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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High.
 Psalm 91:1.

L. Mendel Rivers

South Carolina's U. S. Representative L. Mendel Rivers, who died this week, was one of the strong men of the House.

Some revered him and others damned him, which is not unusual when a man is strong.

On the war in Vietnam, Mr. Rivers was a hawk.

As chairman of the House Armed Forces committee, Mr. Rivers took care of his own by seeing that Charleston, South Carolina's naval establishment, which was in his district was not shorted. While this Rivers policy caused jealousy from others seeking military establishments and appropriations, it is the prerogative and duty of a Congressman to look after his district and its constituents.

Via the seniority system in the House, a member with longevity graduates up the ladder to a committee chairmanship.

Mayor John Henry Moss recalls a new industry effort to obtain a jet propulsion factory for Kings Mountain. When Mr. Rivers remarked that Charleston's unemployment factor was high, that's where the factory went.

On the other hand, Mr. Rivers was helpful to Kings Mountain, assigning the secretary of the army and secretary of the navy to speak at the two Kings Mountain Battle celebrations and proffering the services of the secretary of the air forces for the subsequent year, if Kings Mountain so desired.

Invited to attend, Mr. Rivers declined with regret.

"Were I not leaving for Vietnam," he said, "I'd be there."

Mr. Rivers believed that the surest means of avoiding war was to maintain a strong military force and he made heavy contributions to this nation's military strength.

Not For Everyone?

Vermont Royster, the Raleigh native who is editor of the Wall Street Journal, commented exhaustively recently on the Carnegie Commission on Higher Education, suggested that college education and pursuit of doctorates is not necessary for everyone.

Also among the more revolutionary proposals was to slice a year off the time required to educate a medical doctor. It was also recommended that the doctor of philosophy degree be awarded to researchers and that a new degree doctor of arts be awarded to those not research minded.

Also recommended was that able students be offered college level courses in high school and that graduates of two-year community colleges be awarded associate of arts degrees.

Editor Royster continues: "In short, education does not have to be an everything or nothing process. Not everybody wants, or needs, the same kind of education or in the same quantity; moreover, people's educational needs change as they change. Nor does every educational institution of 'higher learning' have to be cut from the same pattern."

"A rather obvious thought, perhaps. But since we have so long accepted it as obvious that everybody ought to have a college education, and the more massive the dose the better, it's refreshing to hear voices saying it ain't necessarily so."

Members of the committee are quite prestigious, including Clark Kerr, former chancellor at Berkeley, California, college presidents David Henry of Illinois and Thomas Hesburgh of Notre Dame, and businessmen Norton Simon and Ralph Besse.

A Kings Mountain businessman once expressed the idea in more down-to-earth language: "we've got to have somebody to dig ditches."

Congratulations to Kemp Mauney on the scholastic honor he has been accorded at North Carolina State University.

Bite On City

The city board of commissioners will consider at their January 12th meeting how much it must raise power rates and perhaps natural gas rates to keep its budget in kilter. Duke Power Company has been granted a temporary rate increase of 22 percent, as it affects its Kings Mountain customer, and Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company a temporary increase of 2.3 cents per thousand cubic feet of gas.

The commission has already decided informally it cannot absorb the estimated \$76,000 additional bite of Duke and is still weighing the impact of the Transco boost.

The alternative to raising rates would be an increase in ad valorem property taxes which the commission does not want to do.

It is another sample of the increased cost of living, which effects companies and individuals alike.

On power, the city commission has pledged to make the increase a break-even one.

Dogs a Nuisance?

The report of a Baltimore researcher that dogs are becoming public health nuisances will not set well with dog lovers the nation over—and there are a lot of them.

The researcher contends there were 611,000 dog bites in the United States last year, that there have been three attacks by dog packs in Baltimore and that dogs, touted as enemies of rats, are sometimes their best friends—when the dogs turn over garbage cans.

He further says that dogs can contract rabies from foxes.

The researcher's report will make no difference to dog fanciers, who indeed regard the dog as man's best friend.

It's time, again, to list properties for taxes, beginning Monday.

A Big Year

As 1970 wanes to its Thursday midnight demise Kings Mountain can look back on a very important year.

Two of the reasons are the Buffalo Creek water project and the opening of 150 units of low-rent housing.

Water has been Kings Mountain's crying need periodically for many years and only now does Kings Mountain have a major source that should serve the community for a long time. Engineering estimates are that Buffalo Creek will supply up to 20 million gallons of water daily. As a comparison Charlotte's consumption averages using 35 million per day. This project was Kings Mountain's missing link. When a new industry requiring large amounts of water knocked on the door, it had to be denied entrance. Now the utilities list is complete—water, sewer, power, and natural gas, all boons to expanding growth and progress of the community.

The low-rent housing has provided tip-top quarters for many citizens with low income, who, before, knew only very mean homes. Another 50 units are now being built and that will not satisfy the demand of qualified applicants.

The Cansler street improvement will provide another and badly needed avenue for ingress and egress from the city and the impending urban renewal project in the 147-acres bounded on the east by Cansler will remove much sub-standard housing that ought to be removed.

Officials of Homes of Care said Wednesday they hope to launch construction of a 85 to 100-bed nursing convalescent center by February 1. It is a much-needed facility. One medical doctor said over a year ago he had twenty patients who needed the services of such a facility. While other homes are available in other cities, there is much wear-and-tear on families to visit these patients, who cannot help but receive more attention from an establishment at home.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

My wife and I, too belatedly, paid call Christmas Eve on our across-the-street neighbors, the Troy Bennett family and had a most delightful evening.

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The Bennetts are on sabbatical from their third tour of duty as Baptist missionaries to East Pakistan.

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Troy asked if there were any Steve, 18, a freshman at Mars Hill, Debbie, 15, and Sandra, 12. The missionaries spend three years in the field are one on furlough. Troy has been in considerable demand for church services and just may be working as hard on leave as he was in East Pakistan.

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On their return this time, the Bennetts flew by jet, for a much shorter trip than on their first passage home by freighter.

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Tooy asked if there were any restrictions on what the Herald (or any other American newspaper) can print. I replied there is not except for the restrictions dictated by libel law and good taste. It's not that way in East Pakistan.

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Ever heard of a gerbil? It's a member of the rodent family, small like a hamster but with a furry coat. Anne Pauchak thrilled the Bennett girls by a Christmas present of two gerbils, male and female, complete with cage, and an instruction book on how to care for them. How to pick them up: by the tail, it says in the book.

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I got a kick from President Truman's quoted advice to Senator Edward M. Muskie. When the President told Muskie to tell the truth, Muskie, replied he does and would but added the truth might not come out in the plain-spoken manner Mr. Truman employs. The President grinned and then advised, "Be yourself."

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In Asheville on Christmas day, I called Senator-elect Lamar Gudger to congratulate him on his election success. He reported it as a Democratic sweep, and among the losers was Senator Ted Dent of Spruce Pine.

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It reminded of my meeting Dent three years ago when the '96 election had been a virtue Republican sweep. "How," I asked Dent, did Representatives Herschel Harkins and Gordon Greenwood get back to the 'House'? Ted laughed. "Because the Republicans didn't run anybody against them."

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Gudger is a lawyer who lived across the hall from me at Chapel Hill. He attended and his wife Jeanie graduated from my units school in Asheville. It's amazing how time flies. I hadn't seen the Gudgers since the wedding of the Jim Taylors in Shelby.

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Mayor John Henry Moss had a luncheon appointment in Gastonia Tuesday with Hugh Johnson, but he didn't make it. Driving through the snow down Gamble hill on US 74, the Mayor's car skidded off the road. There was no damage but the Mayor decided prudence dictated he forego the lunch and use the telephone.

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Post-Christmas mail arrival included a note from Linda Blanton Hamrick, the Rush Hamrick's new daughter-in-law, who is with the navy lieutenant based on Naples, Italy. The Hamrick's always unique, original Christmas greeting, pictured the members of the family as balls on a Christmas tree. The new Mrs. Hamrick was accorded top position.

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I asked my missionary neighbor how he happened to be assigned to East Pakistan. When he had finished schooling, he was asked by the mission board what field he preferred. He replied that he was un-schooled as to that decision and told the board to assign him where he thought he would suit better.

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Happy New Year!

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Viewpoints of Other Editors

NOW YOU REALLY CAN'T GET 'EM UP

So the Army has dropped reveille and other military traditions in hopes of making service life more attractive to today's generation of young men.

Those of us who served in the Old Army (sometimes remembered as "the brown shoe Army") can look upon this chucking of tradition with mixed feeling.

Yes, we've shivered in the cold of a winter's morning, fresh from the warm bed, clad only in slivies, shoes and a huge Army overcoat, muttering curses while some phonograph sounded a scratchy version of reveille.

Yes, we thought at the time that it was a ridiculous ceremony, uncivil, undignified, unbecoming to our self-identity, an imposition upon our comfort, a lousy way to start a new day, etc.

But we lived through it, and having lived through it we now take a kind of sentimental pride in having survived even that ordeal of Army life.

Yet we realize that today's young man probably wouldn't stand for it — not as volunteers at least. They like long hair (no GI cuts, please), beer with their meals (they should try Army coffee), rock music in Day Rooms (we thought Day Rooms were only for dusting on the night before inspection) and permission to wear mod clothes, rather than government issue after hours.

It's probably all for the good of the service, but the Army's problem is going to be where to draw the line.

—The Charlotte Observer

LONDON'S BELL CAPER

Consumerism finally caught up last week with the venerable Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London, or so it was made to appear.

A group of American demonstrators marched on the foundry to complain about a product defect. In 1752, Whitechapel had cast what later became Philadelphia's Liberty Bell. The bell rang out for independence in 1776 but finally cracked in the middle of a peal in 1835. The demonstrators were claiming, somewhat belatedly, that it had failed to meet accepted performance standards.

Whitechapel replied that the bell's warranty, if there ever was one, had expired. Out of postwar gratitude to America, the foundry had offered to recall and recast the bell in 1945 but Philadelphia had declined to tamper with such a hallowed symbol.

We would have to suspect that some droll English tourism promoter was behind the Whitechapel confrontation but these you can't be sure. With so many people talking to the streets to make ringing proclamations, it is getting harder and harder to distinguish the occasional faint peal of truth.

Wall Street Journal

METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Tuesday totaled \$164.05, with \$142.15 from on-street meters and \$21.90 from off-street meters.

STOCKPILES OF DOOM

Nuclear stockpiles possessed by the United States and Russia are sufficient to blast each person in the world with the equivalent of 15 tons of TNT, according to a global military survey published (recently).

Among the sensible recommendations listed by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, compilers of this survey, are suggestions for a freeze on nuclear weapons development, the only alternative being the kind of freezing horror the institute's estimate of destructive capacity arouses. The survey came out as the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks resumed in Helsinki; talk arguments for a SALT success are as eloquent as this description of the monstrous arsenals assembled by Washington and Moscow, in a manner as feverish as it has been furtive, for the "defense" of human beings who are mortally imperiled by every addition to the stockpiles of doom.

New York Post

SETBACK FOR HEADSTART

A much-praised and demonstrably successful federal program offering schooling, day care and medical services to pre-school children in the slums is once again under the budgetary axe—a condition so chronic that the program might almost be renamed "Project Beheadstart."

The latest notice from Washington is that New York State's Headstart funds are being cut back almost \$3 million, meaning that the city will lose nearly \$1.8 million in aid. The reductions are part of a general federal retrenchment in Headstart funding in which Washington proposes to slash all programs over \$350,000 by 13.5 percent.

City Headstart officials propose to fight and they are entitled to demand the united support of the New York Congressional delegation. An obvious line of inquiry, leading directly to the White House, is to ask how the Nixon Administration can talk on one hand about productive employment of women on welfare and propose on the other that a program offering day care for their children be sharply cut back.

There is plenty of time to take up the matter in the special fall session of Congress—and to deal with it justly before the next school semester begins.

New York Post

STUDIES PRODUCE STUDIES

Hardly a day goes by that an announcement isn't made by some government agency or fat foundation that a "study" of some kind is to be made. While "studying" is a constant need and while learning is a constant process, don't you sometimes wonder about the value of some of these studies.

At the present time there are just about as many studies under way as there are cows in Texas (and, undoubtedly, cows in Texas are the subjects of many studies, too), but isn't it a bit frustrating that we don't hear much about the studies after the studies are made? But the Knoxville News-Sentinel discovered that an expensive study had given birth to a report.

Public schools are "oppressive, grim and joyless," U. S. experts have concluded after a three-year, \$300,000 study. "This confirms," the newspaper said, "a previous study by second graders." Class in studies is dismissed. Jackson (Miss.) Clarion-Ledger

'COMELY AS JERUSALEM'

Of no other city have so wonderful words been spoken as those which the Psalmist addressed to Jerusalem: "Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King."

Although the following line, "God is known in her palaces for a refuge," indicates that David more than the material city in mind, it is true that, in sheer physical beauty, Jerusalem is hardly matched. It is thus heartening and reassuring to learn that very sharp criticism has arisen of Israeli plans which would reportedly turn Jerusalem into a modern urban complex.

Jerusalem belongs not only to the ages but to all men. Although religion is more than place, nonetheless it is only right and understandable that mankind feels a special affection for scenes which witnessed so much of humanity's spiritual and moral development. This in a very real sense, all whose lives have been deepened and enriched by the three great monotheistic religions (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam) which call Jerusalem "the Holy City," have an emotional interest in preserving its special aura and atmosphere. Those in whose hands great beauty has been placed or has fallen, have a particular obligation to preserve it.

The Christian Science Monitor

USING LONG HAIR

Becham, Inc. is in the market for hair and is paying \$200 a pound for it. The hair is needed to test hair grooming products the company makes.

A good long-haired male or female the company says, can collect about \$400 at a single clipping. That means, says the company, that "a youngster starting high school this year could grow himself a trip to Europe by the time he graduates."

That's offering the best of both worlds—being a hippie type but working within the system.

Milwaukee Journal

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