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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. St. Matthew 5:9.

Auto Liability Mess

A Study Commission on auto liability insurance is criss-crossing the state to determine public opinion on the question.

It is to be anticipated that subsequent hearings will obtain the same answers the commission got in Charlotte Tuesday.

Nobody's happy who is involved in any direction and this would mean that only those less than 16 years of age could take a "couldn't care less" attitude.

The insurance companies have already demonstrated their unhappiness to the Commissioner of Insurance, claiming they're going broke in writing policies at current rate.

The insurance agents are unhappy. Service required far out-distance limits of time and remuneration.

The public is unhappy. The insurance companies are assigned risk happy and a fender dent can produce, one citizen testified, policy cancellation and subsequent assignment to the assigned risk category.

Among those testifying in the citizen category was County Commissioner Charles A. Greene, of Shelby. Mr. Greene was hith head-on by an out-of-state car. Both he and the Pennsylvanian who drove the other car were lucky to walk out of their demolished vehicles. Mr. Greene was on his side of the road, and the Pennsylvanian wasn't. But Mr. Greene has yet to be paid for his smashed vehicle and apparently won't be. Mr. Greene feels that, if reciprocity arrangements can be made with other states in some areas, they can and should be made on auto damages.

Most folk hailed the North Carolina law requiring all auto owners to buy auto liability insurance. No longer would plea of poverty be a bar to proper payment of damages.

The results have been less than desired, much less, and rates have escalated mightily.

There must be an answer to this vexing, expensive problem and it is to be hoped that the study commission can bring recommendations of improvement to the 1971 General Assembly.

Count Begins

April Fool's Day may be an inauspicious one to begin the decennial nose count of "every man, woman, and child" in the 50 States. In these parts Wednesday's weather would indicate so.

But started it has.

In his ever-continuing quest for efficiency, Uncle Sam has changed the format from 1960. Census forms have been mailed to all known addresses and placed in all postoffice mail boxes. Hopefully, the census-taker will find, when he calls the form properly executed and can speed along downstreet.

This may not be the case, though the form is comparatively simple. The instruction sheet requires more space than the form itself.

Nevertheless, the count will be made and rather accurately.

The founding fathers set forth the requirement for the decennial census in the fifth paragraph of the United States Constitution. The reasons: to determine apportionment of taxes and representatives in the Congress.

The census is a decennial phenomenon.

Those who saw Kings Mountain Little Theatre's production of "The Curious Savage" will be on hand for "Cinderella" this weekend. Those who missed "Savage" should not miss "Cinderella" this weekend. The first production was what theatre circles term a "smash".

Textile Futures

"Futures", in commodity market parlance, refers to purchase of wheat, oats, soybeans, cotton, and other commodities for future delivery. Those involved in manufacture of consumer goods from the commidities buy in April, say, for July delivery, against their anticipated needs.

Textile Futures, however, does not refer to the same commodity market.

It refers to the human commodity market.

April has been designated "Textile Futures Month" in Kings Mountain. During April, the textile industry, in cooperation with the vocational education department of the high school, will demonstrate needs for manpower in the textile industry, and the varied manpower needs.

The industry has been plagued for many months with a real manpower need. Part of the manpower requirement has been due to the increasing variety of textile products produced and the other end of the coin has been loss of potential manpower to other employment in other cities, both near and far.

Kings Mountain's textile industry should have an interesting story to tell. It is the major employer in Kings Mountain, producing much in the textile spectrum, from cotton yard to consumer bound socks, knit goods, upholstery fabrics and many others.

What the textile industry will be telling youths, perhaps a year to five years distant in the "futures" market is that there is opportunity in a career in the textile industry in Kings Mountain.

Which there is.

Short Decade

On Tuesday Fibre Industries observed its tenth anniversary as an industrial citizen of Cleveland County. The fact of ten years seems incredible.

Perhaps even more incredible has been the growth of Fibre, not only at Earl, but elsewhere. Fibre has been continually expanding its Earl plant. Meantime, it has built and is operating major installations at Salisbury and Greenville, S. C.

Fibre produces a man-made yarn, in a variety of denier, under the copyrighted trade name Fortrel. Fortrel goes into men's suits and women's dresses and the heavier product becomes tire cord.

Fibre Industries was formed as a jointly owned corporation of Imperial Chemicals, Ltd., of Great Britain, and Celanese Corporation of America.

The contribution Fibre has made to Cleveland County in all areas and to neighboring counties, too, has been major.

Happy birthday to Fibre and a wish for many more of them.

The sudden passing of Mrs. Florine McDaniel Hill shocked her many friends. She was a lady of friendliness and compassion. She was able to accept adversity, as evidenced by her life she was widowed a number of years ago.

Congratulations to Larry Hamrick, recently elected president of the Kings Mountain Rotary Club.

Lieutenant James S. Dye has received the army commendation medal for service in Thailand. It is his second and thereby speaks for itself.

A best bow to Jim Yarbro, winner of the Wood Badge Award for completion of Boy Scout leadership training. He is Scoutmaster of Troop 92.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

Did you know that North Carolina was once the third most populous state of the union?

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That was in 1790, when the first decennial census was taken. North Carolina, with 393,751 men, women and children, trailed Virginia (747,610) and Pennsylvania (434,373), Massachusetts was fourth and New York fifth.

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There were 15 states, but the fun began for the U. S. Marshals assigned the chore when they sought to count the people in the [illegible] of Kentucky, the [illegible] were few roads, [illegible] unclear district boundaries, and [illegible] danger from hostile Indians. But 20 months and a day after the census began, Secretary of State Thomas Jefferson sent the report to President George Washington and the Congress.

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Why will the United States spend $210 million this year on the taking of the census?

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The reasons are multiple. While many so blessed will laugh at the seeming foolishness of the household question asking if the occupant enjoys the benefits of a flush toilet, those who don't won't laugh. It reminds of Comedian Bob Hope's quip about folk yearning for the good old days, Hope said these really mean they want to return to the good old days, all the while taking along the electric refrigerator and the family auto. The household answers are valuable to industry in projecting demand for such desirable consumer goods ar refrigerators, color television sets, and, yea, flush toilets, and valuable to government in projecting need for modern housing.

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Listed in the Commerce Department's booklet "Uncle Sam Counts 1970" is a "pay-back" product of the census which many have found helpful. North Carolina, for instance, has required recordation of births only since 1914. Many citizens have reached age 65, when they were eligible for social security benefits, only to find establishment of their birth date a major hurdle to collecting what is rightfully theirs. Here an application form should be obtained from the Personal Census Service Branch, Bureau of the Census, Pittsburg, Kansas. It's among the surest means of accomplishing this hurdle.

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The historical organizations have used this service too — in qualifying membership in such organizations as the Daughters of the American Revolution, Colonial Daughters, and United Daughters of the Confederacy.

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The decennial census determines the number of Representatives each state shall have in the United States Congress. The 1960 census cost North Carolina a member.

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Floods of proposed questions are directed to the Bureau of the Census. Among them rejected for inclusion in the '70 count: have you been in an auto accident; do you belong to a union and which one; do you smoke cigarettes or cigars and when did you start; do you own a dog, cat, and/or bird; do you hold more than one job?

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Four of five will answer the same simple form received by everyone. The fifth, when visited by the census-taker, will be asked the same questions, and some additional ones, veteran status, mother-tongue information, education, occupation and others.

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The census guessing game is as intriguing as a lottery and at no cost. I invariably, in the past, have tended to over-estimate. Having been "stung" before, I was deliberately cautious in arriving at the Kings Mountain population figure of 9300 which began appearing on the Herald's left-hand front page dogear after the annexation of the southwest area. The figure was predicated on the special census of January 1966, projecting annual percentage increase between '60 and '66, and adding the estimated population of the annexed area. We'll see.

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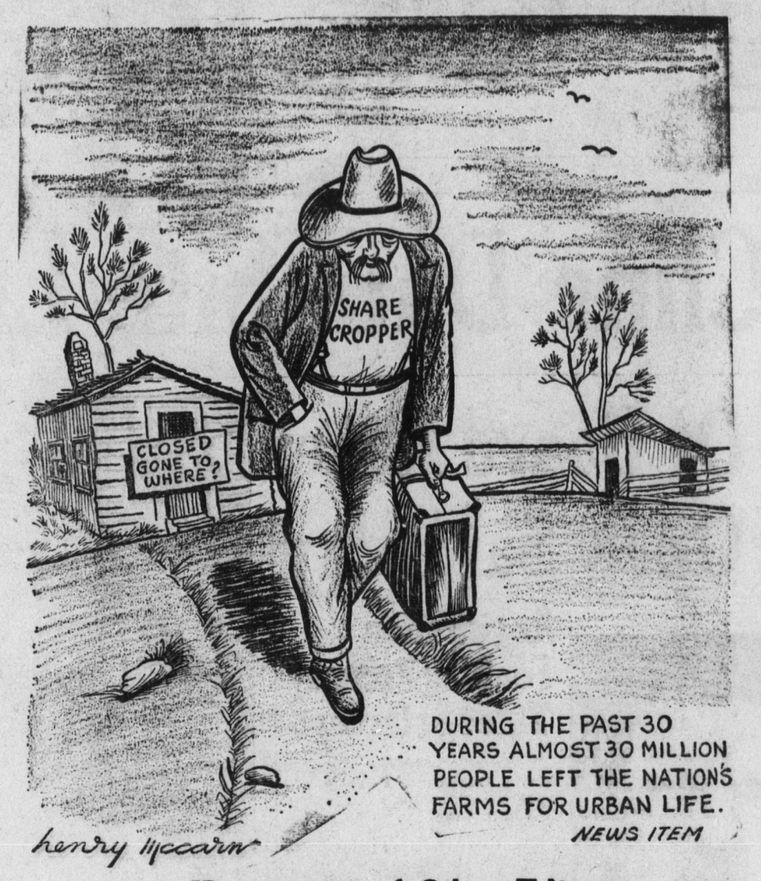
Meantime, I suspect the Bureau of the Census may be contravening the 1964 civil rights act on its sec-color-race question. Doest not the law prohibit discrimination on account of race, creed, color, sex or national origin?

From Carolina Home To———Where?



Viewpoints of Other Editors

SOUTH-OF-THE-BORDER LABEL

Mexico has launched a drive to "Latinize" the names of a large number of concerns which, as has happened in many other countries, have merely taken over English names. The drive is being led by the head of the tourism department, for the purpose of protecting the Spanish language, defending Mexican customs and pleasing tourists. For, as the department head shrewdly observes, who wants to visit Mexico from north of the border and find oneself surrounded by Anglo-Saxon names?

To the profesional linguist and philologist this effort will, of course, be more than a little amusing. For Spanish, like most other Romance languages, is filled with non-Latin words. When the **alcalde** (mayor) of a Mexican village goes to the **almaden** (silver mine) on his **almifor** (nag), it is an Arabic operation. And when he goes to the **farmacia** (drugstore), protected by the **guardia** (guard, it is all Greek and Teutonic. And so on ad infinitum.

Perhaps the most devastating coments ever made on the effort to purge languages of foreign imports came in the House of Commons. One member gave a long and impassioned plea against letting British English be Americanized. When he had sat down, another member, a linguist, arose and showed that every third or fourth expression which his colleague had used was in fact an Americanism.

We sympathize with the Mexicans.

Christian Science Monitor

AN AMAZING SURVIVAL

When the first settlers came to New England they organized their own governments because they had to. There was no other rule nearer than London. As villages were established in isolated regions, each community had to manage its own affairs.

Thus began town meeting, an institution still thriving after more than three centuries of drastic change in the world. In the beginning the town might have had 200 inhabitants. Now, as in distant Boston suburbs, perhaps 10,000 or 30,000. Then the citizens gathered in the meeting house. Now they meet in the high school gymnasium, 1,000 to 2,000 men and women at a time.

Yet it's the same old affair, Town officers are the same, with the same names as ages ago. The issues are the same: taxes, schools, roads, protection of persons and property. The rule is the same: every voter may speak. Town meetings is still a legislature with universal membership. The meeting used to be held in March, after Winter but before Spring farm work. It still is.

Now, as always, town meeting is a great school of civics. It is as decorous as a high court, yet it often explodes in laughter. From the floor come speeches of passion, reason and sometimes eccentricity. The people speak in varied tones. Then they vote, and for better or worse a matter is settled, at least for another year.

Not only does this institution survive in full strength in its native habit. Newcomers to these parts from far away discover it with delight. They take to it and join the party. Every man and woman his own legislator? There's still no beating it. —**Boston Globe.**

NEW, NEW, NEW

Bob Baskin, chief of The News Washington Bureau, reports that the great slogan race of the 1970s is now on. The President is pushing for the New Quest, while the Democrats are going all out to advance the New Populism.

That's all well and good, but we the people can only hope that the entry that wins doesn't present us with the New Taxes.

We're having enough troubles scraping up the cash to pay the old ones. — **Dallas Morning News**

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