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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.*

**School Bond Proposal**

The \$7 million increase in City of Kings Mountain tax valuation, much of it in residential construction, points to the presence of the Kings Mountain district board of education in projecting a \$2.5 million bond issue election for December 9.

In effect, the board of education is saying, "We're crowded now and we'd better get more pupil space. We can hardly expect our youngsters to hang from the chandeliers."

The board projects what will be the last district bond issue and on advice of bond attorneys, who feel that the fact the Kings Mountain district not only embraces virtually all of Number 4 Township but also spills over into Number 5 to considerable degree will make tax assessments more administratively feasible.

(The 1971 General Assembly ruled out district financing after July 1, 1973).

Happily, the district is in top financial condition, due to two reasons:

- 1) Heavy industrial and residential growth of the district has broadened the tax base with first tax cost estimated at only 32 cents per \$100 value, a rate that will drop as bonds are amortized.
- 2) Current district bonded debt of \$800,000 now requires only six cents per \$100, also thanks to the broadened tax base and a fast amortization schedule. (This is the balance on the original \$1.3 million issue which provided funds to build the high school plant.)

Another plus is the fact that the board of education which initially purchased the high school plant property bought "too much"—but wisely in anticipation of eventual construction of a junior high school on the site.

The \$2.5 million is expected to buy:

- 1) A new \$2 million junior high school.
- 2) Additions to East and West elementary schools.
- 3) The high school auditorium, lopped off the initial plans because bids exceeded funds available at the time.
- 4) Refurbishing of other plants in the system.

A side and considerable benefit is that the new plant and additions will free present space for a "total" kindergarten program.

Another indicated benefit is consolidation of the district busing situation, with arrival and departure points for the top seven grades at the same locale. Operational cost savings are anticipated.

The plans are realistic, properly anticipatory of growing enrollments, and within the means of citizens of Kings Mountain school district.

**Good Scholarship**

Last week's issue of the Kings Mountain Herald had a spate of news reports of good scholarship.

At Gaston College alone, no less than 17 Kings Mountain area students qualified for the dean's list.

There were numerous others from colleges and universities throughout the state.

Special mention is deserved by Mrs. Gladys Jones, wife of Schools Superintendent Donald D. Jones.

Mrs. Jones not only protected the honor of her schoolman husband in her performance at Gardner-Webb college, but did it in topmost grade 4.0 fashion.

The Herald hasn't asked, but would make a modest wager that Superintendent Jones has yet to log for himself a 4.0.

A best bow to all the good scholars, which, after all, is the principal point of schooling to start with—or should be, social events, athletics and other worthwhile sideline activities notwithstanding.

**Federal Bill Feared**

The prospect that a federal plan of "no fault" automobile liability insurance will be enacted by the Congress has the insurance industry underwriting in this field alarmed.

Puerto Rico pioneered "no fault" with thus far most happy results. Massachusetts followed, also with happy results. On January 1, another four states went under legislated "no fault" plans.

The insurance industry itself, for the most part, is endorsing "no fault", but on a state-by-state basis—at least until time has tested the several plans and it has been determined which and what the most wise plans—fair to all concerned, the motorist and the insurance carriers.

A spokesman for the trade industry's mutual insurance auto liability carriers says "no fault" is working well, not only intra-state, but inter-state—even when "no fault" motorists are involved in non no-fault states.

The plea makes sense.

North Carolina has a special commission studying "no fault" with instructions to file its report prior to the convening of the 1973 General Assembly and Hargrave (Skipper) Bowles, Democratic nominee for Governor, himself with an insurance background, was first of the gubernatorial candidates to promote the "no fault" concept.

But the fear of the companies of a too-early federal "no fault" law is valid. "Experience rating" is part and parcel of all insurance operations, whether casualty or life underwriting.

It is quite likely that a federal "no fault" law is the eventual likelihood which would apply uniformly to the program throughout the 50 states and territories.

But almost all will agree with the industry's plea prior to a federal "no fault" program.

"Experience rating" should be gleaned first.

**Locked Up**

Senator George McGovern found himself just slightly premature, by his count, in claiming a "lock-up" on the Democratic nomination for President.

As is not unusual, Senator McGovern, a liberal South Dakotan, is hardly the darling of the South, where his proposals are considered "way out" by customarily more conservative citizens of the old Confederate States of America.

Time, of course, tends to conservative.

Only the more—and they were few and far between—"way out" Southerners had the temerity to endorse, let alone defend, a certain wild-eyed, brash Senator Hubert Horatio Humphrey, promoter of the Democrats' 1948 civil rights plank.

Barring nomination of a good moderate Southerner like North Carolina's Terry Sanford, the delegates of the South and Southwest would hug happily one Senator Hubert Horatio Humphrey to their collective bosoms, as would the rank-and-file voter.

Senator Humphrey, of course, via years and years of experience, is not the brash, young Senator of 1948.

After a time of the frost treatment in the famed Senate club, Senator Humphrey, a gregarious man innately, approached his elders and asked how he could "get right".

His chief mentor: the late Senator Walter George, of Gawga, sub.

Congratulations to Billy Gene McCarter, fifth grader, winner of the annual American history essay award given by Colonel Frederick Hambricht chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, on the dictated subject: "How did the State of North Carolina Get Its Name?" Memory recalls the Lords Proprietors, but: How did North Carolina get her name? Young McCarter and his fellow competitors in the essay contest, via their research, know that the vast majority of North Carolinians don't.

**MARTIN'S MEDICINE**

By MARTIN HARMON

A couple of Saturdays ago, I joined my wife for a trip to her home in Woodruff, S. C., to attend her high school class reunion.

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She mentioned the affair include the number to friends and Marion Patterson averred, "Anne, you don't need to mention which one." (It was Number 30.)

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Though I priorly knew only one of her classmates, Anne's first cousin and backyard neighbor Neil Iby (who helped my wife and I get married a few seasons ago), I had quite an interesting evening meeting and chatting with many whom I knew before only by reputation.

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While my wife had accompanied me on several reunion occasions both here and at Chapel Hill, I had missed several of hers, both at Woodruff and at Winthrop College.

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One of the many interesting personalities was a gentleman nicknamed "Radio" Lanford. He captured the prize for being the most distant from his present home. Mr. Lanford lives in Texas and is the chief of the right-of-way section of the Texas Highway Commission.

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Ecology and its protection is fine up to a point, Mr. Lanford opines, but it can be a thorn in the flesh of highway planning engineers, adding another problem where the engineers and right-of-way department have enough thorns already.

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"After all," Mr. Lanford commented, "the automobile population continues to grow by leaps and bounds and there have got to be some decent roads for the cars and people to navigate." He noted that statistics show that the safety factor on the median-split interstate, is five percent better than on conventional two-laners.

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A lady classmate was Mrs. Doris McKee Bolt, wife of a Baptist minister and mother of four. A classmate named Huckaby was not acquainted with some friends of mine who spell their surnames Huckabee, but he suspected they could be distant kin. "Let of us about," he said with a laugh.

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My wife, happily, didn't have the experience I had had at one of my Chapel Hill gatherings. A friend, initially from Mooresville now of Spartanburg had greeted with especial warmth. Said Charlie Moore, "I sure am glad to see you, Martin!" I was quite glad to see Charlie, too. Then he explained the special warmth. "I heard two years ago you were dead!" Makes one feel rather strange.

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Amazingly, I had a similar experience the following day. Somewhere in my memory box I recalled reading in the alumni publication that a friend of Greek extraction from Hendersonville was a World War II casualty. Not so. At a second-day luncheon function, Nick Gianakos strode in, quite hale and hearty. He had flown in from Rochester, N. Y., for the occasion, and was international sales manager for Royal Dutch Petroleum. I greeted Nick quite warmly, but I didn't tell him what Charlie Moore had told me.

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Those, of course, are the brand of surprises one relishes.

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Reunions are great fun. Time changes folk's appearances, one way or another, via increased weight, expanded bald spots, and otherwise. Some, on the other hand, look very much as they did a quarter century before. I was one of them, weighing in at the same mark I had as a school boy. A doctor friend put it this way to me, "Martin, you look just about like you did twenty-five years ago." As I smiled broadly, Dr. Ted Blount also tossed a clinker. He continued, "...except your hair is whiter and your teeth are grayer." 'Twarn't no argument there.

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Among Anne's high school teachers present was William Hickman, who had forsaken teaching for variety store business. Mr. Hickman was particularly interested in the whereabouts of some Kings Mountain Erskine College conferees, Jim Anthony, Billy Caveny (now in Florida I've since learned), and Jimmy Ford, Miami domiciled and still flying the airlines for Eastern Airlines. "Yes," Mr. Hickman mused, "he married Bess Jones. She was the prettiest girl at Erskine when we were in school."

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Reunions are fun.

**Viewpoints of Other Editors**  
**PLAY ON WORDS**

In the light of the generally accepted dictionary definition of voluntary, one observer comments, "... it is difficult to understand the price and wage control administrators insisting that the success of the program depends on voluntary cooperation. The alternative to 'voluntary' action is a visit by the International Revenue Service and a possible five-year jail sentence. On the face of our 1971 federal income tax forms appears the statement: 'Each year American taxpayers voluntarily file their tax returns and make a special effort to pay the taxes they owe.' Voluntarily, my foot! The reason we file our returns is that we know if we don't we'll land in court and maybe the hoosgow. And the reason we don't cheat is because we don't think we're smart enough to get away with it."

Payng taxes is voluntary only to the degree that U. S. citizens voluntarily support the American system of government. When they cease to do that they are committed to revolution. Stretching the word voluntary to include the day-to-day transactions between government and its citizens is a hypocritical play on words.

Transylvania Times

**HIGHER EDUCATION**  
**KM Chapter Earns \$300**

Among the problems in higher education today there are some that were never dreamt of.

Take the dilemma recently faced by the faculty admissions committee of the Law School at Chapel Hill.

Here was a graduate of Davidson College applying for enrollment in the Law School here. The young man had achieved a grade point average of 4.122, roughly the same as an A-plus.

"We can't admit him," one of the admissions committee members stated flatly. "Obviously," he went on, "there's no one on our faculty who could teach him anything."

The Chapel Hill Weekly

**ADOPTED IN PECULIAR FASHION**

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners has gone about adopting the budget for fiscal year 1972-73 in a peculiar fashion, or at least that's the way it looks on the face of it. The board met in special session Wednesday night and apparently adopted a tentative budget, but strangely enough neither the chairman, B. E. (Pop) Simmons, nor county finance officer, Joe Davison, knew the final total on Thursday morning when asked by a Daily Star reporter.

Yet the budget was to go on the table for public inspection beginning today, meaning apparently, that commissioners gave their tentative approval without knowing how much they were approving. To make things even more strange, the tax rate, which is a vital figure in computing any governmental budget, wasn't even discussed at Wednesday's meeting, according to Simmons. That raises the question of whether the budget will go on display without a tax rate attached, and if the tax rate is included, who set the figure and when?

An even more serious question is raised about the legality of the commissioners' action in adopting the tentative budget. A Daily Star reporter attended the meeting but left after the board voted unanimously to go into executive (closed) session for the express purpose of discussing personnel and salaries. Yet, action was taken to adopt the budget tentatively, and under state law, no action is to be taken by a governmental board in a closed meeting. The board took the further action, apparently also in closed session, of authorizing the advertisement of the fact that the budget would go on public display in the office of the clerk to the board.

We feel that the proper procedure for adopting a tentative figure to be placed before commissioners before a vote is taken. Also, the tax rate should be arrived at beforehand and made an integral part of the budget and adopted at the same time as the budget itself. Perhaps the board has an explanation for the procedure followed this year, and we, along with the citizens of Cleveland County, would be glad to hear it.

The Shelby Daily Star

**Board Studies New Power Rate**

A four-man committee headed by Mayor John Henry Moss is studying the possibility of a flat-rate schedule for persons with electrically heated homes.

City councilmen Jonas Bridges and Ray Cline and city clerk Joe McDaniel are serving on the committee with Mayor Moss.

Moss commented: "We felt that with the increasing number of electric homes being built, particularly in the sub-divisions, that this type of rate schedules would be of considerable service to the citizens and the city."

Moss pointed out that there are many homes in the Northwoods, Ashbrook, Pine Manor and Southwood developments that are electrically heated.

"In view of the natural gas quotas and the possibility of natural gas quota reduction, the city should make efforts to work as closely to the citizens as possible to provide the best of utility services."

**The Veterans Corner**

Q — What must a veteran or serviceman do to get a VA mobile home loan?  
 A — Four things. Get a Certificate of Eligibility from the nearest VA regional office. Find a mobile home he likes which meets VA standards. Arrange for rental or purchase of a mobile home lot. Apply to a private lender for a loan.

Q — I'm in school under the GI Bill. Am I allowed to change my program of studies?  
 A — Yes. VA allows each veteran one change of program. One additional change may be approved if it is found through veteran's aptitudes, interest and change is more suitable to the VA counseling that the proposed abilities.

Q — What can I do about my compensation check since I plan to travel this summer and will not have a forwarding address?  
 A — VA will send your check to your bank for deposit if you submit a VA change of address form or a letter over your signature. You should also obtain two power of attorney forms from VA. One should be given to your bank as evidence of its right to receive and deposit the checks to your account, and the other should be retained by you.

The Christian Science Monitor

**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.

- Clarence L. Black
- Louise Blackmer
- Robert C. Breward
- Mack Lee Conner
- Mamie H. Grooms
- Clarence G. Hardin
- Annie H. Heavner
- Mrs. Jarvis Messer
- Walter M. Moorhead
- Bertie Murphy
- Mary Etta McSwain
- Ivey B. Payne
- Effie Mae Peterson
- Missouri Price
- Mrs. Raymond Purvis
- Buren Russell Putnam
- Janie Ritter
- Lonnie Mae Ross
- Eugene Frank Stapp
- Mrs. J. H. Thomson
- Joe H. Thomson
- Joyce Ann Wease
- Mrs. Earl E. Buchanan
- Ivan N. Davis
- Mrs. Walter D. Myers
- Delma Diane Probes
- Mrs. G. Luther Anderson
- Gussie N. Rayfield
- Jessie J. Wright
- Mrs. Thomas C. Goddard

**Birth Announcements**

- Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Goode, Rt. 2, Kings Mountain, announce the birth of a son, June 22, Kings Mountain Hospital.
  - Mr. and Mrs. James Lee McKee, Route 2, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, June 22, Kings Mountain Hospital.
  - Mr. and Mrs. Richard N. Owens, 313 South Myrtle School Road, Gastonia, announce the birth of a daughter, June 23, Kings Mountain Hospital.
  - Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Caveny, Rt. 1, Grover, announce the birth of a daughter, June 25, Kings Mountain Hospital.
  - Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Wilson, 1401 Shelby Road, Kings Mountain, announce the birth of a daughter, June 26, Kings Mountain Hospital.
- WORLD WAR II veterans can use dividends from their "V" National Service Life Insurance to buy additional coverage starting in July.

**Board Studies New Power Rate**

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