocking network, or the first-rate media people to launch a major teaching offensive.

The single biggest waste in the lowing in Smyrna cemetery. Funeral rites for Ervin Joseph

Mr. Mellon died Monday mornthan \$4 billion is being spent by ing it the United States Government in pital. ing in the Kings Mountain hos-

handicap. How much smarter it would be to multiply the funds for programs like "Sesame State".

for programs like "Sesame Street"
—which, at a cost of \$8 million
to prepare its 26-week run, works
out to a paltry 67 cents for each
word be defined by the same Street"
by Mrs. Eliza Wright and Mrs.
Rosella Brackett, both of Kings
Mountain; 10 gandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Bake Sale Monday By West School P-TA

West school Parent-Teacher Association will sponsor a Cake Sale Monday beginning at 3 p.m. at West school auditorium, Parents are asked to donate cakes, pies and homemade goodies for the

Proceeds from the benefit will be used to purchase an intercom system for the elementary school.

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