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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Be strong and of good courage. Joshua 1:5.

Right To Know

There are about as many responses and reactions to the New York Times publication of a "top secret" Pentagon report on the Vietnam War as there are revelations in the report itself, although there will continue to be mixed opinions over which are the most significant, the revelation or the reaction.

As United Press International has suggested, "essentially, the material disclosed that President Lyndon B. Johnson approved covert military strikes against North Vietnam months prior to the Gulf of Tonkin provocation, that he was planning to escalate the war while campaigning as a peace candidate in 1964, and that he concealed a decision to send U. S. combat troops into the offensive early in 1965."

In view of this damaging assessment against former President Johnson, it is a bit politically surprising that the Nixon Administration through Attorney General John Mitchell, seemed so concerned over the Times' disclosure of the document to the point of seeking a court injunction against its additional publication and through the FBI which set out to find the source of the "leak" to the Times.

The New York Times, which has gained for itself over the years and over the world in reputation of being something of a paragon of journalistic responsibility, understandably insists the documents' publication in no wise gives aid and comfort to the enemy, and suggests that the people of America have the moral and legal right to know what the documents appear to reveal.

Today the controversy continues.

This issue proves that the American public not only traditionally insists upon its right to know but also always seems to find out about what it has to know.

Welcome to Rev. Paschal Waugh, new minister of Central United Methodist church, and his family as they occupy a new pastorate. Cordial best wishes to Rev. and Mrs. D. B. Alderman and their family as they move to a new assignment in Reidsville.

Boy Scouts are reminding citizens that it's paint-up fix-up clean-up time and invite everyone to join in the effort.

The Junior Woman's club is conducting a campaign for funds for the Cancer Society. Make your gift a liberal one and draw a check to the American Cancer Society, c/o Marvin Teer, treasurer, First Union National Bank. Junior clubwomen are conducting a canvass of the residential areas next week. Memorial gifts should be addressed to Mr. Teer also.

Cancer was killer of a number of Cleveland County adults last year. Funds help local cancer patients as well as provide research into the cause of this dread disease.

The beet-red complexion on many a Monday morning worker during the last few weeks is an indication that Summer is here and along with it the attempt to develop a healthy appearance of a sun-bronzed hue.

It also is indication that many folks forget from one year to the next what too much sun will do. It is only after we burn at the beach when caution is thrown to the breeze that we learn. This year we followed the instructions (expose yourself to the sun not more than 15 minutes at the time, gradually) and came away with freckles galore but no tan.

New Postal Era

Kings Mountain Postmaster Charles L. Alexander wrote this editorial:

A NEW POSTAL ERA BEGINS ON JULY 1, 1971 — The United States Post Office Department will fade into history after nearly 200 years of service to the American people. Its place will be officially taken by a new organization, the United States Postal Service, an independent establishment of the government formed to meet the changing needs of our growing society. It has come into being in response to an overwhelming need—the need to move the largest volume of mail the world has ever known over great distances more swiftly and more efficiently. The challenge for the new Postal Service in the months and years ahead will be to provide better, faster and more dependable mail service for all its customers. Already plans are being initiated for a major mechanization program to streamline mail processing and delivery. The need for such a program has been evident for some time.

THE HORSEBACK RIDER emblem of the Post Office has now been replaced by the streamlined eagle of the new Postal Service. It will be appearing everywhere—on trucks and vehicles, on post offices across the nation, on the shoulders of carriers and clerks. It carries with it the promise of a really excellent Postal Service—modern and efficient but still dedicated to the ideal of full public service, alert and responsive to its customers needs across the nation and in every city and community.

If you are concerned about the ecology of this area, and you want to express that concern, come to the golf course at Crowders Mountain, Saturday, June 26, at 8 a.m.

The Gaston College Environmental Society wants to clean up Crowder's Mountain so that when the State Parks Director makes his survey (to consider making the mountain a state park) he will be favorably impressed.

Miss-Demeanor?

The arrest of a girl member of the "Oh, Calcutta" cast in New York for wearing "nothing at all" under her flowing gown as she picketed in front of City Hall, brings up a pertinent question around here, now that Summer is upon us.

Would it be fairly accurate to state that those young ladies wearing teeny-weeny Bikinis, or maybe even skimpy hot pants, are flirting with arrest? (Wilmington Morning Star)

Employment increased 4,700 in non-farm establishments in North Carolina during May, rising to a total of 1,773,900, State Labor Commissioner Frank Crane reported today.

Commissioner Crane said seasonal job increases in construction, State and local government, finance and services, combined with smaller gains in several other industries, accounted for the May employment advance.

Factory employment, totaling 700,800 last month, was up 400 from the April level but still lagged 9,400 below the year-ago figure. Nonmanufacturing jobs, totaling 1,073,100 in May, were up 4,300 from the April total and 10,800 ahead of the May, 1970 figure. Total non-farm employment was 1,400 higher than a year ago, Crane reported.

Hourly earnings of the 700,800 factory workers advanced a penny to a May average of \$2.59, Commissioner Crane said. The workweek was up fractionally to an average of 39.8 hours in manufacturing. Weekly earnings increased by \$2.98, rising to an average of \$103.08.

Reporting May employment decreases were: apparel manufacturing, 300; furniture, machinery, paper, and wholesale trade, 200 each; and lumber, printing and chemicals, 100 each.

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All Right, Come Out And Speak To Uncle'



Here's Your Answers!

"Each individual is different, with his own pattern of skills and weaknesses. However, we can build on his skills and try to strengthen his weaknesses. It is in this way that we can help the mildly retarded person take his place in society."—Robert L. Denny, Executive Director.

My little girl, aged four, has been slow in talking and slow in her motor skills, but shows progress every day. She is taking Dilantin every night. My doctor says she has no disease but she is slow. Will she ever be a normal child? Will she become a normal person? Will she ever be all right or "normal"? She enjoys being read to, can tell a story, and has an amazing memory. We wonder if she is retarded—she doesn't look retarded. She is beautiful. Please answer in your column.

Not all retarded persons "look retarded." And there are various stages of retardation, from mild to severe. Also, many are retarded in different ways. Some may have difficulty in reading, yet be able to assemble complicated machinery or puzzles. Some may be excellent cooks, yet unable to learn mathematics. You should rely on your doctor to refer you to the proper resources for tests for your child. But, remember that mildly retarded person can be trained to be self-sufficient, self-supporting, contributing citizens who lead happy, useful lives, even though they may not be completely normal in the usual sense. We hope you will keep in touch with us.

If you have questions you want answered, or if you would like copies of previous columns in this series, write to "Bernadette, Public Information Office, N. C. Council on Mental Retardation, P. O. Box 12054, Raleigh, N. C."

It was one of those rare feats of effort that bypasses politics and reaches straight into the hearts and lives of real people.

Funded by Congress under the Older Americans Act, the program provided \$25 million for an extremely modest stipend to poor older citizens who could spend some of their time and share some of their love with underprivileged children.

For the over-62's, the money meant little. Their real payoff came at the institutions where they could spend a few hours each week with a child.

The obvious emotional and psychological enrichment needs to be expanded upon. Which is why it was so difficult to grasp why the White House Office of Management and Budget set aside only \$7.5 million for the program in fiscal 1972.

It looked as though the budget-cutting meat-ax had been laid at the base of the fairest and tenderest branch to bloom on the federal money tree in many a year. But the anguished outcry that arose from so many who had seen the restorative work being done by Foster Grandparents found a sympathetic ear at the White House.

Last week the budget cut was restored.

Seldom has a federal dollar been better spent, and the White House deserves credit for recognizing the fact.

Christian Science Monitor
CARD OF THANKS
 I wish to thank my friends and relatives for giving me such a nice party on my 80th birthday.
 Sincerely,
 Clarence L. Black

MOZART IN TOP POP CHARTS

Music lovers may not be sure whether to be pleased or otherwise at the news that, nearly 200 years after his death, Mozart is in the best-selling pop charts all over Europe. In a way it is good that there should be renewed appreciation of one of the classical composers, and probably on a wider scale than ever before, but what has been done to his music to produce this result?

Detailed information is lacking on that point. All we know is that one Waldo de los Rios, a former Argentinian, made a "special" arrangement of Mozart's Symphony No. 40 in G minor for the teManuel de Falla Orchestra, and the result has been a smash hit in Europe. It is, in fact, hard on the heels of former Beatle Paul McCartney's latest record. What more could be said than that?

But if this may be considered

an indictment of popular taste, it is also an illustration that you can't keep a good man down, in music any more than in other spheres. Waldo de los Rios has produced modern interpretations of works by many famous composers, but so far none of the others seems to have hit the high spots. That Mozart should do so is readily understandable. His music has an innate gaiety and liveliness, and while it is worlds removed from the morosity of some of the chart-topping numbers of today, it has that modern essential, a "beat."

More than that, Mozart was young—much of his composing was done before he was 30 and he died at 35—so it could also be a case of youth calling to youth over the years. He knew hardship, too, although in his case it did not follow the classic pattern. As a child prodigy he was pampered by the aristocrats for whom he wrote and played, but when he reached manhood they lost interest and eventually he went to a pauper's grave.

How he would feel about being in the same list as a Beatle-type composer, and running second at that, it is not possible to say. The recognition that evaded him in his lifetime has, of course, been secure with the musically enlightened for many years, but to be a smash hit for the masses would be a new experience and one which might well delight him—so long, that is, as it is still possible to recognize the rearranged symphony as the one he wrote originally.—The Evening Star (Dunedin, N. Z.)

FOSTER-LOVE CONQUERS ALL

Let it be recorded that good sense and human sympathy can make themselves felt from grass roots clear up to the White House and down again, despite muffling layers of bureaucracy and cold economics. Back in 1965 a program called Foster Grandparents was started with the blessings of President Johnson, the Congress, and just about everybody else who knows anything about kids and old



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We defend it when we strengthen our freedoms by using them.

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