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**TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE**

Look on every one that is proud, and bring him low; and tread down the wicked in their place.  
 Job 40:12.

**Anti-Secrecy**

Representative Carl Stewart, of Gaston, expects to seek passage of an anti-secrecy bill.

These bills have been attempted before, with noble intent. Some didn't get out of committee, and those that were recognizable, except for name of the introducer, as they had been well emasculated.

Another representative has already introduced an anti-secrecy bill, apparently designed to head off and/or gut, the bill planned by Mr. Stewart.

The so-called Secrecy Act passed in 1953 was at this principal instance of then-Representative B. T. (Buzz) Falls, of Cleveland. Now Superior Court Judge Falls was voted by the press corps assigned to the General Assembly beat the "worse" legislator of the 170 members. The vote movement was led by a star reporter of the Raleigh News & Observer. What the rift was is not remembered and of no particular moment. Mr. Falls, handsomely supported by his legislative conferees, retaliated in kind and the Secrecy Act became fact.

(Mr. Falls, of Cleveland, as this newspaper said at the time, was certainly NOT the worse legislator of the session and likely one of its more effective members.)

The press took up the cudgel in the next session with vim and vigor and on face the legislators won hands down, in 1955 as well as in 1953.

But maybe not.

As the late, great Ernest B. Hunter, managing editor of the Charlotte Observer, commented after the 1955 failure to repeal the Secrecy Act, "It makes no difference what the statute says. Any reporter worth his salt is gonna get the story anyhow."

Mr. Stewart is a sincere young legislator in his third term and has our well wishes, if also our doubts.

**Small Seed, Big Fruit**

Kings Mountain Business Development, Inc., formed to get more jobs for Kings Mountain area citizens, went into business in 1958 with the unpretentious stock subscription of \$22,800, which today will build only a quite modest residence.

Today, 13 years later, the 60-odd shareholders can point with pride to the results of their investment. The firm has had a hand, using a variety of arrangements, in bringing to Kings Mountain no less than five industries.

The first was Waco Sportswear, for which Kings Mountain Business Development built a building on a lease-purchase arrangement.

The fact of Waco's presence spawned what is now Duplex-International, a subsidiary of Reeves Brothers. There was no financial involvement in obtaining this new citizen, except for footwork on the part of the business development firm's officers in site location and utility arrangements.

Next the firm had a major hand in the location here of K. Mills, now beginning its third expansion. Next came Carpet Industries. Next came Concept Furniture.

The success formula: a little bit of money, a lot of imagination and hard work.

The little seed brought the big apple.

The death of Mrs. Ruth Plonk Ormand came as a shock to her kin and friends, even morose as her condition was apparently improved considerably immediately before her passing. A Kings Mountain native, Mrs. Ormand started teaching in the good old \$30 per month days. She was a quite effective one, giving long an valiant service. Her kind-

**MARTIN'S MEDICINE**

By MARTIN HARMON

Visiting at Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association a few weeks ago, I inquired of Mrs. Ruby Hughes Baker if she had any difficulty in getting acclimated to larger quarters. I recalled my experience after leaving the cramped and crowded former Herald building, where, if what I was seeking was there it was under my fingertips. It was a year before I became accustomed to finding something in expanded quarters.

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Ruby said she had become acclimated fairly quickly.

Indeed, she added, she had found only one mistake in the planning. The tellers' counters had proved to high for shorter folk and smaller fry. "They can't see over the counter," was Ruby's complaint.

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That problem has now been remedied.

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Whether the architects, Ruby, or someone else in the organization had seen the play I didn't inquire. I refer to the play, "Up the Down Staircase." Kings Mountain Savings & Loan has now installed, literally, an up-the-down staircase. It's three steps up to the landing and three steps down to the main floor, the stair-step installation neatly designed and appointed with soft carpeting.

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The association, Ruby says, does a goodly bit of business with children. Papa and Mama send their off-spring to make house payments and to deposit in savings accounts. And, perhaps better still, a large number of children have savings accounts of their own.

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Bidding business is seldom a laughing matter at City Hall or in other situations elsewhere. Just about everyone involved is in pins and needles: the bidder prays the low bid will fit his budget and the architect, engineer, or bid specification arranger, the bidders are in similar circumstance, too. Some want the award very badly and—yes, this happens—some don't and are posting so-called courtesy bids. The "don't want" group fear that bid too low, the "do want" fear they bid too high.

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Mayor John Henry Moss, as is required by law in such situations, was reading the bids Tuesday night on a backhoe machine the city needs. One bidder, in process of detailing dashboard details of his machine, such as indicators of various types, included an interesting detail: his machine's dash boasts a cigar lighter. This brought a quick smile to the face of Commissioner Tommy Ellison, an inveterate cigar smoker. The commission meets Monday night to designate the successful bidder. Tommy is likely to be disappointed. The cigar lighter man is not the apparent low bidder by \$395.

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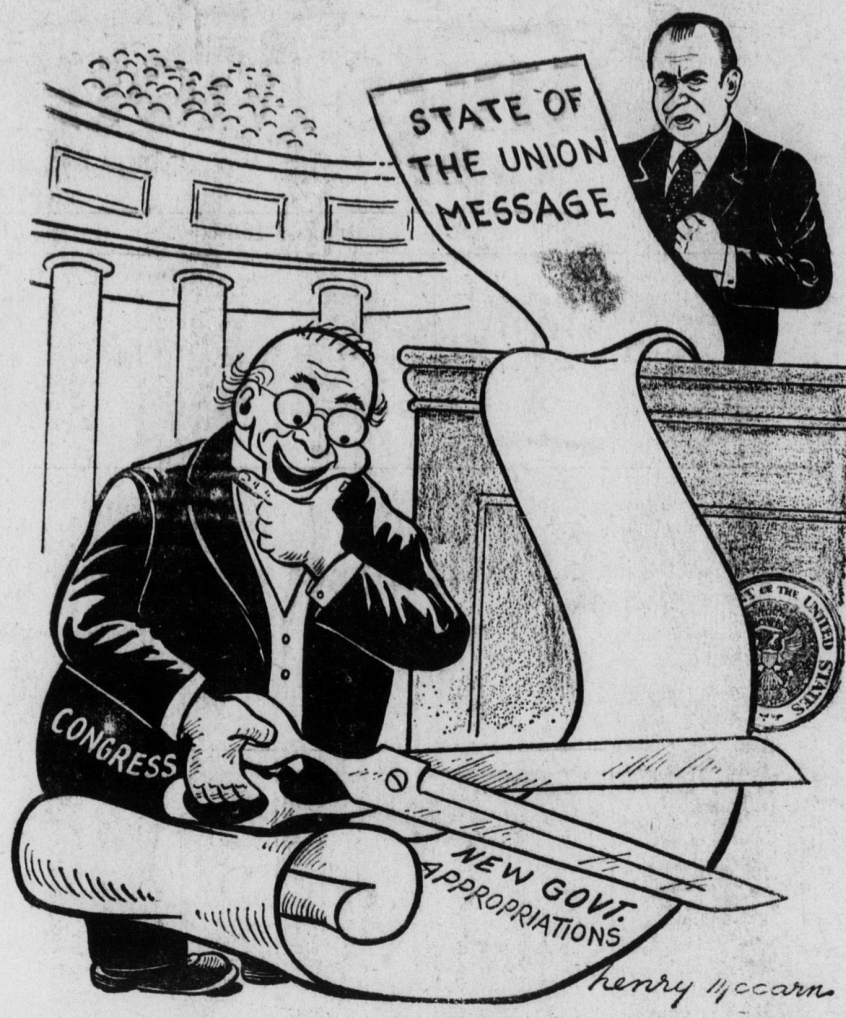
Hubert (Able) McGinnis, as a local merchant should, believes in the old doctrine of "trade at home". In Charlotte's Presbyterian hospital for tests on physical troubles, Able learned from his doctor that his gall bladder had outlived its usefulness, and was now the detriment. Indeed, the doctor suggested he get Able a room and transfer him for an immediate operation. No, said Able, he'd have the operation in Kings Mountain. Monday George Plonk wielded the knife and Able's gall bladder is no more. "Well," Able had remarked, "We give money to build ourselves a hospital. Why not use it?"

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Lunching at Dixie Village Cafeteria a few weeks back, Mayor John Moss and I greeted nearby table occupants Judge P. C. Fronberger, recently retired, Hamp Childs, the newly sworn solicitor, and Judge Lucy Thornburg, of Sylva, whom I had not met. I learned a bit. Judge Thornburg is not a native mountaineer, but is originally from nearby Huntersville. But Malcolm Brown, the Shelby schools superintendent, is a native of Sylva, not from Eastern North Carolina, as I had thought. Judge Thornburg's barber is Joe Hedden's father. And those sapphire lakes in Jackson county have been polluted threatened, too, he added.

Lincolnton's water problems. Judge Fronberger was reminiscing about the old tin mine on the west side of today's Southern Railway depot here, said his mother was a Carroll from Kings Mountain. That makes Judge Fronberger kin to a lot of Kings Mountain folk. My neighbor, Fireman C. D. (Red) Ware, for instance, and the Judge are first cousins.

**NOW, Let Me See**



**Viewpoints of Other Editors**

**QUESTION TV PRIMACY**

While we would want to see more, not fewer television chats with the President like Monday nights, we must register reservations about them.

That is, we believe considerable good is achieved by the hour-long sessions, which the President now appears to want scheduled at six-month intervals. Policies to a degree are clarified. And Americans get to appraise their country's leader in conversation, off-the-dais.

Yet there are serious problems with such interviews. They are held so definitely on the President's home grounds that the interviewer, like guests who know their place, must be careful not to track the mud of disagreement into the house.

But even more troubling is that the interviews are part of an overall communications strategy that places undue reliance on television. We object, not because we are word and still-photo men, but because television can only do part of the job. TV can be granted advantages in immediacy of coverage, nuances of inflection. But the medium also imposes a kind of compression, a tendency to simplify, which must be guarded against.

Not all subjects touched on Monday evening are as simple as they were made out to be. For instance, President Nixon was asked how far he would go to integrate housing. He repeated his "neutralist" stand, that he would go no further than the law said he must. The matter was let drop there. And yet there should have been follow-up questions: How had that same day's decision in a U. S. Court of Appeals — requiring the government to deny federal slum housing aid to projects that might intensify the concentration of blacks — affect his planning? Is he comfortable writing off black voter support with his "neutralist" housing and school integration policies?

It is not a criticism of the four network interviewers to say that they were not up to the job of ferreting out details and checking out contradictions. The smorgasbord interview format dictates a topical, generalized treatment. Not to encourage contentions — but should not the President have faced four newsmen more expert in the fields of economics, foreign affairs, and social programs rather than four generalist, albeit able newsmen?

Perhaps it is time to balance off television. Instead of putting TV reporters front and center at residential news conferences, perhaps they should take their places with the rest of the press. After all, they too are essentially word men. And if Washington, beginning from the top down with the President, forgot for the moment where the cameras were pointing, perhaps critical issues could be dealt with at the length.

Christian Science Monitor

**DECOR, CHESS, BOOKS**

It says in the newspaper that buying chess pieces not to play but as interior decoration is something of a craze among trendy young British couples.

"People want to show the sets off to their friends," says a chess dealer in London. "Or they want to fill an empty spot in their

**CURBING CAR COMPETITION**

Nearly everyone is aware that those stickers on new-car windows aren't always the last word on prices. They serve as a starting point, and the buyer usually winds up paying less.

If the Federal Trade Commission gets its way, however, the situation will change. A proposed regulation would stipulate that the sticker price should not be more than 3 percent higher than the lowest prices at which substantial sales are made.

This would, of course, set up a bureaucratic nightmare, with constant refiguring of prices (how much is "substantial"?), with FTC agents or someone policing the thousands of auto showrooms. The objections, though, go deeper than that.

Whatever the sticker prices may mean to buyers, they mean a good deal to auto makers and dealers. The suggested retail prices are not arbitrary; they are set to provide the dealer with a reasonable mark-up on the cars he sells.

In negotiating with a customer, each dealer decides for himself how much of that markup he will give away. His decision depends on his own competitive situation, the efficiency of his operation and other factors.

Auto retailing is, to say the least, highly competitive. If the industry is forced to start setting prices within 3 percent of the lowest possible level, the obvious next step would be a precise fixing of prices.

Somehow, it doesn't seem to us that the public interest would be served by the FTC scheme to curb car competition.

Wall Street Journal

**CLEAR DISTINCTION**

We deeply hope the trouble provoked by the Jewish Defense League in the United States does not take the nasty turn implied in the Soviet warning — that the Soviets could no longer guarantee the safety of Americans stationed in Moscow, and may subject them to selected retaliatory acts.

Granted the militant group, disavowed by mainstream American Jewry, has acted callously and foolishly and, if allegations are correct, criminally. They have harassed noted Soviet artists performing in America, and are thought to be behind assaults on Soviet airline, tourist, UN mission, and press agency offices in New York and Washington. Over the holidays, demonstrations were staged at Soviet missions to protest the Lenin trial of nine Jews.

The United States quite correctly has refused to accept the Soviet Union's warning. It will continue to hold the Soviet Union responsible for the safety of Americans in Moscow. The U.S. is acting to prosecute any Jewish militants who break the law.

We are confident the world sees the distinction between law-breaking by private groups in a democracy and calculated bullying encouraged by a totalitarian government.

Christian Science Monitor

**A THIMBLEFUL OF MOON**

For the time being at least, the agreement to exchange moon samples reached by the United States and the Soviet Union in Moscow last week concerns only about two-tenths of an ounce of lunar rock.

This might look like a very small achievement. But the implications of the agreement and the promise it holds for the future far outweigh the mere exchange of a thimbleful of moon substance.

The most encouraging thing is that the Americans and the Russians are talking about cooperating in space research and exploration. Before the vastness of the possibilities and the immensities of the costs, we are convinced that in the long run the nations of this planet will have to work together in the massive enterprise of exploring the unknown paths of space.

To achieve that cooperation will be a step by step, long-term process. But at least the two superpowers have made a start.

The new agreement is a sequel to one reached last October, when it was decided to hold talks on ways of making Soviet and American manned spacecraft and space stations compatible for rendezvous and docking.

At the latest talks in Moscow, the two nations also agreed to set up working groups to synchronize research in various fields.

The United States has for years advocated cooperation with the Russians in space. The current Soviet willingness to talk indicates a policy change on the Kremlin's part (dating from sometime last year).

A beginning has been made. It is in the interests of the whole world that the two superpowers continue to work together wherever they can in the great adventure of space exploration.

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**KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log**

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