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**TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE**

He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spoke unto you when he was yet in Galilee.  
 St. Luke 24:6

**Expanding Tax Base**

Various citizens have posed a question to the Herald if, at some time, the city must raise its tax rate.

The answer is: hopefully not. None can gaze into a crystal ball and read the future.

There are, however, some indications via a perusal of the building permits at city hall.

Last week there was one for an addition to Mauney Mills. This week there is an \$18,000 residence to be built.

There is also the announcement that First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company is going to build a large new building and today's announcement that Wilco Truck Rental will locate here and build a \$100,000 building.

This building activity counts up in a year's time and multiplies nicely when projected to five years or ten years.

Because there has been continuing, steady building activity during the past decade has been the reason the city has been able to maintain a continuing tax rate of 85 cents per \$100 valuation on ad valorem taxes.

The city has made major investments for water and sewage disposal service representing \$4 million in city money. Both plants are designed for expansion when present rated capacities are reached. The \$4 million investment is being paid for by a 90 percent surcharge on water bills and this surcharge is proving quite adequate in supplying sufficient funds for defraying the principal and interest payments.

Meantime, the city now has the needed facilities to serve its citizens, and a city's only excuse for being a city is to supply services citizens are unable to find difficulty, in supplying for themselves. Basic services include water, sewage disposal, garbage pick-up, police and fire, and, a newer addition, public recreation.

These the City of Kings Mountain are supplying them.

**Lake Recreation**

It was always a question of when, not if.

Thus the city commission Tuesday night reversed a decision of two years ago that would have made Buffalo lake usable only as a water reservoir.

The commission was wise in the reversal.

A body of water the size this lake will be offers close by recreation which will be most valuable to citizens of the area—from fishing to camping, water skiing, boating and swimming.

The recreational uses will be provided in conformance with the State Board of Health's regulation and advice.

A recent report of the federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare reveals the fact that of every 100 boys and girls who enter college only 49 graduate with a four-year degree. In other words, the college drop-out rate is 51%. During the past decade much has been heard of the serious situation pertaining to high school drop-outs. This same federal report gives evidence that, great and serious as it is, the high school drop-out rate is only 24% (1961 through 1969). Of every 100 pupils entering sixth grade, 76 graduate from high school.

**Alcohol A Drug**

"One in every eight Americans is headed for alcoholism," according to a new booklet on alcohol abuse being distributed by North Carolina Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The booklet, "The Alcoholic American," discusses America's most serious drug problem in simple language the layman can easily understand.

According to the full color booklet, the fact that alcohol is a drug generally comes as a shock to the average drinker. "Generally," it states, "when one thinks of a drug being abused today he thinks of marijuana or one of the hallucinogenics and young people. Adults tend to ignore the seriousness of abusing alcohol and pass it off by saying that alcohol does not lead to stronger drugs. Actually, if one wanted to conduct this argument from beginning to end as an academic exercise, it would probably be found that the drug most heroin addicts begin with is alcohol."

The new publication, published by the National Association of Blue Shield Plans, also dispels the myth that all alcoholics are derelicts. Instead, the book points out that the overwhelming majority is middle class and above, with good jobs, families, and homes in the suburbs.

**New China Policy**

President Nixon is moving in the right direction in an effort to ease relations with Communist China.

In a recent edition of Time Magazine, virtually all the news in the international section contained war and violence—the Vietnam war, the Irish fighting, Israeli-Egypt, and Pakistan's troubles between East and West.

There are some indications that China is in a frame of mind for relaxation of the cold war attitudes which have long prevailed.

Practically, the United States policy of failing to recognize Red China, meantime supporting Chiang Kai-shek's government in exile on Formosa, defies logic. It is the government in China itself that controls China and can speak for her. The government on Formosa cannot.

Where tensions can be eased honorably, then every effort should be made to ease them.

War and fighting has always been stupid, but humans still do it.

**Voters Are Interested**

Considering the fact that there is no new registration for the city election, registration of 46 new voters on the first day the books were open indicates considerable voter interest in the upcoming city and board of education elections.

Ward 5, the most populous of the nine voting precincts, finds 19 new voters, as would be expected.

For a time, it appeared there would be few candidates, but some new additions have been made to the ballot this week.

Four of the candidates for the nine offices to be filled are yet unopposed.

The pollbooks will be open two more Saturdays, and unregistered citizens should avail themselves the opportunity to qualify to vote.

Some folk regard voting as a duty. Certainly voting in these United States is a right, a privilege, and a prerogative.

Some feel a person who fails to vote has little right to complain if governmental agencies adopt policies and programs the non-voter doesn't like.

**MARTIN'S MEDICINE**

By MARTIN HARMON

Josh Hinnant, co-chairman of the mayor's industry-seeking committee, said Wednesday morning at the announcement press conference for Spectrum Textured Fabrics that industry-hunting reminded him of the late Bunn Hearn's commentary on baseball. Said the UNC baseball coach, "You win some and you lose some and some wind up tied."

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"Today," says Josh, "it's a win and a big one."

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Several industry and business men were on hand to welcome the new industry, along with radio, television and newspaper people. Senator Ollie Harris sent a telegram of welcome, and among those present was Pat Spangler, now a member of the state banking commission and former vice chairman of the Department of Conservation and Development.

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Bob Davies gave greetings from United States Gypsum, saying, "We're glad to have you. After all, you'll be using some of our products." Bill Grissom stated the welcome of the Merchants Association, of which Bill is president.

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The new firm is owned by Bishop F. Smith, Jr., president; John D. Karcher, executive vice-president, and International Stretch Products, Inc.

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Mr. Smith said he was born in Asheville, reared in Atlanta, schooled at Georgia Tech. He is a former vice-president of textile accounts for Celanese Fibers Marketing Company, lived in Charlotte for eight years.

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Mr. Karcher is a Pittsburgh, Pa., native who went to Wake Forest and married a North Carolina girl. At Wake Forest he was catcher on the baseball team. He formerly has held executive positions with Bloomsburg Mills and Deering Millikin.

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The International firm is New York based, produces narrow woven elasticized fabrics, tricot knitted fabrics, stretch lace fabrics, braided elastics and rubber thread. It has numerous subsidiaries and is listed on the American Stock Exchange. The stock recently sold for \$21.62 per share, has been to \$24 after a hefty rise from a low this year of \$12.50.

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President Smith said a major factor in the company's locating here was the encouragement by Jack Vincent of Dover Mills. Mr. Vincent told him there were no better people in the world than those who live in Cleveland County.

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Headquarters of the firm will be in Kings Mountain and sales offices will be maintained both here and at 1450 Broadway, New York City.

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In the first phase, the firm will install 20 Lexturing machines at a cost of approximately \$150,000 each, in addition to 25 winding machines. The manufacturing process requires close temperature control and Mr. Bishop labeled the air-conditioning system as "quite sophisticated".

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The filament yarn is heated and crimped, similar, I take it, to the process at Carolina Throwing Company. The crimp puts the "stretch" into the yarn.

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Mr. Karcher will be the "man on scene" and expects to reside in Kings Mountain.

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The site, being purchased from Toby Williams, will adjoin the farm of Butler Falls.

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Chatting before the arrival of the Spectrum officials with Pat Spangler, Lou Neal of the Shelby Star and Jay Hammon of the Gastonia Gazette.

Required 10 years of experience at industry-hunting to learn how to do it. Pat thinks that Skipper Bowles, if elected, will make an excellent and effective industry-seeking governor.

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The announcement session turned out to be a double-header, with Dexter Roper announcing Wilco Truck-Rental's coming to Kings Mountain.

**"I'm Going To Australia To Live"**



ONE IN 8 AMERICANS WOULD LIKE TO EMIGRATE TO SOME OTHER COUNTRY.  
 NEWS REPORT

**Viewpoints of Other Editors**

**OF SHOES AND SUPERSONIC PLANES**

The demise of Corfam, the Du Pont Co. leather substitute, came as Congress prepared to decide the future of federal subsidies for the supersonic transport. It isn't stretching things too much to suggest a relationship between the two developments.

Corfam was originally introduced in 1964, and its prospect seemed auspicious. Du Pont, after all, was the same company that brought out nylon, the fiber that was to make silk stockings obsolete. Corfam, the Du Pont marketing men promised, would "do for shoes what nylon did for stockings."

Hardly anyone questioned that Corfam was a superior product. It was durable, water repellent, easy to take care of. Although its price was fairly high, it was quite competitive with better-grade leathers. Yet it bombed.

Oh, a great many people bought Corfam shoes. Du Pont estimates that there are now between 75 million and 100 million pairs in use. But competitors appear to be offering Corfam's virtues for less money.

Once buyers became more price-conscious, and thus less willing to pay for the higher-priced Corfam shoes, so Du Pont finally decided to take its losses and quit the field.

Now, nobody questions that supersonic flight eventually will have a wide appeal. Any reasonable man, moreover, must assume that American technology can turn out a supersonic transport that will fly.

That leaves the question of cost and timing. With the timetable largely determined by federally subsidized development, would an American SST reach the market at the right time? Would it sell enough tickets, at high enough prices, to make the plane economic? The House voted to end federal subsidy must reflect doubts on that score.

The current troubles of the airlines scarcely indicate that the industry is ready to absorb a whole new class of planes. The SST doesn't really seem designed to draw the mass market that most analysts think the airline industry needs.

For our part, we'd like to see research continue, but we'd rather have private industry decide when and whether actually to build an SST. That might delay matters, but it also might make it less likely that the supersonic transport would crash like Corfam.

—Wall Street Journal

**STILL STRENGTH IN THE GRIP**

Americans can draw some comfort despite the latest Gallup findings that twice as many want to get out of the country as in 1969 — 12 percent now versus 6 percent then.

The impulse to emigrate remains stronger elsewhere. In Britain, for example, 41 percent would rather live elsewhere. And the figures for other nations also stand higher: West Germany 27 percent, Greece 22 percent, Sweden 18 percent.

Oddly, given a general impression otherwise by the bad-mouthing of the U. S. image abroad, along with Australia the United States remains the country most of the emigration-minded

**QUESTION OF FISHING RIGHTS**

The cold waters off the west coast of South America have long been heavy with economically important fish, and the huge schools of tuna there have been attracting commercial fishermen from the United States for years. And for years the governments of Chile, Peru, and Ecuador have been trying to stop the Americans from participating in the catch.

The three South American countries have sought to achieve their end by declaring that their territorial waters extend to a point 200 miles offshore. This claim runs counter to the American conviction that a nation's territorial waters reach but 3 miles to sea, with proprietary fishing rights extending 12 miles.

To enforce their claim to so much of the seas, the South Americans have occasionally seized U. S. fishing boats and exacted heavy fines. The most recent incident of this kind occurred earlier this month when Ecuador captured several American tuna boats.

To neutralize such tactics, Congress passed a law requiring the State Department to pay the fines and to deduct the amount of the fines from the foreign aid disbursed to the offending country. Until recently, the State Department had failed to follow through on Congress' intent, and Rep. Thomas M. Pelly of Washington is unhappy about it.

Declares the congressman, whose home state is deeply involved in the tuna industry: "No wonder these small Latin American countries take such brazen action against United States fishermen. It is a profitable business for them to kidnap Americans off the high seas when they know the United States State Department won't enforce the laws passed by Congress."

Well, the State Department may have had some sophisticated reasons for hesitating to penalize the offending countries. But representatives of the United States, Peru, Chile, and Ecuador will be conferring again this summer on the question of territorial waters, and it might give Washington some useful leverage if prior to that time the boat-seizing countries have been made to hurt a little more in the pocketbook.

—National Observer

**KINGS MOUNTAIN**

**Hospital Log**

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

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**ADMITTED THURSDAY**

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 John J. Riddle, 909 Grace St., City

**ADMITTED FRIDAY**

Mrs. Margaret Gray, 106 E. Boston Ave., Bess, City  
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 Alvin Lee McSwain, III, Route 1, Cherryville  
 Mrs. Alvin Lee McSwain, Jr., Route 1, Cherryville  
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**ADMITTED SATURDAY**

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 Otto M. Johnson, 205 W. Main Ave., Bess, City  
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 Mrs. Gene Martin, Rt. 1 Box 233, Grover  
 Mrs. Oliver D. Moore, 801 Floyd St., City  
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 Mrs. Bernard Thummel, 214 N. Boyce St., Gastonia

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 Mrs. Marion Sexton, P.O. Box 915, Bess, City  
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Mrs. Herbert Brazzill, 1612 James St., Gastonia  
 Mrs. Max Turpin, 308 E. 2nd Ave., Bess, City  
 Bobby Joe Cates, Jr., 1027 Ridge St., Gastonia  
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 Mrs. Charlie Powell, 202 Fulton Dr., City  
 Mrs. Minnie B. Rockholt, 301 S. 12th St., Bess, City  
 Mrs. Wayne Toney, Route 3, Lawndale, N. C.  
 Mrs. Gary Clark, Route 8 Box 194, Shelby

**Birth**

**Announcements**

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Brice, 61 Bradley St., Gastonia, announce the birth of a son, Wednesday April 7, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Richard Camp, 22 Walk R St., announce the birth of a son, Thursday, April 8, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence Welsh, 1518 John's Ave., Gastonia, announce the birth of a daughter, Thursday, April 8, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver D. Moore, 801 Floyd St., announce the birth of a son, Sunday, April 11, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Nelson Martin, Route 2, Box 235, Grover, announce the birth of a daughter, Sunday, April 11, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brazzill, 1612 James St., Gastonia, announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, April 13, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gene Clark, Route 8, Box 196, Shelby, announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday April 13, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Cannon, 325 E. Ga. Ave., Bess, City, announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, April 13, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Vance Wayne Toney, Route 3, Layndale, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, April 13, Kings Mountain hospital.

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