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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand. *Isaiah 64:8.*

Ready Tongue

It has been said that a good reporter, particularly on politically controversial matters, knows the answers to the questions before he directs them to the questioned.

Thus far, during this presidential political season 1972, the questioned perform well and indicate the news brigade of press, radio and television need to burn the midnight oil in boning up for the next interview.

Nor have the leading candidates hid behind the shades of "no comment."

Congratulations to American Legion Post 155 Auxiliary which copied three awards for membership and service at the state convention of the Auxiliary during the weekend.

Itch And Sneeze

Millions of people who have itched and sneezed through the ragweed season will understand, sympathize and take a measure of comfort in knowing that the President of the United States, with all the perquisites of office, suffers just like anyone else at hayfever time.

Indeed, we wonder at the effort to cover up the President's allergy.

"Time Magazine", in its June 26th story, entitled, "Hanky Panky", related — "When the President of the U. S. makes a sudden, unexplained move during what is supposed to be a weekend of rest, it sends a ripple of consternation across the land. That is what happened when President Nixon, relaxing at his Camp David, Md. retreat, snatched up his briefcase, dashed to his helicopter and zipped back to the White House. Left behind were reporters, staff aides, his wife and a house guest.

"To make matters murkier, White House spokesmen offered the lamest excuses. Speculation mounted. Surely the balloon could not have gone up? No, it had not, but the summer pollen count had. Quite simply, the President was escaping from the pollen hanging heavy over Camp David."

It wasn't long ago folk were complaining, "We'll have no summer," and the temperatures were unseasonably cold. There's been no cause for complaint of hot weather fans in recent days. The complaint Tuesday was — "We were needing rain. Now we need some sunshine."

Notable Quotes

Life seems to be divided into two periods: In the first we indulge, in the second we preach. — **Will Durant.**

Sometimes one pays most for the things one gets for nothing — **Albert Einstein.**

The man who has never made a mistake will never make anything else. — **George Bernard Shaw.**

Our greatest glory consists not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall. — **Oliver Goldsmith.**

Time is running out for purchasing privilege licenses without penalty.

A full season's political entertainment is promised.

Youth baseball builds character. It trains young men in individual effort and in team effort. Support the various little league and American Legion teams now in full swing throughout the city.

Keeping Informed

The problem of drug abuse reaches into every corner of the community. Charles Dunn, director of the SBI, told Legionnaires and Auxiliary members attending the state convention in Durham during the weekend.

Police, parents and school officials are constantly looking for signs of drug usage and means to prevent it.

Since the drug market peddles its goods primarily to the 16-20 age group, he said he is concerned that drugs might make their marketing place in the schools.

He said that young folk should be kept informed of the dangers of using drugs and that these programs should be given in the schools and parents, too, should be invited.

"The best way to curb the problem is to keep the young people informed", he declared.

He touched briefly on drug abuse during a banquet address, devoting most of his remarks to law enforcement.

We would agree with Mr. Dunn that literature and an organized drug abuse program for children in grades 7-12 and for older citizens, too is a good idea.

Interesting Statistics

Food prices dropped last month but substantial increases for clothing and transportation contributed to the largest rise in overall living costs in three months.

In Cleveland County, the average family income was \$8,036, compared with \$7,774 for the state. Per capita income for the county amounted to \$2,380.

The 1970 census counted 72,556 residents in the county; 0.2 percent were foreign born and 0.4 percent native born with one or both parents of foreign births.

Among the county's 66,062 inhabitants age five and over in 1970, 3,904 were living in a different county within the state in 1965, and 2,846 in a different state.

In the population age 16 and over, 80 percent of the men and 51 percent of the women were in the labor force. Among the employed, 30 percent were holding white collar jobs, and nine percent were government workers.

About 55 percent of the married women with husbands present were in the labor force, and 50 percent of these wives had children under six.

There were 18,642 persons three to 34 years old and enrolled in school. In the 25-year-old population, 33 percent of the men and 35 percent of the women were high school graduates.

Some other interesting facts gleaned from the Consumer Price Index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics:

— family spending rose three tenths of one percent in May to 124.7.

— average wages of some 50 million rank and file workers rose two cents per hour and 74 cents per week to \$133.21 and continued to outpace inflation.

— average wage was up \$7.72 or 6.2 percent per week over the past year and after deduction for the 3.2 percent rise in living costs, purchasing power was up \$3.35 or 2.8 percent per week.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

What is so rare as a day in June?

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The poet James Russell Lowell asked the question with the inflection that forbade a positive answer.

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But a 10-year-old once gave way to temptation to tell the teacher in his English class that he liked Halloween better.

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He was sent into the dressing room for 20 minutes of repentance for contempt of literature.

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The right answer is, of course, that then, if ever, comes perfect days.

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Lowell himself gives it before any reader should have found a doubt.

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So far the days of June have been sunny and cool. The rain has paid some attention to the old nursery rhyme about "coming back another day" (until this week when it rained, rained and rained).

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But altogether there has been little to complain about.

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This year June may live up to its billing.

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When we suggested to a fella down the street that it looked like June would be a lovely month he snapped, "It had better be." in a tone that discouraged us from reopening the conversation.

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As for quoting Lowell, we didn't.

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We guessed the fella might have been the 10-year-old boy grown up.

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About this-n-that: Charles Dunn, director of the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, was on the roster for the banquet of the American Legion and Auxiliary Convention which we attended in Durham during the weekend. Mr. Dunn, who came to the state commander's rescue after several other speakers were unable to appear, is a delightful after-dinner speaker. Presidential candidate George Wallace had confirmed he would make the principal address. Governor Wallace was hospitalized. Then Cornelia Wallace, wife of the Governor, said she would attend. Other invitees unable to attend were Henry Jackson of Washington State and the under-secretary of the Navy. Mr. Jackson, a very personable young man, accepted two days before his convention address. The new commander, Jack Cranford of Concord, operates a plumbing and heating business. He said his father was a Marine in World War I and his son serves in the Marine Corps in Vietnam. Carl V. Wiesener of Kings Mountain was defeated for Division V commander in a hotly-contested race with Dr. Sam Scheaffer of Belmont.

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Don't be surprised, men, if you go home to your wife one day and find a strange woman waiting for you — one with a different last name than yours, that is.

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It's happening throughout the nation as married women challenge a 400-year-old custom by using their maiden names.

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Tom Wells, an Associated Press writer, observes that the practice of women having to use their husband's surnames isn't universal even today in many countries, including Scotland. And, the demand is not a recent one. He cites Elsdon C. Smith's "The Story of Our Names" which cites the case of Lucy Stone, a 19th Century American suffragette who kept her name after her marriage to Henry Brown Blackwell to prove that she had not lost her individuality. "I take this man but not his name" may be what some June brides are saying this month in some parts of the country. Here, we just don't do things that way.

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Proctor & Gamble Co. has decided to help out the consumer, and head off Ralph Nader and such, by listing the ingredients of its cleaning products.

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For example, the Tide box will now say, "Ingredients: Tide contains ingredients to lift dirt from clothes (anionic and nonanionic surfactants), soften water (complex sodium phosphates and protect washer parts (sodium silicate). There are also processing aids (sodium sulphate) and small quantities of soil suspending agents, fabric whiteners and perfume."

So for the first time very housewife with a chemistry degree will know what she's buying.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

TIME NOW FOR THE SERIOUS TALKING

The time is here right now for the beginning of serious talking about when and how to end the Vietnam war and the first moves have been made. The chief American delegate at the Paris talks, Ambassador William J. Porter, flew back to Paris on Sunday night and is ready, able, and willing to start another round whenever the people in Hanoi are also ready. We think they are.

We think they are because the conditions which would make them ready to talk seem now to have arrived.

It was absurd to think that Hanoi would want to talk seriously while its big spring offensive was under way and still enjoyed a serious prospect of achieving a major success. But it has all along been reasonable to think that Hanoi would be ready to talk if the spring offensive should prove to be a failure.

Well, North Vietnam forces are falling back now from around Kontum. That particular battle seems to be over and the ARVN seems to have won a substantial defensive victory.

The siege of An Loc has not yet been raised, but the assumption is that it shortly will be. The attacking forces seem to be low on ammunition. The number of shells falling on the besieged garrison has gone down from around six thousand a day to some three hundred. The relieving force is pushing more vigorously.

The decisive attack on Hue has not yet been launched, but defensive forces have been improving their position. And captured papers seem to indicate that the offensive is now two months behind schedule at a moment when the monsoon season has begun.

This adds up to one part of a triple operation which has substantially changed the context of the Vietnam war. The failure of the offensive on the ground has been paced by President Nixon's diplomatic and strategic bombing offensives. His visits to Peking and Moscow have caused both Russia and China to acquiesce in the American naval blockade of the North Vietnam seaports and in the use of bombers to cut the rail lines coming south from China.

The triple operation means that Hanoi cannot expect to obtain immediate and large-scale replacements for all the equipment spent in the offensive. Moscow is not insisting on a right to do for Hanoi what it did for the Egyptians after the 1967 war in the Middle East.

So the time is ripe for Washington to say to Hanoi, in effect, "We are listening, have you anything you would like to say to us now?" Ambassador Porter has been sent to Paris to listen. He has also, we are told, been given plenty of room for maneuver in any new talks that Hanoi may wish to start. This is not the moment for Mr. Nixon to harden his terms, but rather to soften them. The survival of a non-Communist regime in Saigon and a return of the prisoners will be quite enough for Mr. Nixon's needs. It looks very much as though he might now be able to get just that. We hope this turns out to be the case.

The Christian Science Monitor

POPULATION SCORE

The scare of a population "explosion" is as old as Malthus, who predicted early in the last century that there would be standing room only on this earth by 1890.

Dr. Karl Brandt at Stanford declares that "many nations need more people, not less, to cultivate food products and build a sound economy." The solution for India, he points out, is not so much birth control as bird control, and above all, more efficient agricultural methods. Birds in India eat up enough food for twice as many people as there are in the country.

What farmers need is an end to restrictive government controls and the creation of a free agricultural market based on supply and demand.

There are three basic errors of the population doom "experts": 1) They fail to realize that more people mean more production; 2) They fail to see that progress is continually being made in soil fertility, food preservation and distribution; 3) They fail to realize that poverty is caused by the incompetency of governments, particularly in socialist countries.

Lincoln Times-News

PROGRESS

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The Wall Street Journal

STREET GANG CHIC

The media report that street gangs are active again in our major cities. The roving packs of juveniles who were responsible in the early 1950s for launching a thousand articles, editorials and books, are back and badder than ever.

Vowing death to infidels, and sporting names designed to strike terror in the hearts of ordinary citizens and rival gangs, the street gangs are turning their slum grounds into urban battlefields and are carrying out search-and-destroy missions far beyond their neighborhood borders.

Police and social agencies are worried about these reventans, which have come back to prey on each other and on the wider citizenry. Their worry is understandable, since some gang members have been charged with murder and many gangs have acquired huge arsenals of submachine guns, Molotov cocktails and grenades — a far cry from the relatively primitive zip guns of two decades ago.

Yet not everyone is worried about the Majestic Warlocks, Black Assassins, Young Sinners, Savage Nomads and their ilk. Indeed, already underway are the first stirrings of what looks to be a movement aimed at enshrining the street gangs, apparently for directing official attention to their existence and social deprivation.

Indeed, New York columnist Pete Hamill recently wrote, "The best single thing that has happened on the streets of New York in the past 10 years is the re-emergence of the teenage gangs . . . these young people stand for human values, and what they are doing, on the whole, should be applauded and encouraged." It seems the radical chic set has moved on to street gang chic.

It's true, of course that street gangs do have their origin in sociological, cultural and psychological reasons. But those reasons are far more complex than the facile explanations we have been treated to so far. At any rate, them, or even to suspend judgment. The Ku Klux Klan, Hell's Angels and the Mafia also have their origins in complex sociological, cultural and psychological phenomena, but they still have to be judged by what they do rather than by why they do it.

The Wall Street Journal

OF THE MAN WHO DIDN'T WIN

Some say Hubert Horatio Humphrey had poor advice in his last campaign. Others think that his own exuberant nature led him — too far. He did, whatever the reason, say things about his winning rival, George McGovern, which provide future ammunition for the Republicans. They are already quoting Humphrey against McGovern.

Senator Humphrey is much too loyal a Democrat to intend to pass ammunition to Republicans. He did. The fact that he did is characteristic of the man. He has a tendency to overdo. It has proved to be his decisive political weakness.

On the day in 1968 when Lyndon Johnson said he would not run again for the presidency the conversation instantly turned to the succession. A shrewd political observer guessed that Mr. Humphrey, then Vice-President, would never be president because "he has overfulfilled his quota of loyalty to Lyndon Johnson."

There were other reasons why the voters of 1968 chose Richard Nixon over Hubert Humphrey, but among them was the fact that Mr. Humphrey need not have out-Johnsoned Johnson on the war. His enthusiasm for Johnson policies was too much to be convincing.

The price comes high. He wanted to get to the top of the political ladder. He has been running for the presidency of the United States since schoolboy days. It's a Horatio Alger story — except for the climax. He hasn't made it quite to the top.

The chances are that he never will now, although to be prudent one must remember that there might be a successful "stop McGovern" movement at the Democratic convention and a final rally around Mr. Humphrey as an acceptable compromise.

However, we incline to the assumption that the primary campaign in California was Hubert Humphrey's "last hurrah" on the national stage.

So at this moment we think it appropriate to say that American politics have been better for him and we hope that the voters of his home state of Minnesota will long continue to keep him in the Senate.

The worst thing one could ever say against Hubert Humphrey is that he tried too hard. And that is no crime.

The Christian Science Monitor

KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log
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 3 to 4 P.M. and 7 to 8 P.M.

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ADMITTED FRIDAY
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 Mrs. Robert H. Payne, Rt. 2, B. C.
 Janie K. Ritter, Rt. 2, City.
 Mrs. James Sanders, 742 W. Virginia Ave, B. C.
 Martha Louise Whitesides, Rt. 1, Marshville.

Mattie Thomas Hill, 510 S. Cherokee St., City.
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 Samuel B. Creighton, 515 P. O. Box 11, City.
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 Mrs. Walter D. Myers, 903 Rhodes Avenue, City.
 Delma Diane Propes, 206 Farmview Street Gastonia.

Birth

Announcements

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS
 Mr. and Mrs. Bobby M. Fronberger, Rt. 1, announce the birth of a son, Wednesday, June 14, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry E. Adams, 304 Putnam Street, Shelby, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday, June 14, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Hass, 2733 Gail Avenue, Gastonia, N. C., announce the birth of a son, Saturday, June 17, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lowe, Route 3, Box 136, announce the birth of a son, Saturday, June 17, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James M. Harts, 103 South Street, Bessemer City announce the birth of a daughter, Sunday, June 18, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Rickey E. Putnam, 1440 Second Street, Ext., announce the birth of a son, June 18, Sunday, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James Sanders, 742 West Virginia Avenue, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a son, Monday, June 19, Kings Mountain hospital.

Westover Sets Gospel Sing

Westover Baptist church will sponsor a Gospel Sing Saturday evening beginning at 7:30. Featured groups will be "The Patriot Quartet" and "The Chappelles." The public is invited to attend.

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