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**TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE**  
 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. Proverbs 9/9.

**Campaign Expenses**  
 Democrat Skipper Bowles has accepted Republican Jim Holshouser's challenge to discuss, at least, placing of a ceiling on each's campaign expenses for the fall election for governor.

Mr. Holshouser's challenge was couched in the \$450,000 range for each.

Well, maybe.

The heat of campaigning and the desire to win—often more on the part of supporters than the candidates themselves—makes the money flow.

The Republican candidate for lieutenant-governor, rapidly taking center stage in the current campaign as comic, wants to limit expenditures, too.

Candidate Walker was quoted as saying he is most willing to limit the expenditures—as long as his maximum is five times that of Jim Hunt, North Wilkesboro's Walker's Democratic opponent.

Unfair? Not so, says Mr. Walker. The Democrats have 80 percent of the registrations, which the variance in dollars might tend to even, if that is the point. Mr. Walker avers that a \$50,000 limit for Mr. Hunt and a \$250,000 limit for Mr. Walker would be about right.

The two leading candidates for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination in May spent between them approximately \$1,500,000, this figure covering two primaries, a total somewhat staggering to the man-in-the-street.

**Senate Slays "No Fault"**  
 "No fault" insurance, via federal legislation, is apparently dead as far as the present Congress is concerned, where the votes of the Senate returned it to committee, not commerce, from whence the bill came to the floor, but judiciary, where the "no fault" climate is considered less ardent.

While much of the insurance industry now favors "no fault" at the state level, even this segment felt "no fault" experience yet insufficient for a nationwide "no fault" bill respecting automobile liability and basic collision insurance, which would, for instance, provide for reimbursement of the motorist in one-car accidents.

The industry position, which hopes for much more experience in "no fault" at local (state) level before an 50-state bill is enacted in the Capitol, likely is right.

Four more states joined pioneers Puerto Rico and Massachusetts January 1 in the "no fault" column. North Carolina and other states likely will join the group within the foreseeable future.

Federal "no fault" is a probable fact of the future and, perhaps, the desirable end result.

But there were apparent weaknesses in the bill the Senate apparently slayed this week.

Let it not be forgot: 1) North Carolina's metes and bounds are great, 2) media advertising rates — television, radio, newspaper, billboard — get no cheaper, indeed vice versa; and 3) other campaign accoutrements, including travel, lodging, headquarters rents, and paid people have advanced accordingly.

Great Britain has been successful in putting and enforcing stringent and, by United States standards, miserly limits on spending by candidates for seats in Parliament. But in Britain the campaigning areas are both geographically small and populationally clogged.

Nor does Great Britain have a comparison to the United States' election of a President where it is now anticipated the well-heeled Republicans will spend \$40 million and the in-debt Democrats \$25 million—if the Democrats can get it.

There are suggestions that the communications media be required to contribute and already, of course, the campaign managers avail themselves of every opportunity to demand "equal time" from the federally regulated radio-television industry.

But who's to pay electronics engineers, the Walter Cronkite's, and, for that matter, the machine operators, reporters and pressmen of the Gastonia Gazette, Shelby Star and Kings Mountain Herald?

**Old Furnace Project**  
 The descendants of James Ormand raised \$5000 to purchase a 13-acre tract which is the site of "Old Furnace", formerly known as "Long Creek Furnace", which dates to, perhaps pre-dates, the Revolutionary War.

Hope of the Clan, which has chartered a non-profit corporation, is 1) to create a park of the 13-acre tract, and 2) to rebuild the furnace as an historic landmark.

Iron ore is indigenous to the Kings Mountain area—Chestnut Ridge, Crowder's Mountain, Kings Mountain—and these ores were smelted in days of yore to provide iron for cooking utensils and other products.

Best wishes to the descendants of James Ormand (1665-1756) in their patriotic-historical effort.

**Candidate Shriver**  
 Democratic vice-presidential candidate Sargent Shriver jested in his Tuesday night contribution to the Democratic love feast following action of the national committee that he was the seventh choice for the slot, "proving the Democratic party has plenty of talent."

Many Democratic old-liners—those in the limelight and among the rank-and-file—are wishing Mr. Shriver had been Choice Number 1 rather than than Choice Number 7.

By all odds he appears to be the likeliest of the seven.

His work record, in and out of government, is varied and his performances good. His wit is spontaneous and pungent. Sample: "If I have any skeletons in the closet, I hope they vote for me."

He served in the navy aboard USS South Dakota in World War II, organized the Peace Corps, went to France as ambassador.

The maiden name of his wife — Kennedy — is a vote-getting asset.

Congratulations to Jay Powell on his recent promotion to area manager by Martin Marietta Aggregates (recently Superior Stone Company).

**MARTIN'S MEDICINE**  
 By MARTIN HARMON

Jack Palmer, who was there, gave members of the Lions club a look-see at national political convention sidights, such as did not appear on television sets, in a Democratic convention resume Tuesday night.

Jack was an elected delegate from the 10th Congressional district, and it was his first national convention.

The long sessions, the first one lasting until 5 a.m., another one until 6:55 a.m., left little or no time for relaxing and vacationing. Yet there was time for those who could forswear sleep, to attend a few social functions, among them the breakfast given by Mr. and Mrs. Ike Belk, of Charlotte, which featured a truly North Carolina breakfast of eggs, grits, country ham and red eye gravy.

For each session, the delegates were given an "Official Delegate" lapel card, with a box of caucus balloting counts on the reverse side. The new-card-daily decision was the result of the Chicago experience of 1968, when only one "Official Delegate" lapel card was issued. In Chicago, says Jack, the rioters would snatch the delegate card off coats, making it difficult for delegates to get admission to their own convention. Another precaution was added. An emblem, different each day, was rubber stamped onto delegate hands.

At Miami, says Jack, the extra precautions didn't (happily) prove to be needed.

Jack, who served three terms as Cleveland's representative to the North Carolina General Assembly, compared the convention to sessions of the North Carolina House and Senate — multiplied 50 times. "Delegates are moving about, in and out, most all getting seated in their assigned quarters only when key votes were underway.

It was all quite orderly, says Jack, with the time-consuming factor the roll call votes, as on the South Carolina and California floor argument on seating of delegates. A roll call eats up from one hour to 90 minutes.

Jack says the television and press reporters were a bit too expansive in their estimate of the number of camper-protesters in Flamingo Park. For a look-see, the North Carolina delegation was bussed through. "The media reported 4000, but there couldn't have been more than 1500," Jack declared, with many divergent groups among them. He said Cuban refugees were the greatest in number, with another large group Viet Nam war veterans protesting continuance of the Viet Nam war.

The North Carolina delegation was invited to a party at the estate of a Coral Gables man, and about everything went wrong. The bus driver knew no more about the area than us delegates. Jack relates with a laugh, got stuck on a ramp, traffic-jammed, and got us to the party 90 minutes late. "Most of the food was gone, and there weren't many Cokes left," he joked. Sam Burrow, of Asheville, who will be remembered by a number of Kings Mountain citizens as manager of Clifton Blue's campaign for lieutenant-governor in 1964, was snapping pictures at the Coral Gables party. Sam was trying to get a better angle and backed a couple of steps too far, completely dousing fully-clothed Sam, camera, and ruining all the film.

The North Carolina group had an audience with Governor George Wallace, who appeared haggard and worn, but who showed himself quite mentally alert. An aide kept trying to shoot out the North Carolinians but Wallace would say, "No, I want to talk to these people a little more."

He defended Governor Bob Scott on a reporter's charge he showed little leadership of the Tar Heel group. "He had no chance," says Jack, "with the state's first-ballot votes stipulated—and there was never a second ballot."

On Tuesday night's "little convention" by the Democrats National Committee, Jack opined: "Shriver will be an asset to the Democratic ticket."

**Viewpoints of Other Editors**  
**DEGREE DEFLATION**  
 It was surprising to learn there are as many as half a million places at colleges still open for youths who would want to attend this fall.

Since there will already be about 8.5 million attending, this means that one out of every 18 classroom seats might be empty.

Some obvious reasons have been given for the signup lag. The letup on the draft keeps a number of Army draftees out. The economic slump, the greater freedom to take a year out of school after high school or in mid-college, are other factors.

But two other matters, one negative and the other positive, concern us most. The negative is that the young people may be reacting to the fact that the value of a degree is deflating.

Granted, particularly in the professions, there can hardly be a career without a college and postgraduate degree. For all practical purposes, few younger executives could hope for management posts without a degree.

And yet when young people look at how vulnerable engineers have proved to be to government decisions, such as on the space program, and to shifts in the economy, degrees appear to be no guarantee of job security.

The proliferation of colleges with watered-down curricula have further diluted the value of college degrees. And the sheer number of degree holders has made the degree itself of less value to employers as a criterion for choosing one candidate over another.

Perhaps this leveling of the drive for a degree is a good thing if it is in part a recognition that a degree may not be a definite sign of a prospect's qualification for hiring, especially as more and more jobs open, in our fast-changing society, for which there can be no direct preparation. But at least the dilution of the value of a degree should be recognized.

The positive side of the surprising number of campus openings is its indication that it may be possible after all to achieve the cutbacks in college spending over the next decade which the Carnegie Commission called for in a recent report.

The commission said that campuses should read the signs that their boom days in outside money support are about over. Colleges should plan to spend 20 percent less by the end of the decade. This could be achieved by cutting down the teacher-student ratio, encouraging the 5 to 15 percent of students who don't really want to be in college to quit, cutting the basic college span from four years to three, getting professors to concentrate somewhat less on research and more on teaching, and so forth.

Perhaps, however, other forces may be at work to lighten the burden colleges have assumed in trying to cater to demand for more and more schooling. We are certainly for a strong and energetic higher education system in America, because it is an investment which produces needed social and cultural and economic change.

Yet it is a mistake to think that just by spending more and more on it, and expanding endlessly, that a law of diminishing return may not be setting in.

We still think that education is essentially a private matter for the individual—whether in or out of school. It would be a good thing if the openings level were a sign that more young people recognize that a college system, no matter how heavily funded, cannot take the place of their own experience and efforts toward self-improvement.

—Christian Science Monitor

**FEWER GUNS - FEWER KILLINGS**  
 (A recent article in this newspaper) has punctured a comforting illusion held by many Canadians. It is that Canada's firearm control laws are outstandingly superior to those of the United States, and that because of this Canadians are in much less danger than Americans from gun-toting criminals, assassins and maniacs.

The real situation is not nearly so reassuring. Canada, unlike the United States, has a reasonably efficient system of licensing purchases of pistols and revolvers; the police have a chance to keep them out of the hands of undesirable. But there is virtually no control of hunting weapons. Anyone over 16 — a professional criminal, a mentally disturbed person, or a revolutionary fanatic — can go into a department store or sporting goods shop and buy a high-powered rifle or a shotgun with no questions asked. The result is that whereas in the United States pistols predominate in crimes of violence, in Canada most firearm killings, and a growing number of armed robberies, are committed with rifles and shotguns. Canadians are in more danger than they think of being suddenly shot down.

The answer to this problem is to extend the system of control now used for handguns to rifles and shotguns so that no one can legally acquire one of these weapons without a permit from the

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**Birth Announcements**  
 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Lane, 112 Little Street, Belmont, N. C. announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, August 1, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Garry Shope, 222 E. Boston Ave., Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, August 1, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie W. Gregory, Route 1, announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, August 1, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Franks, 4314 Union Road, Gastonia, N. C. announce the birth of a son, Thursday, August 3, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Green, Route 1, Gastonia, announce the birth of a daughter, Thursday, August 3, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Moore, 1, Box 294, announce the birth of a daughter, Saturday, August 5, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen R. Williamson, Route 3, announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, August 5, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy J. Neal, Route 2, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, August 8, Kings Mountain hospital.

**CARD OF THANKS**  
 The family of Grady Costner wish to acknowledge their sincere appreciation to the many friends and neighbors for the loving kindness and expressions of sympathy during the loss of our beloved son, Johnny Costner. May God bless each and every one of you.

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