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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For they not to do right, saith the Lord, who store up violence and robbery in their palaces.
Amos 3:10.

JOBS '70

The auditor from the Washington office of the Department of Labor was here inventing out for wind-up of the Industrial Association of Kings Mountain's training program of two years.

The Nixon Administration had just been sworn and the auditor wasn't sure just what direction on-the-job training would take. He guessed correctly that the training program would be limited to those who had no skills and were therefore unable to earn a decent livelihood.

Definitions and terminology really don't matter. The Johnson Administration labeled these folk "underprivileged," the Nixon folk disadvantaged. In a report on JOBS '70 in the July 13 issue, U. S. News and World Report labeled these citizens "hard core unemployed".

According to the U. S. News report the program has had varying success in the large cities of the nation. Poor results were produced in Atlanta, Los Angeles, Houston and Cleveland, but excellent results have been achieved in Detroit, Chicago and New York.

1) At least 200,000 jobless poor people with no previous prospects of employment have been placed—and are staying—in the nation's work force.

2) General Motors has retained 48.6 percent of the 13,550 people hired (via the JOBS program) during the nine months ending March 31.

3) In New York, where banks and large industrial firms are leading the effort, 19,000 trainees were in full-time jobs on July 1.

4) In Chicago, 54.8 percent of 42,007 trainees are on the job.

As the Herald understands the program, prior schooling is no test to enrollment. It makes no difference whether the prospective enrollee can read and write.

The key question: does he or she want to learn?

The prior on-the-job training program paid off here, several participating manufacturers reported to the Herald.

This one should, too. Approval of the Kings Mountain program has been indicated and it is to be hoped that formal approval will be forthcoming shortly.

Increase Due

There are three "years" in the unemployment benefit scheme of operation, benefit, experience rating, and calendar.

As a new "benefit year" began August 1, maximum payments for unemployment insurance in North Carolina increased to \$54 per week.

North Carolina, which prides itself on being the moderate state, has operated its Employment Security commission well in comparison to many other states.

For example: North Carolina does not pay unemployment benefits to employees on strike (as New York does), nor even to employees idled on account of a strike such as majority of Eastern Airlines and others operating in the state a few years ago when the engineers were on strike. It was no fault of the pilots, nor the maintenance crews, nor operational personnel and the Eastern asked the state to pay these idled-without-design employees. State law did not permit was the ruling.

Though with wages up it may be of little moment, the minimum weekly payment remains at \$12, which the General Assembly should increase.

North Carolina has maintained a balance between those who talk about "draw my unemployment" and the employer who pays ALL the bill.

There is one little sidebar note, considering the passage of the bill guaranteeing equal rights to women.

North Carolina grants unemployment compensation payments to pregnant employees.

Some employers do not like to subsidize pregnancy.

Nixon Nyet

As he threatened, President Nixon has vetoed two more appropriation bills in which the Congress appropriated more money than the President has asked.

With World War II as a spur and the depression of the thirties, the roles of President and Congress reversed. During the Hoover years, for instance, veteran navy men related, it was necessary to sign 16 chits to draw a bucket of paint. The budget was that light.

Then President Roosevelt adopted the practice of asking for two to three times he needed and felt he had to have.

Since World War II began, Congress has taken over the spending role and often appropriate more than Presidents request.

In vetoing the two recent bills, Mr. Nixon said Congress was appropriating \$1.4 billion too much, even though his own proposals included increases to in both categories. The extra money, said the President, would contribute to inflation, serve to increase interest rates, and couldn't be wisely spent. Mr. Nixon acknowledged he was between a hard place and a rock.

Appropriations for education, housing, service veterans, among the others, are very sensitive, effecting as they do great numbers of citizens.

And November elections are coming.

Congressional forces are mounting their charges for the necessary two-thirds votes to over-ride, as they did his veto of the appropriations bill for hospitals.

And the over-ride is considered likely.

Dr. Corry

Dr. Patricia Ann Corry is believed to be the first Negro woman in Cleveland County to become a medical doctor, a status she attained in June from Meharry Medical college in Nashville, Tenn.

First or not, her accomplishment is considerable.

Getting entrance to medical schools is not easy. Undergraduate grades must be at the tops and many worthy applicants are not accepted. It is suspected that lady applicants may not get the same attention from entrance boards as do their male counterparts.

Dr. Corry, now interning at Cook County hospital in Chicago, deserves considerable commendation, as do her parents Mr. and Mrs. Clayward Corry who encouraged her to continue her education and pursue it to the desired and successful end.

Act of God

When a plane crashes, a train wrecks, automobiles collide, human error is always suspected.

Was it the pilot, the engineer, or driver who erred? Did the maintenance man make the proper check-ups? Was faulty material involved in resulting in mechanical failure?

There can be no argument about human error in the torrents of rain which fell in the mountains and Piedmont Carolinas during the past weekend, creating flood situations in many areas and in Kings Mountain area as well, including damage to the partially completed Buffalo Creek dam.

Man has, indeed, been to the moon, but he doesn't control the heavens.

Floods, like tornadoes, hurricanes, tidal waves, earthquakes and other natural disasters, can be placed under only one label, "acts of God".

The price of September corn on the Chicago commodities market Monday was \$1.345 per bushel.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

Grady Yelton, city public works superintendent, was in the City Hall office about closing time Wednesday afternoon. "How are you," I asked Grady. "O. K.," Grady replied, but I wish it would quit raining.

I had to tease a bit and addressed the young ladies, "What about that! Here Grady has been praying for water for several years, he gets it, and he's complaining."

Grady laughed. "Water's fine, I just don't want too much of it at one time."

Grady has been praying for water for several years. On one occasion when it appeared a six-year-old youngster could wade across Davidson Lake and the York Road reservoir was several feet below spillover point, it seemed that city water rationing was around a near corner.

It is said over a million dollars in gold was mined out of the Gold Mine before it inundated. At the low point moment a couple of years ago more gold, in the form of water was being pumped out of the mine and finding its way to the York Road reservoir. Noe was it the first time the mine has been used for that purpose.

With heavy rains in the head-up area over the weekend, Buffalo proved what the engineers said all the time: she carries a lot of water.

On Monday afternoon, Buffalo was rising swiftly as it went under the SR 2033 bridge just 500 yards south of the dam a-building and fissured. Don and H. K. Dixon were out to survey the situation. When they got past the bridge, H. K. told Don, who was driving, "Head for the high ground."

Some years ago, when Buffalo was raging, Henderson Herndon was working for Fulton Mortuary. There was a call to take a patient, Mrs. Jim Leigh, to Shelby Hospital. The Leighs son Jimmy had been born only recently, so he went along too, along with the late Mrs. Luther Morrison.

Henderson noted the rising waters under the US 74 Buffalo bridge en route Shelby.

"I noticed Mrs. Leigh's doctor donning his coat and leaving the hospital. And it was still raining cats and dogs. The nurse then informed us that the doctor hadn't admitted little Jimmy as a patient and that she had no authority to admit him," Henderson recalls.

"They spent about two hours trying to locate the doctor and never did. All the time I was thinking about that bridge over Buffalo. I told'em I was returning to Kings Mountain NOW. Marie brought the little boy back with us. When we reached the bridge, old Buffalo was lapping the roadbed. We made it but I was scared to death," continued.

In a situation like that, Howard Lutz and I agreed, the motorist should become a hot-rodder and, if the bridge caves in, let the cave-in be behind the car.

The Mayor, engineers, and contractors were worried Tuesday night, considered crisis point on whether dam remaining under the fissure would suddenly give way completely and torrents of water in the reservoir pour out to flood low areas downstream. The Sheriff's department was alerted and a radio watch was maintained all night.

Older folk remember the 1916 flood in this area. It was a tough one.

Since that time, many huge reservoirs have been built, serving people with potable water, protecting them from floods, and harnessing the energy water can produce as a source of electric power.

About Mr. Nixon's Blooper . . .



Viewpoints of Other Editors

INDUSTRY, PEOPLE, POLITICAL POWER

The 1968 presidential election showed how political power was ebbing from the once almost dominant states of the North-east. Now current studies of development trends show how industrial power is doing the same. Thus the economics department of McGraw-Hill finds that by 1975 some 47 percent of the country's industrial out-put will come from what it describes as the southern tier of states as compared with only 34 percent as recently as 1953. This is a phenomenally swift shift in industrial development.

Obviously these findings have immense implications. Many of the states now developing most swiftly in industry are also among the fastest growing in population. They are, therefore, draining off congressional representation from both the North-east and the upper Middle West. Furthermore, these states tend, on the whole, to be politically conservative.

Aside from the political implications, the change in the nation's industrial balance also has far-reaching economic and social meaning. Unless the Northeast can halt the trend or find new ways to self-development, its cities, already in dire straits, will find their problems steadily aggravated and the tax structure, the highest in the nation, will become still less favorable. Thus the swift shift in industrial power presents America with one more grave national challenge.

Christian Science Monitor

ON FIFTH AVENUE

A couple of exuberant young people sat in the middle of Fifth Avenue Saturday afternoon, smiling at the passers-by. Passers-by smiled back. That was the mood of the country's most elegant shopping center — relaxed, happy and friendly — as the Avenue was barred to vehicular traffic in the first of four experimental Saturday closings to test the area as a pedestrian mall. As far as an overwhelming majority of the pedestrians was concerned, the experiment was clearly a serendipitous success.

They reveled in the unaccustomed freedom to move easily and safely from side to side on what had temporarily become a spacious, uncluttered, wall-to-wall sidewalk. They delighted in the freedom to converse casually without the usual rude interruption of raucous traffic noises. Whether what was obviously good for people was also good for business remains to be more conclusively demonstrated. Business appeared to be unusually brisk for the season in most stores and restaurants.

The experiment certainly bears repeating, not only for the new spirit and life it may bring to Fifth Avenue, but as a demonstration of what city living could be like if a broader effort were made to reduce the assault of noisy, space-cluttering, fuming vehicles on the nerves and noses of New Yorkers.

New York Times

RITCHIE SPEAKER

Rev. Thomas Ritchie, a former minister or Boyce Memorial ARP church, will fill the pulpit at the 9:30 a.m. morning worship service Sunday morning at Dixon Presbyterian church. He will also speak at the 11 o'clock morning worship hour at Shiloh Presbyterian church in Grover. Rev. Robert Wilson is pastor of the Dixon and Shiloh churches.

FRIENDS NEED ATTENTION, TOO

Some informed Ethiopian sources think it is. They say that when Emperor Haile Selassie leaves the scene, the incoming regime may be decidedly anti-American. They charge that the United States fails to understand Ethiopia's problems, and that it risks forfeiting Ethiopian good-will by cutting down on aid programs.

These Ethiopians see Christian-ruled Ethiopia as menaced by a rising tide of pan-Islamism and by growing Soviet penetration of the Arab states and the Red Sea area.

Ethiopia comes face to face with Arab or Muslim radicalism on three fronts — in Ogaden province in the east, which is claimed by Somalia, in its northern province of Eritrea, where it is fighting a guerrilla war against the Arab-backed Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF), and across its western border with Sudan, where a frustrating civil war has dragged on for 15 years between the Christian southern Sudanese and the Muslim northerners.

Haile Selassie is dedicated to maintaining a peaceful image for his country, and while he is on the throne Ethiopia is unlikely to take any strong action on the Somali and Sudanese borders. But many of his people feel he is out of touch with the times. Informed Ethiopians say that the next regime in Addis Ababa could be expected to take vigorous measures to quell Somali incursions across the border, and also would probably send aid to the "Nile Provisional Government," which now heads up the southern Sudanese resistance struggle.

Currently the United States is almost overwhelmingly preoccupied by the war in Indo-China and by the Arab-Israeli conflict in the Middle East. It could well be that it is neglecting some of its friends in other parts of the world, and among them Ethiopia.

We do not forget that Ethiopia was one of the first countries to send a contingent to the United Nations forces in Korea in accordance with the Emperor's convictions of the importance of collective security and with his desire to stand by the United States. Nor do we forget that, ever since World War II, Ethiopia has allowed a major U. S. radio relay station to operate from a site near Asmara, in the Eritrean highlands — a gesture which has brought upon it the criticism of some other African countries.

The United States should not take Ethiopian friendship for granted. There is nothing to lose but everything to gain in seeking to dispel any misunderstanding that may be clouding relations with Haile Selassie's country.

Christian Science Monitor

KIWANIS PROGRAM

Earl Norris, manager of the Duke Power Company office in Gastonia, will speak to the Kiwanis club at the meeting Thursday night on "Providing Plentiful Power".

METHODIST TOPICS

Rev. N. C. Bush will use the sermon topic, "Lifting the Level of Religious Practices" at Sunday morning worship services at 11 o'clock at Grace Methodist church.

SOUTHERN WRITERS

Speaking of ethnic groups, there is another one consisting of Southern writers. The South has produced an unlikely number of serious authors who have given permanent life to the region's fading old ways, using the South's picturesque grotesque past to illumine truths about human folly.

This ethnic group we can only admire. But another kind of Southern writer—the transplanted Southern Journalist—often rates our question. He is the fellow who is so sympathetic to fashionable liberal causes that he passes up few opportunities to put down his native region, thereby proving himself worthy of the good feeling of the North's elite left.

But however we regard Southern writers we must admit that their collective talent bulks large and distinctive. Nor has anyone successfully explained why so much writing power has come out of the area.

But we have a theory. We suspect that all Southerners, because of the climate or the stars, are born writers. And the ones who turn professional are simply those who can't do anything else. There are many of these because when you are brought up in the South, and when you see your region surrounded by a world less tradition-minded, less costly, and less cohesive, you discover that you have a sufficiency of things to say about it.

National Observer

OFFICERS MEETING

Representatives of all Senior and Junior women's clubs in District 4 are invited to meet August 17th at 10 a.m. at the home of Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch, District president, on Ridge street, to complete plans for the district meeting to be held here this year. District officers will be present to help plan the program.

LUTHERAN TOPIC

Lewis B. Doggett, ministerial student at Lutheran Theological Seminary, will fill the pulpit at the 11 o'clock morning worship hour Sunday at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log

VISITING HOURS
3 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.
Daily 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Wm. B. Barber
Sallie E. Boyce
Florence H. Butler
Margaret L. Collins
Rose F. Gardner
Ada S. Goforth
Virginia J. Harris
Sidney D. Huffstetler
Della P. Huffstetler
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Mrs. Delbert G. Patrick
Arthur H. Patterson
Jasper Rice
James Roseboro
Richard James Self
Abe W. Smith
Wm. E. Stroupe
Mrs. Johnny W. Thompson
Comp F. Weathers
Rosetta F. Webb
Robt. A. Whiteside

ADMITTED THURSDAY
Wm. P. Chiles
Donna Regina Murray
Floyd Wm. Reynolds
Wm. Martin Stowe
Jack W. Williams

ADMITTED FRIDAY
Nannie M. Moss
Otis A. Moss
Janie S. Ward
Mrs. Lloyd S.Y. Woods

ADMITTED SATURDAY
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Mrs. Marshall F. McClure
Raymond Roberts
Wm. W. Wease
Hardin L. Davis, Jr.

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Mrs. Paul W. Brown
Mrs. Chas. E. Butler
Mrs. Phillip G. Carpenter
Mrs. Jeff W. Harris
Julius F. Howell
Geo. W. Mauney
Harold L. Murphy,
Wm. W. Parrish

ADMITTED MONDAY
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Mrs. Paul W. Ledford
Edward Reynolds
Janice S. Carpenter
Sallie N. Early
Mrs. Richard E. Maxey
Quincey Starr
Luther Jamerson
Mrs. J. D. Truett
Mrs. M. James Champion

ADMITTED TUESDAY
Bonnie J. Pressley
Thessia Ann Bradley
Frank Garner
Mrs. Raymond R. Gettys
Mrs. Kenneth W. Mullinax
Linda Ann Dawkins
Ernest E. Puckett
Eugene S. Stinette
Regina Michelle Pettis
Mrs. Regina J. Dean, Jr.
Mrs. James Watkins, Jr.
John M. McGinnis

Beam Clan Sets Reunion

The 46th Annual Reunion of the John Teeter Beam clan will be held Sunday, August 16, at New Prospect Baptist church in Cleveland County.

The reunion will open with a business session at 11 a.m. This will be followed by a program presented by a group of young people from the Cherryville area. A picnic lunch will be spread at 12 noon.

James Robert Beam of Cherryville, president of the Clan, will preside at the meeting. Harold Beam of Shelby is vice president of the group.

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