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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.

Run-Off Season Busy

The run-off primaries on June 3 won't find the ballot as long as for the May 6 voting but they will be longer than usual in run-off affairs.

It's Bowles vs. Taylor for governor, Galifianakis vs. Senator Jordan for the U. S. Senate, Secrest vs. Ingram for commissioner of insurance, first-named being the leader on May 6. Over on the GOP side (what about that?) there's a run-off for governor where Jim Gardner holds a small lead over Jim Holshouser. That's at the state level.

Also on the Democratic side of the fence, there's a four-man run-off for two places on the county commission, the top three in the run-off so closely bunched that a mere 100-vote "long" tabulation error removed Kings Mountain's L. E. (Josh) Hinnant from second place to fourth when the official canvas was made. Mr. Hinnant led Dwight Tessner, in fifth place, by 438 votes.

Second primaries tend to get heated. And the races on both sides of the gubernatorial fences, as well as the Democratic senate race, have occasioned some ascerbic remarks. Challenger Taylor even has denied ever having close association with Governor Bob Scott, which may or may not be good politics. Mr. Taylor was undoubtedly smarting over the Governor's publicly-given advice not to ask a second race, a little injudicious on the Governor's part.

With all the primaries for president going on and getting nationwide exposure from the communications media, it is reasonable to guess that the nation—always enjoying a varied entertainment diet—will be glad to take a little rest, as the tired candidates undoubtedly will be.

State Republican Chairman Rouse averred the other day the GOP gubernatorial run-off should have a healthy effect. A run-off, he feels, will get people active and pay off with votes in November.

The Democrats have figured it that a long time and it works, a fact the big city news folk don't seem to understand. The loyalists fight hard and tough in their family fracas, but they close ranks in the autumn.

Theodore Wilson Gamble

The sudden passing of Ted Gamble, who suffered a massive stroke, saddened a legion of friends.

It was a man of wit and what is generally referred to as good, old-fashioned horse sense. Born in the Bethware community, he came to town, so to speak, and has been here most of the time since.

His service station was something of a gathering place, like the country store, where friends would congregate, to buy gas and oil, or just to talk.

Mr. Gamble was a good host, a hard worker, a good man.

Congratulations to Steve Crosby, who has been voted the Outstanding Brother award by his fraternity brothers at Eastern Carolina University.

A best bow to Frank Case, elected senior vice-commander of the fourteenth North Carolina district, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

It costs money, but Kings Mountain is not so poor it can't afford two-man night patrols, and the city commission was wise in implementing the request with additional officers. As Dick Shaney, the former highway patrolman, told the commissioner, he had some close calls but law enforcement is a meaner job today than when he was an officer.

Senator B. Everett Jordan announced Wednesday what he termed an important breakthrough on the projected Clinchfield dam in Rutherford county, the result of an environmental impact study.

The Sewage Programs

Chief of Police Tom McDevitt remarked jestingly at Wednesday's city commission meeting, "Looks like we're in the sewer."

Indeed three of the six items on the agenda concerned sewage matters.

First is the more immediate item, diversion of some of the waste going to the over-loaded McGill Creek treatment plant, and for which the city is planning to issue \$113,000 in bonds, as the city share in making the diversion, under the three-steps-forward-two backward rule. A government agency can borrow without a bond election two-thirds of the previous year's net debt retirement. Hindsight being superior to foresight, it is possible the city erred in not issuing the full \$1,300,000 bond for the sewage program a few years ago, rather than the million, the extra \$300,000 borrowing authority having expired at the end of five. Conversely, with the city getting a federal grant for the difference, it may be the Local Government Commission would not have permitted the extra.

Next sewage item was the city's endorsement of their regional sewage system concept.

The professionals in the "clean water" business are sold on the regional concept as cheapest, most efficient and the answer to cleaning polluted streams and rivers on a mass basis.

Indeed, E. C. Hubbard, assistant director of the Water and Air Resources Commission, said as much to Mayor John Henry Moss last August and urged him to promote the regional concept in this area.

Back Home

Willie Mays, the great star of two decades with the New York and San Francisco Giants, has returned home, having been sold to the New York Mets.

At 41, Mays' reflexes are hardly what they were a few years back but he did smash one out of the park the other night to beat his old Giant teammates.

And he's earning his \$160,000 pay at the gate. The Mets, playing winning ball, were averaging only 10,000 customers per game. On the night of Willie Mays' first appearance in a Met uniform, 44,000 were in the stands.

Some think Mays should hang up the spikes, but one baseball fan poses the question, "What would he do?"

And there was a fellow a few years ago named Big Jawn Mize, who ended his playing days with the Yankees. The pinch-hitting purposes. He won 'em ball Yanks kept him around largely for games and a World Series.

The Haiphong Mining

As happens on controversial decisions, President Nixon's decision to mine Haiphong harbor has attracted both praise and criticism.

The hawks liked the idea of the calculated risk, while the doves did not.

One reason the continuance of the American presence in Vietnam has attracted as much criticism throughout the nation is that the doves want to pull out and the hawks have been frustrated, in the historic United States tradition that a war worth fighting is worth winning.

Anyone who has ever served in a shooting war knows that superiority in men and material are the essential keys to winning. Another is control of the real estate. One of the sorriest episodes in the Vietnam action was the chewing up of a Marine outfit ordered to capture a hill. They captured the hill, only to be pulled out a few days later. The enemy said thanks for the invitation and reoccupied the hill.

The mines will be respected. Most navy men say they'd rather be torpedoed than mined. According to Time Magazine the mines are varied type, including both acoustic, which can be detonated by propeller noise, and magnetic which are attracted by a ship's hull. The acoustics, said Time, can be set to allow up to nine ships to pass in safety but the tenth one gets the medicine.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

The shooting Monday of George Wallace shocked and saddened the nation, including those who do not support the doughty Alabama governor.

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Governor Wallace, four years ago an independent candidate for president, is back home with the Democrats this year and has been doing very well in the primaries, knocking off two more Tuesday while hospitalized with a would-be assassin's bullet in his back and he is paralyzed from the waist down.

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No announcement has been made definitely about possible surgery to relieve the paralysis. Hopefully that will result.

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The Charlotte Observer had an interesting feature Wednesday on the history of presidents, presidential candidates and other public figures who have been felled by assassin's fire.

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Andrew Jackson was the first president to be fired at, in 1837, but the gunman missed, as did the gunman who fired at President Truman, Presidents Abraham Lincoln, John Garfield, William McKinley, and John Kennedy were killed. Theodore Roosevelt was hit but the wound wasn't too serious.

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The writer of the feature referred to Huey Long, Bobby Kennedy, Malcolm X, and Lincoln Rockwell, all killed, and Franklin D. Roosevelt, shot at and missed, but the bullet hit Chicago Mayor Anton Cermak who died from his wounds. It was three weeks before Roosevelt's 1933 inauguration. Or was the target actually Mayor Cermak?

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The writer noted one exception—William McKinley—to an otherwise basic trend. All but McKinley were strong and controversial men, leaders who excited the people with both love and hate. McKinley was an amiable man, not a strong leader, not particularly controversial.

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Most of the gunmen were emotionally unstable, as were Lee Harvey Oswald and Sirhan Sirhan, and as evidence indicates Arthur Bremer, the man who shot Wallace, is.

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I have never been a George Wallace supporter, but I admire him for speaking his views forthrightly and for his ability to field questions adeptly in his dealings with the press. Newsmen have their share of ego and oftentimes try to put words in the mouths of people they interview. It's a trait I attempt to avoid, as I don't consider it fair or even good reporting. There's nothing wrong with the searching question, which is what reporters are for. But Governor Wallace handles himself quite well in such situations, picks up the ball and throws it back.

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There has been speculation that the shooting may attract a sympathy vote to Wallace, which is just wish. It is human to want to help the fellow in trouble just as it is sometimes beneficial to be the underdog in a political race.

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Case in point occurred in a county election a few years ago.

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A political leader was angry at the incumbents on a particular matter and cut them in the first primary. Then the political leader had some second thoughts. Was he properly analyzing the abilities of the fellow he was cutting against the man he was substituting. He decided he wasn't and switched in the second go.

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Alas, it was too late. The incumbent was defeated.

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Security of public figures is a difficult task. If they are public moving among crowds, "pressing the flesh" as Lyndon Johnson liked to do, protection by cadres of secret service men is not necessarily sufficient.

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A presidential bodyguard said after President Kennedy's death he had accompanied him on a trip to New York two weeks before and could imagine rifles protruding from any number of skyscraper windows.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

SO FAR, SO GOOD

As American mines bob about in the waters surrounding Haiphong harbor and other North Vietnamese ports, their lethal potential so far has not precipitated a crisis with either Moscow or Peking. After two days of delay, during which we must suppose the doves, hawks and middle-roadsers of the Kremlin had their own set-to, Moscow has issued a condemnation of President Nixon's latest action that is more notable for what it did not say than for the hard words of condemnation it did contain.

There were no threats of retaliation, even though the Kremlin termed the threat to Soviet and other shipping "inadmissible." Nor was there any mention of the forthcoming summit talks between Washington and Moscow.

On the contrary, preparations went on between White House and Kremlin officials in both Washington and Moscow to set the scene for the summit meeting.

Events on the scene in Vietnam support the evidence of Soviet restraint. Four Soviet ships left Haiphong harbor before the American mines were activated Thursday morning. Other Russian ships on the way to North Vietnam are reported to have slowed down. And, significantly, Moscow has not made an issue of reported damages to at least two Soviet freighters during American raids on Haiphong in the last few days.

These facts all point to several likely trends in current Kremlin thinking:

1. Moscow places more strategic value on crystallizing its situation in Europe than on rolling the Asian political waters, at this point. The Bonn pact is almost ready to jell; Moscow does not want to jeopardize that critical treaty in any way.

2. Along the same lines, Moscow wants very much to bring the strategic arms limitation talks to a fruitful sage. It hopes to find a way out of the never-ending nuclear weapons spiral that is draining its military, technological and economic capacities. At the same time, it waits to open the trade doors or buy needed ecological hardware from the American market.

3. As for its Southeast Asian interests, Moscow may feel fairly confident that the end is in sight for the Vietnam conflict, and that North Vietnam is going to take home most of the marbles, probably sooner than later. While the mining of North Vietnamese waters was a sting affair, Moscow has doubtless already stockpiled its Vietnamese ally with enough military supplies to last for quite a while. And if need be, it can try to negotiate use of the Peking-Hanoi railroad, much as it might dislike that alternative.

So far, Mr. Nixon appears to have played his cards adeptly. The initial risk is lessened by the relative mildness of the response from both Moscow and Peking (which also condemned the mining of the waters as a "gross violation" of international shipping law). That risk, of course, is not yet over. Should a Soviet ship hit an American mine, the hardline faction in the Kremlin, whose strength recently has been in greater evidence, might upset the existing power lineup.

But so far, so good. The summit meeting is less than two weeks away. We earnestly hope it takes place, for the benefit of everyone concerned.—The Christian Science Monitor.

CARTELS AND THE PUBLIC

Is a cartel in the public's interest? That, in effect, is the question the Federal Maritime Commission will be investigating. Seven North Atlantic shipping lines have signed an agreement that will, putting it mildly, sharply limit competition. The lines already fix rates, through carrier conference and with Maritime Commission approval, but this agreement goes much farther.

Under the pact, the carriers will pool revenue on a prearranged basis, instead of each carrier keeping the revenue it generates. The lines will also get together to decide what schedules to use and what ports to serve.

Fortunately the agreement cannot go into effect without Maritime Commission approval. In the agency's investigation it will have to consider questions such as these: Will the seven carriers gang up against lines that were foolish or unlucky enough to remain outside the agreement? Will the seven prevent carriers from serving certain ports or divert cargo from one port to others.

It seems likely that the answer in each case will be "yes," if such a course promises to be profitable. One fact that the commission should keep in mind as it starts its study is that cartels are set up solely to protect cartels, not the general public.—The Wall Street Journal.

LOTS MORE SUBSIDY CREAM TO BE SKIMMED

Something is wrong in the administration of the law that limits farm subsidy payments to \$55,000 per crop. Instead of skimming the subsidy cream off the top, passage of the \$55,000 limit seems only to have taken a little of the foam off the cream on top.

From 1966 to 1970, federal taxpayers contributed from \$2.5 billion to \$3.3 billion a year to support farm prices by payments to growers. Six gigantic farm corporations received more than a million dollars each in 1970 subsidies—and two of them got more than \$4 million. The scandal of these immense payments flowing out of what was supposed to be aid to individual farmers and their families finally reached Congress, and in 1970 a \$55,000 per crop per producer limit was passed.

In view of the fact that more than half the subsidy payments were being made to the 15 per cent of farm ownerships with annual sales of more than \$20,000, the \$55,000 limit seemed high and there was a spirited debate about making the limit \$20,000.

It's time to look at the proposal again, for a new study by the General Accounting Office (GAO) has unearthed the exploitation by some farm companies of loopholes in the 1970 law. According to the Department of Agriculture, the \$55,000 law has produced savings of only \$2,180,000, a small dent in a multi-billion dollar program.

The U. S. Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) has the responsibility for seeing that crop payments are "valid, accurate and in compliance" with law. On the contrary, the GAO found cases in which farmers have used subterfuges to spread the \$55,000 business partners, or new corporations or partnerships. Moreover, if the county ASCS committee looked the other way while this finagling was going on, the GAO contends that higher levels of the ASCS organization did nothing.

When a Mississippi farmer can lease most of his 5,000 acres of cotton allotments to 45 other persons, so that all qualify for subsidy payments, there's a breakdown in administration. A tougher law would help. Surely a \$20,000 payment ceiling would be enough to persuade a farm family to keep a field out of production for a year.

Meanwhile, we have the General Accounting Office to thank for telling us of another instance in which the Department of Agriculture has completely negated an admittedly weak law by poor administration.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

POLICE PATROL TANDEMS ARE LEAST WE CAN DO

The decision by the Kings Mountain city council to fund extra policemen to ride them two to a car, especially at night, seems to us to be a sound one. Based upon two recent police officer deaths, one in Bessemer City which really hit close to home and another in Cabarrus county, the Kings Mountain decision seems an absolute safety matter.

Yet, we know all too well some of the arguments against such tandem riding in patrol cars. Primarily, and most generally, the argument is that two officers in a car causes personality conflicts that adversely affect their attention to duty. Another argument, often voiced, is that a second officer is no assistance in such instances as that in Bessemer City, but instead might mean two officers shot instead of one. And yet another, sometimes advanced but not too loudly, is that the cost of a tandem operation is too much.

While we do not deny the possibility that personality conflicts could arise, we believe this to be a solvable problem that should not interfere with conversion to the two-officer concept, especially at night. Of course there are other safety precautions which officers, when riding alone, and police departments in general can take, such as extreme care in approaching vehicles at night and identifying the vehicles in advance. Yet, it almost seems to us to be tempting fate not to have a second officer ride shot.

Some larger cities, certainly, have found that tandem or team riding has worked, and they figure to use and what ports to serve. Fortunately the agreement cannot go into effect without Maritime Commission approval. In the agency's investigation it will have to consider questions such as these: Will the seven carriers gang up against lines that were foolish or unlucky enough to remain outside the agreement? Will the seven prevent carriers from serving certain ports or divert cargo from one port to others.

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ADMITTED THURSDAY
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A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it is recognized that Law Enforcement is a vital need in our present society, whereas some unavoidable tragedies result in the carrying-out of the duties of enforcing our laws, and whereas it is felt that the Police Department of Kings Mountain, N. C. excels as a result of the Leadership of Chief Tom McDevitt, and whereas it is the duty of all citizens to uphold the dignity and respect of Honest and Conscientious efforts to serve, it is hereby resolved that the Kings Mountain Rotary Club wholeheartedly supports Chief Tom McDevitt in his time of grief over the tragedy resulting from his actions in the Line of Duty and encourages him to continue in the Leadership of the Kings Mountain Police Department.

Be it also resolved that the Kings Mountain Rotary Club expresses its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Mrs. Senora Hughes Williams, whose loss at this time is most grievous.

KINGS MOUNTAIN ROTARY CLUB
11 May, 1972

SLUMMY, BUT

Of course it is true that Piccadilly Circus today in "rather tatty and slummy," as one British newspaper says. But it is still the enduring hub of London, and any modernizing of it that does away with its essential atmosphere would be difficult for most of us to swallow.

No wonder that an outcry has arisen in Britain over the latest plan to redevelop Piccadilly. Such epithets as "horridifying" and "inhuman" have been hurled at the plan. The developers would convert the circus into an ultramodern, monument-type complex dominated by high-rise office and apartment towers. Eros would remain in a restructured focal point with a pedestrian "deck" around the statue. But there would be very little else left of Piccadilly as we know it.

Quite apart from the aesthetic aspect, one of the strongest arguments against the plan is that it would provide for a 50 percent increase in vehicular traffic though the square, and this at a time when many urban planners are urging that traffic be kept away from city centers.

Piccadilly's spell is an intangible thing, closely bound up with its history, its associations, its memories. You can't measure it in terms of brick and mortar or the value of real estate.

If city developers can rejuvenate the circus by freshening what now exists and getting rid of the slummy look, all well and good. But please don't destroy the Piccadilly we all love.

GOSPEL SING

The Hampton Trio will be featured in a program of gospel singing Saturday night at 7 p.m. at East Side Baptist church in Blacksburg, S. C.

KIWANIS PROGRAM

The Kings Mountain high school Chorus will present a musical program at Thursday night's meeting of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club at 6:45 p.m. at the Woman's club.

ELECTION NIGHT

Thursday Night is Election Night at the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club's regular meeting at 6:45 at the Woman's club.

METHODIST TOPIC

"What Can One Man Do?" will be the sermon topic of Rev. N. C. Bush at Sunday morning worship service at 11 o'clock at Grace United Methodist church.

Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Elden Biddix, 812 Grace Street, 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. Steve Greene, 305 E. Kings Street, announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, May 9, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Johnson, Rt. 2, announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday, May 10, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James Morton, 229 Nassau Place, Gastonia, announce the birth of a daughter, Friday, May 12, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall D. Pruitt, 504 N. Broad St., Gastonia, announce the birth of a daughter, Saturday, May 13, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John M. Broome, 714 A Street, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a son, Saturday, May 13, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Ross, 1256 Baugh Street, Apt. A, Gastonia, announce the birth of a daughter, Saturday, May 13, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ashe, 3743 Acres Center, Gastonia, announce the birth of a son, Sunday, May 14, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Tessener, 407 N. Cansler St., announce the birth of a daughter, Monday, May 15, Kings Mountain hospital.

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