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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

What will ye shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love, and in the spirit of meekness?
1 Corinthians 4:21

One-Body Assembly?

Lieutenant-Governor H. Pat Taylor, Jr., noting the report of a study group which rated North Carolina's General Assembly 47th among the state's 50, had some comments for what he considers might be improvements.

The Herald commented in these columns last week on what it regards as a "college boy" report that ignored the performance of the state for the theoretical yardstick that has hardly made California, New York and Illinois, the three top-rated, paragons of fiscal performance.

The Lieutenant-Governor aspires for the Governor's mantle and, also as ex officio speaker of the Senate, it was apropos that he should comment upon the report.

One of his intriguing suggestions was that North Carolina might well consider a unicameral (one body) legislature, rather than the bi-cameral system employed by the other 49 states, which system, of course, is modeled after that of the United States.

Nebraska, except in football and basketball season, is not as much in the news as the big fellows, but presumably the citizens of the flatland wheat country are doing all right with their one unit legislature.

If speed of operation is desired, it is conceivable the one-unit body could legislate more quickly than a two-unit body. There would be no situations where a bill passed one branch, then failed in the other. And there would be no necessity for conference committees to iron out and compromise differences between non-identical bills favored in each branch.

But the Herald must part company on Mr. Taylor's suggestion that 60 to 70 members would be all that would be needed, and that then the state could have full-time, fully paid legislators.

The great state of North Carolina, as Governor Clyde Hoey often intoned in his mellifluous voice, included the shores of Manteo and the mountains of Murphy and the rolling Piedmont in between. That's a bit of real estate and, most assuredly, the more than five million souls in North Carolina would not like to pare the number of their elected legislators whom they like to see frequently — to talk about legislation, or the weather, or how the fish are biting.

Mr. Taylor's suggestion also reminds of then-Governor Terry Sanford's reply to a question about his thinking on two terms for North Carolina chief executives. It was on the eve of Governor Sanford's departure from office. He replied, "I have not yet come to the thinking that North Carolina needs professional governors. I might favor one six-year term."

Again, the great State of North Carolina has managed very well with non-professional legislators.

Birthday Changes

It just ain't going to seem right to be celebrating George Washington's birthday on February 15, particularly in a year when the calendar, if left to its own devices, would have given the long weekenders what they wanted and left old George born as history records on February 22.

The Congress bowed to pressure of various groups, some unions, resort interests, and others, decreed long weekend holidays for most celebrated historical events, though declining to tamper with New Year's Day, Independence Day and Christmas.

Yet long weekends in the offing find the newspapers and television sets filled with dire predictions of auto mayhem, which are more often than not fulfilled.

Does the contrived long weekend really make sense?

The Younger folk know nothing of it, but there was a fellow called Franklin Delano Roosevelt who did a little tampering with a holiday called Thanksgiving.

Resume Good System

There is a movement underway, which appears to have some chance of success, to resume the district system in choosing members of the county commission.

Districts, or wards, would be carved which would control the geography of the candidates, but everybody would vote for everybody, a la the system in Kings Mountain. This would meet the test of the one-man-one-vote Supreme Court ruling, but would assure each section of the county a representative on the county's ruling body.

There has also been suggestion, in some quarters, that the county commission membership be expanded from five members to seven.

That's quite acceptable, too. It would assure the commission more grass roots contact with its constituents.

Districts, whether five or six or seven, should be carved to achieve numerical balance insofar as possible.

Still others have suggested that the commission be expanded to six representatives, with the chairman elected county-wide.

Whatever the result, resumption of the district system to assure broad geographical representation on the commission should result in better county government, which suffers, perhaps most often, from a communications gap between the commission members and the 70-plus thousand constituents.

Women's Liberation

Whatta they mean liberation, cynics ask, when the women's liberation movement is discussed?

A review of history, ancient and modern, will reveal that women, or at least some of them, have long been liberated.

Queen Nefertiti of ancient Egypt and Cleopatra of the same locale; Delilah, who un-liberated Samson; Catherine the Great, Queen Elizabeth, and Queen Victoria, liberated all — and today's women chiefs of state, Golda Meir of Israel, Indira Nehru of India, and Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain.

The United States has yet to have a lady chief of state, but Senator Margaret Chase Smith is a veteran from Maine, and Carrie Annan, women's suffrage yet in the far distant future, was not much mal-treated in spite of leading bands of irate women armed with axes into the grog shops they hated for huck-ups of this enemy property. And the American Wallis Warfield Simpson was liberated enough to get an English king to turn his back on the throne.

Not many folk hereabouts know Deena Clark, who has operated for ten years in a largely men's world, as producer and interviewer of a television talk-with-the-famous program. Landt Dennis, who interviewed Mrs. Clark for the Christian Science Monitor reports: "Aware at the moment that women's liberation has brought increased attention to her success in a profession mostly of men, Mrs. Clark expresses surprise. 'Personally, I've never been discriminated against as a woman,' she said. 'Work hard and anyone can get ahead. I feel it's a quality I've found an employer able to resist.'"

Amen.

Congratulations to Edgar D. Wilson, Sr., honored by the Piedmont Boy Scout Council with the Silver Beaver award, highest award attainable by adults in the Boy Scout movement.

Congratulations to Glenn Grigg, Jr., who recently was licensed for practice of engineering by the State of North Carolina.

Monday midnight deadline: displaying the 1971 auto tag.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

After Tuesday night's city commission meeting, Mayor John Henry Moss and members of the press, these being Joe DePriest of the Shelby Daily Star, Jay Hampton of the Gastonia Gazette and me, were filling in a few city details and the conversation turned to ecology which, with pollution, has become a cause celebre throughout the nation.

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The pair, if not twins, are rather closely related. Ecology implies preservation of natural resources and landscapes in their natural state, while many of these: natural — wildlife, beaches, mountains, and forests — are threatened by pollution of several and sundry kind.

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Oil spillage kills fish and birds and makes beaches and swimming grounds unusable and uninhabitable. Lumbermen slay forests and hunting grounds. Miners level mountains. Foul gases foul parks and playgrounds.

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For instance, the Mayor has a 1931 map of the Kings Mountain quadrangle of the Lincoln-Gaffney mineral belt. Certainly in one item it is out-of-date. Henry's Knob is no longer a knob, having been recapitated for kyanite.

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Fact that a mining company has leased Crowder's Mountain has excited the ecologists of neighboring Gaston and some here, too, who deplore the prospect of decapitation of old Crowder's.

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The Mayor then noted to Joe and Jay that the city as long as three years ago and well ahead of the crash save-our-environment movement had projected possibility of a state park, embracing the Kings Mountain pinnacle of the several-mile ridge and designed to adjoin the popular South Carolina State Park which, in turn, adjoins the 4200-acre Kings Mountain Military Park.

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I found I could brag a little.

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To my question, Joe DePriest assured me he had climbed Kings Mountain to its full 1705-foot height. Did he go the long way up, I asked, or did he take the short cut up the sheer cliff? Only the long way, he replied.

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"I did it up the cliff," I bragged.

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For the sake of honesty, I had to confess that I had mainly latched that cliff only one time, my companions being Lynwood Parton and Billy Caveny when I was Boy Scout age — and that I was quite scared. "Frankly," I admitted, "I'm no spelot. I don't have to scale the mountain just because it's there."

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The Mayor discussed his ideas with the officials of the parks division of the state Department of Conservation and Development and they came here for a look. Meantime, the city engineers drew a rough sketch of a potential park area, with a small over-all area and limited utilization of in-between lands for camping and horseback riding.

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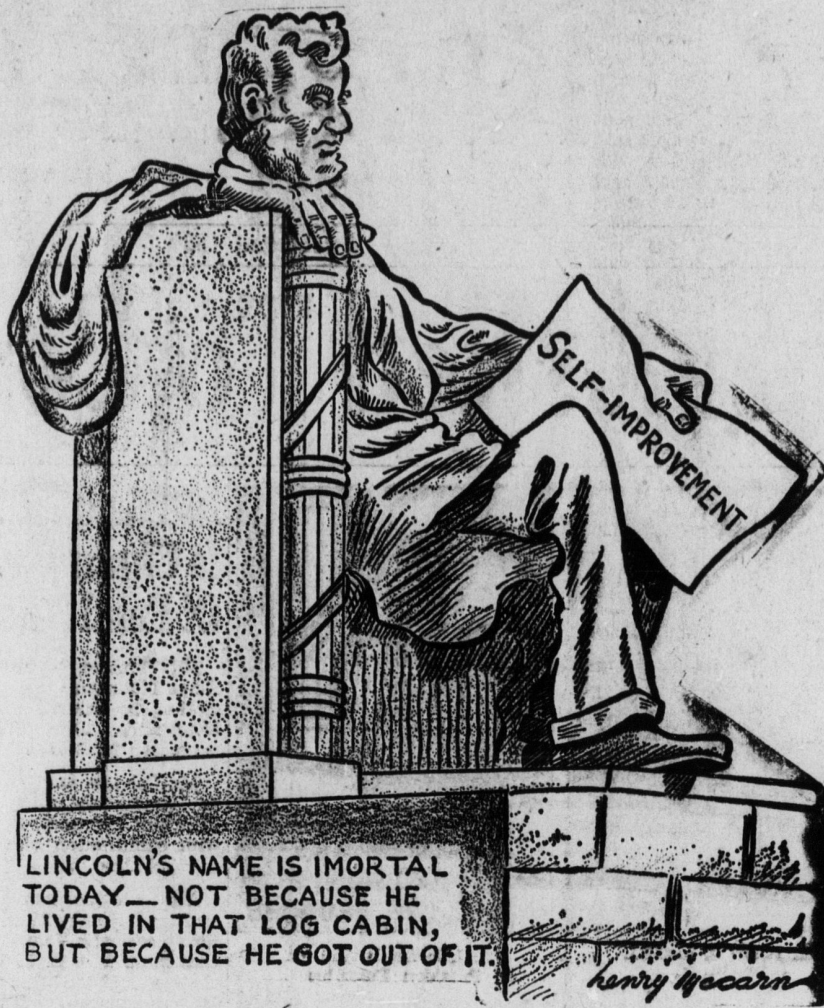
I was reared under the impression that the mountain was owned by my late uncle, John O. Plonk, Sr. However, a few years ago, after my uncle's passing, older kinsmen said the pinnacle was a three-way owned property, also including Uncle John's father, William Lafayette Plonk, and uncle M. L. Plonk. No heirs had any records in file. Only recently Hal S. Plonk found the recorded "paper" — not in the Gaston register of deeds office where it should have been filed, but in Cleveland county courthouse. The record showed the 165-acre pinnacle was indeed then three-man owned. It means my Mother owns one-hirtieth of the Kings Mountain pinnacle. I am also reminded that Mary Foust Plonk Weaver, now of Greensboro, can likely lay claim to being the first ecologist of the present century. Some years ago she was for a

to explore the possibilities of extracting Kings Mountain kyanite and iron ore, she quickly imparted the word she'd sign no such agreement, Kings Mountain would remain as is.

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Her father, Uncle John, had some ecological ideas of his own. He envisioned a road up the peak which would create of Kings Mountain pinnacle a scenic tourist attraction.

Mr. Lincoln's Achievement



Viewpoints of Other Editors

THE BATTLE OF STEWKLEY CHURCH

The very names call up English rural scenes—Cublington, Stewkley, Aston Abbots, Soulsbury. It is in the midst of these villages in Buckinghamshire that a British Government commission proposes to build an airport four times bigger than the existing London airport. The English are fighting back as they would against any dread invader.

The survival of the quiet countryside is one of the miracles of England. Although one of the most densely populated nations in the world, it has managed to concentrate its industrial areas and to keep much of Blake's "green and pleasant" land free from urban sprawl. It is still possible to take the train south from London to Brighton on the sea, an hour's journey, and pass through many stretches of rolling open country. Or to drive for an hour northwest of London and find oneself in Buckinghamshire, where sheep now graze and where churches can be found that were ancient in Shakespeare's time.

Such a church, St. Michael and All Angels in Stewkley, has become the symbol of the opposition to the proposed airport. An uncommon example of pure Norman architecture dating to the twelfth century, it lies adjacent one of the planned runways. It cannot be moved elsewhere because its thick walls of limestone rubble would crumble. It has to be either preserved or destroyed.

Sir Arthur Bryant, a doughty defender of the traditional, thundered in a letter to The Times of London: "The entire local community, comprising every class and calling, is up in arms at the complete disregard of their democratic rights by powerfully vested commercial and technological interests who are demanding that the state should compulsorily deprive them of the most precious of all a free man's rights. This is something which, if not resisted, threatens every Englishman's future freedom."

No satisfactory alternative exists. There is a grandiose plan to build an airport, an artificial seaport and an industrial complex out of man-made islands centering around Foulness. But this would incur environmental damage of a different kind, destroying the habitat of many seabirds and shorebirds and ruining the beauty and peace of the Essex coast and the seaward approaches to the Thames estuary. It may be that the only good answer is no airport. The English have the toughness and self-confidence to give this rare reply to the pressures of technology and material development. As the English search for a solution, Americans will look on with absorbed interest. The battle for Stewkley Church is fought for modern man everywhere.

New York Times

A PROPER ROLE FOR GOVERNMENT

The Federal Government slowly seems to be grasping one of its proper roles in prices: To assure the freest possible markets.

Its chief response to Bethlehem Steel Corp.'s announcement of large price increases was to suggest that perhaps the Government shouldn't continue working for limits on imports of steel. Competition from foreign steel obviously helps to keep domestic prices down.

Wall Street Journal

A MATTER OF CONSCIENCE

Scanlon's Monthly magazine ran into trouble getting out a fall issue. Printing companies refused to print it because, in a section on guerrilla warfare, instructions on bombmaking were included. A printer in Canada eventually was found. But then came a series of hurdles thrown up by binders, customs officials, and magazine distributors.

Now what troubles us is not that a string of individuals balked at lending their machines or skills to the publishing of bomb instructions. To the contrary. This strikes us as good sense.

What troubles us are such reactions as this: "What is involved in the Scanlon's case is censorship not on moral but on political grounds. . . . Denial of access to technology is a most insidious kind of censorship." It appeared in an editorial in Publisher's Weekly.

It isn't enough to say that such a charge is ridiculous. Though it is. To label the Scanlon incident a case of "political repression" suggests a distorted sense of values which, if reflected more widely in society, could be dangerous. The incredible lengths to which such thinking can lead can be seen in the proposed printing of "The Anarchist Cookbook" — described by its publisher as a how-to book for such despicable and criminal skills as garroting, sabotage, and drug-making.

The Publisher's Weekly editorial said: "A printing company is in a very real sense, a utility in the field of communications, not unlike a telephone company." Nonsense. From a legalistic point of view, some printers or publishers might want to think this. They would like to be relieved of responsibility for what they put out.

But no instrument of public life exists outside the constraints of moral law, regardless of its exemptions under human law.

If a single life were lost, or a single youth maimed in following the Scanlon's or "Cookbook" instructions, would that not have weighed on the heart of anyone who put a hand to printing it? And are not constraints on television, itself "a utility in the field of communications," already rightly made? Surely if a station were to broadcast instructions on bomb-making, retribution would be swift.

Refusal to become party to what one thinks is wrongdoing is increasingly protected by our social structure. This is right and important.

Christian Science Monitor

METHODIST TOPIC

"Looking Underneath the Covering" will be the sermon topic of Rev. N. C. Bush at 11 o'clock morning worship services Sunday at Grace Methodist church.

also announced a price boost, but its increase was much smaller than Bethlehem's. So now Bethlehem and the rest of the major companies have decided to go along with the U. S. Steel figures.

The Administration naturally is pleased that the increases aren't as large as they at first seemed likely to be. But if the Government is really concerned about price stability, in steel or anywhere else, it should hold on to what it is beginning to learn of free markets.

Wall Street Journal

KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log

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3 to 4 P.M. and 7 to 8 P.M.

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LOGGE MEETING

Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM will hold an emergent communication Monday night at 7:30 p.m. at Masonic Hall for work in the first degree. Past Master H. Donald Falls will conduct the degree work and light refreshments will be served after the meeting, announces Secretary T. D. Tindall.

WMU FOCUS WEEK

Women's Missionary Society is sponsoring WMU Focus Week next week, beginning Sunday, at Kings Mountain Baptist church. Women of the church will lead the mid-week prayer service Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.