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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE
Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, all is vanity. Ecclesiastes 1:2.

Up To Us

Paul Hambricht, the former agriculture teacher, said recently, "If you folks want a county commissioner you've got to do it like we did. We weren't mad at Carl Finger, as a matter of fact I didn't even know him. But we made the nomination and election of Broad Ellis a community project. That's what you've got to do."

Mr. Hambricht knows whereof he speaks.

Mr. Hambricht now knows Mr. Finger and likes him, still teases Mr. Finger about the paucity of votes Mr. Finger received in the man-on-man run-off election in which Mr. Ellis was elected and in which Mr. Finger was defeated.

Mr. Hambricht speaks of both experience and victory.

In the second primary election, to which Hambricht refers, the small community of Grover voted the book. Mr. Finger lays claim to no more than three votes in the Grover precinct. Mr. Hambricht phrases it "we made it (the nomination of Mr. Ellis) a community project."

Kings Mountain has a worthy candidate for the county board of commissioners in the person of Josh Hinnant, a banker by profession, a non-paid champion of the Kings Mountain area for industrial development, a down-to-earth baseball pitcher who knows the score.

Kings Mountain has griped for years, this newspaper among the leaders, of being the red-headed stepchild of Cleveland County.

The tape on election results reveals the true story of those willing to read and understand.

On May 6, 1382 Democrats voted against a potential of round figure 4300.

It is not mete to complain when we do not vote.

Hang-Ups

President Nixon, in his prior visit to China and in his present excursion to Moscow, is acting as 1) Chief Architect of the United States foreign policy; 2) Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the United States and 3) a very pragmatic politician very conscious that November 7, 1972 is election and he hopes, re-election day, in the United States.

Mr. Nixon has never been a favorite of this newspaper.

Conversely, this newspaper must credit Mr. Nixon as the Kings Mountain Herald has historically, courage, imagination and the will to work, from which he has never flagged.

The late great Sir Winston Spencer Churchill said, "As long as you're talking, you aren't shooting."

It is patently true.

The history of the Russian is one of aggrandizement—short of war.

It is to be assumed that Mr. Nixon has read his fill of Russian history and on this background he is gambling that a detente can be established by which the world may live in relative peace.

The United Nations is maligned as a wasteful weak sister, leecher of the public treasury with no worthwhile result.

The fact remains, in spite of Vietnam where, all know, the morality and integrity of the Free World cannot be imposed upon the oriental mind, there has not been a major war of the World War I and World War II proportion.

The visit of the President to Peking and now Moscow is a conspicuous effort on the part of the United States to continue the detente for now and hopefully forevermore.

Taylor Endorsements

A run-off primary is a new ball game.

Skipper Bowles led the first primary 62,500 votes.

Dr. Reginald Hawkins, the Negro, who polled 118,000 votes in 1968, polled 65,000 votes on May 6.

Wilbur Hobby, chief of the North Carolina American Federation of Labor-Congress of International Organizations, polled 58,000.

Both have endorsed Lt. Governor H. Pat Taylor for Governor in the June 3 second primary.

What conclusions can be drawn? Lindsay Warren, manager of the Taylor campaign, was somewhat apologetic of the Hawkins support. "When you're behind" he was quoted, "you want any support."

It was very obvious that the candidacies of Dr. Hawkins and Mr. Hobby were for a singular purpose: to dictate policies of the likely next Governor of North Carolina.

Apparently they could dictate to the non-taxing (he says) Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina. Who was the architect of the Scott-Tax program of 1969 in the Senate of North Carolina and who now decries friendship with Governor Scott, his mentor?

Lt. Governor Taylor, inferring he plans to assess a larger tax bite on North Carolinians pooh-poohs Senator Bowles' pledge that he will recommend no new taxes on North Carolina citizens.

A review of recent North Carolina history reveals such a pledge is hardly vacuous.

Governor Dan Moore pledged he would recommend no new taxes. There were none.

State Senator Jack White of Kings Mountain had a very difficult time persuading the Governor that addition of five cents to the price of a bottle of whiskey—earmarked to build alcoholic rehabilitation centers—was not a tax. Said Senator White, "Governor, no tax. As North Carolina—sold whiskey is not taxed. Governor, I merely want to add five cents to the price of a bottle of whiskey and earmark it as I say."

The Governor finally agreed.

Senator Bowles says he can repeat the Moore performance. He can.

Turned On

It was a happy day last Thursday afternoon when the valve was turned pouring Kings Mountain water into the mains of Bessemer City.

The professionals in the business of "clean water" have long been aware of the regional concept. The little fellas must work together.

The Bessemer City-Kings Mountain water contract is a case in point. Slightly larger Kings Mountain, bound by direct necessity, borrowed a large sum of money to obtain water, more than it needs for the moment. Smaller Bessemer City, unaided and unabated by utility profits, needed water. Kings Mountain is supplying Bessemer City's "shorts".

A good trade is beneficial to all parties concerned. This one is a prime example.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

Ford Times, the consumer trade publication the grandson of T. Model Henry produces, inspires a dash of drifel. . .

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The Magazine features one Peter DePaola, winner of the Indianapolis Speedway classic at the then-virulent speed of in excess of 80 miles per hour in 1925.

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Sir Pete hung up the racing spikes A. D. 1934, and since has relegated himself to the paddock, the banquet circuit featuring such heavy-weights as baseball's Bob Feller, football's Ironton, Ohio flash George McAfee, and basketball's first all-American out of North Carolina nee, Pennsylvania) George Glamack.

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It was the only auto race I've ever attended and I have a rather keen suspicion that my late father wanted to go much more than I did.

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But Peter DePaola was the star.

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After apprenticing under his uncle, Ralph DePalma, who pushed his way to a non-win in 1912—second year of the Indianapolis business—DePaola was Number 1 in 1925.

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A few weeks later, at the short-lived but equally exciting wood track just south of Charlotte, DePaola, fresh off his victory on the red brick of Indianapolis, showed 'em how to do it in Lady-car fashion at Pineville.

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At the age of five, which I was, certain memories remain clear and uncluttered.

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Peter DePaola.

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My Father.

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Dink (I finally learned his name is Odell) Bennett.

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The BIG ORANGE.

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I touched on this matter a few years ago, settling an argument of sorts. Well, whatta you know? I've got the program!

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Pineville was fathered by a Charlotte Buick dealer named C. C. Coddington. The speedster of that day raced for two years, but the high priced soda pop and turnstile take wasn't sufficient. Wood-track Pineville just rotted out.

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It required the coming of the more-permanent asphalt to keep the hot-rods in business. And their business is pretty good. mania of John Q. Public being what it is—gore.

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Everyone loves a fight, as long as it's as old as the ancient Egyptians I watch and you fellows fight, tarried by the Romans, and Hannibal contributed.

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DePalma, the non-winner of 1912, was intense to the point he had his mechanics come and push. He busted a rod (radius, ament the twenties, the late master mechanic, Mr. Hoffman, Dr. John Jacob George Hord's radius-rod shop where his son Jimmy built a strip-down T-model), went into flight training, free-lance flying, then into Eastern Airlines as Captain Hord.

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My mother hasn't ever been off the ground, says, if she ever gets airborne, it would have to be with Captain Hord or Captain Buck Dilling (Ret.), both of whom she knew from childhood. There not another pilot in the world who knows how to fly a plane, she thinks.

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All of which, I suggest, as Champion DePaola suggests, is a long way round to the banquet circuit, and on which the Man of '25 Mr. DePaola, now 74, is in great demand. Today the boys gun it near 200 m.p.h.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

THE PRESIDENT'S OFFER

The centerpiece of President Nixon Vietnam statement recently was, by his own emphasis, the decision to mine the harbors of North Vietnam, to deny Hanoi "the weapons and supplies it needs to continue the aggression." But there was enveloped in and largely obscured by this portentous announcement there was another message, one which, had it been delivered alone, would have brought forth quite different headlines and commentary.

This was his decision to alter the terms by which he would end direct U. S. military involvement in Vietnam. Once U. S. prisoners of war are released, once an internationally supervised ceasefire has begun in Indochina, he said, the United States will cease all acts of force and within four months will draw all U. S. forces from Vietnam. No longer would U. S. insist on linking total withdrawal to the progress of Vietnamization. Nor would the proposal include demands that the invading North Vietnamese first pull back behind their own borders.

Had this been Mr. Nixon's only message, it is not hard for us to imagine that it would have been read here at home as a capitulation by the President to his most passionate critics. In his press briefing, Henry Kissinger made oblique reference to this irony. "The modification of our peace proposal," he said, "corresponds with what was the accepted wisdom everywhere only a little while ago."

On the eve of Mr. Nixon's day of decision, The Economist of London repeated this accepted wisdom with detached perspective. It thought it likely that Hanoi would pause on the battlefield—having amply demonstrated its ability to gain ground through military prowess—and give politicians in Washington and Saigon a moment to contemplate the consequences. "It may be enough," said the periodical, "for North Vietnam's leaders if they could get Mr. Nixon to withdraw the last of his troops from the country in return for a ceasefire and handing over their few American prisoners."

Well, they did. But so far, enough does not seem to be enough for Hanoi. "Why is it," Dr. Kissinger asks plaintively, "that these proposals should not be accepted? If they were good enough for the Senate doves, why is it that Hanoi rejects them?"

The question puzzles some who are doing the arithmetic. Hanoi must face as it passes before. The administration calculates the Communists lost two divisions, some 20,000 men, in conquering Quang Tri, which was defended by the most inexperienced of South Vietnam's divisions. How long, and at what cost, will it take to conquer Hue, defended by the best ARVN division? Rather than pay such costs, why doesn't Hanoi accept a negotiated deal that concedes it so much?

The simple answer, apparently, is that the weight the North Vietnamese give to manpower losses in adding things up does not coincide with any theories of cost-benefit ratios known to Western man. They no doubt see a chance that the conquest of Hue will bring the collapse of Saigon and the last vestige of U. S. resolve, and the price does not concern them.

If the President's new offer attracts no nibbles from Hanoi, it ought at least to dampen the persistent idea that a compromise settlement can be reached if only the Americans make one more concession. Just as the Nixon administration now acknowledges having underestimated North Vietnam's military capability, it seems the critics of the American negotiating stance have vastly overestimated Hanoi's willingness to compromise.—The Wall Street Journal.

A CHARITABLE EXPLANATION

The pollsters tell us that some of the presidential candidates are being perceived as being more "honest" than others. It has occurred to us that one reason for this may be the possibility that some candidates are indeed more honest than others, but for an understandable reason. That is, they may be so blissfully unaware of the facts on a given issue that they can speak our both with forthrightness and in good conscience.

Admittedly, that is a charitable explanation of what may really be happening, but we are in a charitable mood. It has not occurred to us, for example, that an occasional candidate might purposefully fudge the truth up on finding that fudge goes over so well with the crowds.

Take the tax-reform issue, for example. A number of the Democratic contenders have been viewing with alarm the Nixon administration's alleged fondness for big business instead of the common man. Various bits of evidence are offered up to whip innocent audiences into outrage. Senator McGovern, for example, has been effectively using the line that 40 per cent of U. S. corporations paid no Fed-

eral income taxes in 1970, adding the promise that if elected he'll make sure they do. It may not have been brought to the candidate's attention that most of the corporations has indeed lost money in 1970 and the rest were either so tiny or virtually defunct that there was nothing to tax.

The other canard, which has been repeated with such regularity and passion that it is now even believed by a number of innocent tycoons, is that since Mr. Nixon took office the changes in the tax laws have been a boon to the wealthy at the expense of the little guy. Edwin S. Cohen, assistant secretary of the treasury for tax policy, said "This is not so." And in a speech to the Federal Tax Institute of New England, he tells why.

In the interest of educating the political candidates, the common man, and the innocent tycoons, we are printing pertinent portions of Mr. Cohen's remarks. While Mr. Cohen's motive, in making this presentation were obviously political, his statistics are not. We must a clear-eyed reading of same will convince the candidates that tax reforms in recent years have scarcely pampered the rich or soaked the little guy. Wall Street Journal.

BY IGNORING CLEVELAND, GOP CANDIDATES LOST

The two candidates for the Republican gubernatorial campaign have only themselves to blame for not already being nominated. Instead of campaigning in Cleveland county before May 6, they are in a runoff on June 3.

Neither Jim Holshouser nor Jim Gardner made a campaign trip to our county to court the 4,000-plus registered Republicans here. Both did go into Rutherford County and into Gaston County, but not into Cleveland County. There was a Gardner campaign manager here, but, as far as we have been able to determine, that was the virtual extent of the Republican gubernatorial campaign in the county.

It's true that 4,000 potential votes may not look like many when compared to many other counties where the GOP registration is higher. It's also true that Cleveland County has been a staunchly Democratic, more so than any other county in the 10th Congressional district. It has gone only to Democratic candidates in so many years that anything else would be a surprise. Only George Wallace's American Party presidential attempt in 1968 broke the string.

But that is no reason, especially as it turns out, for Gardner and Holshouser to ignore this county and its 4,000 potential votes. (In fact, only two Republican candidates for any office—Norman Joyner and Jesse Helms—bothered to come here.) It was almost as if every candidate figured he had Cleveland Republicans in the bag, or as if none of them really cared.

Well, as it turns out, Jim Gardner only needed 386 votes to win a majority in the state and the nomination on May 6. He might well have gotten them here with just one campaign swing. Jim Holshouser needed only 1,329 votes to catch Gardner and a total of only 1,715 votes to win the nomination himself. He might well have gotten them in Cleveland County had he bothered to campaign here at all. As it was, less than one-fourth of the registered Republicans who didn't vote and who were not wooed by either candidate could have made the difference to either candidate.

It can be argued, of course, that the same statistics can be applied to other counties. And it would be a true argument. But the sad fact of the matter is that neither Gardner nor Holshouser tried to get the vote in Cleveland County as they did elsewhere in the state. Ignoring even a few thousand votes can be catastrophic, as both candidates surely have found out by now.—Shelby Daily Star.

In the last half of 1971, training placements by Manpower Appointed Information Centers numbered 4,542—a 25 per cent from 3,617 in the last half of 1970. Minority placements accounted for 26 per cent of the total—or 1,187—an increase of four percentage points over the 23 per cent in the last half of 1970.

In May 1971, Negroes, Spanish-Speaking Americans, American Indians and Oriental Indians held more than 603,000 federal jobs, representing 19.5 per cent of the civilian work force. This figure represents an increase from 19.4 per cent in May 1970 and 19.2 per cent in November 1969.

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 3 to 4 P.M. and 7 to 8 P.M.

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Dewey W. Barker, Rt. 1, City
 Wanda W. McBea, 227 Walker St., City

Birth Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. James Ewing P. O. Box 425, McAdenville, N. C., announce the birth of a son, Thursday, May 19, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted F. Bolt, Box 506, 8th Street, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a son, Thursday, May 18, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Don F. Saldo, Rt. 1, Grover, announce the birth of twin sons, Friday, May 19, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Elliott, 1401 Shelby Road, announce the birth of a son, Saturday, May 20, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans H. Carroll, Jr. 104 N. Sims Street, announce the birth of a son, Monday, May 22, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Neely, Rt. 1, Gastonia, N. C., announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, May 23, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Tony L. Arrowood, Route 2, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday, May 24, Kings Mountain hospital.

BROADCAST

Sunday morning worship service during the month of May are being broadcast from First Presbyterian church via Radio Station WKMT.

BARBECUE

Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department will serve barbecue chicken Saturday from 5 until 8 p.m. at the fire department. Bethlehem committees. Plates are \$1.50. Proceeds will be applied toward cost of a new bush truck on order by the department.

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