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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Though I speak of the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. I Corinthians 13:1.

School Bus Front

In a way and quite at local level, USA that is, the question of school bus transportation for children is about as muddled as any questions get and as productive of strong emotions as any.

The President tells Senator Thurmond he'll abide by Supreme Court decisions.

The President's hand-picked operatives are ordering cross-town hauling.

In North Carolina:

Superior Court Judge H. Pou Bailey rules state loan of school buses to local districts illegal.

Governor Scott, perhaps feeling the ruling by Bailey may result in "no haul", says the state will appeal.

A federal court last year held North Carolina's law on transporting from annexed areas illegal.

Kings Mountain and Gaston county boards of education Monday night received appeals from Mecklenburg parents to enroll their children in school. In the Kings Mountain instances, the three children are residing with grandparents. They have been accepted subject to release by Mecklenburg schools. In the Gastonia system where there were 19 applications, seven were approved (children coming over with teaching parents, children of parents moving to Gaston) and the other dozen were denied.

Whew!

Busing at long distances, where a child can walk four or five blocks to school seems quite stupid, for the child, his parents and treasury of the great State of North Carolina. (Actually, most children like the sociality of the school bus.)

From the standpoint of de-segregating the ghetto neighborhood school long-distant busing is the only answer. It is a problem which increases with the size of a city.

Kings Mountain school district is quite lucky in its school situation, and, once the North school addition was completed, has had no trouble meeting the tests of the civil rights act, even as interpreted by the over-zealous zealots of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

One high school, one junior high school, good arrangements in the neighborhood schools for Grades 1-5.

Politics Stirring

"What you hear about politics?" "What you hear about politics?" Candidates have been asking the question for some time.

It's still hot as the proverbial Hades in the middle of the day, but the nights and mornings are cool and with November election day looming closer the questions are coming much more frequently and from non-candidates, too.

Voting is nominally less in non-presidential election years and the voters nominally favor the outs more than the ins.

It is also axiomatic that a long ticket increases the vote; everybody has a few friends.

In Cleveland County the ticket (where there is competition) is short.

However, the Kings Mountain area should out-do itself in this off-year election for the simple reason of having three Kings Mountain candidates on the ballot: Representative W. K. Mauney, Jr., seeking a third term in the state house of representatives; veteran corner J. Ollie Harris, making his first bid for the state senate; both Democrats, and Bob Maner carrying the Republican banner for one of two seats open on the county commission.

The re-match U. S. Representative James T. Brodyhill and former Representative Basil L. Whitener will add more jest.

Money Bit Cheaper

One-half of one percent does not look like much but the paring of the prime loan interest that amount by major New York banks, Bank America on the West Coast and others was good news. North Carolina's major banks were quick to follow suit.

Prime rate borrowers are those with top grade credit.

It may take a while but the little fellow is an endpoint beneficiary too.

When Reynolds Tobacco pays 7.78 percent for money, Duke Power Company and Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company 8 percent, in amounts from \$50 to \$150 million, something isn't right.

The Federal Reserve Board is a key figure in the nation's interest rate structure. When it shuts off on the banks, the money supply of the banks dwindles and when the FED loosens up, the banks supply increases.

The Nixon Administration's well-publicized drive to halt inflation had as one of its cornerstones tightening up by the FED.

Moderate economists, abetting their arguments by the nation's continuing population boom, believe the nation can only prosper by a mild dose of planned inflation.

How mild a dose?

Just as Mr. Nixon's tight money policy got a lot of rich companies in pain, resulted in layoffs in the big auto industry which directly or indirectly is responsible for about one in seven jobs in the country, upped unemployment, a too-loose policy minus wage and price controls, won't work. The human mind is still an expert at hindsight, a crisp course, but usually unprecise at foresight.

Autumn

It's here.

By the calendar and by the morning and evening cool notes and in spite of the noonday thermometer readings. Gotta be.

School youngsters are back at the books, football attracts the fans by thousands and there's the forthcoming World Series, denouement of the baseball season. Leaves show signs of turning and the dove hunters are out. Other flocks are beginning their treks south and the Empire State Building in New York has doused the lights to prevent birds from committing suicide.

But back to New York, as one must, to consider the baseball wind-up.

Last year's world champs, the amazing New York Mets, have proved themselves no fluke. They are parties to a down-to-the-wire finish in the National League astern division, trailing the leading Pittsburgh Pirates by three, the second-place Chicago Cubs by two.

It's autumn.

Mass Vaccination

Mass vaccination has proved beneficial in ridding peoples of small pox, polio, diphtheria and other dread killers. Take typhoid.

A few years ago a young teen-age girl in Gastonia was seriously ill. Her symptoms called for heavy injections of anti-biotics, given with no effect on her ultra-high fever.

An older doctor was called on the case. One look told him. It was typhoid fever. With the proper treatment, she was shortly on the mend.

The younger doctors couldn't recognize it. They'd never seen a case.

MEDICINE MARTIN'S

Three weeks ago, I had a visit from a very charming lady who greeted me with, "I have something to sell." Well, she didn't exactly look like a lady peddler, though she did carry a brief case.

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What she was selling was the current campaign to get citizens to write their Congressmen, cabinet officials, foreign embassy chiefs and Hanoi directly in the interest of better treatment for American prisoners of the North Vietnamese.

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She was a native of Delaware, she said, practically on the Delaware-Pennsylvania line. I remarked that I had just chanced into Rev. Edgar Cooper, here on a vacation from his ministerial duties at Pottstown, Pa.

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Here the brief case opened and she withdrew a copy of a special edition of the Pottstown newspaper devoted exclusively to the letter-writing campaign. The recent Sunday edition of the Charlotte Observer provided a sample of what the Pottstown paper did.

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Letters were quoted from Protestant ministers, Catholic priests, Jewish rabbis, government officials, Red Cross folk and others — reproduced both in English and Vietnamese. The edition was quite impressive.

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"All we ask," she said, "is whatever space you can give, news wise or otherwise, in publicizing this effort."

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"Sure," I replied, "we'll be glad to help, but will it really do any good?"

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"It already has," she replied. "Only 1200 Red Cross parcels were delivered to American prisoners in the six years before this campaign started six months ago. Since that time 600 have been delivered."

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Mrs. Phillip J. Galanti, of Dallas, has good reason to be interested in this campaign. One of her sons, a navy pilot flying off USS Hancock, was shot down. He radioed to a hovering rescue helicopter, "Don't come in, don't come in. There are guns all around me."

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The Galanti family is luckier than most. They know their son is alive. In the Life feature on the prisoner situation, he was among the prisoners pictured. Many families do not know and must live with the harrowing missing-in-action in enemy territory notation.

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Another improvement of the campaign of letters has been mail. Letters from her son have been coming about every other month.

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The captors do not permit games. In a Christmas parcel was included a simple note pad and some crayons. Her son likes to sketch. These were removed. Only one bar of soap are they given a month by the Viet Nam, so soap is a must in every parcel shipped out via Red Cross.

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I began to speculate on what foreign folk, still on reasonably good relations on both sides, might be best to write, India, Albania, France, Great Britain? Who knows?

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Just recently it was announced that Mrs. Strom Thurmond will serve as national chairman of the letter-writing campaign. Senator Thurmond, while in the South Carolina, was an honor guest at the 1966 Kings Mountain battle celebration.

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Mrs. Galanti is of Irish extraction, her husband Italian. He is a retired army engineer. Two other sons have made the round trip to Viet Nam. One is still in the army at Fort Bliss, Texas, the other is again a civilian and lives in the Mid-West.

Some Days Are Like That

YOU'RE ALWAYS DRAWING CARTOONS ABOUT THE UGLY! LIKE RIOTS, POLLUTION, CIVIL RIGHTS, POLITICS!

CAN'T YOU DRAW CARTOONS TO INSPIRE READERS INSTEAD OF BEING SO CRITICAL?



PEOPLE ARE TIRED OF SEEING DEPRESSING, CYNICAL CARTOONS... FOLKS ARE INTERESTED IN THE HIGHER THINGS OF LIFE... LIKE...

...LIKE PRICES... OF EVERYTHING WE BUY!



Viewpoints of Other Editors

SHOCK ABSORBER FOR BROKERS

Nearly everyone agrees that long-run solutions to the problems of the securities industry must include an improvement in the capital positions of many firms. The New York Stock Exchange is working toward tightening its capital requirements, and similar changes are likely elsewhere.

Simply saying that firms need larger reserves to absorb the shocks of profit declines does not, of course, produce the necessary funds. At the moment no one is entirely sure where brokerage firms will find the additional capital they need.

The other day Leon T. Kendall, president of the Association of Stock Exchange Firms, offered one suggestion. He proposed that brokers be permitted to set aside limited amounts of income, tax-free, to build up cash reserves for the future.

"The banking industry, the savings and loan business and, more recently, the life insurance business," he said, "have long had tax recognition of the fact that there are limits to the amount of risk financial institutions should bear if society is to be protected against the consequences of their failure."

If the idea were carefully implemented, it would appear to have merit. Congress is already considering a plan to provide a form of insurance to protect customers of brokerage houses.

The proposal obviously would only help firms that have profits. Many weaker firms have disappeared in the current profit squeeze, and a further decrease in the number of firms is probably both inevitable and desirable.

It's equally evident that Mr. Kendall's plan would call for at least some increase in Federal supervision of the industry. The Internal Revenue Service keeps close watch on the way other financial institutions handle their reserves, and it should do the same in the securities industry.

The health of the securities business now is important to many millions of Americans outside the industry. Under reasonable rules it seems sensible to provide the industry with this sort of shock absorber.

—The Wall Street Journal

FOR THE HUNDRETH TIMES

One watches the New York Times.

The professional writer, especially. Not so much because he knows the points of his journalistic compass but because he knows that the Times is widely read, and he should know what might be widely taken in.

Indeed, the Times' position on many subjects — particularly its tenacious loyal opposition to the Nixon administration — often can be predicted in advance. And many Americans, especially as one crosses the Mississippi head westward, may take exception to the Times' trademark liberalism.

Today is the 100th anniversary of the Times. That newspaper has been — despite its current drawing of fire for being quintessential Eastern establishmentarian — one of the richer and more cleansing voices in American journalism.

Over the weekend, the Times will begin running two opinion columns a day, written by outsiders, opposite its editorial page. One hopes that a wider spread

YOUTH OUTLOOK

A continuing study of 2,200 members of a particular age group by the University of Michigan since 1966 has produced this description of the subjects:

"They are not strongly opposed to the war in Vietnam, nor are they anti-military or pacifist. They agree that it is important to fight the spread of communism. They see good citizenship primarily in terms of obedience to law and pride in country. For them military service provides an opportunity to serve the country and to prove oneself a man."

Middle-aged citizens who no longer have to worry about donning a uniform? No, the 2,200 involved in the study were adolescent boys whose attitudes were monitored as they progressed through high school.

As the Michigan researchers noted, "the majority of young men in our sample do not fit the 'generation gap' stereotype of rebellious youth casting aside the values of their elders. In fact, the dominant position they express essentially supports the status quo."

If this comes as a surprise to anyone, it is because he has been paying too much attention to the noisy militant and not enough to the serious young person. He and millions of his associates can be found studying and working their way through life, unimpressed and unimpressed by those who have gone off the deep end.

Providing the constitutionality of the 18-year-old vote, the new army of young voters who will be going to the polls in future elections could turn out to be a steady influence instead of the radical port anchor some have feared.

—Kannapolis Independent

THE NAVY'S TARGET

The 750 or so residents of Culebra, a tiny piece of land in the Caribbean used as a target range by the Navy, may find some comfort in the announcement by a Senate committee that it intends to study the plight of the islanders, all of whom are American citizens. The Culebrans understandably are more than a little weary by now of being shot at, bombed and rocketed. Far from stopping the shooting, the Navy, much to the distress of Culebrans, would like to use more of the island for a firing range, and a House subcommittee, inexplicably, has endorsed the proposal.

This stirring display of humanitarian concern was prompted, we gather, by the Navy's contention that blowing up the beaches of Culebra was somehow essential for the training of the Atlantic fleet. We presume the Senate group will not be taken in so easily and will do what it can to provide the Culebrans with relief.

—St. Louis Post-Dispatch

In the public debate issues will be gained. The Wall Street Journal and other publications have long carried columns by nonjournalists next to their editorial copy.

Attitudes in America today seem both to be lumping in the middle and flying apart. We hope the Times and its innovation, as the newspaper starts its second century, will help further in this direction.

At least, many will be watching.

—Christian Science Monitor

OPEN DATING OF FOODS

Many foods on the shelves of grocery stores today need to be fresh if they are to be at their best for the consumer.

But it is very difficult for the customer to determine if packaged goods are fresh. They are not at liberty to open and sniff, or to test for crispness in the case of crackers, or to use any means of determining the freshness.

Neither could the salesman or manufacturer's agent tell the freshness except through the use of a dating method or code which indicates its freshness.

Bread, for example, now comes in plastic bag tied with little coated wire sealers. Bakeries use different colored sealers to close the bags to indicate the fresh date of the bread or rolls. Often, for example, when bread is stacked two loaves deep, the back layer will have a different color of sealer, indicating a different freshness date. Customarily, stores put the older bread in front of the fresher, so you get a fresher loaf by reaching to the back stack.

Many items have a code for freshness. These include dairy items, crackers, and other foods, but most people do not know the code, and thus have no way of telling which items are freshest.

A bill now before the Congress would require open dating of perishable items, so that a customer could determine easily if a package were within its reasonable freshness date. Sponsors of the bill claim that this would be protection for the customer, with food's being dated in much the same manner as photographic film is now.

There is merit in this proposal.

—Stony News & Press

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THE PENTAGON'S HOUSEKEEPING

Anyone who has wandered the labyrinthine corridors of the Pentagon can testify that a great many people work there. Many of them, too, somehow find their way to the building's cafeterias, newsstands and other facilities operated by private concessionaires.

Some of the details of the concession business remain obscure, since the Defense Department recently refused to give a full accounting to the General Accounting Office, the Congressional watchdog of Federal spending. The department's position was that no appropriated funds were involved so, well, it was none of Congress' business.

It is known, though, that the Pentagon receives around \$900,000 a year from the concessionaires, for space rent and other charges. Unlike other Federal office buildings, which give all such funds to the Treasury, the Pentagon keeps about half of the take, spending it on employee recreation, financial and medical assistance.

Those sound like worthy purposes, but there still is some question whether the Pentagon should be a special case. It also is worth asking why the Pentagon charges concessionaires much less for space rent than similar firms must pay in other Government buildings.

For several weeks now the Administration has been assuring everyone that the Defense Department now is sailing a taut fiscal ship, one from which waste has been eliminated. That argument might be slightly more credible if the Pentagon were doing a neater job with its own financial housekeeping.

—The Wall Street Journal

Letter To Editor

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September 22, 1970

Dear Editor:
In view of the degrading remarks made in our newspapers (via letters to the editor) over the past several months about the president and vice-president of Bob Jones University it seems a bit unusual that not one item has been noted about any other university (degrading) in the Carolinas. Please permit a few reflections.

Dated May, 1969, a mailing went out from Furman University endorsed by President Blackwell and Chaplain Johnson. It was entitled, "The Campus Crisis: The Generation Gap?". This document clearly indicated their approval of "situation Ethics".

Following is a quote from Duke University's 1970 Year Book: "The amateurs have ruined the virgin Mary business. Her name is really Mary McDillon, she's an Irish — who lured Christ up into the hills and took his manhood. And she never had it so good. She received God by osmosis."

After reading of such things being promoted by other schools of higher learning may I ask what is so bad about Bob Jones University being "square"? Any good foundation is squarely based on the word of God — the divinely inspired word.

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (1 COR. 3:11).

Very truly yours,
Julius C. Taylor

Statistics show that half of the motoring population will be involved in a serious highway crash during their lifetime — and the percentage is rising.