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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Romans 8:25

### Aye Vote Needed

North Carolina citizens do not get notably excited about constitutional amendments, preferring quite naturally to put prime time into personality contests where that can praise or curse the way a candidate combs his hair or grooms his sideburns.

One of particular interest will be on the ballot in November, however, on whether to require the General Assembly to reduce the number of state administrative departments to 25 and to authorize the Governor to reorganize administrative departments, subject to legislative approval.

A handsome, easy-to-read, graph-filled brochure has been published recently setting forth concise reasons on why the vote should be "yes".

#### Items:

1) A person with an environmental problem — natural resources, pollution, or the like — must contact up to 18 different agencies.

2) A total of 15 units of government are in the "human services" category, from welfare programs to unemployment.

3) There are now 317 administrative units, most functioning independently of each other and reporting solely to a busy governor.

Some years ago Governor Terry Sanford, host at an 8 a.m. breakfast, greeted his first guest, "Will you excuse me, please, while I continue with this paper work. I've been out-of-town a few days and it's piled up. I've been up since 4 o'clock."

The idea, of course, is two-fold: 1) improve efficiency and speed the business of service and 2) save money.

The planners figure that a \$50 million saving can be effected in first anticipated year of implementation in 1975, which is only slightly less than the fiscal 1936 expenditures of \$57 million depressed dollars.

The planners (against a \$3.6 billion budget for the current biennium) foresee one of \$5 billion for 1973-75 and \$7.2 for 1977-79.

Reverting to the "many cooks over one pot" item: without attempting to list them all, the City of Kings Mountain Buffalo Creek project sent the city to do business with, among others, the state board of health, (then) department of water resources, department of soil conservation, wildlife resources commission, local government commission, etc., not to mention the federal agencies involved.

The streamlining proposal makes sense.

### Two Anniversaries

Two silver anniversaries of considerable importance are impending in A.D. 1970.

#### August 6

Thursday, 25 years ago, at 8:15 a.m. Japanese time, a B-52 bomber dropped a small bomb, dead on target, over the City of Hiroshima, population 450,000.

The "load" was not small. "Little Boy", code name for the first atomic bomb wreaked greatest one thrust havoc known to mankind. Buildings were leveled for miles. Estimates of the death toll, a quarter century later, are still being argued between the United States' one of 68,000 and Japanese estimates up to 200,000.

#### October 24

Less than three months later many nations banded together to form the United Nations, an organization with the principal aim the maintenance of peace, but with many and to most folk unknown overtones of humanity.

On face, the United Nations has had little success, in view of the Cold War, Korea, Indonesia-Vietnam, and the Middle East.

But for 25 years, already four years longer than the period between World Wars I and II, there has been no major world-wide holocaust and the blasts of the new bombs, which make "Little Boy" look like a cap pistol, have been confined to tests.

### Brice Holmes Harry

Brice Holmes Harry had been an unwell man for several years.

Indeed, his wife remarked on one occasion when her husband was a patient here, she was sure the family had bought, if without title, a wing of Baptist hospital in Winston-Salem, another at the large medical center in Houston, and quite a number of brick at Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. Harry was a heart patient.

In spite of his disability, Mr. Harry continued not only to carry on his duties at Minette Mills, but maintained a wide variety of interests including those well-delineated in the field of public service.

He served on the Kings Mountain Hospital board of trustees, was active in support of the movements, both the first losing one, then the successful one, for consolidation of the Grover-Bethware-Park Grace county districts into the Kings Mountain system. Here the results prove him to have been correct.

His service on the Kings Mountain board of education was loyal and creditable.

He was particularly proud of John Gamble Memorial Stadium and commented quite seriously that the extra expenditure of \$8,000 to provide rest room facilities for fans occupying the visitors' was well worth it. At the time of the comment the Kings Mountain stadium was the only one in the conference thus equipped.

Mr. Harry's untimely death to pneumonia at 52 is a source of regret to his home community of Grover and to the whole area.

### "Noive" Gas

In Brooklynese, the "noive" gas has us "unnoived".

Quite a hassle has been produced by knowledge that the army projects the dumping of what one scientist termed aged-out nerve gas into the Atlantic ocean. Trouble with the aging, however, the scientist and his colleague relate, is that the gas, like some animals, get mean with age and could explode with disastrous effects.

Many folk have joined the fray: the ecological buffs who are worried about effects on marine life, officials and citizens along the Atlantic coast including the Bahamas who are worried about possible water contamination along their beaches, and citizens along the projected routes to Sandy Point, N. C. from Aniston, Ala., and Lexington, Ky., where the nerve gas reposes currently.

This newspaper commonly pooh-pooh's arguments by comparison, but cannot the argument of another scientist that the slow-speed trip planned for the nerve gas to its final resting place is potentially much safer than those daily treks of high-balling freights bearing such dangerous cargo as chlorine, anhydrous sulphide, and others.

Maybe some newsman will get around to it, but thus far, the Herald has not seen attention given to the reaction of citizens of Aniston and Lexington, where the nerve gas is now bedded.

The stuff's got to go. Get the cargo aboard and the barges ready.

Congratulations to Ragan Harper, reappointed a member of the Morehead scholarship selection committee, and to Charles Easley, Jr., recipient of a scholarship to Newberry college.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

An old Cleveland County property map I have (dated 1886) was the work of a Mr. Kyser, T.E. The "T.E." title sent me to the abbreviations section of the dictionary where I learned the definition is "topographical engineer." Mr. Kyser, incidentally, I am told by Bob Gidney, county auditor and history buff, was the grandfather of Kay Kyser, the former band leader.

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Our friend and neighbor Butler Falls, T.E., is as good at reporting as he is at describing metas and bounds, according to the sample I have in a letter Butler wrote his sister Janet from Europe after a visit to Egypt.

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"Going into those ancient tombs of the pharaohs is an unforgettable experience," he wrote. "I entered the tomb of King Tut, who lived nearly 3500 years ago... the only tomb of an Egyptian king in which the treasures were discovered intact. The innermost coffin is solid gold and there are countless other objects made of precious metals."

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He relates further, "The one of Ramses VI was hewn in solid rock 300 feet down and in various directions. For light they used a number of mirrors so they could have sunlight all the way to the back of the tomb. What did they do for light on cloudy days? Well, there are no cloudy days in Egypt."

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A French chambermaid at a small town hotel made Butler think his pronunciation of French was something less than desired — by indirection. As the elevator moved him to his sixth floor room, Butler suggested that a fire would be fatal, as there would be no means of escape from that height. A few moments later, she returned bearing an ash tray.

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Language problems also occurred in Bern, Switzerland at breakfast. Butler's order was "ham and eggs and turn the eggs over". When the plate arrived, Butler remarked the eggs had not been turned over. "He (the waiter) picked up the plate, took my knife and turned the eggs."

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Another traveler is Mr. John Cloninger who has just returned from a three-week visit to California where a sister and son live in the Los Angeles. "We took it all in," Mr. Cloninger relates, "including Hollywood." Mr. Cloninger was impressed with high polish with which the sidewalk bronze markers gleamed, but then he confides, "You know, Hollywood's just another town."

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I have a pukeish note on lady's stationery bearing the monogram "W". She writes, "Since minds and interest have been on Census Taking lately — thought you would appreciate this little bit of humor — you can tell John Henry if you like. As ever, a friend, Guess Who?" The story's entitled "Too Many Questions", and here it is:

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Census Taker (to woman at door):

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"How many in your family?"

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Woman: "Five. Me, the old man, the kid, the cow and the cat."

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Census Taker: "And the politics of your family?"

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Woman: Mixed. I'm Republican, the old man's a Democrat, the kid's wet, the cow's dry and the cat's on the fence."

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Among the misuses in the census nose-count were Postman Bill Laughter, family of six, and the Joe Hedden, family of four. Strange coincidences here, more so maybe with the Heddens. Mrs. Hedden worked several years as a part-time interviewer with the U. S. Bureau of the Census.

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I haven't been a philatelist since a Boy Scout, not much of one then. But I was intrigued with the 50-cent stamp Don Crawford appended to my five change-of-address postage dues (10-cents each). The face of the stamp was graced by a Stone Island man, hobby valise, too and I asked, "Who was Lucy?" Don didn't know either. The look-up revealed her to be a Woman's Lib girl of the nineteenth century.

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Don and I are solid on the current \$1 commemorative graced by Eugene O'Neill, the playwright. Nor was there in problem with the 20-cent one appended to yesterday's two postage dues: the late General George Catlett Marshall.

### The "Crop Tale" Rooster



### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### DRUGS, DRINKS AND HYPOCRISY

Unexpected results often come about in unsuspected ways. For some time now we have been wondering whether concern over drug abuse in the United States might bring about an improvement in another area of abuse, that of alcoholic beverages. If this sounds cryptic, let us explain.

As is now well known, one of the leading arguments used by young people in their efforts to justify the use of narcotics is that their elders make an even greater use of alcohol. Youth points to the 25,000 persons killed yearly on American highways by drunken drivers, the broken homes, the battered children, the economic loss, the ruined health which follow the use of alcohol, and youth charges that adult attacks upon drugs are hypocrisy.

As the New York newspaper columnist Pete Hamill points out in the current issue of Seventeen magazine, youth is justifiably put off by present strictures against marijuana when nothing is done about alcohol. The basic argument here, Mr. Hamill tells us, is not that marijuana is good for you, but that the law discriminates against its user and lets drinkers do almost anything.

Is it too much to hope that an America, increasingly concerned over the spreading tragedy of youth and drugs, may come to recognize this hypocrisy and its terrible effect upon youth? Won't American adults come to see the validity of what their children are saying to them: If you want us to show restraint and good judgment, you must set us a good example at home? Can we not hope that out of national concern over drugs may also come a national concern over a related problem which today is still causing vastly greater harm than are drugs?

There is no sadder situation than that which requires the suffering of children to make parents wise. But on occasion mankind seems to need hard knocks to learn wisdom. This may be one of those occasions, and out of the drug tragedy there may emerge a desperately needed revision of outlook on alcohol. But if adulthood does not see this, if it continues through its use of alcohol to provide youth with alleged justification for drugs, then a heavy burden of guilt will fall upon the parents, grandparents, teachers, and leaders of today's America.

—Christian Science Monitor

#### ON THE BEST AUTHORITY

It was advice from men who certainly know whereof they speak: Congress should not merely continue on its merrily extravagant way but deliberately seek a deep budget deficit.

Testifying to that general effect before the Joint Economic Committee were Gardner Ackley, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers under President Johnson, and Paul A. Samuelson, whose economic views were also well regarded in Washington in recent pre-Nixon years.

Those were the years, of course, in which the Great Inflation was generated and maintained by conscious policies of huge deficits and easy money. And it is that same inflation that the Nixon Administration and the Federal Reserve Board have been trying to dampen—with some success.

#### NATURE'S PEARL HARBOR?

One congressman this week said America is headed toward an environmental Pearl Harbor because it is failing to stop pollution of its waters.

Another said Americans would have to change their ways profoundly — even adopting a "new economics which rewards the man who preserves more, not only the man who produces more" — if they intend to clean up the environment.

One could not avoid the impression the past week that both might be right — that some catastrophic ecological disaster might occur, and awaken the citizenry to the tough fight they have ahead of them which will test their will and courage and ability to adapt.

A heat wave in the East left a pall of acrid smog over large cities. Water pressure dropped. Electrical power resources were nearly depleted at times. New York's health department kept saying there was nothing alarming about pollution levels, and that the larger danger was mental stress over the stagnant air threat. But then Mayor Lindsay took emergency steps on both the power and air pollution fronts — ordering cuts in power usage, incinerator burning, and auto driving.

And so it went, on the American continent, from Georgia to Toronto, a sense of ecological crisis.

Elsewhere in the world, the feeling that crisis could suddenly become disaster was just as prevalent. In Sydney, a sudden noxious inflow of industrial gases aroused a public outcry, as have reports of the pollution of the city's great beaches. In Tokyo, some 8,000 persons last week were treated for reactions to a white smog. Japan's harbors are being flooded with filth, and growing things are being wiped out. Along the Riviera, a bitter fight has arisen between French and Italians over who is responsible of the rising tide of pollution.

The comparison of a potential ecological disaster with Pearl Harbor should not be taken lightly. Such an event, of course, need not happen.

But one remembers how citizens accepted the changes the war effort brought in their lives — the rationing of gasoline, for example. It must not be left out of our plans for dealing with the overlogging of nature's system that individuals can radically adapt their lifestyles to the demand of the hour. Industries can be re-directed to modes of production or even products that fit in better with husbanding and purifying man's setting. The threat of a major disaster need not find man wanting in ability to deal with it.

—Christian Science Monitor

#### despite the spending-happy lawmakers.

But because the economy is now somewhat soft, neither gentleman saw any danger of worsening the inflation as a result of applying the familiar old inflationary quick-remedy. "We ought to be stimulating the economy by both monetary and fiscal policy," proclaimed Mr. Ackley. He added that it is "breast-beating" to argue that the Government should "persevere in a highly restrictive fiscal policy stance."

Well, perhaps some breast-beating is in order, at that.

Wall Street Journal

#### THE LITTLE THINGS CAN COUNT

When Congress provided that the airlines could not list the increased travel tax in their ads or on their tickets, the lawmakers probably expected no great reaction. But a growing number of travel agents, passengers and others are claiming Congress was trying to hide the increase from the public.

Senator Russell Long, who designed this provision, insists he was only trying to help travelers. His reasoning is that ticket agents now write fewer figures on each ticket, so the travelers' waiting time should be shortened.

That's nonsense, say some ticket agents. When travelers ask what happened to the tax, the agents must take some time to explain that listing the levy could lead to a \$100 fine. And at some time or other the agent must break down the single figure into its components for the records the airline has to keep.

It's a small thing, really, but it does seem unfortunate that Congress should feel impelled to correct any tax from the public, even if this is an election year. All of those relatively small taxes can add up to quite a lot.

Wall Street Journal

#### HAIL HEYERDAHL!

The treks of earlier man across continents and seas are a source of endless fascination for mankind. After all, how else can one explain the global interest in Thor Heyerdahl's latest feat—sailing a papyrus reed boat from Morocco to Barbados in 57 days?

There will be great debate over whether the Egyptians actually did voyage to the New World, and founded the civilizations in Central and South America which in their monument building and other ways paralleled the Egyptians' feats of several thousands of years before the days of the Romans. But he has now proven they could have, using their own primitive papyrus craft-building materials.

Of course, of even greater fasci-

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cination to the world than the historical is the sheer drama of such adventures. If there is a crisis among the urbanized modern beings, it is the atrophy of the sense of the brave and heroic. One need only survey the current literary output, the depraved or morbid or otherwise anti-heroes of the stage and movies, to see that this is so.

Thus one marvels at the courage and purpose of Heyerdahl and his crew. And one senses that such a spirit of adventure is nearer the heart of authentic living than is the pursuit of debilitating ease.

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