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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.
 Romans 12:9.

Friendly Suits

Congress passed by a wide majority in both branches a law lowering the voting age to 18.

Two states, Kentucky and Georgia, have no problem. The legal voting age in these two states is already 18.

North Carolina and New Hampshire are latest to be involved with the Department of Justice in litigation to require the voting of 18-year-olds in the November election.

Attorney General Robert Morgan of this state says its plain not legal under the North Carolina Constitution.

President Nixon, who signed the federal bill, voiced the opinion the act would require an amendment to the federal constitution to prove legal.

It's all friendly enough, largely in the nature of a test case.

The legal overtone is whether the federals can, by mere act of Congress, contravene state constitutional requirements. In other words: state rights.

State officials had various positions when the proposal was made during the 1969 General Assembly. Governor Bob Scott was for lowering the voting age to 20, some legislators favored 19, others 18, and others leaving the voting age at 21. The disparity produced an impasse and nothing was done.

There is good reason for mixed emotions on the question.

Proponents reason that a young man old enough to fight in Vietnam, as he is at 18, is old enough to vote.

Opponents point to the irresponsibility of riot-producing college students, riot-producing non-student hippies, early age drug users and others as quite good evidence that an 18-year-old is not yet mature enough to exercise judgment at the polls.

The Herald's particular question is whether, legally, lowering the voting age makes a man a man or a young lady a woman?

Or do must they still get their parents to sign the chattel for the car or furniture they want to buy?

Intangibles Gain

In spite of the drop in North Carolina intangibles tax collections—which found many counties and cities rebated less than in the previous year—the City of Kings Mountain showed a gain over the previous year.

The fact of gain, of course, is far more important than the \$500-odd involved.

Under the formula, the intangibles tax, after state clipping for collection expense, is distributed on the basis of ad valorem property tax valuations.

In other words, to hold its own a city or county had to record an increase, which shows growth.

The Congress may not have been wise in over-riding President Nixon's veto of the education appropriations bill. But it is election year and Congress did over-ride with plenty of Republican help, the nominally loyal Republicans, or many of them up for re-election, were quite frank. "I'm running," several said. "It's as simple as that."

It is hoped Buffalo Creek's sometimes torrential ire is done for a time, at least for the current season. Buffalo confirmed quite well the engineering reports of her steady daily flow, sometimes at flood stage conditions when the rainfall is heavy at her headwaters.

Clean-up Costs

The Herald has touched editorially before on the unhappy fact of the high cost of keeping clean, city-wise, particularly in the direction of sewage disposal, garbage disposal and now prevention of air pollution.

The air pollution problem in the big cities was forcibly presented over NBC in a "special" starring Hal Holbrook.

Relating it to plain folk in the home, any housewife halfway budget minded knows there would be a lot more trills attainable were it not for the large percentage of the money left at the super market for soap, detergents, and floor wax.

Some money shortly must be expended in Kings Mountain, both by the city itself and industry on the business of sewage disposal.

Of the three recommendations to the city of W. H. Mull, of the state water and air resources commission, involving the city alone, one appears impractical. This would be the possibility of further enlarging the McGill Creek disposal plant. Colonel W. K. Dickson, the city's consulting engineer, told the city when it embarked on the sewage system clean-up, already about 20 years old, doubling of the McGill Creek plant would be "it" for that plant, that the stream flow would be taxed to the limit.

The other two are practical, one short-term the other long-term.

Short-term and manageable comparatively quickly is switching some industrial waste, likely from Craftspun Yarns, to the Pilot Creek plant.

The other and longer term would be building another treatment plant on another stream in a different drainage basin.

Mr. Mull's fourth recommendation will cost industry, adoption by the city of a sewage use law implying one or more requirements: settling basins and holding tanks and perhaps pre-treatment of effluent.

High point from the informational standpoint brought out by Engineer Dennis Fox at a Tuesday night meeting of the city's sewage committee was that tests showed the peak loads at the McGill plant occurred at 7 a.m. and 8 p.m.

This is a plain indication of "dumping", which holding tanks would eliminate.

Cleanliness is next to Godliness, it is said, and cleanliness costs cash.

Do You Want A Job?

Apply: Jobs '70 classroom, former Herald building, South Piedmont avenue, Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9 to 11 a.m., 1 to 3 p.m.

The following notice was distributed at churches and other public places last weekend and is self-explanatory:

The Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the National Alliance of Business Men is sponsoring a Job training program which guarantees a job to those people who have not had steady employment during the past year and who want to work.

Benefits to you will include: (1) A full time job, (2) assistance in getting to and from work, (3) child care for pre-school children (4) medical and health care assistance.

If your net family earnings were at or below this income level listed below, you probably qualify for job training under this program.

Number in Family	Net Family Earnings
1	\$1,800.00
2	2,400.00
3	3,000.00
4	3,600.00
5	4,200.00
6	4,800.00
7	5,400.00
8	6,000.00
9	6,600.00

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

The Anderson Senators were celebrating the other night their setting of a record for paid attendance in Class A baseball. Among the guests were Congressman Albert Watson who is Republican candidate for governor of North Carolina's neighbor to the South.

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Mayor John Henry Moss president of the league in which Anderson is a member for the first time, had a guest too.

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He joshed the candidate, "Albert, there's no use trying to politic his vote. He's from Oklahoma in the first place and he's acquiring land for a utility in South Carolina in the second. Worse than that from your standpoint, he's dyed-in-the-wool Democrat. He was in Kings Mountain and to vote absentee in the 1968 elections. When the ballot came he went to the rotunda of City Hall and summoned everybody he could find to watch him mark his ballot for Hubert H."

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Vernie Cheatwood with Coates Field Service, mentioned in this column before, was John's guest. Another love of his, besides Oklahoma, is the University of Oklahoma football team. Like Halbert Webb and Duke, Vernie rejoices when Oklahoma wins, goes to bed when she loses.

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Out of the Anderson trip, Vernie adds another to the small world department. State Senator Garrison and he were comparing notes. Would Vernie happen to know the Senator's long-time Oklahoma friend John Dunn. "One of the best friends I have, if it's the same John Dunn," Vernie replied. "I hunt quail there every year and he doesn't allow too many people to hunt quail on his ranch." That's the same Dunn I know, was the Senator's reply.

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Beside the free-loaders, Anderson had 4594 paid at the celebration game, gave a college scholarship via a drawing, to a tenth grade lad who had deposited ticket No. 2. His was the third ticket drawn by President Moss. Two other youngsters got sleepy a bit too early.

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Vernie has worked in the oil fields and from experience there and since with Coates, has witnessed and been part of much courtroom activity.

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One of his favorite memories from the courtroom was in Oklahoma. The witness was a Creek Indian woman, who didn't know a word of English. While the attorney in opposition knew Creek well, he still asked the court for an interpreter. The attorney posed a question and the interpreter passed question and answer back and forth. Angriily, the attorney addressed the woman in Creek, "You're a liar!"

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The witness, just as angrily, turned to the Judge and complained in English, "He called me a liar!"

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"Case dismissed," the Judge intoned.

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Our host at lunch, Wednesday was Jake Wilson, Armo Steel representative, for the past 16 years a Tar Heel but native of Brownwood, Texas. Vernie was wearing a solid red shirt and a white panhandle style straw. Jake said he packed up his Texas-style hats and boots when he came to North Carolina and hasn't worn them since.

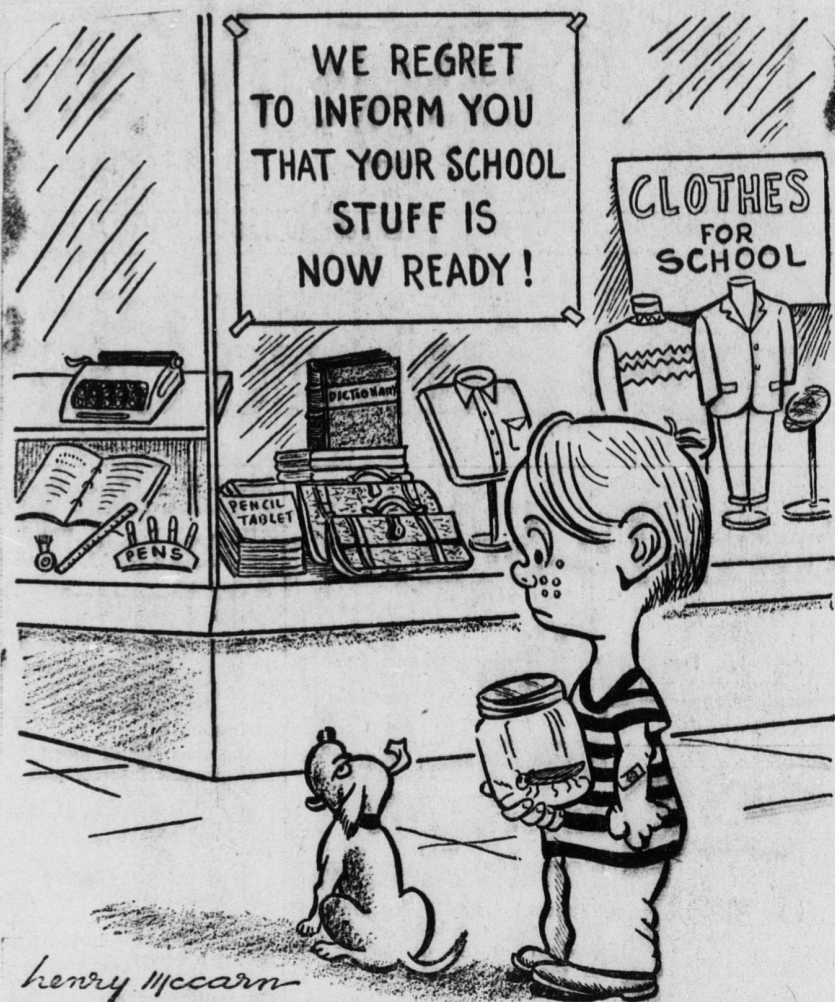
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Jake told how they barbecue beef in Texas. A pit large enough for the beef carcass is dug five feet deep, hickory logs burned 16 hours and all...
 The beef is then lowered on a plywood board into the pit by about two feet, then covered with dirt and cooked for half-a-day.

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Mighty good eatin', Jake and Vernie opine. John and I did not disagree.

The Melancholy Days Have Come



Viewpoints of Other Editors

REAL VILLAIN OF THE SPENDING PIECE

The partisan snipers and the less party-oriented sharpshooters who prefer to be called analysts and commentators are having their fun with the Nixon Administration. Lately, they have concentrated their fire on the President's rather heavy-handed way of taking the credit and leaving the blame to Congress.

To some extent, the President deserves the less-than-total confidence in his explanations. Would you really buy a used car from a man who tells you he has a plan to end the Vietnam war, but he won't tell you until after he's elected? And after waiting two years after he's elected, nothing?

But back to the point. Mr. Nixon blames Congress for the \$29 billion deficit in fiscal 1970. It would appear that he has good reasons, although his pronouncement early this year that we would enjoy a \$1.4 billion surplus struck us as a bit dreamy even then.

But consider these items: On the same day discouraging word of the \$29 billion deficit was heard, it was announced that an aid to education bill had been passed, calling for an expenditure of \$4.5 billion — \$435 million more than requested by the Administration. And that same day the Senate House conference committee announced it had "compromised" on a \$3.6 billion budget for the Department of Housing and Urban Development — and this was \$650 million more than the Administration felt was needed.

Congress is where the cheese is bindingest. Few ordinary citizens can imagine the kind of constant pressure and badgering under which the legislators operate. There is a "special interest group" pushing for virtually every piece of appropriating legislation moved through the committee labyrinth of Congress.

Not only do these "gimme" groups exert telling influence, but the government bureaucracy feeds on itself — the non-elected, parasitic employees of the various agencies, bureaus and what-not have come to be a powerful political force. All of them, you see, speak for the down-and-nearly-out who deserve the good life and aren't getting it.

So feel free to blame Congress, but understand the Congress is but a tool of the citizenry. And know, verily, that a democracy will stand only until the people realize they can vote themselves the treasury.

Do not be alarmed that the bill for operating the departments of Labor and Health, Education and Welfare was \$18.8 billion for fiscal 1970. And if President Nixon points out that this tab is \$93 million more than his Administration wanted, look a little deeper for the real culprit of the piece.

Mooreville Tribune

KIWANIS PICNIC
 Kings Mountain Kiwanians and their families will gather for a picnic Thursday at Lake Montonia. Red Bridges barbecue will be served with accessories. Co-chairmen of the outing are Paul Ham and Bill Brown.

SERMON TOPIC

"Law, Duty and Conflict" will be the sermon topic of the Rev. Charles Easley at Sunday morning worship services at 11 o'clock at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

THE AGE OF SUBURBIA

More than the Age of Youth, this is becoming the Age of Suburbia. For the first time in United States history, more people are living in the suburbs than in the central cities or rural areas. This finding of the 1970 census will have major impact on politics, housing, life styles, economic trends.

Three-quarters of the population growth since 1960 took place in metropolitan areas. While some cities declined slightly in population, the suburbs grew. This should be translatable into more suburban political power. One projection suggests that suburban congressional districts will grow from 92 to 129.

The Republicans strongly believe they will benefit. Strategist Kevin Phillips argues that the suburban resident tends to be socially conservative — hence Republican. Elections Research Center Director Richard Scammon cautions against a blanket of definition, noting that great varieties of people, blue collar as well as white collar, and from all ethnic backgrounds, now have moved to suburbia.

However this may be, it seems likely that "suburban" issues will have increased political clout: such as education, intercity transport, middle-income tax reform, environmental pollution. The suburbanite will manifestly need to stretch his compassion to support those welfare, anti-poverty, low-cost housing and job-training issues which agitate the central city populations.

Christian Science Monitor

GAINS FOR WOMEN

The United States Congress seldom slights any big section of the populace in an election year. Such as, say, half the people or, in a word: women. So it's unlikely that the constitutional amendment providing equal rights for women will fall of passage (by the requisite two-thirds vote) this year. The House has considered it, the Senate will shortly. Then of course, the legislatures of three-fourths of the states must approve.

Obviously the drive for women's rights is marching ahead. The women's liberation movement has helped. So has the maturing concept of equal rights for all citizens. We would simply point out that success of the women's rights amendment will have profound impact and require some court determinations.

For example, women would get the right to work overtime (where now forbidden), the right to pay alimony (now husbands alone have that dubious right), the right to endure the same work hardships (some states forbid coal mining, bar-tending and bell-hopping) and perhaps even the right to be drafted into national service. Among the more desirable rights to be gained would be: the right to equal pay for equal work, the right of married women to establish a legal domicile, the right to attend state colleges where now barred.

Opponents of the proposed amendment argue that the Constitution's 14th Amendment, with its "equal protection" clause, could fully protect women's rights, if courts and clients made the effort to so utilize it. But they just haven't done so.

Christian Science Monitor

ANOTHER MUCH MALIGNED ETHNIC GROUP

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 peculiarly picturesque-grotesque past to illumine truths about human folly.

The 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, serious or journalistic, 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 traditional-minded, less courtly, and less cohesive, you discover early that you have a sufficiency of things to say about it.

BRIDGES REUNION

Annual Bridges Family Reunion will be held Sunday at Chestnut Ridge Baptist church with picnic lunch to be spread at 1 p.m. in the church recreation building. All family members and friends are invited to attend.

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Tuesday totaled \$137.40, including \$124.90 from on-street meters and \$12.50 from off-street meters.

KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log
 VISITING HOURS
 3 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.
 Daily 10:30 To 11:30 a.m.

- Admitted Prior to Aug. 12
- Wm. B. Barber
 - Mrs. Sallie Boyce
 - Mrs. Margaret L. Collins
 - Hardin L. Davis, Jr.
 - Mrs. Sally N. Early
 - Mrs. Virginia J. Harris
 - Mrs. Edward H. Hipp
 - Sidney Huffstodler
 - Mrs. Della P. Huffstickler
 - Mrs. Homer Kilgore
 - Judson Cooper
 - Geo. W. Mauney
 - Mrs. Nannie C. Moss
 - Otis A. Moss
 - Donna Regina Murray
 - Mrs. Wm. G. McLeymore
 - James Jasper Oates, Jr.
 - Arthur H. Patterson
 - Regina Michelle Pettis
 - Edward Reynolds
 - Jasper Rice
 - James Roseboro
 - Mrs. Johnny Walter Thompson
 - Mrs. Lloyd S. Woods
 - Mrs. Florence H. Butler
- ADMITTED WEDNESDAY, Aug. 12
- Mrs. Horace L. Patterson
- ADMITTED THURSDAY
- Dean Ayers
 - Morris E. Mayes
 - Mrs. Sam Smith, Jr.
 - Robert A. Woods
 - Charles Marshall Gibson
- ADMITTED FRIDAY
- Wm. Jake England
 - Geo. Keith Floyd
 - Mrs. Samuel C. Hoeard, Jr.
 - Mrs. James R. Painter
 - Mrs. Ruth L. Ramsey
 - Johnny Shane Rogers
- ADMITTED SATURDAY
- Doretha Brown
 - Barbara Sue Grant
 - Mrs. Willis M. Leich
 - Mrs. Sallie E. Martin
 - Wm. Thomas Mock
 - Mrs. Fredrick H. Raines
 - Mrs. Willie E. Ross
 - Wanda Gray
 - Geo. Truett Black
 - Mrs. Mary C. Bledsoe
- ADMITTED SUNDAY
- Mrs. Harlie Nicholson
 - Mrs. Boyce Pope
 - Mrs. Clifford E. Rippey
 - Mrs. Harry L. Webb
 - James Roy Ervin
 - Mrs. Harley R. Gore
 - Mrs. Larry Wm. Self
 - Mrs. Clara Smarr
- ADMITTED MONDAY
- Robert W. Camp
 - Clint H. Day
 - Mrs. Roland Moss, Jr.
 - Mrs. Wm. K. K. Huffstodler
 - Mrs. James Limbaugh
 - Elizabeth Sellers
 - Sharon Setzer
 - Michael Wm. Vestal
- ADMITTED TUESDAY
- Mrs. Kelly R. Stroud, Sr.
 - Karen Lisa Merck
 - Abn Lee Philbeck
 - Randy Keith Page
 - Roy Lee Scott
 - James Norwood Gabel
 - James Willie Lassiter
 - Thomas Bell Hill
 - James Pittman Peterson
 - Robert Lee Robinson, Jr.
 - Mrs. Wesley D. Davis
- ADMITTED WEDNESDAY
- Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Bridges
 - Linda Raley
 - Mrs. Janet Moss
 - Mrs. Roy Scott
 - Mrs. Martha Lovelace
 - Mrs. Mary Holland
 - Billy Gene McCarter
 - Namby Bell Rippey
 - Kenneth Odell Benton
 - Martha Allison
 - Al Dean Adams
 - Mrs. Mary Jane Farris

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dellinger, their daughter, Judy, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Dellinger have returned from Newport News, Va. where they visited Mr. and Mrs. John Van Dyke, Jr. Mrs. Van Dyke is the former Juanita Dellinger, daughter of the Tom Dellingers.

The Van Dykes are residing at 11430 Jefferson Avenue, Apartment 116, Deer Park Apartments.

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