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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the man that getteth understanding. (Proverbs 3:13)

### Tax On Marriage?

As the deadline approaches for filing 1971 income tax returns—Saturday is the 15th—more and more couples are finding out that changes in the tax laws have virtually put a hidden tax on marriage, so observes an editorial writer in "Grit" recently. It's most interesting.

It's a fact that, particularly in the higher brackets, a working couple pay more tax than they would if they were single and making the same amount of money.

Take an unmarried man and woman, each earning \$12,500 in 1971. With the standard deduction and one exemption each, each would pay \$2,177.75 in tax for a combined total of \$4,355.50. If they were married and filing a joint return, they would pay \$5,068 — or \$712.50 additional.

The "Grit" editorialist points out this was a surprise even to the government. It was merely responding to years of pressure from the nation's divorced, bachelor and widowed taxpayers by reducing the rate for singles in the Tax Reform Act of 1969.

Already a flurry of letters from married couples has come to the legislators and tax experts. Tax sources in the government say they are studying the problem and promise some relief is forthcoming.

### "Never On Weekends"

"Never On Weekends" might be a motto worth observing, according to The Travelers Insurance Companies highway fact book entitled, "Voice Behind the Wheel." The reason is simple: Nearly half the auto deaths and injuries occur on weekends.

Although there are many reasons why so many people are killed and injured on weekends, and on weekdays between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. suggests again that alcohol may be a serious contributor to the overall problem.

Another reason for the high rate of accidents during night time hours is the tired driver. Remember that last long trip you took, trying to cover maximum distance in minimum time? Did you or didn't you get sleepy? How many times did you shake your head before pulling in for a coffee or quick nap?

Excessive speeds account for many fatalities. Perhaps some limits are not realistic, given modern highways and today's automobiles. But the fact is that we must become a slower population, not faster, if we are to cut down on our injuries and fatalities.

### Vote "Yes" For Clean Water

Kings Mountain voters, along with their North Carolina neighbors, will help decide the fate of the North Carolina Clean Water Bond Act of 1971 at the polls on May 6th.

This Act authorizes a statewide bond referendum on a \$150 million issue to provide State matching grants to assist local governments in constructing, enlarging, or improving wastewater collection and treatment works and public water supply system.

It is estimated that during the next five years, about \$697 million will be needed to provide adequate public facilities for sewage collection and treatment and for public water supply systems. Of the total, \$360 million is needed for water pollution control and \$337 million for public water systems.

The Act requires that \$50 million be allocated to local government units in each of the 100 counties on a population basis to develop water supplies; and that \$25 million be allocated to all 100 counties on the same distribution basis for water pollution control projects.

The bond costs would be 10 cents per week per person for five years and would be paid from State funds without an increase in local or state taxes.

Vote "Yes" for Clean Water on May 6th.

### He Was A Legend

Quotes from the public career of James Francis Byrnes, South Carolina statesman who died Sunday a month before his 93rd birthday.

**On Holding Public Office** — "No man should plan a public service career unless he feels that he really wants to render a public service. He should not seek public office for financial reward or even for the honor of the office. In either event, his motive is selfish."

**On the Vietnam War** — "We should either get in to win or get out and come home."

**On Marriage** — "Any man who is able to stay in the marital state proves that his wife is a very patient woman. A marriage is the best recommendation of good behaviour a man can get."

The nation won't soon forget the words nor the man. Jimmy Byrnes quit school at the age of 14 to help support his widowed mother and later became a Congressman, a U. S. Supreme Court justice, U. S. Secretary of State and Governor of South Carolina. The one-time law officer messenger boy, newspaper vendor, and off-job worker rose step by step until he was called "assistant president" by Franklin D. Roosevelt, because of his far-ranging power as head of the Office of War Mobilization during World War II.

It was Byrnes, who at 71 when most men would have looked with pleasure to retirement, ran for governor of South Carolina to push through a state sales tax to finance separate but equal schools for blacks and whites. He won over three opponents, getting about 72 percent of the vote and instituting his tax and school plan.

He remained, to the end, an opponent of court-ordered school desegregation saying, the U. S. Supreme Court "didn't interpret the Constitution. The court amended it." He was a legend.

Congratulations to Bonnie Hinnant, top speller in the school system, who advances now to the regional spelling bee; to Bob Myers, the new president of the Kings Mountain Jaycees; and to the Kings Mountain High School Band which earned a rating of "superior" in recent contests in Marion; and to Vickie Turner Gibson, elected to membership in Kappa Delta Epsilon national professional education sorority at Limestone college.

Plan to attend the 15th annual Kiwanis Schools Talent Show next Thursday, April 20th, in Central school auditorium. Support the young folk by your attendance and the civic club with your contribution to its drive for \$3,000 for a coronary unit for the hospital.

Last-minute voter registration was numerous Friday at 5 p.m. at the county's elections board office and many folks found they'd waited too late to register. "We registered an office full after we closed the door at 5 o'clock," Ralph Gilbert, county elections board chairman, reported. "The people standing in the halls weren't registered because the law says registration closes at 5 p.m. on April 7th." Over 300 people flocked to the registrars Friday before the deadline. This should serve to remind again of the dictum: "Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today."

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By GARY STEWART

Strike anyone?

The baseball players' strike is two weeks old and it looks as though nothing has been settled. Each side, the players and the owners, have made "bitches" but neither side has swung yet.

The ridiculous situation is costing both sides money but the players are eyeing a better pension plan and refuse to play ball until the owners promise them a 17 percent hike to cover the cost of living in future years.

Of course, it has been said many times that baseball players have probably the best pension plan of anyone. They have to stay in the major leagues only five years to be eligible for the pension fund. Pretty good deal wouldn't you say...not to mention the outrageous salaries that some of the players draw.

It's time the owners take a stand against the players and their leader, Marvin Miller, a smart lawyer who has been accused by several baseball persons as kicking up the strike for his own personal gain. In my opinion, Miller and the players have pushed the owners far enough and if the owners had any guts they'd send the players home to work for a living and call up some anxious minor leaguers who'd be more than happy to play big league baseball.

But, the owners will give in before long and give the players their better pension plan and our long-awaited 1972 baseball campaign will begin.

Hank Aaron will begin drawing his \$200,000 a year salary, others will make well over \$100,000, with plenty more to look forward to. And all of us fans can hit the sofa on Saturday afternoon and watch the big boys on television and listen to our wives complain too much sports on TV.

More on baseball:

Kings Mountain Mayor John Moss will see his Western Carolinas League kick off its 12th season Friday night and his players aren't threatening to strike...he hopes.

The WCL is best known as the most compact league in baseball. It has survived through the years while operating only in two states, the two Carolinas.

The WCL will bring a first to minor league baseball Friday when it gives one city, Charlotte, two minor league baseball teams. Charlotte has long been a member of the AA Southern League and Dixie Association.

Charlotte will be the scene of a big minor league doubleheader Friday, with Gastonia and the Charlotte Twins of the WCL battling at 6:45 and the Charlotte Hornets meeting Montgomery in the second game in a Southern League battle.

Mayor Moss has been able to coast to other baseball men during the past several years of the WCL's contribution to major league baseball. No less than 97 former WCL players are now on major league rosters. And that list includes several players who helped lead Pittsburgh to the World Series title last year.

Some of the better known stars to pass the WCL ranks have been Bob Robertson, Dave Cash, Bob Moose and Al Oliver of the Pirates; Dave Roberts of Houston; Bobby Bonds of the Giants; Fritz Peterson of the Yankees; Dickie Dietz of the Giants and others. And several WCL managers have also made the big leagues, including Sparky Anderson of the Redlegs and Don Leppert and Frank Oczek of the Pirates.

Basketball:

Kings Mountain has made its contributions to the sports of baseball and football and now is about to make its contributions to the game of basketball.

George Adams, Gardner Webb's All-American from Kings Mountain, was recently drafted by the Milwaukee Bucks, the defending NBA champions. And Big George was expected to go high in yesterday's completion of the ABA draft.

Whichever league Adams decides to play in, the NBA or the ABA, he will, indeed, give a performance which will bring honor to himself and to Kings Mountain.

I have followed George throughout his high school and college career and I've never seen him give less than a hundred percent.

At 65, George will be considered small by pro standards. But his desire to play and his dedication to the game will be more than enough to earn him a spot on any pro basketball team.

## Viewpoints of Other Editors

### SANFORD FOR PRESIDENT

Two points seem obvious today in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination. The first is that none of the prospective nominees has seized the imagination of the American people or clearly succeeded in wrapping up the nomination. The second is that no Democrat can possibly win the presidency unless he is able to cut deeply into the Southern bloc of electoral votes while still holding the normal Democratic advantage in the big industrial states.

It is against this background that the emerging candidacy of Terry Sanford, 54-year-old former governor of North Carolina and current president of Duke University, takes on added dimension. He has the unique capacity to speak to and for the best of the South while also speaking to and for a nation which deeply longs for a government, and a president it can trust.

A Sanford candidacy raises inevitable questions, not the least being his lack of national visibility and voter recognition. But that problem is almost negligible in a day of mass communications and intensive media campaigns. The real question is, what does Terry Sanford have to offer which no one else brings to the race? The answer is, a lot.

For instance, he is not being put on the North Carolina presidential primary ballot by a handful of professional politicians, but by the only genuine youth movement mobilized behind any presidential candidate this year. North Carolina college students initiated the Sanford for President drive and are running it today. They need 10,000 signatures on petitions to put him on the North Carolina ballot; they already have over 25,000.

What that says about Terry Sanford means more than the endorsement of two dozen U. S. senators or three dozen governors. He has the trust and the enthusiastic support of college students supposedly the most politically turned-off group in American society today. North Carolina students have watched him closely in his two years as president of Duke, a job he took in 1970 when others were deserting posts of leadership in higher education by the dozens, and they have liked what they have seen. Without conceding anything to the campus crazies, whose one aim is destruction of "the system," he has managed to bridge the generation gap better than any other college president in the nation. Innovation has been the byword of his tenure at Duke.

Such leadership is nothing new for Terry Sanford. Each new job he has undertaken has been marked by the same qualities of mind and spirit, and he has left each job with a record of solid, often spectacular, accomplishment under his belt.

As governor of North Carolina a decade ago, Terry Sanford was a man well ahead of his time, but a man who could also bring his fellow men along with him. He produced the nation's first statewide anti-poverty program, long before the federal version, and its features have been widely copied at every level of government. He was the first Southern governor to speak out forcefully for equality for job opportunity for all citizens, in public as well as private jobs. He backed John F. Kennedy for the presidency before Kennedy won the nomination in 1960, and he actively campaigned for the Democratic ticket across the South once more in 1964.

Out of office as in, Sanford has concentrated on improving the quality of state government so that states rights could become more than a hollow slogan and states responsibilities, a realized goal. He has written extensively on the subject, and in a book entitled, "But What About The People," he proved to be well ahead of his time in advocating that government must be brought much closer to the citizenry if it is to retain the people's support and trust.

His positions of responsibility are almost too numerous to list, but they cover a wide range of interests, from public education to public television, from government reorganization (co-chairman of a commission appointed by President Nixon) to active politics (national chairman of the "Volunteers for Humphrey-Muskie" organization in 1968). Nor has he shirked from taking a public stand on the hard issues, whether they be of race or foreign policy. As he said recently, he has opposed the war in Vietnam almost from the first day.

But conceding his distinguished career and undoubted intellectual ability, what possible impact could a Sanford candidacy have this late in the presidential nomination game? Again, the answer remains the same: a lot.

First, Sanford could challenge the Wallace candidacy head-on across the South, just as his presence in the North Carolina ballot will challenge it there. He could prove that the South is not automatically lost to the haters, the fearful and the prophets of

the old order. Student backers are already circulating petitions to put him on other primary state ballots. There is at least an outside chance that he might face Wallace in an Alabama showdown, where the outcome is not half as clear as some might think.

Second, if Terry Sanford emerged triumphant in a confrontation with Wallace on what is supposedly his own turf, he would be an excellent position to challenge the entire Nixon game plan, the Southern strategy which would build a national electoral majority for the Republican nominee on a new solid South in the GOP camp. And while Sanford alone of all the Democratic candidates seems able and willing to do that, he alone of all the potential Southern candidates would carry no crippling burdens into a campaign for electoral votes in the Northeast, the Midwest or the West. None of the major blocs in the Democratic coalition has anything but respect for Sanford; none would find it difficult to go all-out for him in a showdown with President Nixon.

His nomination would give the Democratic party and the nation a Southern strategy in reverse. It would offer the voters a man speaking in Southern accents but speaking for the highest ideals of this land. It would offer them a man who has proved with his entire public career that a bridge is possible between young and old, black and white, North and South, public office and public credibility.

Nor would the Democratic party be breaking with tradition if it nominated him. Sixty years ago it picked a Southerner who had also been a college president and the governor of a state. The choice of Woodrow Wilson seemed wildly improbable at the time, but the voters proved the experts wrong. Today, in Terry Sanford, the Democratic party has the opportunity to once more unite the country, not behind a sectional candidate but behind a man who has proved that geography is no bar to distinguished, decent and far-seeing leadership. In a day of deep division and even deeper mistrust of the political process, the party could make no better choice.—Delta Democratic Times, Delta, Mississippi.

### THE DECISION IS ON THE GROUND

As so often in modern warfare the impulse at the White House on hearing of the first success of the enemy offensive in Vietnam was to consider a counter-offensive from the air with bombs, such a major air attack on North Vietnam may be ordered at any moment. The rationale for this is in part, even if it is a declaration of this new offensive is an "invasion" different in kind from previous movements of North Vietnam troops into South Vietnam.

But if the bombing comes, or has already started by the time this is in print, even if it wipes out every building in Hanoi and takes out every port and harbor facility in Haiphong, it will not affect the enemy offensive now unrolling in South Vietnam.

The enemy has been preparing this offensive for over six months and the troops for it for over six years. The men, ammunition and supplies have been moved down to the take-off points long ago. They have enough for everything at the front to carry out their assignments even if no more were to move down the supply trails for another six months. They are as independent as Sherman was when he headed out from "Atlanta to the sea."

So bombing North Vietnam would express resentment. It might provide a small amount of morale boosting to high officials of the Saigon government. But it would not affect the outcome of the battle in Quang Tri province.

The last chapter in this long story of war in Vietnam is being written as most last chapters in wars are written by the infantrymen slogging through the mud on the ground. Bombs may be dramatic, the damage they do even more so (when seen at a safe distance), but they are no substitute at the end for the infantry.

Besides, bombing North Vietnam will be a very different thing now than it was back in 1965. In those early days there were little or no effective defenses against bombing. Now North Vietnam ranks with the Egyptian side of the Suez Canal as one of the most heavily defended places in the world. Anti-aircraft weapons of the most sophisticated modern type are deployed around all strategic targets. If an offensive is attempted the probable losses will far outweigh any results.

So it's very well to threaten a bombing counteroffensive but the threat cannot stop or even slow down the ground offensive. Execution of the threat would not help the South Vietnam infantry on the defending lines. The issue is in the hands of the foot soldiers of South Vietnam. Either

### ON (FROM) WISCONSIN

The Wisconsin presidential primary left the Democratic would-be standing on the ground, with no one a rung up nationally on the nomination ladder.

True, Sen. George McGovern again proved himself at least a viable candidate as he had in the New Hampshire primary. In Wisconsin at least, his state-leading 30 per cent showed that a good guy image is not a liability. The voters seemed to respond to what Wisconsin's Sen. William Proxmire said of McGovern: "He's such a decent man. He has strength, stability and such a positive outlook. He never backs down, where the outcome is not half as clear as some might think."

New York's Mayor John Lindsay has picked his presidential hopes in his bag for this year after Wisconsin. It is just as well for all concerned. His real target has been the New York governorship anyway. And by staying in the presidential race he was just confusing the issue of whether his 6 or 7 per cent of the Democratic vote would go to McGovern or Humphrey.

The lowly 10 per cent that Sen. Edmund Muskie won in Wisconsin makes him look all the more ordinary as a contender. The ethnic vote did not stay strongly enough with him, which is a serious matter.

Sen. Hubert Humphrey's 21 per cent may not reflect his true strength in Wisconsin. It showed he still has some labor support. He still is a sentimental favorite of many Democrats. He can look bravely ahead to the Pennsylvania primary where he expects to do well. And he could claim that he lost votes both to Lindsay and to George Wallace on the working-class right.

In giving George Wallace credit for taking 22 per cent of the Wisconsin vote, it should be remembered that he had done even better there back in 1964 and that this time he benefited from a Republican cross-over vote strategy. Even so, the Wallace showing keeps the pressure on the Democrats to accommodate the "average" man's fed-upness with high taxes and government favoritism toward the rich. Two weeks ago Governor Wallace had thought little of his chances in Wisconsin. But in eight days of campaigning the crowds came out to hear him. And he finished on an upswing that could have carried him even higher had he begun his campaign earlier in Wisconsin in earnest.

The McGovern and Wallace tallies showed the otherwise unlikely pair to be the only Democratic candidates making gains from exposure. Senators Muskie and Humphrey are trying too hard. Senator Humphrey has been grasping out in all directions for issues. And Senator Muskie consistently responds in subtly wrong ways in the crucial campaign small talk.

So it's on from Wisconsin, no one ahead. — Christian Science Monitor.

### PRICE OF PROGRESS

If the four-day work week ever becomes the American standard, an energetic lady named Riva Poor of Cambridge, Mass., will be due much of the credit.

After all, she wrote the popular book on the idea, is its acknowledged pioneer and perhaps most ardent supporter. Her text has become the standard reference on the plan; requests to lecture and confer have poured in from all over the country.

In fact, recently Miss Poor has been so busy promoting the idea that she blushing admitted, "I've only just had my first day weekend in four years."

Jacksonville Florida Times-Union.

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 Billy Roger Greene, 702 King St., City.  
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 Mary N. Mitchem, 420 Cherokee St., City.  
 Leila Mae Robinson, 105 S. 8th Street, Bessemer City.

## Talent Show Is April 20

The Kings Mountain Kiwanis club seeks to raise \$3,000 to help provide a coronary unit for the hospital via proceeds from the 15th annual Schools Talent Show to be held next Thursday, April 20th, in Central school auditorium.

Trophies will be presented to the winners in all divisions.

Meantime, various schools in the district system are conducting preliminary talent events to decide the winners who will compete in the big show.

Joe A. Neisler, Jr., talent show chairman, said the civic club has raised \$27,149.16 over the past 14 years from talent events to improve school and community facilities.

Fifty-one Kings Mountain students will perform in the talent event, said Mr. Neisler.

in from all over the country.

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