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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Proverbs 4:23.

Why Not Sanford?

The petition effort led by Bill Blue, a University of North Carolina law school student, to get the name of Terry Sanford, former Governor and now president of Duke University, on the ballot in North Carolina's first presidential primary, has proved intriguing.

Mr. Blue, incidentally, says 10,000 names have been appended already and this is the minimum required. However, Mr. Blue wisely continues, "We'll come up with 25,000." Since the signatures must be validated against registration books, some of the signees will not prove to be registered voters.

But why not Sanford?

A run-down of the large stable of candidates now seeking the Democratic nomination for president reveals none with any better credentials than the former North Carolina governor. Most of them have far less credentials.

Mr. Blue was a good governor, and he has been and is an excellent administrator of Duke University. In earlier years he did a stint with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was a combat paratrooper in World War II. At 54, he is old enough and young enough to be a president.

But what chance?

Convention politics being somewhat different from election politics, and with a passel of would-be nominees, the lighting of nomination could strike almost anywhere. And a Sanford primary win would assure that his name is placed in nomination when the Democrats convene in July at Miami Beach.

Arguments continue between Carolinians as to which side of the boundary line President Andrew Jackson was born, but he was elected president from Tennessee. No question about Andrew Johnson being born near Raleigh, but he had long been a Tennessean when he, as vice-president, succeeded the assassinated President Abraham Lincoln.

President James Knox Polk (1845-49) was the only born and bred Tar Heel to be elected president from North Carolina.

That's been a while.
 Why not Sanford?

Amen, Mr. Brinkley

David Brinkley, the Wilmington native who is a news star for National Broadcasting Company television, offered a suggestion via the air waves recently which he said would enrich the United States Treasury and the pockets of some individuals, too.

It sounds impossible, of course. Then, just a few nights later, Cloudy McLain seconded the motion via WBTV editorial comment.

News commentator Brinkley declared the Congress should remove earnings ceilings for 65-year-olds, who at that age become eligible for social security payments. Many persons, age 65, are ready, willing and able to continue to work, which they want to do. Yet, their "free" earnings are limited to \$1680 per year. From this point they can get "half-free" earnings of \$1020 per year; i.e., \$510 of those dollars must be forfeited to Uncle Sam.

Reasons Mr. Brinkley: the 65-year-old has earned his social security retirement pay, for which he and his employer have paid over the years, and should get it with no strings attached. The John Doe (and there are many right here in Kings Mountain) who wants to continue to work 1) pays social security tax on his earnings and 2) income tax on his earnings, whereby Uncle Sam's treasury benefits. John Doe himself benefits by having more jingle in his jeans.

Of course, the John Doe who attains 72 can earn any amount "free" and collect his social security check. But there are less John Does ready, willing and able to work at 72.

This is a matter that should be forcefully called to the attention of the Congress.

Thursday: Last day for listing property for taxes without penalty.

Bad Apples, Black Eyes

It is said one bad apple can spoil a barrelful.

So it is that one bad apple can give a rotten spot to all the rest.

Late case in point is order by the Cleveland County Welfare Board on Monday night to investigate five cases of indicated fraud by welfare recipients with a view of indicting the five persons apparently receiving monies not their due.

The Chairman declared Monday night it is high time the board took necessary steps to prosecute those receiving welfare funds under false pretenses.

Director Hal Smith said Wednesday he is proceeding with the investigations.

Mr. Smith said that "as far as I know" there have never been any prosecutions for fraud in this county or any other in North Carolina. When it is discovered that welfare payments are "tainted", the Cleveland department and those elsewhere terminate the payments, Mr. Smith continued.

Attention is being given, nationwide, to the welfare program, which is for the most part paid for by the federal government under a federal-state-county share arrangement. Percentages of federal contributions vary, but range from 75 to 90 percent.

For the most part, the welfare programs are well-administered and the recipients justified receivers of the funds, the news media has discovered in spot checks around the nation.

And it is the small minority of cheaters who bilk the public treasuries and, in turn, tar the programs with the same brush.

Director Smith contends and will shortly inform the county commission that his department is short-handed, its workload having doubled since 1969, due to a liberalized program of aid to dependent children, and two new programs, food stamps (1968) and Medicaid (1970). All the while, there have been no personal additions.

From the standpoint of prosecutions for fraud, Director Smith says his department needs a lawyer.

"There's not much use of taking a person to court if you're not pretty sure of a conviction," Mr. Smith concludes.

The few black apples do produce black eyes.

Welcome

Senator B. Everett Jordan will be at City Hall Friday afternoon at 3:45 to greet Kings Mountain area citizens, a prelude to an evening address to the Upper Cleveland Chamber of Commerce Friday evening.

After a long background of activity in North Carolina politics, the Senator went to Washington in November 1968, on appointment by Governor Luther Hodges, to succeed the late Senator W. Kerr Scott. He has been twice-elected in his own right.

The Senator is described by his colleagues as a "working senator", rather than a flashy one. He is chairman of the rules committee, a most important one, and member of many others. One of his major "working" chores during his senate career was as chairman of the committee on arrangements for the inauguration of President John F. Kennedy.

The Senator enjoys telling folks he has a lot of home towns in North Carolina, having been one of nine children of a Methodist minister.

The Senator is as friendly as the Methodist he is, and as folksy as the proverbial old shoe.

The Herald never has been able to fathom the romance of the truck driver who, three times, has got auto tag "A-1" after all night vigils, nor for that matter, the car owner who just wanted to be first tag buyer in his home diggings. But the Motor Vehicles Department, which has edicted that "A-1" will be no more, must be labeled "Killjoy".

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

The Charlotte Observer published a feature recently on efforts of the Charlotte police department and Mecklenburg County Rural police to get drunk drivers off the road.

Col. W. K. Dickson, of Charlotte, the city's consulting engineer, confirms the fact of the story, from personal experience.

Members of his wife's book club and their husbands had New Year's Eve dinner at the Epicurean, a posh Charlotte restaurant, and were to continue the New Year's Eve watch over bridge tables at the home of one of the members. Mrs. Dickson suggested to her husband that the hostess should have a bit of time for last minute details before they arrived. As a result, Col. Dickson took a circuitous route to the hostess' home and at quite slow speed.

As he was starting to park near the hostess' home, a siren wailed and a blue light flashed. The officer asked, "Why you driving so slow?" The Colonel replied, "Because I'm not in a hurry." This seemed a satisfactory answer and the officer continued with the usual routine of examining driver's license and registration card.

The officer had a companion officer who was merely standing by. The Colonel had back-up, too, in the persons of another couple. "John's a big fellow and has a low boiling point," says the Colonel. "He got out of the back seat and accosted the stand-by officer."

The Colonel quickly surmised that the second officer had a low boiling point, too. To John's "What the hell you mean, stopping us?", Number 2 replied, "I can arrest you for that!"

This brought John's wife on scene and she pleaded, "Officer please don't arrest him. He talks to me like that all the time." The officer allowed John could talk to her in any manner but not to HIM.

All the while, Colonel Dickson and Officer Number 1 were making out quite amicably. The Colonel wanted to know why he had been suspected of drunken driving. The officer replied that very slow driving by motorists leaving restaurants and night clubs was a frequent indication that the driver was a bit too full to be under the wheel. "Makes sense," I guess, said the Colonel.

There were no arrests, and the quartet went to the bridge table, John still muttering.

The Colonel didn't say who won the bridge game.

Many folks have been stopped for speeding and many have been arrested for same, but who has been stopped for "speeding" at 15 miles per hour? George Hord, the retired assistant postmaster has.

It was in 1941 when George and his family were en route Dallas, Texas, to visit friends. The incident occurred in Alabama, where a big army munitions plant was under construction. There were many cars parked on both sides of the narrow road and George proceeded slowly at 15 miles per hour but was suddenly waved down.

"You're breaking the speed limit," the officer barked.

"Breaking the speed limit?" George asked incredulously. "The sign reads 10 miles per hour," the officer replied, in friendlier tone.

The officer then explained that with dense traffic around the builder's employment office, it was easily possible that someone would dart in front of a car and collect his ticket to more heavenly climes. George said, "Thanks," and was waved on—at 10 miles per hour.

I vowed to "hold her down" over ten years ago, the day President Kennedy spoke at Chapel Hill. I hadn't read the morning paper, picked up a Charlotte Observer at a milk-break stopover in Rockwell. The story on the President's visit said the Kenan Stadium gates would be locked at 11 o'clock. It was then 10. I burned the wind at speeds I care not to remember, arriving with a couple of minutes to spare — and shaking like a leaf. I vowed then never to repeat, President's speech or not, and I haven't.

I don't know who put out the bum information, but the gates were never locked.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

CLEVER CARS

It would seem that the approach to auto safety these days is to try to make cars more clever than their drivers.

In the case of some drivers—those who set out on the highways when under the influence of too much alcohol or other drugs—that might not be too difficult. Yet we wonder where these attempts to apply technology to the control of human behavior might lead, or, more specifically, whether they will lead anywhere we want to go.

The latest case comes from Japan where Honda Motor Co. says it has developed a car that first sniffs the driver's breath before agreeing to transport him. An intake in the center of the steering wheel contains a platinum sensor that can detect changes in breath temperature caused by alcohol, Honda says. If the sensor becomes suspicious, the car won't start.

The sensor sounds even more clever than an anti-drunk device GM is tinkering with, which requires the driver to do some mental gymnastics with numbers on a keyboard before his car will start. Our scientific naivete is broad enough to wonder, however, whether alcohol is the only thing that causes breath temperature changes and whether Honda drivers might someday be put out of commission by a flu virus or an excess of passion.

Beyond that, we wonder if the day will eventually dawn when technology will become the master of human behavior. And if it does, we wonder whether man's sense of responsibility will evaporate along with his behavioral options. Such a world, even with risks much diminished, somehow seems like a very uninviting prospect.—The Wall Street Journal.

COURT A FICKLE YOUTH VOTE

The 18-through-20-year-olds, whom we thought were so intent on taking over the world, are avoiding voter registration by the millions. Meaning what?

Vehement Royster, writing in the Wall Street Journal, kicks the question around:

In the 1968 election there were four states already permitting votes for under-21 voters. As best anybody can figure it, only about one in three of these eligible young did vote whereas among the total population two out of three eligible voters cast a ballot. Incidentally, those whose aged 45 to 54 proved the most faithful voters.

Query: Will this low voting record of the young continue? Or will the existence of a national voting privilege plus the extensive registration drives and the siren songs of candidates after the proportion? If the latter, those of which political tendency will go to the polls and which say to hell with it?

There are some other riddles among the rocks. The politician who goes all out to turn on the young risks turning of the elders, who are both more numerous and who vote more. Most of them are too early a bed, worn out by living, to hear those chimes at midnight.

Experience suggests, moreover, that the newly enfranchised rarely prove monolithic, whatever the expectations. Remember when giving the women the vote had the politicians scrambling? The women, bless 'em, were going to insure decency in politics, keep us out of war and otherwise usher in a new era.

All of which will make for a lot of fun between now and November. And only a killjoy would speculate that in the end the young might turn out to be just like adults. And you know how fickle they are.—Mooreville Tribune.

SIGN OF CHANGING TIMES

A councilman in the Cleveland suburb of Parma, Ohio, has introduced an ordinance calling for a change in the city's seal. The seal, which appears on more than 100 of the city's vehicles and on all official stationery, features a drawing of a private residence, and below it, a factory with tall chimneys belching clouds of smoke. Dividing the two is the motto: "Residential-Industrial."

The councilman wants the smoke removed and the chimneys made smaller—on the seal, that is—because "I don't think we should support pollution."

The seal was designed a number of years ago when the suburb achieved city status and was one of the fastest growing communities in the country, thanks to the postwar industrial boom that made it possible for people to build homes there.

Back in the days of our ecological innocence.—NEA.

PAROLE EQUALS "CENTS"

Economically, it seems to make good sense to parole qualified prisoners in North Carolina than to keep them in prison. Figures just compiled for Gov. Bob Scott show that a prisoner cost 10 times as much to handle as does a supervised parolee. According to the Board of Paroles, each parolee costs the state 91 cents a day, which is perhaps not enough, while each prisoner costs the state \$9.02 a day, which is also probably not enough. Nonetheless, the difference is eye-opening enough to warrant some consideration by the taxpayers of our state.

The figures are aimed at showing that parole, granted to 7,593 in the first three years of Gov. Scott's administration, is a useful and economic tool. They do exactly that, although the rate of recidivism is not shown among the parolees, so that we don't know from the governor's figures how many broke parole and/or were returned to prison. Nonetheless, counting the costs of welfare grants terminated to prisoners' families on parole of the breadwinner, parole saved North Carolina \$25,421,455 last year.

This enlightened attitude by Gov. Scott is another example of his dedication to improving the prison system of our state, as also exemplified by his tour of the Central Prison not so long ago. The human benefit is probably greater than the material benefit, but the savings in tax dollars cannot be ignored. In addition, of course, there were 1,701 work-release prisoners who not only paid for their care in prisons but also supported their families on the outside. Neither can this fact be ignored, for it means that the state is at once trying to rehabilitate prisoners even while it is cutting costs.

We must say, however, that the amount of time that parole supervisors can give to released prisoners is illustrated full well by the 91-cents-per-day cost. It is a matter of record that parole-probation officers have their hands too full, and the amount of money going into supervision is not sufficient. More parole officers with more time to give to each parolee or probationer is called for. Likewise, the \$9 a day cost for prisoners deserves to be increased to give better facilities, treatment and services to prisoners.

All in all, the report is gratifying and hopefully indicative of further improvements to come.—Shelby Daily Star.

ON KEEPING THEM ON THE JOB

It is one of the paradoxes of public life that men and women eagerly aspire to be in Congress, but, once elected, often miss roll-calls even on important issues. Senator Margaret Chase Smith of Maine proposes a Constitutional amendment to require Congress to expel any member who missed more than 40 per cent of the votes in any session. This would be a bit extreme, but Mrs. Smith's drastic suggestion—which she herself probably doesn't mean to be taken seriously—points up the problem.

In the Last Congress, the average member was present for about four out of five roll-calls, which is a reasonable showing. In the normal course of events, members are bound to miss some roll-calls. But that does not excuse the six Senators and 21 Representatives who were about for more than 40 per cent of the votes.

Moreover, these statistics mask a bad practice which has been developing in the Senate. Because so many members want to keep out-of-town engagements on Friday nights or to stretch the weekend into Monday, the leadership tends to schedule votes only in the middle of the week. When the senate unexpectedly voted on final passage of the foreign aid bill on a Friday, one-third of the members were absent.

The House has long had its notorious "Tuesday to Thursday Club." That form of absenteeism was once indulged in only by East Coast Congressmen but the jet plane has made it available to members from every region. The House can compensate in part dereliction of duty because of its tight rules limiting debate. But the senate with its almost unlimited talk and unanimous consent procedures cannot readily make up the loss of Mondays and Fridays as voting days.—The Wall Street Journal.

A LITTLE LESSON IN CIVICS

Popularly elected officials have an uncanny ability to reflect the wishes, and whims of their electorates. Now, that may sound like something out of a civics class lecture, but it is worth remembering.

The power of the popular vote was demonstrated rather dramatically last week when the N. C. General Assembly went out of its way to do a couple of things on behalf of the North Carolina college student. First, it changed primary election days from Tuesdays to Saturdays; then it approved the use of absentee

ballots in primaries. Both actions will encourage voting among college students—a goal which did not seem to inspire legislators in the past. The college vote has simply never counted for much.

But now that students over 18 have the right to vote, nearly every state legislator suddenly has recognized the need for a change.

So you see, civics students, the system does work sometimes.—The Charlotte Observer.

DON'T OPEN UNTIL 2014

The Republic will undoubtedly stand the suspense of the court-ordered postponement until 2014 of the publication of President Warren G. Harding's love letters to Mrs. Carrie Phillips. Most historians, though personally and professionally disappointed, will probably agree with the conclusion of one of their number that the matter "will not be a shadow across the rest of my life."

But have President Harding's heirs considered the risk inherent in the new timing? In the Age of Aquarius, an indiscretion of this nature would be assured maximum understanding, perhaps even admiration. But given the cyclical nature of national attitudes toward the affairs of Eros, who is to say that neo-Victorianism may not again be in the saddle in the second decade of the 21st century?—The New York Times.

Birth Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Westmoreland, P. O. Box 345, Blacksburg, S. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday, January 26, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph V. Harmon, Jr. 810 N. 9th St., Bessemer City, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday, January 26, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Ray Mullinax, 5104 Westgate Dr. Shelby, N. C., announce the birth of a son, Wednesday, January 26, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Hildreth, Gen. Del, Bessemer City, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Thursday, January 27, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Graves, 3700 Madellon, Charlotte, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Monday January 31, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Keith Daves, Route 1 Box 51, Bessemer City, N. C., announce the birth of a son, Monday, January 31, Kings Mountain hospital.

Kiwanis Club To Honor Scouts

Battleground District Scout Executive William Young will be guest speaker at the Kiwanis club's annual Boy Scout Leadership Appreciation dinner Tuesday (tonight) at the Woman's club.

Scout leaders and Eagle scouts will be guests of Kiwanians at the dinner meeting at 6:45 p. m.

The local club sponsors a scout troop at North school and leaders in this program will also be special guests.

Said a Kiwanis spokesman: "February is anniversary month for the Boy Scouts of America. The lives of more than 55 million people have been effected during the 62 years of the Scouting program. It is America's greatest program to preserve our heritage and build character in boys who will be the men of tomorrow. Scouting is a man's program for boys."

KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log

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 Daily 10:30 to 11:30 A.M.
 3 to 4 P.M. and 7 to 8 P.M.

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- Johnny Clary
- Mrs. Geo. Clary
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- E. N. Falls
- Virginia H. Greene
- Mrs. Wilda Haskett
- Clyde Kerns
- Chas. Lackey
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