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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the people. Psalm 105:1.

DUKE OUT? HARDLY

Athletic circles in the state have been surprised, if not shocked, in recent days.

First a special study commission filed a report in which it advised that 1) Davidson relegate itself to the "little leagues" of college football or 2) abandon the gridiron sport altogether.

Then came the real shocker.

A Duke study commission recommended 1) that the Blue Devils resign from the Atlantic Coast Conference and 2) otherwise de-emphasize football.

Some North Carolina Tar Heel fans, after Duke's 17-13 upset win on the recent Saturday, think the study commission may have been guilty of skull-dugger. What better means of zipping up the underdog Dukes for the annual battle with Carolina!

In serious vein

Davidson's problems of financing football are quite real. A student body limited to about 1,000 students means a limited number of football performers in comparison to larger student bodies. Davidson's academic standards are high and there's no fudging for the good tackle who can learn football signals but not college algebra. But Davidson's major problem is neat, classic Richardson field, Cadillac-class in everything but size, seating only 8,000.

Duke, too, has gone tough on admissions, requiring college board scores of some 150 points above the minimum specified by the ACC, also with a ceiling on student body total. But there's no trouble with the 45,000 seating capacity of Wallace Wade Stadium.

In both these situations, some patriotism can be generated from the gridiron ancestors: at Davidson, Monk McDonald, Bill Mason, Johnny Mackorell, and Kings Mountain's Jack Ruth; at Duke, Freddie Crawford, the state's first all-American, then Ace Parker, Eric Tipton, Dan Hill, Steve Lach, etc., etc., two Rose Bowl teams, other major bowl entries, Wallace Wade himself who brought bigtime football to the state and the area.

It ain't right.

Concurrently, big Ohio State, continuing a major power which fills an 85,000-seat stadium five times each fall, reported it will write red ink to the tune of \$250,000 this year. Ticket sales alone generate better than \$2,500,000 per season. It is suspected that there is some profit in program sales and that Ohio State fans do eat hot dogs and drink soda pop.

So phone tolls cost Ohio State football \$23,000 per year and the cleat bill is \$10,000. As one knowledgeable sportsman remarked, "If the Buckeyes go in the red on that, 'I'd be looking for a new athletic director."

There are overtones, in both the Davidson and Duke reports, of the ever-continuing struggle between the academicians on one side and the athletic crowd on the other.

As has been pointed out before, no football coach ever heard anything about tenure. If a professor hangs on long enough, he is almost discharge-free. If the coach doesn't win, he is shortly pastured.

It is to be hoped that Davidson and Duke will not go the way of three former great gridiron powers — Fordham, New York University and the University of Chicago — their football now limited to intra-murals.

Congratulations to Cameron Ware, appointed by Governor Bob Scott to the State Board of Corrections. This is a quite responsible and sensitive position.

Congratulations to Lt.-Col. Robert G. Cox, awarded the Legion of Merit, for his service during a year's tour of duty in Vietnam.

GRANT-IN-AID

It is to be presumed that the Shelby Chamber of Commerce couched its request for a county treasury supplement on grounds investment in the Chamber of Commerce would aid in industrial expansion and thereby expand the tax base of the county, with the county to be profited.

Indeed, it was stated that the cost of industry-hunting has increased, like the price of beef, tomatoes, and shoes.

The Herald feels, as previously stated, that the county should NOT appropriate, even a miniscule \$2,500, in this manner.

All Chambers of Commerce, should be arms of governmental agencies and the better ones are. But Chambers of Commerce, in no wise, are agencies of governmental agencies.

From the standpoint of policy, the county commission is on very tricky sand. There happens to be two other Chambers of Commerce in Cleveland County, Kings Mountain and Upper Cleveland.

Unquestionably, the others now have the right to visit with the county commission and inquire, perhaps stridently, "Where's mine?"

In a much bigger and more important league, it was the same situation when the county embarked on the sewer system that day realize, the Herald asked editorially, that the Pittsburgh Plate and water line voyage. Did the commission-Glass embarkment could not be a one-shot deal? (It did.)

Democratic government, by its very nature, must be generic. What's good for the goose is good for the gander. It is immoral to provide for one and to deny the other.

The commission erred in its \$2,500 gift and the Shelby Chamber of Commerce erred in asking one.

THANKSGIVING

The most Americanized aliens this newspaper knows are the members of the Ray Holmes family. Both Mr. and Mrs. Holmes were hard-working members of the team responsible for the considerable success of the 1965 and 1966 Battle of Kings Mountain celebrations.

This week, Mrs. Holmes was hopping for Thanksgiving dinner delicacies, including "turkey, of course." She remarked, "You know we don't have Thanksgiving in England. Here we get another happy holiday."

Just 348 years ago the Pilgrims (this name was appended by their forebearers) celebrated the first Thanksgiving. The Lord had been kind. Crops had been good and granaries were full. Game was plentiful. The Indians had proved friendly.

It was time to give thanks to the Lord for all His many blessings.

The worthy tradition continues.

SHED A TEAR

Judge Clement Haynesworth, denied a seat on the United States Supreme Court by 55-45 vote of the Senate, may or may not have deserved the seat in the light of the current vogue of soul-searching on matters of ethics, particularly in the judiciary.

But Judge Haynesworth deserves the plaudits of the nation on his exhibition of courage. As the enemy charged, Judge Haynesworth stayed solid. A lesser man would have retired early in the fight.

The Judge was a pawn in a large game of chess.

Bulk of his anti-votes derived from those who had ideological differences with the conservative South Carolinian. Overtones of the Abe Fortas embarrassment were present. Liberal Democrats were out to "get even." And the 17 liberal and/or moderate Republicans who broke ranks almost uniformly came from states where the heat could be most applied by Haynesworth's chief assailants, organized labor and Negro groups. Among them were Griffin of Michigan and Scott of Pennsylvania.

Judge John J. Parker, of Charlotte suffered the same fate in the Great Depression thirties. Yet his enemies of that day later acknowledged Judge Parker's ability as a fair-minded, law-based jurist, and also his humanity of spirit.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

Where was Moses when the lights went out?

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A more modern version of the question could be posed shortly after 8:05 the night of Wednesday, November 19?

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What did you think when the earth tremored?

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Some folk, like me, working at the typewriter, machine at my desk, were oblivious to the fact, yet Debbie Thornburg, reading proofs at a counter eight feet away, felt the counter tremble.

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Of the spot poll I've made, majority of those who thought something amiss, felt their furnaces were out of order. Many living near the railroad thought it merely another train going along.

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But there were stronger reactions. The son of Mrs. Roy Dedmon, assistant clerk of Superior Court, thought someone was trying to get into the house. Ruth subsequently found some den bric-a-brac and pictures awry.

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A friend of my wife's, remembering the cave-in of a roof at a school recently, thought her roof falling in. She and her husband exited in haste.

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My mother was reading in bed, shaken by the tremor. "I thought there was a man under the bed," she reported excitedly.

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It was the first earthquake I remember in my 49-plus years, and can anyone remember any other in these parts since the three big licks engendered in this area by the devastating Charleston quake of September 1, 1886?

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For those who may have missed Roy Covington's local area report on the Charleston quake, I shall repeat his gleanings from a Lincoln County newspaper of that day and which appeared in Roy's column in the recent Sunday Charlotte Observer.

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The incident was at the famed camp meeting ground at Denver, near the Catawba County line. The Rev. Martin Van Buren Sherrill had not enjoyed what he considered a good season in the soul saving business and had extended the camp an extra week. It was Saturday night and the crowd was good. The Rev. Sherrill proceeded to present a stem-winding sermon, full of fire and brimstone. When he had concluded, he issued the call to come forward and profess the faith. None came.

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No flagging spirit, Mr. Sherrill asked a prominent lay leader to pray. The prayer was a masterpiece. The layman declared the earth the footstool of the Lord and further invoked the Lord to shake His footstool and guide His flock into the paths of righteousness.

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At that time, the quake quaked. Three heavy tremors occurred within 15 minutes. The stunned crowd was so silent a dropped pin would have made a noise like a sledgehammer on a steel spike. The Rev. Martin Van Buren Sherrill was the first to regain composure. He issued the call again. Sixty-four came forward to profess the faith and another 64 to renew prior professions.

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As we were leaving church Sunday, my wife noted that she had been at prayer meeting when last week's tremor banged the church doors and suggested to Dr. Charles Edwards she, at least, was at the right place. He said, "That's right."

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I told him to be sure to read the Covington item. He thanked me and replied, "I always read Roy's column. He used to court at my house."

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Viewpoints of Other Editors

DRUG ABUSE REWARD

The public reaction was quick and heavy to our offer over a week ago of ten \$500 rewards in a war on drug pushers. The telephone began ringing here and at Charlotte Police Headquarters shortly after the announcement was made and has been ringing steadily since. Because of this vast public interest and because we have received offers of additional funds to our company's campaign against drug-pushers in the school this station is taking further time to explain the reward offer.

A reward fund has been set up and Jefferson Standard Broadcasting Company has placed \$5,000 in it. It will be managed by a panel set up by us, and others may contribute to the fund.

In summary, separate rewards of \$500 each will be paid for the earliest information, directed to the appropriate law enforcement agency, which in the opinion of the panel, directly resulted in any individual or organization being arrested and ultimately convicted of illegally dispensing, or distributing narcotic, stimulant or barbiturate drugs to any elementary, junior, or senior high school student in either North or South Carolina. Other details of the offer are available, in writing, from this station.

Our sole purpose in making this offer is to cut down on illegal traffic in drugs to our school children. If you have information concerning persons illegally supplying drugs to students in North or South Carolina, contact your local police. Then, if you seek to claim a reward, write or call the Director, Drug Reward Fund, here at this station for a complete copy of the reward offer and detailed information as to how such a reward may be obtained. We have put \$5,000 on the line. We hope it goes fast.

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WHAT IS OBSCENE?

The Supreme Court may be a second chance to define what is permissible pornography in film, play, and book. This would be useful for America's mental health. After a watershed decision the Supreme Court often has had a second case to evaluate and refine its decision. This could happen to the pornography decision handed down by Justice Brennan in a six-to-three decision in 1966 finding the book "Fanny Hill" to be obscene.

Now Massachusetts superior Court Chief Justice G. Joseph Tauro has ruled the Swedish film "I Am Curious (Yellow)" to be obscene. Appeal could carry the case to the Massachusetts top court or the Supreme Court.

Chief point in the Brennan decision was that material must be wholly "without redeeming social value" to be judged obscene. Justice Tauro argues that "the rankiest type of pornography gains constitutional protection if it is packaged in a book or film with the slightest modicum of social value."

Various media have run off plenty of pornography since that decision. Some reductions may have had a minimum of social value. It is argued that tolerance of pornography will eventually reduce the public appeal. Justice Tauro has a pollution of literature and entertainment worse than the water pollution of Lake Erie — desensitizing and brutalizing the human spirit. The Supreme Court should have another try at defining the limits of pornography.

—Christian Science Monitor

LESSON FROM MADRID

Visitors to Madrid, Spain, a city of more than three million people, inquire as to the crime rate there. They were informed that it is very low. When they asked how many murders were committed there they were amazed to learn that only about three to five occur each year.

The visitor familiar with near-by Charlotte commented that the North Carolina city may have that many more in one month.

The North Carolinian then inquired into the reasons why crime is so rare in the capital city of Spain. After all, the Spanish people have the reputation for having a rather high temper and being somewhat volatile in character.

He was informed that it is a matter of stern justice in Spain. A person accused of murder, for example, is not allowed bond. He is held quickly, usually within 30 days. If he is found guilty, the penalty is death. And there are no appeals.

With this stern justice staring a person in the face, he thinks long and soberly before killing someone.

Similar measures apply, though less rigid, in other types of crime. In Spain, crime just doesn't pay.

In Madrid, nobody is afraid to walk the streets, day or night, gaggings and rapes in the city's alleys are virtually unknown. But in Washington, D. C., capital of the world's most progressive and richest nation, there are areas where many people do not dare to go, day or night, and where the situation is literally a jungle of crime.

And herein North Carolina, we have the soft-hearted seeking to abolish capital punishment.

What it boils down to is this: And here in North Carolina, we who simply cannot coddle and pamper criminals as has been done in this country in recent years and still maintain law and order.

Either the nation must return to a sterner justice and let it be known in clear tones that crime will not be tolerated, or we shall be unable to conquer the overwhelming tide of increase in criminal acts.

And, a noted justice observed, no disorderly society has ever been able to survive long. The criminal, it should be noted, is a person who has violated the laws of the nation and of orderly society, and cannot be treated in the same manner as the law-abiding citizen whom he has wronged.

It is time that the courts realize guilt is guilt, and stop hunting for legal technicalities upon which to free criminals and thus allow them to continue preying upon society.

Perhaps we can take a lesson from Madrid.

—Stanly News and Press

WINTER COMES TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA

One of the last things the Dubcek regime of Czechoslovakia's "spring" did before the Russian invasion of August, 1968, was pass a law setting up procedures for rehabilitating victims of secret police terror of its predecessor regimes. The law provided money compensation for surviving victims and restored apartments to tenants unjustly expelled from

KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log

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Hasting Jackson
Kay Francis Phillips
Donald Eugene Bess
Lawrence L. Green, Jr.
Mrs. Roy McGill Jones
Mrs. Conway Graham

Ten Years Ago

Items of interest which occurred approximately ten years ago.

County registration books for the forthcoming \$100,000 bond issue to provide funds for a 25-bed addition to Kings Mountain hospital will be open for the final registration day Saturday.

Social and Personal

The wedding of Miss Mildred Josephine Jackson of Kings Mountain and Jonnie Ray Davenport of Charlotte took place Saturday at 4 p.m. in First Presbyterian church.

Robbie Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Spencer, celebrated his second birthday Sunday, November 22nd.

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