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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

But if they will not obey, I will utterly pluck u p and destroy that nation, saith the Lord.
Jeremiah 12:17.

The City Budget

Senator Jack White, via his service on the joint House-Senate study commission on local government, learned quite a lot about North Carolina's towns and cities.

He mentioned that fact Tuesday night in commending Kings Mountain's city commission on 1) providing necessary city services to the citizens and 2) in maintaining a low ad valorem tax rate.

Not many cities, Senator White added, have been able to match the Kings Mountain record.

Kings Mountain, of course, is blessed with the profit-making electric and natural gas systems. Were it not for this fact, ad valorem taxes would be much higher, or services would be shorted.

This year's budget is another record one, up slightly over \$52,000 from that for the year ending June 30.

Besides regular and normal appropriations for operational services, the budget provides \$379,725 for debt service as the city amortizes its bonds for the sewage system improvements now in service and for the water system soon to be in service, and, always highly important, \$228,929 for capital improvements ranging from a long list of street improvements to an additional fire truck, made necessary by city limits expansion.

Emblematic of work done during the year just ended, the surplus carried over at June 30 was not as large as usual, but at 70,000 was more by \$16,000 than the \$52,000 increase in total.

Most citizens will join with Senator White in commending the city commissions, present and past, for a long-continuing record of conservative fiscal management accompanied by solid progress.

In sewage service and in the on-coming water system, the City of Kings Mountain has filled in the chief major needs in providing services for individual and business citizens, present and future.

That's a city's excuse for being.

A County Water Policy

Ten years ago Cleveland County embarked on what was a new departure in county government in this state by providing sewage and water lines for Pittsburgh Plate Glass company's plant at Washburn Switch.

The Herald viewed the departure with mild alarm, wondering in print if the commission of that day realized that, morally, it must do for one what it did for another.

The commission of that day did, endeavoring to pull back on providing these services on the often valid plea of no available funds it could legally spend for these purposes.

Reason, of course, ten years ago was the adject need for jobs in Cleveland County. In Kings Mountain area alone, unemployment claims were in the 800 per week area.

The county commission this week has done what earlier commissions should have by adopting a firm water policy. It accepts the premise that the county has the duty to provide this vital service on a business-like basis, that there is not now sufficient density of population to justify a county-wide distribution system, and that the role of the county should be limited to line-laying. The policy adopted is similar to Gaston County's. If a firm to be served has a capital investment of \$100,000 minimum and will return the line cost to the county via taxes within a ten-year period, the county will pay the line bill, with Shelby and Kings Mountain, the water distributors, selling the water and maintaining the lines.

The policy is a year from implementation, as no water line appropriations were made in the budget for the current year.

But adoption of the policy provides county planners and government officials, along with Chambers of Commerce, something solid to talk about when being interviewed by industrial engineers and residential developers.

It is a step in the right direction for the continued well-being and progress of Cleveland County.

Why Insurance Rates Up

The North Carolina insurance rating bureau makes an interesting case for the fact of increasing auto liability rates.

While 1969 fatalities from auto accidents were less than in 1968, there were still more than 1800. Meantime, the number of accidents zoomed upward by more than 3000.

North Carolina, says the rating bureau, ranks about halfway on the scale among the 50 states in what it charges for auto liability insurance.

Meantime, everything connected with accidents has increased in price, from the auto itself, to damage awards by juries. Major among the increases are medical-hospital costs.

From the standpoint of motorists, the quick cancellation of policies and necessity of the auto owner to become AR (assigned risk) buyers is often more disconcerting and harrowing than the cost of the policy. From the motorist view, cancellations often occur on flimsy and spurious grounds.

When North Carolina made auto liability insurance compulsory, it was widely hailed. No longer, it was reasoned, was a wreck victim to be unable to collect his proper dues from the motorist at fault.

There is reason to retain compulsory insurance but something needs to be done to clean up this irksome situation for all concerned, the motorist, insurance agent, and insurance carrier.

An increase in rates has just this week been ordered.

Independence Day

Saturday is Independence Day, marking the 194th anniversary of the signing of the colonists declaring broken the ties with the mother country, Great Britain.

The struggle required to make the proud and independent words of the Declaration more than meaningless was long and arduous and was finally brought to fruition by the American successes in the South—Kings Mountain, Cowpens, Guilford Courthouse and Yorktown.

North Callahan, in his books "Royal Raiders" and "Flight from the Republic", gives much attention to the bitterness between Tory and Whig, the former loyal to the crown, and pointed up by the Battle of Kings Mountain, where only Patrick Ferguson, the British commander, was a native of Great Britain, and where brother fought against brother.

Atrocities and inhuman brutalities were rife in that day—on both sides, Historian Callahan reports, and in the light of history, it is amazing that the struggling colonies won.

Major reasons were fact that the war was not popular in many British quarters and that the relations with France, just across the English channel were anything but good.

The happy fact is that the struggle was successful as was the subsequent one with Britain in the War of 1812.

The nation has grown and prospered in its comparatively brief span of 194 years.

This Independence Day does not find the United States happy and proud as on many observances of the past, with the Vietnam War, the hippie-movement, and the economic downturn chief worries of the American mind.

But history also shows the United States has a lot of bounce. It has weathered many great problems during the 194 years since the Declaration of Independence and the 190 since Kings Mountain.

Best bows are in order to Cameron Ware, re-elected chairman, Raegan Harper, elected third vice-chairman of Cleveland County Democrats, Bill Plonk, to the state executive committee, and William Orr to the 27th district judicial committee.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

Linda Biser Behrens, who formerly worked for Medical Science News, was telling me some interesting information about bodily temperature so I decided to pursue the subject further via the Encyclopedia Britannica.

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It is an interesting subject indeed and claims two pages of space.

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Bodily temperature in animals ranges from 96 degrees for the elephant to 109 degrees for the chicken, pigeon and some small birds. In the 96-101 range is man, the monkey, mule, donkey, horse, rat, and the aforementioned elephant. At 100-103 are cattle, sheep, the dog, cat, rabbit and pig. At 104-106 are the turkey, goose, duck, owl and pelican.

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The temperature of a healthy man can range from 97 to 100 within a 24-hour. While "normal" in man is supposed to be 98.6 Fahrenheit, it is only coincident when the thermometer reading reports the normal figure. Tests show that man's temperature is lowest from 2 to 5 a.m. and highest from 2 to 5 p.m.

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Skin temperature (which I'd never heard of nor thought about) is lower than bodily by 7 to 9 degrees.

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Nature is indeed wonderful, reminding of the late Dr. J. E. Anthony's philosophy that man can help nature out, but can't improve on it. Sample: In cold weather, the skin contracts, enabling the skin to retain bodily heat. In hot weather, the skin expands, enabling man to perspire and shed bodily heat.

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The female is the "cooler" of genus homo sapiens. At room temperature of 84 degrees a man begins to perspire freely; the ladyfolk not until the room temperature reaches 91 degrees.

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Recorded survival limits for man indicate he can live if his temperature does not zoom to a point over 107 degrees, nor fall to a point lower than 92 degrees.

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Food ingestion ups both man's skin and bodily temperatures, while ingestion of alcohol ups the skin temperature but lowers bodily temperature, emblematic of alcohol's properties as a sedative. Tests showing contributions of smoking lower the temperatures of the extremities, but not if the nicotine content has been removed.

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Snakes and lizards, "cold-blooded" animals, if in a desert habitat must find shade under rocks to survive.

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Mrs. Louise Hughes Martin and I were chatting at Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association recently about the fact we both are "thinners" — meaning that food intake, no matter what quantity, seems to have little effect on our weight. For some years, she said, the late Dr. Anthony was prescribing for her in an effort to provide her more avoidance. Finally, Louise relates, the doctor said in effect, "It's no use, you just aren't the type. We might as well give up."

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Sometime later, Louise underwent an operation in Charlotte. After it, her doctor here was also alarmed about her being underweight and told her, "You tell them I ordered you to eat the biggest steak in his hospital."

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When she told Dr. Anthony about it, he asked, "Didn't you tell them you just weren't the type to gain weight?"

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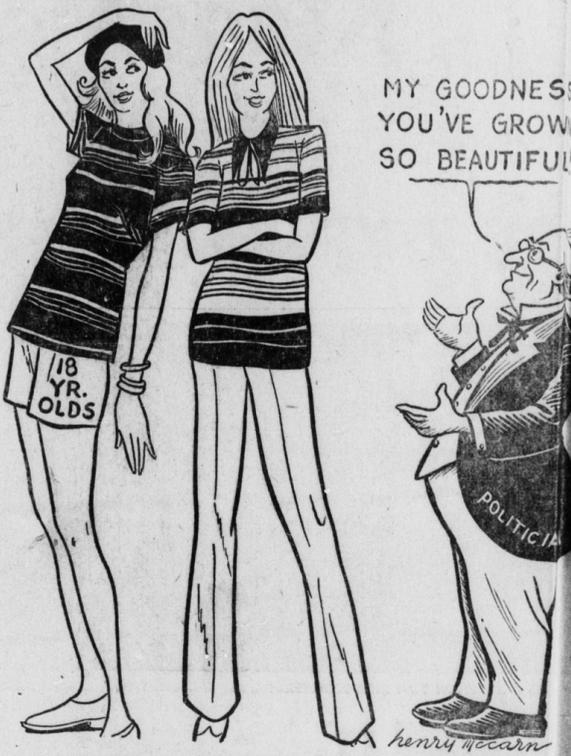
"I certainly did not," Louise replied, "You didn't think I wanted to spoil all that attention I was getting."

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A quite practical decision, I would say.



Now They Can Vote



Viewpoints of Other Editors

IF WE'LL LISTEN WE'LL BE ALL RIGHT

All Americans have been reminded of something useful in the bitter spring of our seething quarrel over national goals and the limits of dissent. It's that those who are willing to listen may find their differences dissolving in mutual realization that so many of us really want the same thing.

What factions, for example, seemed farther apart than the militant students and hard-hatted construction workers who battled in the canyons of Wall Street? Yet, as television showed us the other night, small groups from each side got together and discovered — after first exhausting their supply of emotional rhetoric — that each shared the same goals. Having realized that, having put aside sloganeering in favor of respectful dialogue, the students and the hard-hats quickly learned understanding, tolerance and the mutuality of their interests.

Except for the small, extremist fringes that always lurk at either end of our political scale, all of us want peace, a climate that permits responsible dissent, better government and universities, and so on. But as both factions learned in their Wall Street confrontation, we tend to freeze ourselves into opposing roles by intolerant rejection of the symbols — long hair, the flag, even youth or age — that are so apt to mislead us on the man.

This is what the 11 University of Minnesota professors were talking about in their visit with Vice-President Agnew and it's what Senator Margaret Chase Smith was warning about in her criticism of both the radical left and the radical right. Unless we can discuss the issues with tolerance, they were saying, we will widen our national divisions and poison our shared dream.

"Extremism bent upon polarization of our people," said Senator Smith in citing parallels between today's "National sickness" and that of the McCarthy era two decades ago, "is increasingly forcing on the American people the narrow choice between anarchy and repression."

This is what Mr. Agnew now seems to be acknowledging. Not that he cannot publicly criticize those who don't seem to share his views, but that he must stop appearing to lump together as "sick," "strident," "criminal misfits," "elitists" and "paranoids" not only the small, hard core of violence-prone radicals on street or campus, but all who share any portion of their dissent.

The danger is as great on the other side, as Mrs. Smith observed:

"Twenty years ago it was the anti-intellectuals who were most guilty of 'know nothing' attitudes. Today too many of the militant intellectuals are equally as guilty of 'hear nothing' attitudes of refusing to listen while demanding communication."

None of us can avoid a share of the blame for what has been happening. All of us tend to exaggerate to make our point, and to misread the exaggeration of those who seem to oppose us. As the students and the hard-hats learned, we're not so far apart if we'll but tame our endless es-

OTHER EDITS

LAND USE

Should a factory be built on the village green?

This issue, raised again and again in an earlier America, fairly well symbolizes the debate over public land use still going on today. On the one hand are the arguers for economic return, jobs, "most efficient" use. On the other are the arguers for open spaces, the aesthetic, nature and growing things.

The newly released study of public land use, five years in the making by a congressional commission, tries dutifully to rephrase the old issue. It has made recommendations that would arbitrate between timber, grazing, mining, waterpower and agricultural interests on the one side, and outdoor recreation environmental, wildlife, and wilderness interests on the other. And it has recommended shifts in authority over the vast tracts of federally owned land which make up a third of the nation's surface.

(more power for Congress, less for the President; more for the Department of the Interior, less for Agriculture). But while the Public Land Law Review Commission report is a useful explication of the status quo, it doesn't begin to come to grips with, or give the visionary framework for, the land use issues of the future.

First, the basic issue is no longer "use" of land, but "reuse." America has been pillaging her natural resources to create and sustain an urban society which, like the factory on the village green, chucks its pollutants from its smokestacks or lets them seep into nearby waters.

To side with those in America more concerned with "livability" than with compromising with commercial interests doesn't reflect a mere romantic aversion to urban industrialism. It is absolutely vital that economic encroachment and the using up of natural resources and settings be stopped and then reversed. A federal land policy should lead in this.

For example, federal land could be used for pilot, exemplary projects — for creating new communities which maintain the balance of nature; for model agricultural ventures which keep land fertile, not wear it out. Use of federal land for timber purposes could be withheld until pulp companies stopped befouling water-

calculation of rhetoric and pay some attention to what others have to say.

The same caution about exaggeration applies to attempts to dramatize our discontent on the one hand, or our unity on the other. There may be no harm in the massive display of patriotism proposed by Bob Hope and Billy Graham in Washington on July 4, since they intend that it be a time for Americans to put aside their differences "and rally around the flag." Yet the dangers of too much patriotism, with the hate it can generate, are just as real in America today as they were in Germany in the 1930s.

—Louisville Courier-Journal

ChristiaScience Monitor

America's wastefulness is already making her eye her neighbor to the north — which owns tremendous water and other resources. She is relying going to have to depend increasingly on still other nations elsewhere on the globe for sales. Federal land use policy (see America's leaders tremble) leverage for promoting wise reuse" policy. And such a pol., if applied to dealings with other nations, could forestall "explosive" charges leveled against her and help other nations prepare their own urban-industrial fires.

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SEAKER

C. C. Camon of First Union National Bar will be a guest on WBT's program "For The Record", air at 6:30 p.m. on channel 3, Sunday, July 5th. He will discuss economic issues facing North Carolina and the nation.

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