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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually. 1 Chronicles 16:11.

Among The Elite

Of 76 North Carolina cities and towns, Kings Mountain and neighboring Shelby are among 14 adjudged among the financial elite...

There are several "why's". The city has been blessed with good management, with succeeding administrations keeping a weather eye to its commitments for long-term debt...

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.

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 salesman."

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

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 was mentioned because the city has \$300,000 in sewer bond authority not yet issued and has approximately 17 months to issue them before 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 succumbed 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 gleaming 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.

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 Universities

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

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

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

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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 Theatre.

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

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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. Son Tommy, a freshman at Carolina, called home to relate he was aflu the influenza bug. Talking to his Mother, Tommy said he didn't feel too badly. He'd checked by the infirmary, been given some pills, told to ingest 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 receiver.

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The picking up thereof was somewhat delayed. When it was, it was Roommate Corky Fulton on the wire to relate, "Tommy just conked out, but he's all right."

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The answer hardly satisfied Mother and by midnight, Glee relates, she was pressing to call Chapel Hill for a condition report. Glee objected, "No, he's all right. Besides he's probably asleep and that's what he needs. Call him in the morning."

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Report of the morning call: Tommy was in the infirmary, two cranial gashes neatly mended, one with five stitches, another with seven.

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

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The Bridges were much impressed with the attention provided at the infirmary. During the course of the Bridges Saturday visit, Tommy's attending physician paid call four times, in spite of an UNC at-home football game.

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

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It was his roommate's habit, Glee says, to provide a swift kick into the upper mattress mornings to be sure hard-sleeping Glee was awake and ready to get prepared for class.

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

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Like father like son.

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Hugh Johnston, guiding spirit with Arthur Smith of the Crack-jacks in the 100-room motel for which ground was broken Tuesday, lived in Kings Mountain as a tot. He doesn't remember much about it, as his folk moved away 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.

End of the Trail



Henry McCann

Viewpoints of Other Editors

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

Britain's royal family, you will be interested to know, is having 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 into her private fortune to balance the household budget.

As a result of the financial 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.

Right off the bat, we can think of at least three ways to ease the royal financial strain:

- 1) They could take in roomers, thereby, in one stroke, putting Buckingham Palace to maximum use and helping to relieve Britain's terrible housing shortage. 2) The American people could send them "Bundles," as we did for many Britons in World War II. 3) They could star in a family situation television series...

50p

"Revolt against the heptagon" read the headline in one of Le Monde's letters from London last week. We wondered for a moment whether the heptagon was the unified Ministry of Defense in the British capital. But reading further we realized that the heptagon is the new 50p piece. Of course 50p takes some getting used to after having lived for so long with a 10-bob note. For those who are still confused, 50p stands for "fifty new pence," the equivalent in Britain's new decimal currency 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 true British style, a society for its abolition already has been set up, under the leadership of a retired colonel. Some of its supporters say the heptagon is "continentalizing" England. The colonel describes it as an outrage against the Queen. One correspondent to the press claims that Britannia's 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 brings home to us rather sadly that such English Anglicisms as "tanner" and "bob" will soon be on the way out, together with the 10-bob notes and (presumably) the phrase "ell-ess-dee."

Christian Science Monitor

ROTARY CLUB

Kings Mountain Rotarians will hold their regular meeting Thursday at noon at the Country club. According to the club bulletin the program is billed "A big surprise."

BAILING OUT

The merchant marine has sunk so deep that it probably can be bailed out only with some sort of Federal aid. Perhaps the situation is so dire that it will, for a time, even require the higher subsidy outlays that President Nixon is requesting.

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

Under its proposed program, for instance, construction subsidies would be tailored to encourage shipbuilding efficiency. At present the Government finances up to 55% of the cost of a new ship; this figure would be cut to 45% in fiscal 1971 and would decline gradually to 35%. If the shipbuilding industry does not meet 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 American ship lines have; subsidies for such items as maintenance and repair 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. merchant marine again will be a vigorous competitor for world cargoes. Yet even such a fleet, 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 expansion of merchant shipping is to be achieved," he commented, "the disruptive work stoppages of the past must not be repeated."

The problems of the industry are chiefly the creations of the unions and companies themselves. If they don't find the will to solve them, no amount of Federal money will be of any help. Wall Street Journal

AN OPEN SESAME FOR LEARNING

At last the most eagerly awaited TV entry of the fall season has arrived. It's not on any of the commercial networks' schedules, to be sure. It's National Educational Television's "Sesame Street"—the daily hour-long program for preschoolers.

There are other good children's programs on TV. Both "Captain Kangaroo" and "Misterogers," for example, mix humor with gentleness and help induce healthy thinking in the young.

But until "Sesame Street" there wasn't a major effort to use TV to teach the rudiments of learning — words and numbers — to preschoolers on anything like a systematic basis. TV has tremendous potential for educating. But the commercial networks have largely abdicated their teaching function, and the noncommercial 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 world today is not disciplining the intelligence of the young. More than \$4 billion is being spent by the United States Government in a desperate attempt to make up for the disadvantaged child's handicap. How much smarter it would be to multiply the funds 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 of the nation's 12 million preschoolers.

Christian Science Monitor

PRESBYTERIAN

Dr. Paul Ausley will use the sermon topic, "Benefits of Thanksgiving," at the Sunday morning worship hour Sunday at 11 o'clock at First Presbyterian church.

LUTHERAN TOPIC

"Is It Pie In The Sky Or Mud In Your Eye?" will be the sermon topic of the Rev. Charles Easley at Sunday morning worship services at 11 o'clock at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

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.

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Mellon Rites Held Wednesday

Funeral rites for Ervin Joseph Mellon, 76, were held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from Sisk East Chapel, interment following in Smyrna cemetery.

Mr. Mellon died Monday morning in the Kings Mountain hospital.

He was husband of the late Minnie Pruett Mellon.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Mary McAbee of Shelby, Mrs. Eliza Wright and Mrs. Rosella Brackett, both of Kings Mountain; 19 grandchildren 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 benefit.

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

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