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## TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Even the Lod God of hosts; the Lord is his memorial. Hosea 12:5.

### **Knit-Picking**

"Commission, Tax Office Violate State Statutes", read the headline, which read unprettily until the text of the story was perused.

The headline appeared in the Shelby Star and concerned a calldown by the chief of the North Carolina State of Assessment, D. R. Holbrook.

The statute requiring incomplete construction to go on the ad valorem tax books, based on percentage of completion value, is being violated, said Mr. Holbrook.

He also called attention to the fact that the county tax supervisor (in the **Cleveland County situation R. M. Gid**ney) has no authority to change valuations after the county commission sits as a board of equalization and review.

There's no question about the coun-ty being in violation of the statute on putting incomplete construction on the tax books. It has been in violation historically.

There are several practical reasons threfor, not least among them the dif-ficulty in determining percentage of completion — easy enough for profes-sional builders or for firms employing architects, not so for many others.

From the standpoint of fairness, it would appear this yardstick is met. All have been treated alike for, Mr. Gidney says, a quarter century to his certain knowledge. Mr. Gidney further contends that

his office has not acted as a "super' board of equalization and review, that is, acting to change assessed valuations after the board has sat, but limiting changes to legally and practically cor-rect matters of correcting clerical and listing errors.

Retention of the state statute on percentage completion listing might put a few more dollars into county coffers each year but a practical and fair ap-proach would be for the General Assem-bly to repeal this statute. It might be added that local government agency tax officials are not always satisfied with the figures supplied by Mr. Holbrook's state board of Assessment on public utilities, such as Duke Power Company, Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company, and others. They often wonder aloud whether additions to plant and equipment total as they should.

### **Presidential Primary**

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Governor Bob Scott made a statement of support Monday and it now appears certain that North Carolina will join other states conducting presidential primaries quadrennially.

"sure thing", Initially a seeming the proposal to put North Carolina into the presidential primaries van was sputtering along toward defeat, and word emanating from the Governor's office indicated his opposition.

Whether true or not, the Scott statement apparently cleared the atmosphere for all signals "go".

Principal benefit of the presidential primaries is that they will bring to North Carolina leading candidates of all parties, exposing the candidates to the people and the people to the candidates.

That's the major one and there may be few more, except that the photographing of the campaigners will appear on television and in the newspapers.

From the standpoint of there being great impact on the nomination of candidates there won't be too much impact. The proposed law binds the dele-

gates only on the first ballot.' Few candidates for presidential nominations win on the first one, unless

he is an incumbent president, and, otherwise, if a candidate spread-eagles the field on the first, it makes little difference anyhow.

Primaries are expensive, like all forms of political warfare, and the campaign treasurers may find them-selves weighing the question: is the exposure worth the money?

The candidates go to New Hamp-shire, because it is the first of the primaries and likely will honor North Carolina because of the state's 13 electoral votes.

But it will be recalled in 1956 that the late Senator Estes Kefauver, of Tennessee, was a great race-horse in at the best his fine primaries performance did for him was to provide him second place on Adlai Stevenson's losing ticket. And Mr. Kefauver almost didn't get second place, defeating a Senator named Jack Kennedy from Massachusetts by the proverbial nose.

## THE KINGS MOUNTAIN HERALD, KINGS MOUNTAIN, N. C.

By MARTIN HARMON

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tor (Ben) had deferred before, but which he knew had to come

eventually. Dig up the line and

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"We plumbers laid about three to four hundred miles of that stuff around town before we learned it was no account," Ben said. The new stuff didn't

puncture, but a growing root would smash it together. There was no way to ream it out, as

with the ordinary clogged sewer

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11:15, neighbor Anne Pouchak

thought the stoppage stemmed

from the work going on at our

house. Inventive Anne got some

needed water out of the hot wa-

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was brushing her teeth wh n of a \$20 the water went. I suggested she five years.

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ion of town.



# Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### USES OF THE RIVER HOMES FOR MIDDLE AMERICA

Many middle income families,

While the Interior Department is studying the feasibility of a new federal recreation arca a-long the Mississippi River, the U. S. Engineers are studying the depening of the river's channel from 9 to 12 feet along representing a vast taxpaying There was a time when a segment of our society too often newly developed plastic pipe neglected when it comes to the was quite popular. It was cheap return of their taxes in the form at 40 cents per foot, as compar- of governmental services, are ed to cast iron, about 90 cents, now eligible for new and mean-Missouri and Illinois, to accommoliate bigger barges.

> Channel deepening, conserva tionists claim, curtails wildlife and natural habitat. Heavier barge traffic surely would not

commerce and recreation must b resolved. It looks like a good ispute for the new National Council on Environmental Qualwhich President Nixon set  $t_v$  which President Nixon set up to assess the environmental mpact of all federal projects.

As a transportation facility, the river has alternatives in rail, air and truck shipping. As a naural resource, it has no duplicate.

-Milwaukte Journal

#### A POSTMAN KNOCKS

A postman in La Puente, Cal-

Mrs. Margaret Connie Wylie ADMITTED THURSDAY Mrs. Lizzie G. Boles

## Thursday, April 22, 1971

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### TERRA ISN'T FIRMA /

When preachers and pol ticians warn us from pulpit and podium that our nation is adrift, their social analysis may be subject to question but their science is impeccably precise. The North westward at the ate of slightly less than one-half inch a year, two government geolists recently reported.

Those alarmed to learn that terra isn't as firma as they thought may be consoled to know that things are moving at a more rapid pace elsewhere: India and Australia are racing north at the headlong speed of four inches a year.

It all began 200 million years ago, the scientists say, when the world's single huge continent was split in two by movements deep within the earth's crust.

gram specifically designed to assist middle income families who have found themselves priced out of the housing market in recent Generally, they are families too affluent for public housing but too poor to afford a decen

The program, which would be

loans made by savings and loan

would work this

home on the open market—those with annual incomes in the \$7,-000 to \$12,000 a year range If accepted in the new FHL 13 program, such a family car now receive a government sub-sidy of up to \$1,200 to help fi-

#### nance a home purchase. The as There was other fun. My wife sistance would come in the form of a \$20 monthly payment for

if., is in some trouble, so we understand, for obstructing the work of the local dog catcher.

Neighbor Clarence Poteat had been painting his porch. He us-ed turpentine to remove the paint flecks on his arms, then Nay. A qualified family could pur-chase a home with a mortgage of up to \$25,000. It seems that the postman and a foot-loose poodle on his route are friends and when the straying mutt was in danger of

inglial federal help in the pur-chase of homes of their own. The Federal Home Loan Bank Board announced in Washington (recently) that it is inaugurating a new \$85 million a year pro-

enhance recreation, either. The obvious conflict between

### **The Gold State**

The state is to buy and develope the old Reed gold mine in Cabarrus County, which is thought to have produced more gold than any in North Carolina which, until the California strike, in 1848, was the leading gold producing state.

It reminds that the Kings Mountain Gold Mine produced a considerable a-mount of gold in its heyday. The late Jim Parker was a teamster working the shafts which he said ran from the York Road to Kings Mountain Cotton Oil

Company. Today the shafts are flooded and the principal contributions it has made in recent years is this water during periods of water shortage here.

It would seem credible that, with modern methods, the Kings Mountain mine could produce again.

Last effort was made in the midthirties by a family named Towery from Canada. The venture ended in tragedy, as the son touched a live electric wire and was killed.

### **Gubernatorial Veto**

The Charlotte Observer, with some merit, criticizes the General Assembly for its declination to give the governor of the state the veto power, North Car-olina holding the distinction of being a oner among the 50 of these United

Most particularly, says the Observer, is not promotion of gubernatorial vetoes, but an assist to the governor, whoever he may be, in forging and suc-

### **Still Biennial**

Recent action in the General Assembly appears to have buried for this session the recurring proposal to convene the General Assembly annually, rather than biennially.

It means, among other items, that Cleveland-Gaston district Senator Marshall Rauch has struck out for the third time in his efforts to obtain annual sessions.

Assuming the veteran senator from Gaston returns to Raleigh in 1973,' it can be assumed also that he will go to the plate again in another attempt. Point was made during the debate,

following the state legislature rating report by a foundation study group, that North Carolina was down-graded because her legislature did not meet annually. From the practical viewpoint, all

the arguments are in favor of the position of Senator Rauch and his supporters. North Carolina is big business and no big business can adequately conduct its operations efficiently on such a long-

range basis. But results show that North Caro-lina and its biennial gatherings have fared well on performance.

The state is quite liquid financially and it is a "low tax" state, ranking about as low on the tax gathering list as on the list of the foundation observers who down-graded the Tar Heel state.

cessfully promoting legislation.

The declination points up two principal factors: 1) North Carolina's basic conservatism and 2) natural jealously of the General Assembly of its powers, which a gubernatorial veto would tend went over to the gushing hy-drant nearby to wash his arms.

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Assuming a 25 year loan with a 7½ per cent interest rate, th Mrs. Norman McGill confessed to some frustration. "I didn't monthly payment for principal and interest would be \$184.75 get anything done today I'd planned," she related. "Everyperhaps just high enough to disthing I'd planned required wa-

loan.

with milk. She had a botter idea, limited to conventional mortgage

associations.

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years.

Man's small blessings are hardly small when they aren't available.

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It was Flag Day Monday at Bethware School. As Principal E. J. Evans relates, the Old Glory flying had been in business for six years, was tattered, torn, and holed "like the battle ger percentage of the monthly payment. Too many middle income A flag we flew aboard my ship in World War II." Paying call one merican families in r. cent years day, Jake Atkinson, high school have found that, despite nation-principal, commented on the al prosperity and hard work on flag's motley state. Principal their own part, they have inexflag's motley state. Principal Evans suggested, "You fellows flag's motley state. Principal Evans suggisted, "You fellows write the Congressman and he'll

probably send us a flag." Shortthereafter, the Bethware Scoutmaster mentioned the matter to the Shelby chapter di Woodman of the World with the sebment of our society. gram is an important step result the Woodmen supplied a flag for his Boy Scouts to hoist, lower and care for. The Woodmen gift was hoisted for the of an average American family. first time on Monday morning. Monday morning's mail brought here here flag from Congr.ssman Jim Broyhill. Principal Evians

reasons the new f!lown on -...e cf ine recent on . give Bethware school a 12year supply.

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Now, Mr. Evans added, young Bennett Masters, Jr., a Beth ware student, tells him he'll get the start, but at least Mrs. Fran-the attempt was doomed from the start, but at least Mrs. Fran-Senialtor Ollie Harris to supply a coise Parturier scored a moral

Loans covered by the program capture, the postman atced. He could be made with no down pay-ment to eligible purchasers. stashed the poodle in his mailbag just before the dog catcher pounced The frustrated dog catcher complained and got the postman hauled before his superiors on a "conduct unbecoming" charge. qualify a family of moderate means. With the new federal Some of us, however, might find such a human response very becoming to a public servant, or anyone else. the remaining 20 years of the At the very least it was intelligent. Man's best friend, after Under the program, the \$20 monthly subsidy would be a fixall, is not always a postman's best friend. So who can blame letter carrier for wanting to ed amount. On a less expensive keep peace with a poodle? home, it would account for a lar-

-Wall Street Journal

contribution to French literature.

The literary body is one of five academies maintained by a pleasure as home ownership must not become an unaccountathe famous Institut de France, all of them hitherto solidly male bly impossible dream for a large in their membership.

The new federal subsidy pro-But now at last a breach has in been made in this masculine forthe direction of keeping private tress. A leading jurist, Mrs. Su home ownership within the reach zanne Bastil, who has several times been a m mber of the French delegation to the United -Tribune (Oakland, Calif.)

Nations, has become the first WOMAN JURIST 'FIRST' woman to be elected a member of the Academy of Moral and long ago in these col-Political Sciences ins we recorded the attempt

 $b_v$  a woman writer to gain en-try to one of France's staun-One question still has to be what will Mrs. Bastid solved chest male bastions - the Frenwear at official functions? Memch Academy, whose 40 members, the elite of the literary world, are known as the "immortals." bers of the academies have a special uniform for such occa-sions — dark green, embroidered with gold and worn with a be-feathered cock d hat and a sword. But French ingenuity North Carolina filag. m.m. Shall we say that Bethware School then will be both ship-shape and flagshape?

City The splitting and drifting con-Mrs. Frederick E. Carter Route 4, York, S. C. tinued over the ages, resulting in the present alignment of six major land masses, most of Mrs. Jerry Conner Routé 3, Box 223, City Donald Gene Edmonson 5203 Spring Lane, Suburban A. major land masses, most them still looking for a place to settle down. Shelby Carl M. McGinnis We leave to the mathematical-Route 2, Box 46, Clover, S. C. Mrs. Josephine B. Oattes ly proficient the chore of figur-ing out how long it will be be-fore California is contiguous to Route 2, Box 46, Clover, S. C. Mrs. William T. Stiles 506 E. Virginia Ave., Bess. C. Hawaii contenting ourselves with the observation that East may be East and West may be We Mrs. Johnny W. Whetstine but sooner or later they won't. --St. Louis Post-Dispatch ADMITTED FRIDAY Mrs. Atus Boone 209 N. City Street, City Keep Your Radio Dial Set At 1220 WKMT Kings Mountain, N. C. News & Weather every hour on the

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