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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE
How much more abominable and filthy is man, who drinketh iniquity like water? Job 15:16.

Complementary

When the president of Alcan Aluminum Company, here for the opening of Alcan's Kings Mountain plant in December 1967, was asked the reason his company decided to locate in Kings Mountain, he replied that Kings Mountain was within a one hundred mile radius of a great host of trailer and mobile home builders. The number surprised those who heard him say it.

They were further surprised at his projections for the future for employment of mobile homes, including the rather non-mobile large homes of this type in the near and long-term future.

Bob DeRose, president of the firm bearing his name and soon to be another industrial citizen of Kings Mountain, provided more of the same in process of announcing formally Monday that his firm, 14th largest in the industry, will build its sixth plant here.

The location of DeRose Industries, Inc., in Kings Mountain shows industry complements itself and each other. DeRose can buy plywood siding from Evans Products Company and mobile home furniture from Kinder Manufacturing Company, immediate neighbors. DeRose will have to cross the railroad to pick up its exterior aluminum siding and roofing from Alcan Aluminum Company on Childers street.

President DeRose himself is a member of the National Mobile Home Builders Association board of directors and chairman of the association's land development committee. He provided some interesting information in this direction. The mobile home building industry is seeking legislation at state levels to provide basic regulations for trailer residential area development that, as Mr. DeRose put it, will make the so-called trailer park quite as desirable as any conventional residential development.

It is superfluous to add that the whole of Kings Mountain welcomes this new industry, which in addition to its projected employment and annual payroll, adds diversification to Kings Mountain's industrial complex.

It is also gratifying to get the report of the manager of Alcan, the new industrial citizen of three years ago. Asked if Alcan is happy with its Kings Mountain operation, Bob Kingery replied, "Oh, yes."

Bank Taxes

Many years ago, a friend proffered the advice that there are two persons in every community which one must get along with: his doctor and his banker. At the risk of stepping on his banker friends' toes, but in light of the confusion in the State's commission studying the matter, it must be said that there seems little reason why the banking community shouldn't be taxed rather much like other businesses.

Like Representative Clarence Leatherman, of Lincoln, the Herald is quick to confess to confusion and lack of knowledge.

But every other outfit pays taxes on personal property, such as computers and bookkeeping machines. Why not banks?

While 1970 reports are not yet out, it is also recalled that First Union National Bank's profits in 1969 were up 21 percent over 1968. North Carolina National Bank reported an increase of 27 percent.

Information is invited and will be appreciated.

Annual Sessions, Etc.

"Rauch To Introduce Annual Bill", the Shelby Daily Star headlined news story from Raleigh.

In light of the story content, the headline provided a tickle.

It concerned Senator Marshall Rauch's statement he had introduced for the third time a bill providing annual sessions of the North Carolina General Assembly.

Senator Rauch's third bill would provide for a 90-day limit on the annual sessions, whereas the historical biennial gatherings employed can go on, and on, and on until weariness dictates sine die adjournment.

As mentioned in the Herald before, there is a measure of logic in the Rauch effort (supported, incidentally in the House by Representative W. K. Mauney, Jr., of Kings Mountain). The principal merit is the fact of an ever-increasing state budget which is quite natural in a growing state — even more particularly one of the few, like North Carolina, where the state government supplies a great number of services. Cleveland counties and North Carolina neighbors throughout the state would be hard to convince that their local level tax bills (city, district, county) are now, for these dollars, like all tax dollars, come out of the jeans hard. But a sample of the local level tax bills in vast majority of other states would make us Tar Heels pop our eyeballs and fall over in severe faints. The state picks up the bulk of the bills for roads, schools, public welfare and other programs.

There is, however, another side to the coin. Biennial sessions cannot help but contribute to the fact that North Carolina, all tax bills considered, is by comparison a low tax state.

The Constitution of North Carolina requires a balanced budget. Thus, on a two-year basis, the governor, advisory budget commission, and legislators must be conservative in their income estimates.

As the Tar Heel economy has grown, it has become normal for the state to tote up a budget surplus.

Tain't bad.

Inept, Rather

County Commissioner Fritz Morehead takes it upon himself to apologize to the Kings Mountain board of education and Kings Mountain school district patrons for the "fire trap" label on Grover school as applied by Fire Marshal Delane Davis and County Building Inspector Warren Warlick to the county commission on Monday.

The commission members were "cold" — priorly uninformed and taking the report at face value.

Face value was bad wrong. Board member James E. Herndon, Jr., said Wednesday that the board of education was informed of deficiencies in October, asked for sufficient stay of judgment to implement the needed improvements, and was offered six months.

"Ninety days will be sufficient," the Kings Mountain board informed the fire marshal.

In fact, only 40 days were required to implement all but one of the recommendations, and the so-called "panic" doors are on order. For the uneducated, as this newspaper was, a "panic" door is equipped with an emergency bar which makes the door openable from the inside at any and all times.

These officials, Mr. Herndon and Superintendent Don Jones charge, were aware that the recommendations — requirements had been implemented, and that County Manager Melvin Holmes knew that fact, too. Yet Mr. Holmes sat mute.

Inept, timorous, skulduggeryous? Commissioner Morehead, when he learned of the facts, was angry. It is safe wager that the other four commissioners are angry, too.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

In September 1967, Joe Smith at Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association, spotted me at First Citizens Bank & Trust Company, wagged his finger and said, "Come on."

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It developed that a new industry prospect was here to look Kings Mountain over, the Mayor and his Industrial Committee Co-Chairmen Josh Hinnant and Ollie Harris were all out-of-town, and Joe had been pressed into service to show the visitors about for possible site locations. Joe said, "I've only been here nine months and I don't know why they called on me."

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The visitors were accompanied by Harold Love, former manager of Sears Roebuck in Shelby, but then as now on the Industry-seeking staff of the Department of Conservation and Development. We were informed that the visitors needed an approximate tract of ten acres, required a rail siding, and close access to Interstate 85.

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First port of call was at J. E. Herndon Company. The Herndon brothers were home, pointed to a ten-acre tract, told the visitors the tract was available and for how much. Then Jim Herndon said, "There's your adjacent rail siding. It won't cost you anything." Next stop was the property now occupied by KAO Camps. All the information was dutifully logged.

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"Now," I said to Harold, "let's take these fellows down to Archdale." But Harold declined.

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"Why not?" I asked. "You know the area and that's what they want. They can have the Southern Railway in their back door and be within two blocks of I-85." Harold replied, "No water." I remonstrated, "How much water do they want?" The reply was service water for 100 employees. "No water at all," I argued. "Dig a well." The joker: gotta have sprinklers, and standpipes and pumps cost money.

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They didn't look at Archdale and they didn't come here, either. It was a large mobile home builder home-based in Elkhart, Ind., which located at Harrisburg, on NC 49 north of Charlotte.

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Such is the way of industry location work. But considering the arrival here of Alcan Aluminum Company, Kinder Manufacturing Company, and Evans Products Company, all adjunctive to the mobile home-building industry, it was merely a question of time until a mobile home builder put two-and-two together, got four, and located here. Monday was the day it became official that DeRose Industries will locate here to build a projected 2000 units per year within 24 months.

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As a rather green Chamber of Commerce secretary, I got my first taste of industry hunting on the big army depot which we sought for Albemarle but which went to the late Clarence Kuester's Charlotte. The pattern is the same, though perhaps a bit more refined. Sites were investigated, assets, utilities, rail and highway facilities, etc.) listed. But even with the help of the late Representative Robert L. (Muley) Doughton chairman of the House Ways and Means committee, our efforts failed. Withal it was quite good experience.

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It is almost axiomatic in the industry-hunting fraternity that the industry "sure to come" goes somewhere else and the one on which "we don't have a chance" comes after all. Here Kinder is a case in point. The Kinder people liked the city, the area, the people. He was a little bit suspicious of neighboring South Carolina where it is legal to give a new industry ten year's free property taxes and which Kinder had been offered.

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And... real estate. I... Sam Suber. It was before Mr. Suber's retirement as cemetery superintendent and he was trying to get John to buy a plot. On the third turn-down, Sam charged John in typical Suber phrasing with being too tight to buy a plot. John replied, "Sam I may be tight about some matters, but this isn't one of them. I'm just plainly not interested in your kind of real estate."

Who Said Nobody Cares?



Viewpoints of Other Editors

THE SPIRIT IN MAN

"There is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." (Job 32:8)

The resilience of this spirit is illustrated once again in well-authenticated reports of a revival of religious influence in the Soviet Union. Significantly, the revival is said to be particularly marked among the younger generation.

In a recent dispatch to this newspaper, Soviet affairs expert Paul Wohl wrote a writer of religious underground literature in the Soviet Union as saying that young people, concerned with the meaning of life, have been stirred and quickened by religion as never before.

In this group, the breakthrough to religion, when it occurs, is of extraordinary intensity and power, the writer says.

Revival of religion among the young baffles and troubles the Kremlin, and religious repression is again in evidence. But the repression is more subtle than the harsh measures used by former Premier Nikita Khrushchev in the last years of his rule. It is directed, not against the once official church or established minority churches, but against believers who refuse to come to terms with the establishment and seek spiritual freedom in underground worship.

These conclusions are also borne out in a study made by a London-based research organization, known as the "Minority Rights Group." The study, which reviews the state of religion in the Soviet Union over the past decades, reports: "The churches are, despite all obstacles, being regenerated in many ways."

It notes that Soviet authorities have often had to call off direct repressive action, not because of any basic policy change, but because harsh methods were found to be counterproductive.

The study group states that one reason for religious revival is that Soviet citizens now are more aware of the contradiction between the guarantee of freedom of worship contained in Soviet law and the denial of it in practice by the atheistic Communist regime.

"It is unquestionable that Soviet people are becoming more aware of the rights they possess, which may mean there will be less illegal discrimination against believers in housing and at work in the future," the report says.

Indeed, the spirit in man and his intuitive faith in a supreme power controlling the universe are again proving to be unquenchable. Not even the harshest dictatorship can daunt this spirit or keep it forever suppressed.

Christian Science Monitor

LUNCH-HOUR DOLDRUMS

With all the thinking going on the issues of urban reform — highways versus neighborhood integrity, bringing jobs back into the city, keeping green spaces, providing child-care centers and basketball courts, of police protection and firemen's salaries — we wonder why a little more thought isn't given the basic need for better eating places.

Lunch hour in the heart of Boston, as in other cities, offers little respite. Most of the handy eating places are crowded, and the fare not only usually overpriced, but so dull! Routine, uninspired, mostly thrown together out

PERISH THE THOUGHT

Oh to be in England, now that a famous French designer has attacked traditional male attire there. And if Yves Saint-Laurent can raise havoc with women's hemlines, imagine the devastation in store for the complete British gentleman.

And devastation it is, enough to rock the clubs in London to their very conservative core. For nothing is sacred with Monsieur Saint-Laurent. The bowler has got to go, he decreed as he opened his new store. The pin-striped trousers, the unobtrusive-looking briefcase — they've had it, too. Oh to get a chance to listen to the tuning going on.

And rather than be stuffy about it, let's admit that American men might react similarly, too. For the Paris clothes revolutionaries would have all their important documents in a shoulder bag. And the "adult" male would wear fancy knickered, sun-flower embroidered vests and a maxi coat made of brown Chinese lamb fur.

Well, some of the mod types most likely will accept the new fashions. And, actually, they aren't quite so daring as they would have seemed a decade ago before the dress-liberation movement began. But to banish the bowler, that magnificent symbol of what a British gentleman ought to be? Perish the thought!

Hartford Courant

IN MEMORIAM

Christian sympathy is extended to the W. K. Mauney family. In the death of Mr. Mauney. Even though Mr. Mauney was not an active member of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at the time of his death we could not let this issue of Kiwanis go to press without being reminded that he was instrumental in the organization and advancement of our club. Mr. Mauney was one of the charter members of the club when it was chartered March 7, 1940. He was one of the original directors and served as president of the club in 1943.

His Christian example and leadership ability led in the progress of Kings Mountain in its civic, industrial and religious growth.

We as Kiwanians and citizens of Kings Mountain are indeed indebted to W. K. Mauney, Sr. for the example he lived.

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BERLIN TIES

In the Moscow and Warsaw treaties, the (West German) federal government recognized the realities which have been created in the East. Now it is up to Moscow and East Berlin to accept contractually the realities existing in West Berlin.

This means to gesture from the effort still being made to swallow up West Berlin through the concept of its being "an independent political entity." West Berlin lives from its ties with the Federal Republic.

The sooner this is accepted contractually by the East, the less necessity there will be for the Federal Republic to foster the federal presence in West Berlin more visibly than, say, in Hamburg or Munich. The Stuttgart (W. Germany) Nachrichten

A MATTER OF NAMES

British eccentricities and whimsicalities often surface in the letter columns of The Times of London, and we delight in them.

Take, for instance, the pastime of John W. Leaver, of Roislip, Middlesex. He keeps a tally of all the names given children whose birth or adoption is announced in The Times. And soon after the first of the year he sends in his yearly score sheet in a letter to the editor.

The 1970 tally, published last week, shows that for the seventh successive year James was the most frequently chosen boys' name, while Jane headed the girls' list for the 14th consecutive year. After a year's absence Nicholas not only returned to the "top ten" for boys' names but won second place, while Louise moved up from sixth position to finish second for the girls.

According to Mr. Leaver's list, the British still prefer the familiar names that have been favorites for centuries and the influence of the Royal family continues strong. But he cautions notes that "the overall figures for 1970 seem to indicate that a wider field of Christian names is being explored by those responsible for naming children."

Who knows what fanciful names we might see breaking in to his "top ten" in the years ahead.

Christian Science Monitor

NOT SO BAD

One often gets an exaggerated notion of how trends are going. And sometimes polls can provide a timely corrective.

One overdrawn belief is that the general descent into unpopularity, insofar as churchgoing is any yardstick, is perceptible — and fastest in "Christian" America.

But a Gallup survey published over the holidays showed otherwise. While weekly churchgoing adults in the United States have indeed declined from a high of 49 percent of the population in 1956, to 42 percent a year ago, the proportion has held at that level. And among countries polled by Gallup, only Canada ranked

ed higher in church attendance at 44 percent. Weekly church attendance in the Netherlands stood at 36 percent, Greece is percent, Australia 25 percent, Britain 20 percent, and Uruguay 18 percent.

Of course, churchgoing in itself is no full measure of a people's spiritual and moral thrust. But it often does show the direction their thought is inclined.

In this vein, the Gallup poll may help correct another common misbelief — that education, especially higher education, corrupts. College-educated Americans bothered their lesser school-ed counterparts 40 percent to 41 in churchgoing last year.

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KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log

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 3 to 4 pm. and 7 to 8 pm.

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- Mr. Banks Barber
- Ben A. Bismarck
- Bernard W. Bobbitt
- Jessie D. Babin
- Wm. Mack Clark
- Mary C. Clonney (Mrs.)
- Mrs. Joyce Agnes Cole
- Mrs. Verge M. Dale
- J. R. Davis
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- Lawrence G. Gub
- Mrs. Albert W. Hagarty
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- Campbell L. Lamb
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- Miss Jane Lisa Howard
- Edwin D. Dixon

ADMITTED THURSDAY

- Mrs. Clarence W. Crigg
- Mrs. Lewis G. Carroll
- Mrs. Isabelle C. Angus
- Mrs. Jessa A. Grant

ADMITTED FRIDAY

- Frank E. Heath
- Mrs. Pauline L. Green

ADMITTED SATURDAY

- Miss Mary Anne Taylor
- Miss Sharon Lee Harris
- Mrs. Fletcher Walden
- Mrs. Vincent T. Honor

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- Mrs. Balis E. Ervin
- Horace C. Allan
- Mrs. Lonnie W. Williams
- Levon C. Hurdman
- Mrs. Bessie S. Davis
- Mrs. Garland E. Stanton
- Mrs. Virginia S. Johnston
- Mrs. Lewis V. Smith
- Miss Bobbie C. Bridges
- William S. Green
- Mrs. Gene S. Smith
- Mrs. Edgar J. Gorman

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- Mrs. J. C. Nichols
- Mrs. Sunnie S. Green
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- Mrs. Ethel H. Hambricht
- Mrs. John R. Thompson
- Mrs. Benjamin S. Giddert
- Burman C. Bryant
- Perry S. Russell
- Walter H. Whitney
- Mrs. Molly F. Davis
- Rev. Charles W. Stealey
- Mrs. R. A. Tolley

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