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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE The Lord is My Shepherd, I shall not want. Psalm 23:1

Thaw Time A February thaw is a taste of spring—or anyway, March, when April isn't far behind. It muddies your shoes—but it polishes your hopes, a little.

Costly Honeymoon The Boston Herald Traveler noted recently that the African island of Zanzibar has taken a drastic step to protect one of its most valuable resources. So says The Traveler: So many overseas suitors have taken brides from the island that the female population is dwindling and the males are beginning to howl.

No Cavities? The Kings Mountain Jaycees are spearheading the project, the dentists say "yee" and the medical association endorses. Still, another group says "no." The item is fluoridating of the city's water supply.

Hats Off Congratulations are in order to: Sgt. Michael Beam, named Airman of the Year by the 702D Radar Squadron at Hunter Army Airfield, Ga. The Kings Mountain Girl Scouts, who are joining others from a three-county area in launching a fund drive for \$500,000 to build a new Girl Scout home at Golden Valley in Rutherford County.

Senator Harris? J. Ollie Harris, Sr. has served well as Cleveland County Coroner for 24 years. His friends wish him well in his maiden voyage into state politics as he makes a bid for a seat in the North Carolina Senate.

There was good news last week that Burlington Industries is giving to the City of Kings Mountain more than an acre of land adjoining Deal Street Park. All citizens are appreciative of this interest by Burlington. Sunday is Boy Scout Sunday. Palestine, Bethlehem, Mt. Carmel, the Sea of Galilee, the River Jordan, Capernaum, Caesarea, the Dead Sea, Jericho, and Beersheba will all be included in slides Rev. and Mrs. James Wilder will show at Kings Mountain Baptist church Sunday night at 5:30.

Washington Report

The White House and the majority leadership in the Congress have been on a collision course for some time. Each has plotted its philosophical direction and the wreckage washed up last week in the form of the vetoed appropriations bill containing operating funds for the Departments of Labor and Health, Education and Welfare.

Last April, the President requested that the Congress appropriate 13 percent more money for health, education and welfare programs than it had spent for the year before. To this, the Congress added \$1.3 billion, with most of the money earmarked for education. There is no more popular cause than education and in its decision to force a compromise on this issue the majority leadership in the Congress wanted to challenge the President's efforts to reorder priorities and to balance the national budget.

The American people hardly need to be reminded about the staggering statistics of inflation. They meet it every day in the grocery store and they understand that the Federal government's unchecked spending habits of the last ten years have been a major factor in boosting prices. The Nation has spent over \$50 billion more than it has taken in in taxes. Interest on the public debt alone has reached \$18.8 billion which must be paid each year—double the interest on the debt paid 10 years ago.

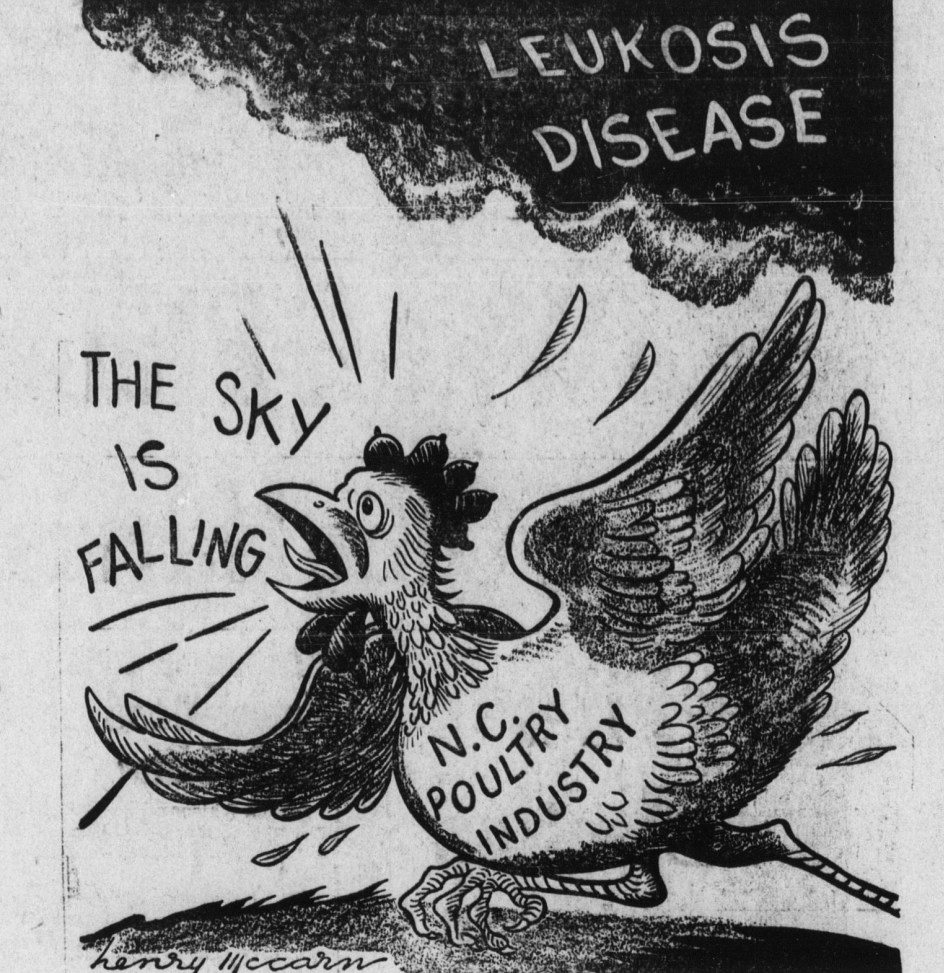
More and more, the American people feel themselves caught between taxes and inflation on a treadmill that moves faster and faster. The President has been attempting to change financial policies and to restore stability in our financial situation. This is not easy and takes time and some of these policies are unpleasant. Most unpleasant of all is the realization that we can no longer spend with such unbridled abandon even for the best of causes.

In the debate, there have been charges that failure to approve these large increases would mean that some schools would have to close. This was charged particularly in school systems depending upon money from the "impacted areas" program in which the Federal government provides extra money to school systems where there is a concentration of children of military and Federal employees. I believe that this inequitable program needs to be rewritten but an appropriations bill is not the place to change the rules. With that in mind, the President has assured that special hardships would receive attention.

I supported the President's veto and I feel that to have done otherwise would have added to the burden inflation is causing millions of Americans who are suffering because of it. We hope now that the Congress will stop these political side-shows and write a bill the President can accept. It is the hope of many of us, too, that Congressional leaders will resist the temptation in the future to engage in the kind of tactics this incident has shown. I think the vigorous popular support the President has received on it has been an unusual surprise for officials in Washington and that the emergence of all this will be remembered for some time to come.

The Great Seal of North Carolina is kept in the Governor's Office for impression upon official papers. It is 2 3/4 inches in diameter and is the 8th Seal in North Carolina's history. Four were used in the colonial period and four since the colony became a State. The present version of the seal was adopted in 1893.

Chicken Little Could Be Right!



Viewpoints of Other Editors

DROPPINS AND DROPOUTS

Why do some high school students wander aimlessly around the hallways while others are in class studying? Why do some regularly absent themselves from class, days at a time, while others hang up nearly perfect attendance records? Why is the dropout record for the city's academic high schools so bad—and getting worse— with more than 2,400 students failing to stay long enough to earn a diploma? What prompted the improvement in the "holding power" of the city's vocational high schools which lost more than 900 two years ago, but were able successfully to cut their losses during the past year to 52?

LIFE'S LITTLE TRIALS

During the deep freeze we: —Complained about the natural gas pressure running low. —Ranted when the car refused to start and the radiator froze. —Raged when the water pipes busted. —Moaned when the transformer kicked in and out, causing the electricity to come and go. —Howled when the regular bowling night was canceled. —Groaned pitifully when the office temperature hung at a brisk 55 degrees. —Made much to-do about frozen feet, chapped cheeks, and numb hands and ears after a quick trip to the pile of logs in the back yard.

ORDER YOUR IGLOOS NOW

As this is being written, the thermometer has been below freezing in Boston for all of 1970 so far. This may not be startling for North Dakota, Ontario, or northern Norway, but it is somewhat unusual for southern New England. Now (sigh) we may have learned the reason. Long-range weather forecasters say that the world is in for a period of cold, lasting centuries. It might even, they warn, end with another Ice Age.

AN ORDINANCE FOR OUR TIME

That unique ordinance, adopted last week by the Madison Heights, Mich. City Council, making parents subject to jail and fines for the crimes of their children is possibly not as outlandish as it might seem on its face. The Madison Heights ordinance provides that parents of a youngster who commits two or more crimes within a 12-month period can be jailed up to 90 days and/or fined \$500.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Voter — We interrupt to bring you a message of great need. Here is a heart to heart plea. You may not know the "if's, and's and but's" about fluoride. You, man, woman, parents do know your Kings Mountain doctors and dentists. Take their advice. They have told you by endorsing Fluoridation. Rely on them. Vote Preventive Tooth day for all children Saturday, Feb. 7th. Sincerely Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch

KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log

Table with columns for Admitted Thursday, Admitted Friday, Admitted Saturday, Admitted Sunday, Admitted Monday, Admitted Tuesday. Lists names of patients and their conditions.

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