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**TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE**  
*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. Romans 8:28.*

**Supreme Court Decision**

Decision of the North Carolina Supreme Court in upholding the Superior Court decision in City of Kings Mountain vs. W. K. Mauney, Jr., and Buford D. Cline, trading as B & B Ranch, indicates the long effort of the city to bring the Buffalo Creek water project to complete fruition is nearly over.

The Supreme Court, as did the lower courts, have held in favor of the city on legal points of law. The decision, in effect, apparently means that litigation of this type is at an end and that remaining legal actions will be limited to the question of the price the city will pay for the remaining two properties to be acquired and final price for the B & B Ranch property.

Great projects are not achieved overnight and certainly the Buffalo Creek water project is a case in point.

Discussions concerning the project first appears on the minutes of the city commission in November 1945, and it was July 1966 that the commission voted to proceed—nearly six years ago.

Growth of water-short Kings Mountain had been hampered for years for that major reason. There was no use for industries needing large amounts of water to pause in Kings Mountain. Their water needs could not be met. But the situation was worse than that. In periods of drought, Kings Mountain's water supply became dangerously short for its basic needs. On several occasions, the city tapped the supply in the old gold mine shaft to augment its supply.

The Good Father upstairs was good. The city never had to ration water, and prayers of city officials that a major fire would not occur were answered.

Citizens knew the need. On December 5, 1967, they voted 1382 to 69 authority for the city to borrow \$3 million for the Buffalo Creek project, this amount being augmented by a \$450,000 grant (gift) from the federal government. The percentage of the vote in favor was 95.6.

Now in more short-term view in the fact of a lake in formation which will have a shoreline slightly longer than Lake Lure's, a lake which will be a boon to the fisherman, the swimmer, the boat enthusiast, the water skier, and folk who merely like to live near the water.

Engineer W. K. Dickson told the Herald Wednesday he anticipated it would require approximately four months to finally complete the project, largely a matter of grubbing and clearing remaining properties.

The Herald believes that almost everyone—including the comparatively few property owners on which the city has taken condemnation action—want to see the five-foot diameter "hole" and the base of the 85-foot high dam plugged and the lake begin to fill.

**Best Bow Kinmont**

Kings Mountain is getting another new industry, this time a locally organized concern rather than a "foreigner". Kinmont Manufacturing Company will manufacture bed pillows for sale to institutions such as motels and hospitals and also to mass merchandisers under the Blue Heaven label.

Our congratulations and best wishes to President Bill Stinnett and the other organizers of this new industrial citizen which project an investment of \$500,000 and which expects to employ 50 persons.

Congratulations to Lindbergh Dixon on his election as commander of Otis D. Green Post 155, American Legion.

**Arthur Hunter Patterson**

The passing of Arthur Hunter Patterson at the age of 90 removes from the community a man who made his mark early and continued to make it for a long, long time.

As a young man, he was a clerk at Plonk Brothers & Company, subsequently served as Kings Mountain postmaster on appointment by President Woodrow Wilson from 1915 to 1923, then was one of the organizers of Home Savings & Loan Association and was the last survivor of that group. He served the institution as secretary and executive vice-president from its organization in 1923 to 1961—38 years—and as vice-president and director from its retirement until his passing. He mothered the then-fledgling association through the Great Depression of 1929-33, when its assets dropped considerably from the 1929 peak and which the association had not fully recouped as late as 1936. He had the pleasure of steering the association to its first million in assets and, rather quickly, to its second.

Mr. Patterson was accused sometimes of being too conservative. He would quickly quote the figures of the 1929-36 period as his reason.

On one occasion, when the Herald editor happened to be present, Mr. Patterson, talking on the telephone was telling a customer in no uncertain terms to get his house payments up-to-date. When the conversation was ended, he said, "I guess you think I talked pretty rough to that fellow. But you know we don't want to foreclose mortgages and be in the real estate business. It's our business to make people home-owners."

In his firmness, Mr. Patterson was looking after the association's interest on the one hand and doing the borrower a favor on the other.

Foresighted in business, Mr. Patterson noticed the savings-and-loan void in Bessemer City and recommended to his board of directors that it open a branch, which is now an important and growing part of the firm he helped to organize.

Mr. Patterson was a man of quiet but keen wit. He enjoyed hearing a good story and telling one, usually a witty and true commentary on his fellowman.

He was loyal to his church, to his family, and to his many friends.

**Light Vote**

Saturday's primary voting was very light in Number 4 Township, as it usually is, and a reminder that this section of Cleveland County, which tends to complain it does not have proper representation in county government should be complaining to itself.

In East and West Kings Mountain, the two largest precincts, only 1511 citizens—1372 Democrats and 139 Republicans—voted. In spite of a considerably smaller potential, more than 1900 citizens cast ballots in the 1971 city election.

With this year's "long" tickets, at county level and state level, most folk thought the township's non-voting tradition would be changed. Then there were the new 18-20 young voters—who apparently stayed away from the voting booths in droves.

In free America, it is neither possible, nor desirable, to drive citizens to the polls with the proverbial bull whip. But all should remember the old adage: If one doesn't vote, he doesn't have much right to gripe about what happens in his governments.

It is to be hoped the North Carolina attorney-general's opinion will concur with that of the Institute of Government's Robert E. Faye that Section 1 of a 1905 school law is still quite valid and operative. This section provides that all areas within the bounds of the City of Kings Mountain is also within the bounds of the Kings Mountain school district. This will eliminate the tuition charge for East Kings Mountain parents living within the city, yet in Gaston county, and, in effect end the double taxation these citizens are paying.

**MARTIN'S MEDICINE**

By MARTIN HARMON

With apologies to Andy Griffith, what if wuz wuz election day. m-m  
 Bizarre incidents crop up in just about every election. Josh Hinnant said Saturday morning his mother-in-law really regretted she couldn't vote for him. Mrs. Frank Summers was hospitalized after a Wednesday fall in which she injured a hip that had been previously broken. m-m  
 But J. M. McGinnis said he got discharged from the hospital Saturday because he wanted to vote. m-m  
 Voting at the same time I did were Wray Williams, 90, and his daughter Maude McGill. Just a few weeks ago Mr. Wray was critically ill following a stroke. But weekend before last, he accompanied Maude and Elmer to Lexington, Ky., for the horse races, both conventional and harness. m-m  
 Mrs. Charles Alexander and her daughter Cindy, went to the polls together, Cindy being a teen-ager who voted. Mother Ruby commented, "I wouldn't even think about suggesting to Cindy who she vote for. She'd be sure to vote just the opposite." m-m  
 The late Herald columnist H. Y. Bell's daughter approached the polls declaring to that all could hear she was voting for George Wallace. A few minutes later she emerged, bemoaning the fact she couldn't vote, as she was registered Independent. I'll bet, she said, I'll get that changed before the next election. m-m  
 Mrs. J. H. Arthur, the West Kings Mountain registrar, inadvertently handed my wife two presidential ballots. Anne returned the ballots and told Mrs. Arthur, "Oh, my goodness!", Mrs. ejaculated, virtually grabbing the extra out of my wife's hand. And for good reason. When more votes are totaled than the number of persons who voted, that's embarrassing. m-m  
 When I took my mother to vote at the East box, Mrs. Nell Crawford, the registrar, asked if I had a lot of money on me. Well, not a whole lot, but enough to cash a five-dollar check. Nell explained she needed some catnip money, that under the new 1971 election law election officials are not permitted to leave their posts, even to eat. m-m  
 At the West box, Wally Stawls voted first and Mrs. Arthur last of the 941 who voted. There was one write-in for the presidency, somebody wanting Hubert Humphrey. m-m  
 I was chatting with Judge Marion Arthur Thomason when there was a loud WHAM across the room. What in the world was that? Marion said, "That guy's thrown the phone again, just like two years ago." "That guy" had gotten angry two years before when told he wasn't registered. He was told the same Saturday, and called the elections board office to check against the master register. No, he wasn't registered. The Kelly Bunches, voting at the time, didn't think it funny. The thrown phone was only inches under their collective noses. m-m  
 Marion Thomason and I were tallying the state clean water and zoo bond ballots, after separating the all "for's" and all "against's", with probably 350 splits leftover. Many of them formed a recurring pattern. Marion frequently would call, "Against water, for zoo, against water, for zoo." Judge Dorus Littlejohn started laughing. "Those folk," he said, "like their monies and elephants but they don't want to give them any clean water to drink." m-m  
 I met a shoe salesman from Asheville in Bell's Tuesday and remarked, "Looks like you Randolph County folk are going to have a zoo." He replied, "I wish we weren't," which was something of a surprise to me. He dreaded the increase in traffic the zoo would bring, said the zoo bonds got a very bare majority in Randolph. m-m  
 Mrs. Vernon Crosby has a good story with political overtones. She and Mrs. John Chesire, Jr., were recently given silver inkwells and Pat suggested they needed some goose quill pens to make their gifts completely authentic. "But where could they find any," Phyllis asked. Pat remembered clipping a question-answer column with the goose quill answer, found they were obtainable from a Mr. Glaser in Charlottesville, Va. She wrote him, asking the price and possible delivery date, and enclosed a carbon of the letter with the suggestion he merely note the information at the bottom. Two days later the carbon was returned. "He must have been angry," Pat said. "He had heavily inked out the 'please advise price', had circled the delivery date query and drawn an arrow to the bottom of the page, where he had written: 'The day Ted Kennedy is elected President!'"

**Viewpoints of Other Editors**

**ELECTION-YEAR WEATHER**  
 Those Charlotteans who have been trying to coordinate their spring planting with the weather don't need to be told that it's a crazy year. This is supposed to be the South, and yet people are having to cover their geraniums right on the eve of May. It was warmer than this back in the winter.

A few years back such behavior on the part of the weather was attributed to he nuclear tests. Then, when those pretty much ended—blame was placed on the rocket tests and spaceflights. And while we wouldn't rule out Apollo this time, there's a more likely explanation:

Politics.

After all, just take a look at this year. Everyone has remarked on the oddity of George Wallace and George McGovern being so far apart politically that they appeal to the same voters. Though, the explanation to that may be simple; voters are so mad they're not taking time to read beyond the first names.

But even stranger things are happening in North Carolina. There's Terry Sanford trying to go from being president of Duke to President of the United States, and being supported at it by N. C. Attorney General Robert Morgan, who spent more than a few years just about as far from Terry Sanford as George Wallace is from George McGovern.

Meanwhile, former Sanford ally Skipper Bowles is running for governor on a conservative platform. Elsewhere in North Carolina, outspoken, ultraconservative editorialist Jesse Helms is running for the U. S. Senate as a man of dulcet tones and no visible opinions; one of his opponent, Charlotte-Becklenburg school board member William H. Booe—a stern apostle of conservatism—has discovered the middle-of-the-road and comes out for socialistic price controls. And we won't even go into what happened to Jim Beatty's liberal image when a seat in Congress opened up.

The site is within two hours' driving distance from most of the people in the state. The park will be the largest of its type in the world, and Asheboro and Randolph county have pledged to surround it with a mile-wide protective zone to shield it from high-density development.

The park will be a valuable and unique addition to the state parks system. Indeed it has already proved to be a popular attraction, even in its undeveloped state—4,000 people came to see it on a recent Sunday afternoon. As many as two million people a year are expected to visit the park after it is fully developed.

These millions of visitors will generate millions of dollars in tourist trade, taxes, new jobs and other revenue for the state over and above the cost of retiring the bonds.

And of course the park will be a splendid educational and recreation facility, a fine place for present and future generations of North Carolina children and grownups to visit.

For this reason alone, the state zoological park is well worth the support of voters on May 6.—The Winston-Salem Journal.

**A TEST FOR YOU**  
 One of the prime prerequisites for survival in today's world of overblown rhetoric (that phrase is its own best example) is the ability to translate what he bureaucrats and politicians are really saying. As even the simplest person knows by now, \$10 words, more likely than not, are used not to convey great thoughts but to disguise little ones.

To help you test your abilities in this regard, we are offering a little quiz, borrowed from Mickey Porter of the Akron Beacon Journal. There are five items, each of which is a familiar proverb dressed up in big words. For example, A mass of concreted earthy matter perennally rotating on its axis will not accumulate an accretion of bryophytic vegetation. (A rolling stone gathers no moss).

Scoring on the test is as follows: None right—you'd be safer in Australian outback where the bureaucrats can't get you; 1 or 2 right—avoid big cities and government jobs; 3 right—you're about average, confused but safe; 4 right—you are eligible for government employment; 5 right—you've got the qualifications of a secretary of health, education and welfare; 6 right—you are the secretary of health, education and welfare.

Ready? All you must do is identify the disguised proverb. Answers are at the end.

Begin.

1.—A superabundance of talent skilled in the preparation of gastronomic concoctions will impair the quality of a certain potable solution made by immersing a gallinaceous bird in ebullient Adam's ale.

2.—Individuals who perform are constrained to be domiciled in vitreous structures of patent fragility should on no account employ petrous formations as projectiles.

3.—He who does not dissipate his competence by heebentulous prodigality will not subsequently lament an exiguous inadequacy.

4.—An addle-pated beetlehead with his specie divaricates with startling prematurity.

5.—One should hypersthetically exercise macrography, upon that situs which one will eventually tenant if one propels oneself into the other.

The answers: 1—Too many cooks spoil the broth; 2—People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones; 3—Waste not, want not; 4—A fool and his money are soon parted; 5—Look before you leap.

See you in Washington, or Australia.

**RESOLUTION OF RESPECT**  
 The members of the Oper. Gate Garden club were deeply saddened by the death of Mrs. Zella Dennis Gantt on March 15, 1972. Mrs. Gantt was a charter member and instrumental in the organization of our club in 1951. Among her many accomplishments in garden club work she was a National Life member, and holds a Life Certificate as Judge in Garden Club of North Carolina. Her gentle, friendly manner and her ever present smile and disposition endeared her to all who knew her.

Therefore, be it resolved:

First—In the going of our dear member our lives have been enriched by having worked and walked by her side. We have lost a much loved and valuable member, and we will sorely miss her presence. May the memory of her love and service inspire us to go forward in our work, until we, too, shall find eternal rest with our Master. Never was there a job too large for her to undertake. Her love for flowers could not be equaled, and with God's beauty and her skill none could be compared.

Second—That we extend to her daughter and grandsons our deepest sympathy in their great loss, and that we humbly submit to the will of our Heavenly Father.

Third—That a copy of this tribute of love and respect be entered upon our minutes, a copy be entered in our year book, and a copy be sent to the family.

"She was a friend whose heart was good,  
 She walked with us and understood.  
 Hers was a smile we loved to see,  
 Hers was a hand that asked no fee  
 For friendliness and kindness done,  
 And now that she has journeyed on,  
 Hers is a life that never ends;  
 She leaves behind uncounted friends."

Mrs. A. W. Kincaid,  
 Mrs. C. E. Cash,  
 Mrs. J. H. Coggins,  
 Committee.

**Birth Announcements**

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Taylor, 1906 Modena Street, Gastonia, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday, April 26, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Larry Woodall, 213 W. Ohio Avenue, Bessemer City, N. C., announce the birth of a son, Friday, April 28, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Newell B. Cooper, 902 Princeton St., announce the birth of a daughter, Friday, April 28, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Elber S. Moore, Route 1, Grover, N. C., announce the birth of a son, Friday, April 28, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Nero A. Wilson, 607 Alexander Street, Dallas, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Friday, April 28, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. E. Welch, 1518 Johns Avenue, Gastonia, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Friday, April 28, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard R. Craig, 206 W. Harrison Avenue, Gastonia, N. C., announce the birth of a son, Saturday, April 29, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGinnis, 1350 Midplains, announce the birth of a son, Sunday, April 30, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. David Oaks, Rt. 2, Box 696, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday, May 3, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Gene Hale, Route 3, announce the birth of a son Thursday, May 4, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James Greene, Route 2, Box 450, announce the birth of a son, Friday, May 5, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Mixon, 203 Graham Street, Gastonia, N. C., announce the birth of a son, Friday, May 5, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. David Weaver, Rt. 2, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, Saturday, May 6, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. David Dawkins, 408 W. Sullivan Ave., Gastonia, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Sunday, May 7, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pitts, 611 Robinson St., Dallas, announce the birth of a son, Sunday, May 7, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dale White, Rt. 1, Blacksburg, S. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Monday, May 8, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Staley, 303 S. Summey St., Dallas, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Monday, May 8, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Greene, 305 East Kings St., announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, May 9, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Peterson, Smyrna Road, Kings Creek, S. C., announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, May 9, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Elden Biddix, 812 Grace Street, announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, May 9, Kings Mountain hospital.

**KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log**

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

James Lee Bagwell  
 Lucille S. Blanton  
 Mack Lee Conner  
 Harley R. Gore  
 Flossie Sueann Hawkins  
 Walter M. Moorhead  
 Effie Peterson  
 Mrs. James P. Pettis  
 Grace Philbeck  
 Minnie Bell Quinn  
 Lucinda Surratt  
 Bobby Gene Sutherland  
 Faye M. Sutton  
 Irma Thomson  
 Elizabeth T. Willeford  
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 Mrs. Jack N. Nations  
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 Mrs. Maurice S. Grigg  
 Mrs. William L. Moody  
 Mrs. David L. McCurry  
 Bonnie M. Summers  
 Jennie S. Yelton

**ADMITTED THURSDAY**  
 Mrs. Odell Davis, Rt. 2, Bessemer City  
 Mrs. Jimmy Howard, 1017 E. Drive, Gastonia  
 Bessie M. McClain, Rt. 3, City

**ADMITTED FRIDAY**  
 Mrs. Monroe M. Ellis, McCauley Dr., Bessemer City  
 Jerry L. Gaddy, 301 Falls St., City  
 Helen Irene Smith, 316 Maner Rd., City  
 Mrs. James L. Green, Rt. 2, City

**ADMITTED SATURDAY**  
 Mrs. Keith D. Williams, 1223 Hooper St., Gastonia  
 Harvey L. Wray, Shelby

**ADMITTED SUNDAY**  
 Thad L. Bailey, Rt. 1, Gastonia  
 Mrs. David Dawkins, 408 W. Sullivan Ave., Gastonia  
 Walter Gerald Gladden, 507 Broad St., City  
 Jim Laws, P.O. Box 272, Bessemer City  
 Shufford E. Packett 1904 Flint La., Gastonia  
 Mrs. Oscar W. Patterson, 1039 Parkview Dr., Gastonia  
 Mrs. Roy Pitts, 611 Robinson St., Dallas  
 Mrs. Conley Schronce, 112 West Georgia Ave., Bessemer City  
 Eunice R. Warlick, Rt. 3, City  
 Mrs. Roger Dale White, Rt. 1, Box 361, Blacksburg, S. C.

**ADMITTED MONDAY**  
 Mrs. Neil D. Barnes P.O. Box 642, Bessemer City  
 Margaret Bennett, 708 East Ridge St., City  
 Mrs. Donald O. Blackburn, Rt. 2, City  
 Mrs. Nelson O. Bolyrn, 415 S. Holland St., Dallas  
 Alda L. Deal, 807 Floyd St., City  
 Alonzo George Goforth, Rt. 3, City  
 Mrs. Bobby L. Heffner, 2036 Cleveland Ave., Bessemer City  
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 Lucille Ivey, S. Sims St., City  
 Augustus J. B. McClain, 1040 Westover, City  
 Donna Marie Moss, 109 Linden St., Clover, S. C.  
 Mary Beth Ramsey, 809 East Ridge St., City  
 Buford B. Reid, Rt. 1, City  
 Mrs. Earl G. Staley, 303 S. Summey St., Dallas  
 Mrs. Charles F. Williams, 808 N. Piedmont Avenue, City

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

Dear Editor,  
 Monday nite was the first time I have seen the mayor and the commission in action, I think it was carried out wonderfully. Our mayor opened the business with a prayer, and I 100 per-cent. Now all that believe that is the reason every thing went right. I don't believe we could get a better board if we had the state to pick from. I know we people in Kings Mountain could get no mayor or commission to run our town any better. Say you people here in the City of Kings Mountain come on, sit-in one meeting and then you will know. You know they all are good looking men. I for one am behind them business with a prayer, and I 100 per-cent. Now all that believe that is the reason every thing went right. I don't believe we could get a better board if we had the state to pick from. I believe we have the best town in the state. Don't you?

J. C. Clary

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