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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

I will remember thy wonders of old, O Lord. Psalm 111:1

The 18-Year-Olds

A Kings Mountain merchant had a television set prospect, not yet 21. To make the sale, he must require a co-signer to the chattel on the set. "Shucks," said the youth, "I'm going to Vietnam soon."

It was the merchants idea that a youth old enough to fight should be legally a man.

North Carolina Democrats put in their platform Tuesday a plank giving the 18-year-olds, quite eligible for military service, and privilege of the ballot.

Also on Tuesday, Attorney-General John Mitchell said he was advising the nations 50 governors to inform the federal government the state's plans on implementing the recent federal legislation giving 18-year-olds the ballot privilege in elections for federal officials. He further threatened legal action where implementation does not occur.

This poses something of a problem for North Carolina. The General Assembly does not convene until early 1971, several months after the early November elections. Will Governor Bob Scott convene a special session of the General Assembly to implement?

Besides, more than Assembly action is necessary. The Constitution of the state must be changed by vote of the people.

The Herald thinks the merchant's idea quite apropos. If the 18-year-old is old enough to fight, as he is, and old enough to vote as he apparently is going to be, then he would be a "man" all the way and have the right and privilege of entering into binding business transactions, as well.

Chamber of Commerce

Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce has appointed Lt.-Col. Robert G. Cox (USA-Ret.) as managing director of the organization.

It is a step long needed from the standpoint of function.

Busy businessmen who serve as presidents, vice-presidents, and directors of the organization do not have the time to do the needed and time-consuming details necessary to the successful functioning of the operations.

President L. E. (Josh) Hinnant puts the question this way: "What do you get for your Chamber of Commerce dues?" He answers it, "A free ticket to the annual dinner meeting."

In appointing Mr. Cox to the position of managing director, the Chamber of Commerce administration shows it means to change the answer.

Mr. Cox was reared here, has a 22-year background of military service, and the background to discharge his assigned duties.

Our congratulations and best wishes to the Chamber of Commerce leadership and to Mr. Cox.

Import Restrictions

With approval by the House Ways and Means committee, textile folk, along with shoe manufacturers, are hopeful of federal legislation to restrict imports from low-wage foreign countries.

The Nixon Administration is divided on the issue, but the President has given "reluctant" approval to the restrictions on textile imports.

Need: a Kings Mountain fabrics manufacturer says Japan can put the same fabrics he makes on the docks at San Francisco, all import duties paid, and sell the goods at half the cost his per-yard break-even point. "I've seen'em" he adds, "and the quality is good."

New friend, old enemy Japan can be credited with the torpedoing (if it is) of the nation's move toward freer trade, begun in 1937.

Japan gave a continuing "no" to all USA efforts at voluntary agreements.

A best bow to Jay Powell on his promotion by Superior Stone Company.

Where Are The People?

Former Governor Terry Sanford wrote a book entitled "But What about the People?"

The question is being asked all over North Carolina and in many other parts of the nation, "Where ARE the people?", as preliminary decennial census figures are released.

As of Wednesday, Kings Mountain is asking it, too?

In the decade from 1950 to 1960, Kings Mountain's population rose by 802.

In the decade from 1960 to 1970 (preliminary count), Kings Mountain's population rose only 424. The percentage gain 5.29 percent, or a little over one-half of one percent per year.

During the '50 - '60 decade, the major residential expansions here were in the Linwood Road, Mauney Avenue and Crescent Hill sections.

During the '60 - '70 decade, there were the Temple Terrace, Country Club Estates and Ashley Park additions, plus the several city limits expansions including the major annexation to the southwest, the incursion into Gaston county, and annexation of the remainder of the Crescent Hill property.

Something's got to be wrong.

Either one or more of the new areas were not enumerated, or the census-taking was poorly organized through insufficient or inefficient enumerator personnel.

Nor has there been any suggestion that Kings Mountain had an unusually high death-to-birth ratio.

The PHA Formula

While there are now several different arrangements on low-rent housing, result of 1968 amendments to the initial public housing act of 1937, the 150 Kings Mountain units now being completed and occupied are built under the basic plan.

The basic plan is designed for the low-rent housing units to pay for themselves through rental income.

Thus, in September, Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority will invite bids on bonds sufficient to pay annual amortization costs, principal and interest, over a 40-year period.

The housing project has been financed thus far by:

1) A planning advance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, on which interest was paid.

2) Six-month project notes issued in September 1969 to pay costs of construction on basis of percentage of work completed, and to reimburse HUD.

3) Six-month project notes, issued in March 1969, to repay the first project notes and to supply additional funds to pay the contractors.

The project is estimated to be 93 percent complete today and is expected to be 100 percent complete by month's end.

Thus the housing authority will know in sufficient time the exact amount of bonds it needs to sell to defray the full cost of the project.

The federal government's involvement after this sale, as far as money is concerned, will be as an endorser of the PHA bonds. Should the rentals prove insufficient in any particular year, the federal government supplies the difference.

With good management, the idea is, Uncle Sam's treasury will not be called for help and this has been the experience with well-managed low-rent housing units elsewhere.

Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority intends for its project to be in the well-managed class.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

Mayor John Henry Moss and Baseball Commissioner Bowie Kuhn got a better break from the weatherman this year than last. Last year the Mayor's Western Carolinas League all-star game was rained out and so was the Commissioner's major league affair in Washington. Indeed, the Mayor missed the one-day later Washington affair due to required duties at City Hall.

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Recently, before both these tilts, John and Kuhn made a pact. Each was to pray for fair weather for the other's event. The weather was.

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John saw the Commissioner after Tuesday's exciting baseball affair in Cincinnati. "He must have heard us," Kuhn said to John who replied, "Yeah, but I was a little worried for your last three innings. I was just asking for nine."

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Some are inclined to the thinking that baseball is just an over-the-top American national game, but the 51,000 fans who filled Cincinnati's new River Front Stadium to capacity Tuesday night provide an argument to the contrary.

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"Are they going to play all night?" my wife wanted to know. "If they must," I replied.

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Arch Kern, the city recreation director, is a Cincinnati native. "Did he stay 'til the end," I asked him. "No," Arch replied. "Pete Rose is something of an idol of mine and when he struck out in the ninth I couldn't take any more."

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It didn't help his humor much when I told him Rose scored the winning run in the 12th.

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I had a meeting, and didn't get to the tube until the fifth inning, but managed to see the final seven, only two short of the regulation nine.

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The Carolinas had five, North Carolina four, players on the two all-star rosters, including the Perry brothers, Gaylord with the Giants, Jim with the Minnesota Twins, from Williamson, Hoyt Wilhelm of the Braves, from the Charlotte area, Catfish Hunter of the Oakland Athletics from Hartford, and Dickie Dietz, San Francisco catcher, from Greenville, S. C.

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It was one of the few times brothers have played against each other in all-star competition. Gaylord Perry pitched for the National League winners, Jim Perry pitched for the American losers, both acceptably. Dietz slammed a homer. Wilhelm didn't get the pitching call. For Hunter it was not a good night. He had his "swift", but his control was off.

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Sports commentators, via typewriter and talk box, tend to wax enthusiastic about star players in superlatives, but not Mickey Mantle, the ex-Yankee star. When Dan Gower suggested, after Brooks Robinson's fine fielding play, that Robinson was the greatest third baseman ever, Mantle suggested Cleve Boyer was great, too. Older fans remember some great hot corner men, Pie Traynor of the Pirates, Red Rolfe of the Yankees, Fred Lindstrom of the Giants, Pink Higgins of the Red Sox, etc. Come to think of it, Buddy Lewis, of Gastonia, performed fairly well for the Washington Senators.

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The program hawks were saying, "Official program, \$1 please. I scanned the Mayor's and it was well worth the dollar. The program contained synopses of all the 40 previous all-star games, the box scores of all of them, inset pictures of the stars of each game, the "mosts", games, triples, doubles, pitching wins, etc., composites. Stan Musial played in 22 games consecutively, Ted Williams in 18. Ted took time out twice to fly for the Marines in World War II and during the Korean War. Jake Early, of Kings Mountain, Washington Senator catcher, had nothing for two in the 1943 American League 5-3 win, but scored a run and sacrificed. That was the year Joe McCarthy, miffed over criticism he had played too many Yankees, benched him.

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Next week there's some all-star stuff at home, as Kings Mountain plays host to the Babe Ruth league state tournament. There'll be interesting action at City Stadium in the double elimination tournament.

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The nation has long since moved from the era when land was so abundant its use required little care. Our land resources are finite and precious. They need the protection inherent in the proposed legislation.

"Want A Quick Lift?"



Viewpoints of Other Editors

CAN LAND BE RATIONALIZED?

The Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee is conducting hearings on a plan to establish a national land use policy.

The measure, introduced by Senator Henry M. Jackson (Dem., Wash.), would establish a Land and Water Resources Planning Council which would administer grants-in-aid to states to develop and implement statewide land use plans. A state would have four years to develop an acceptable plan before federal aid would be reduced.

The evidence showing the need for coordinated land use planning is abundant.

Various Interior Department and Agricultural Department programs provide payments for allowing tillable land to remain fallow.

The Soil Conservation Service promotes and subsidizes the drainage of waterfowl wetlands which the Department of Interior is trying to save for wildlife.

The construction of a huge Everglades jetport was backed by Dade County, the state of Florida and the U. S. Transportation Department, but the plan was scrapped when it came under heavy criticism from the Interior Department which had said it would destroy the Everglades as a unique wilderness area.

Testimony at the hearings has provided additional reasons for developing a national land use policy.

An interstate approach is necessary, said Indiana University Prof. Lynton K. Caldwell. Otherwise states seeking to attract industry by permitting developers to misuse and pollute the land will have a competitive advantage over those states that require resource protection.

John N. Nassikas, chairman of the Federal Power Commission, said vast new areas will be needed in the next 20 years to provide for the generation and transmission of power. Between now and 1990, new transmission right-of-way will require 7.1 million acres of land, compared with the 4 million now used, he said. The bill would encourage industries, utilities, railroads and pipelines — all with extensive land holdings — to coordinate their future plans.

The need for a land use plan is evident from our past failures, said Representative Rogers C. B. Morton (Rep., Md.). "We have failed to provide transportation facilities compatible with housing patterns, failed to construct waste processing facilities in time to serve the needs of an area, and failed to use our architectural talents to enhance the aesthetic qualities of where we live and where we work."

The hearings are being held while Congress is studying a report from the Public Land Law Review Commission. The report is expected to describe existing public land laws and make recommendations for a national policy for public lands. In addition, a nationwide recreation plan is being prepared by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation. This information would be useful in developing a national land use policy.

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—Des Moines Register

TOWARD RESTORING THE LIFE OF REASON

Amid all the dissension, especially on the campuses, a modest but potentially significant sign of hope is emerging: A number of thinking people, regardless of ideological predilections, are reasserting the imperative need for a return to reason and order in the public discussion and the public behavior.

Most so-called conservative intellectuals have been saying that all along, but recent weeks have seen a number of liberal-leaning luminaries agreeing in no uncertain terms. A notable example was Harvard President Nathan Pusey's exhortation of the New Left elements on campus coupled with his insistence that academic rediscovers "the civilized way."

Now at hand is an article in the New Republic by Alexander M. Bickel of the Yale Law School, and it is a somber assessment indeed.

"No sane person," writes professor Bickel, "can condone riots by construction workers or by police, and certainly not killings. But a price is inevitably going to be paid for destroying the order of society. If the streets belong to the people, they are going to belong to all the people, not just young radicals. If all we say about Kent State is that it is an instance of brutal repression for which the Vice President and the Attorney General and an isolated and insensitive President are responsible, we are not telling the truth, and by not doing so we will help bring on more Kent States."

"We must restore conditions in which slogans and mass emotions do not drown out and drive out reasoned analysis; in which passionate assertion is not automatically seen as high-minded and presumptively right, while dispassionate judgment is denounced as insensitive and presumptively immoral."

Granting, in his opinion, that those young people who criticize the war and various institutions are correct in a lot of what they say, Mr. Bickel rejects the idea that they are right about repression in this country.

"The society is free and open, if flawed and gravely troubled. What repression there is is imposed, as often as not, by the young in the universities, where their pressure for ideological orthodoxy and a kind of emotional solidarity threaten to achieve what Joe McCarthy never did."

In this scholar's opinion, the place to begin restoring order in speech and action is the university; he thinks the heads of leading universities should announce their intention to institute a reform which is the precondition of all other reforms, namely the use of disciplinary power to keep discourse and action within the bounds of order. He puts it simply and forcefully:

"No more vandalism; no more assaultive, vicious speech; no more incitement to violent action; no more bullying, simulated or actual. If the reassertion of this minimum of authority should bring strife and violence in the short term, as it may, it will be less strife and less violence than is otherwise in store for us."

This and some of the other strong liberal statements of the day are in essence certainly true.

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cuit television (which screens events in theaters) and cable or pay TV (in homes). Will these industries one day monopolize major sporting events, so that only the better off can afford to see them via TV?

Another question concerns America's provincialism. True, soccer is not the national sport in the United States that baseball or football or basketball is. Soccer, however, is building an ever larger following among young Americans. Little league soccer is flourishing. More than 40 colleges and 250 high schools a year have been joining leagues.

But the provincialism concerns not so much the status of the sport as an attitude toward those who play it. The game, that stirs the rest of the world should be of more than nominal interest to Americans, more than a new service footnote on a far-flung back sports page. What animates the household of nations cannot be ignored by any member in it.

—Christian Science Monitor

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