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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Use hospitality one to another without grudging. I Peter 4:9.

Handles Himself Well

President Richard M. Nixon, an old hand, longtime predecessor to Spiro Agnew in damning the press (e.g. following the California gubernatorial election he lost to Pat Brown in 1962) managed very well in his Monday night press conference.

Be it said for the representatives of the fourth estate, of course excepting Miss McClendon, that they treated the President with the courtesy the office deserves in putting to him 28 questions in the course of the conference.

Merriman Smith, of United Press International, dean of White Press correspondents, was recognized by the President for the first question.

On Wednesday, in reviewing the conference, Mr. Smith said the consensus of the press group was that Mr. Nixon handled himself well, answered the questions succinctly, and recalled days of the always frank President Harry Truman. Mr. Nixon becomes the first President since Mr. Truman, Reporter Smith related, to answer a press-put question with one word. To the question could Mr. Nixon bring himself to let the \$800 personal income tax exemption pass without a veto, Mr. Nixon answered, "No."

President Nixon believes in doing his home work, Reporter Smith related, and had spent the weekend prior at Camp David (after returning from Texas 15, Arkansas 14) absorbing background material on predictable questions.

The press, indeed, must be slipping, for there wasn't a sly sleeper among the 28.

President Nixon has learned, since his low point of California '62. The soft answer, as the Bible says, turneth away wrath.

For Adults, Too

An oyster, sinking to the bottom of the sea and breathing in food, or an eagle, given strong wings, a bill and claws and left to earn his own livelihood?

Three levels of life: 1) I'll live and help you to live; 2) I'll live and let you live; 3) I'll live if it takes your rights.

It was a sermon of sorts, though not delivered in church, and the parishioners were the Kings Mountain high school football squad, their mentors and members of the Kings Mountain Lions club and their guests.

The "preacher" was Pride Ratterree, freshman coach at the University of South Carolina.

Mr Ratterree, Kings Mountain home-grown, thinks the famed quotation of the late Grantland Rice "it isn't whether you win or lose but the way you play the game" stops a bit short. Mr. Ratterree thinks a man, or team, can be sportsmanlike and win too.

He listed these five questions which he declared require affirmative answers for a team to win on the athletic field or a person to win on the field of life:

- 1) What kind of mental and physical condition am I in?
- 2) Am I mentally tough?
- 3) Can I give 100 percent?
- 4) Do I cooperate with my teacher and coach (do you say "HE" flunked me?)
- 5) Do I learn and grow? Pretty solid philosophy, yes?

Tax Ambiguities

Equity is seldom what people want when equity hits them in the area of their pocketbooks.

Witness, thus, the wailing and gnashing of teeth as the Congress attempts to make the federal income laws more equitable.

While the oil and natural gas industry was on the griddle concerning its top drawer depletion allowance, other groups were slipping about, often in the dark of night to protect their little red wagons as far as the income tax laws were concerning.

On Tuesday morning was detailed the business of the investment tax credit. This was a device promoted by the late President John F. Kennedy to spur a lagging economy. Simply, seven percent of the cost of new equipment in the year of its purchase, qualifies for a tax deduction. It was suspended, then restored. President Nixon surprised on April 21 when he recommended the investment tax credit be abolished.

Suddenly it was learned that great numbers of mammoth orders for capital equipment had been placed on the two days immediately preceding April 21, the two days being Saturday and Sunday, not customary business transaction days.

Boiled down 29 firms were going to beat the gun and save themselves \$39 million via the investment tax credit.

On Wednesday morning, the news related, the charitable foundations had been doing heavy in-fighting on the proposal to tax their income (now non-taxable) by 7.5 percent.

Several, notably the Kellogg Foundation had been successful, thus far, in getting itself exempted.

Christmas Notes

Give to the Empty Stocking Fund. Give used and maimed toys for tots. The Jaycees will refurbish and mend them and give them to youngsters who otherwise would be without on Christmas morning

Buy a Jaycee Christmas tree.

Down Gaffney-Way

There was big news at Gaffney this week as Timken Roller Bearing Company announced it was building a \$50 million plant on U. S. 29 about a mile south of the city.

Many factors, as they do, entered into Timken's decision to choose the Gaffney site, among them availability of labor, a non-humid climate, quick access to Charlotte, the Carolinas largest city, good transport, to mention a few.

Timken's major business activity is manufacture of auto parts and accessories. It also serves the rail industry.

Rumor prior to Timken's announcement was that a major auto manufacturer would be the new citizen. Perhaps a company majoring in the auto parts business is the next best.

Certainly Timken is a solid industrial citizen with current assets of \$194 million and a record of dividend payments to its stockholders since 1921.

A best bow to Gaffney and neighboring Cherokee County on obtaining a new industrial citizen, a major diversification from textiles in textile Cherokee.

Congratulations to SP/4 Larry N. Morgan, of the Green Beret, commended for meritorious service in Vietnam.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

Charles Blanton allowed it would be highly irregular for a "Tar Heel" to be introducing a Gamecock as speaker of the evening, were it not for the fact that Prile Ratterree was 1) a hometown boy and 2) Prile and he were childhood neighbors (West Gold street).

Charles added, "Back then we knew Coach Ratterree as 'Dunk'. I don't know where he got the nickname, nor why. Perhaps he can enlighten us about that."

It was Charles' way of getting Prile G. Ratterree to the rostrum of the Kings Mountain Lions club's 30th annual football banquet Tuesday night. Prile didn't take the bait, though and he alluded to it when he pointed to a young lad in the audience and said, "When I was in high school I wasn't any bigger than little Red here."

In the talkfest following the session, Coach Ratterree guessed he won the nickname because of his small stature and thought that Wendell Phifer, his big-and-brawny neighbor, dubbed him "Dunk". Wendell told me "no," on the check-out, and referred me to his brother Menzell. But Menzell, too, disclaimed the distinction.

Some logical light on the teaser is furnished by Mayor John Henry Moss who recalls questioning some years ago two of Prile's early age buddies, R. G. Plonk and Eddie Campbell. They said Prile won the nickname due to his proclivity for doughnuts, eating them with relish and in quantity after properly dunking them in hot cups of coffee.

During his boyhood here, he recalled, a man with a mule specialized in the spring in breaking ground for Kings Mountain gardens. Business was pretty good, as no self-respecting Kings Mountain citizen of that day failed to plant a few rows of corn, beans and potatoes. As one spring season approached, a doctor friend noted the man pinning on the corner and inquired his trouble. The plowman replied that his mule had aged and was quite unlikely to make the season. What were the gardeners to do?

The doctor thought he had a remedy, handed the plowman two pills, one red and the other blue, with the order to give the mule the red one first, then follow the next day with the blue. Several days later the doctor found the plowman in the same plight, his countenance reflecting brightness and happiness. How, the doctor asked, did his script work?

"Best you ever saw," the plowman smiled. "I put that big old red pill down my mule's throat and if I hadn't taken the blue one, I'd never have caught that danged mule!"

In the depression days when coin was hard to come by, Prile recalled, Neighbor Charles T. Carpenter, Jr., a bit older, informed Prile they were going to the ball game. This was back in the days when Julian Park, in front of the water works on Deal street, was the ballyard. Prile wanted to know how they'd get in without a ticket. Charlie replied they'd use spring-and-fall tickets. Explained Charlie, "We spring onto top of the fence, then fall over on the other side." That's what they did. On one fine day, Prile said, Policeman Greel Ware was on the "fall" side and brandished his tilly at the pair. "We ran like scared dogs," Prile remembers.

Many of us used that kind of Tommy Ellison said he was too little to reach the top of the fence, gained admission via the ditch in right centerfield. I used that entrance, too.

Prile called attention to the fact that Jake Early was the first Kings Mountain man to play in baseball's major leagues. When Prile was a professional football Chicago Cardinal, his team was in New York to play the Giants. Prile took pride in carrying three tomatoes to Yankee Stadium when the Senators were playing the Yankees and waxed even more prideful when Jake got a hit.

Prile was a high school player guest at the first banquet in 1939. Thirty years later he was the speaker, the fifth to represent the South Carolina Gamecocks (Rex Enright three times, Warren Geise once) at the always enjoyable Lions club football party.

"This Christmas can I hang up a pair of your pantyhose?"



Viewpoints of Other Editors

THE KHULYAGAS CHANT

We think that Penn State professor and his 200 students have gone about their word-launching the hard way. They haven't included a meaning for their dictionary-candidate.

The word is: "khulyagas." Dr. Gerald Phillips told his class that if a word-launching could spring up, in say, both Pennsylvania and Montana, that word had a chance to achieve common — or uncommon — usage. At least, it might get into a dictionary of American slang. And Scribble players would be everlastingly grateful for "hulyagas" — it would provide a word beginning with "h-."

We seem to recall that young Englishmen chanted a word over town and thereby introduced it into the English language — it was it "quizz?" But most slang words spring up with language and meaning combined. Such as "smolygoster," meaning a politician who has more oratory than ability. Or "cattywampus," meaning curiously a hobgoblin, vermin, or any rip-roaring something or other. These concoctions are more colorful than such once - slang words as "bizzard," "blooper" and "squinch." And they surely do have meaning.

Penn State has devised some "khulyagas buttons" and a "khulyagas Polka." But it's pretty unorthodox to say this wonderful word can mean anything you want it to.

CUTTING LITTER

"Automotive litter bugs are depositing one cubic yard of trash on each mile of American road every month, Keep America Beautiful, Inc., the national litter prevention association said yesterday" — news item from The New York Times.

NOISE AND SMOKE

Both air passengers and persons on the ground — especially homeowners near airports — will watch with interest moves to control jetliner noise and smoke. The federal aviation administration says that it will require plane makers Lockheed, Boeing and Douglas to keep the noise levels on new jumbo jet below 108 effective perceived noise level decibels, about 10 less than the present Boeing 707. Reduction by 10 decibels has the effect of cutting the noise by half.

MANY-NATIONED STAR TREK

How far should the United States venture in making its moon landings — indeed its whole space exploit — a world-wide rather than a purely American undertaking? Should there, for instance, be invitations to the Russians, the British, or anyone else, to send an astronaut along on a moon-bound spacecraft?

With other moon visits by Apollo 13, 14, 15, the general question is sure to be pondered. There will be some who will say, right off, that if there are to be joint undertakings by the nations of earth, they should be directed toward eradication of hunger and poverty, and toward bridging the still-widening economic gap between the "have" and "have-not" countries, right here on earth.

Surely there should be no let-up in developing joint drives to remedy earth's awesome terrestrial plights. But if space exploration is to continue, as seems certain, when the question does loom: "how wide the participation?"

Some limited cooperation with Moscow is under way, in exchange of space data. Senator Fulbright has proposed United Nations regulation and coordination of space programs. British publications have urged the internationalization of space efforts. Moon rocks have gone to some foreign laboratories. The basic question is: what is practical and what is possible?

Still, when one thinks of the global impact of a joint astronaut voyage to the moon — with, say, American, Russian, British personnel aboard — the goodwill engendered, the hopefulness for mankind, would seem to outweigh any obstacles. The Russians would be expected to reciprocate by admitting other nations to their space programs.

The United States might alternatively offer — free of for a fee — American rockets, launching and tracking facilities to any nation wishing to make a moon voyage. Or it could propose that an agency of the United States begin coordinating this world's space exploits. Pooling various ventures, manned or unmanned, would serve to reduce the gigantic costs involved — assuming other countries were willing to foot part of the bill.

ALARMS, DIVERSIONS

Lazy people cause progress, someone once observed, by inventing machines to do their jobs for them. Now progress has taken another giant step forward: An alarm clock has been marketed with seven permanent settings, one for each day of the week — thus ending the drudgery of having to pull out that alarm pin every day.

We don't know what you'll do with the leisure time you'll be gaining from this, but we have an idea for ourself. We'll probably try to invent an alarm clock that turns itself right off and lets us go back to sleep.

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