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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For he (Pilate) knew that for envy they had delivered Him. St. Matthew 27:18;

Tainted Monday?

When the Mayor of McConnells, S. C., a hamlet of 232 souls in neighboring York County, South Carolina, opened the town's mail Monday, he found a check for \$346 from the United States Treasury Department.

The Mayor told Charlotte Observer reporter Claudia Howe he wanted no part of federal monies and, in effect, didn't want any federal folk snooping into his town's business.

He would, he said, return the check. Well, now.

Noble, perhaps, but of what purpose?

Some Kings Mountain citizens once operated on a similar wave length, not that any Kings Mountain mayor ever sent any Washington money back to Washington. However, there was a feeling among some that federal grants were, somehow tainted. It just didn't seem moral to get something for nothing.

Though the federal public housing act became operative in 1937, it was 30 years before Kings Mountain availed itself the opportunity to substitute for some of its citizens, at least, habitable, convenient homes, for derelicts.

Now the thinking here is down-to-earth and right.

Regardless of philosophy, Kings Mountain—certainly McConnells — by refusal to accept its share, cannot alter the course of a government of 50 states.

Failure to accept its share—indeed to make positive efforts to obtain grants for federally supported and promoted projects—would be immoral. That's the only way to get returns from the dollars shoveled into the federal treasury.

The honorable mayor of McConnells is a candidate for a recall election, if not out-right impeachment.

It's a rather safe bet that McConnells needs its \$346 perhaps than Kings Kings Mountain its \$63,248, or Shelby its round-figure \$118,000, and that Waco Mayor Hill Carpenter won't be returning his town's \$432.

Semi-Private

In 1968, the United States Congress expanded the 1937 public housing act to provide four new categories of low-rent housing.

Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority employed one of the new sections when it leased from private builders the 50-unit Chesterfield Arms complex.

The opening of Pine Manor Apartments Wednesday marks Kings Mountain's first semi-private low-rent housing under the subsidized rent section.

The rules are somewhat less rigid than those under which the Housing Authority must qualify. A family with too much income cannot qualify to rent from the housing authority.

Anyone or any family can rent at Pine Manor.

The too-much-income ineligible for public housing can rent at Pine Manor, as can the too-little-income eligibles. The difference: the family able to pay rents "at market", meaning it pays the full amount of the standard rental, while the too-little-income families have the market rental subsidized on a formula much the same as public housing uses in determining eligibility for occupancy.

The city and the housing authority, with a waiting list since the housing authority opened for business, welcomes the private builder to the field.

Were it not for the 1968 changes in the act, it is conceivable—viewing the need and the upcoming Candler street area renewal project where 186 houses are tabbed for razing — that public housing would have become a very sizeable landlord.

Hearing Aid Needed?

Representative Robert Z. (Bob) Falls has turned a deaf ear to the plea of the county board of education for special legislation to permit the county district schools to re-offer the construction bond issue prior to June 30.

His legislative conferees serving Cleveland, excepting Representative-elect Jack Hunt, have indicated they'll accept Rep. Falls' premise.

Assuming the Kings Mountain district council approve the bond issue Saturday, the county district may find itself high-and-dry, falling by the wayside on needed construction.

After June 30, school districts will be able no longer to offer bonds elections on a district basis, but only on a county-wide basis.

Would Shelby district and Kings Mountain district citizens, after approving their own bonds, support a county-wide issue?

At last check, the population of the two so-called "city" districts numbered approximately 50 percent of the county's voting eligibles.

Obviously, the chances of passage of a county-wide school construction bond issue would be questionable.

Josh Hinnant, newly sworn county commissioner, says it would simplify the county commission's post-June educational responsibility if the county district could re-consider and approve the bond issue, which failed of passage by a mere eight votes.

Following Good Advice

The City of Kings Mountain is following the sage advice of State Treasurer Edwin Gill.

Kings Mountain has placed its \$63,248 revenue-sharing check, representing 50 percent of the first-year amount, in the bank—on notes bearing interest at 5.25 percent.

Never fear, that there won't be plenty of places to spend the money. But the rich-over-night, the money's burning-my-pocket impulse is being eschewed.

The city's idea is to spend this windfall where its most needed.

Under the guidelines, local level governments (counties and cities) may expend the funds in eight categories, among them capital expenditures for durable, long-lasting improvements, and for debt amortization.

Support the Bonds

Thirty-one business and industrial firms have purchased advertising space to announce their support of Saturday's \$2.5 million district school construction bond issue.

These public-spirited firms are saving in effect, "You can't hang the pupils on the chandeliers."

And they also see the student population potential growing.

As of today, Superintendent Don Jones reports the school plants "crowded to the gills".

Kings Mountain high school, for example, was designed to house 1,000 pupils but is accommodating 1200.

And the year 1972 will set undoubtedly a new record in residential residence construction.

Outside first-year maximum ad valorem tax bite will be 32 cents per \$100 valuation, a bite that will lessen in vigor as the bonds are amortized and tax base increases.

Saturday vote "yes" and forget the chandeliers.

Taxes, a nasty word at any season, is perhaps nastier at Christmastime when Santa Claus' demands are heavily at hand. But the 1971 General Assembly, in its wisdom, decreed that property taxes become delinquent when December wanes. And the penalty starts at two percent.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

Art Weiner, the pass-catching department of the Justice-to-Weiner 1946-49 North Carolina Tar Hell football bombing duo, tells it like it is. Walking into the high school cafeteria with Billy Mauney and Howard Jackson, I was remembering the Sugar Bowl game of New Year's Day 1950, when Weiner, a repeat All-America end, muffed a pass in the end zone which provided Oklahoma a 13-6 victory. "Good thing I'm not introducing him," I jested. "If I were, I'd embarrass him about that."

"Twarn't necessary. In the course of his speech, Weiner, who'd caught everything he was supposed to and many he wasn't all year, told the story himself. "Let's face it," Weiner, just-married the previous Saturday, said. "I was on my honeymoon."

The transplanted New Jerseyite is high on North Carolina, declaring, "Everything that has ever been good for me, happened to be in North Carolina." Discharged from his World War II marine corps stint at Camp Lejeune, Weiner proceeded to matriculate at Chapel Hill, teamed Rodgers and other gridiron worthies of the day to take UNC on its first two bowl jaunts. Better still, perhaps, his era showed four-straight wins over UNC's academic rivals at Durham, known in sports parlance as the Duke Blue Devils.

Weiner was the Tar Heels' third all-American end, joining the illustrious ranks of the late Andy Bershak (1937) and Paul Severin (1938 and 1940).

After UNC days, Weiner played pro football in 1950, was injured, next year coached Kings Mountain High School while Shu Carlton was doing his second tour of marine duty during the Korean business. Weiner had two subsequent years of pro ball, before joining Burlington Industries, of which he is now a vice-president.

It was quite fitting that Howard Jackson be present. With the exception of one World War II year due to travel restrictions, the Kings Mountain Lions club has banqueted every Kings Mountain high school football team since the entry of 1939. It was Howard, first and immediate past president of the then-fledgling Lions club, who steered the Lions into the football banquet business. The speaker for the first event was Jess Neely, just returned from Dallas where his Clemson Tigers had up-ended Boston College 6-3 in the Cotton Bowl. Coach Neely shortly returned to Texas, scene of his victory, to become coach of Rice Institute. As far as I know, Neely remains at Rice as athletic director.

There hasn't been a Clemson coach here since, Frank Howard declining an invitation at least three times. Some years ago, Frank's gaughter lived here briefly when her young husband, J. C. Cowan III, son of the retired Burlington Industries executive, was training at Phenix plant here and Papa stopped off for a visit. Unfortunately, Frank ignored a warning about too heavy a foot on the accelerator. The Kings Mountain constabulary cited him for speeding. Frank is supposed to have sworn, "That town will never see me again!" Billy Mauney has the confirmation, gleaned when he was entertaining Frank and Peahead Walker a few years ago on his Catawba river boat.

Weiner paid high tribute to his coach, Carl Snavelly, and to football per se, noting that football gave him trips all over the United States including Hawaii. He laughed at-out Wally Butts, the former Georgia coach. With the score tied at 14-14, Weiner had muffed in a pass to score and provide UNC the game winning touchdown. Lining up for the "kick-off, Weiner was close to the Georgia bench. Butts growled, "Weiner, you overage hawk-nosed Jew, ain't you ever gonna graduate?"

After his address, Weiner reminisced about his 1951 KMHS team, inquired as to the whereabouts of the players, and recalled fondly that this team was Kings Mountain's first to leg a win over Cherryville. Ollie Harsh and Don Flowers was the KMHS Justice-Weiner combo on that happy night. Charles Mauney was a tough tackle.

Weiner recalled the Duke game of his senior year. The score was close and Duke's Mike Souchak was attempting a field goal. Weiner's block attempt was successful. Souchak kicked Weiner's backside instead of the ball.

Theme of the Weiner address was the requirement of discipline. In football and throughout life. He declared: a fellow does his part or he doesn't belong; team participation, not individualism, is the name of the game.

First Union Is Sponsoring "Fun Tours"

Gov. Bob Scott and C. C. Cameron, chairman and president of First Union National Bank, have announced a program of travel tours for senior citizens in North Carolina.

Sponsored by the bank and named Fun Tours for Senior Citizens, the program will begin in the spring and will be available to persons 55 and over. Groups will travel by chartered bus to will travel by chartered bus to and historic spots.

"At the same time Gov. Scott and Cameron were holding the news conference in the capital, L. E. Hinnant, the bank's city executive in Kings Mountain, made the announcement locally. "We at the bank have been developing this program for some time," Cameron said. "We are excited about it and take a good deal of pride in it."

"No one," Cameron said, "needs to be told there has been a depressing absence of activities for many of North Carolina's senior citizens with time on their hands. We believe this program will provide some of those activities and help meet the needs of those citizens."

Gov. Scott praised the program and cited it as an example of cooperation between government and private industry that will brighten the lives of many North Carolinians.

Fun Tours will be operated at cost.

It is the first such bank-sponsored program in the state; it is believed to be the first in the country.

Plans for Fun tours were made with the cooperation and encouragement of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources, Division of Travel and Promotion. Gov. Scott has been involved personally.

More than 600,000 citizens in the 55-and-over age group live in North Carolina. In the coming weeks the presidents of each of the more than 800 senior citizens clubs in the state will be given details of Fun Tours including availability, registration procedures and itineraries.

After the first of the year brochures will be distributed in each of First Union's 166 offices so persons not affiliated with a club may take advantage of the program. For those who cannot visit an office, information will be available by mail from Mrs. Maude S. Morrow, 1959 Clark Avenue, Raleigh, N. C. 27603.

Mrs. Morrow, consultant to the Governor's Coordinating Council on Aging, has been appointed Consultant - Coordinator for Fun Tours by First Union.

For more than 10 years she has been active in the state tourism and travel industry. Based in Raleigh, Mrs. Morrow will have responsibility for arranging sight-seeing, food, lodging and chartered transportation.

Presently, two- and three-day trips will be offered in April, May, September and October. Fun Tours have been scheduled in the "off-season" to avoid crowds and to secure lower rates.

Because First Union will operate Fun Tours strictly at cost, prices will be within reach of the overwhelming majority of the state's senior citizens. It is hoped civic and church groups will sponsor individuals who cannot pay.

There are seven basic tour itineraries. Three Fun Tours are planned to different parts of the coastal region, two the mountain region and two to the Piedmont. As an illustration, one tour to the mountain region will have origin points in Goldsboro, Rocky Mount, Wilmington and Windsor. Then for three days and two nights, the groups will visit the Asheville, Brevard and Hendersonville areas.

Birth Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. Carl G. Foster Tryon Trailer Park, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday, December 6, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. William Woodard, 602 E. Ohio Avenue, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, Friday, December 8, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Donaldson, Route 1, Box 262, announce the birth of a daughter, Sunday, December 10, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald G. Cash, 2115 N. Modena Street, Gastonia, announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, December 12, Kings Mountain hospital.

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.

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Mrs. Henderson W. Herndon, 1311 Grover Rd., City
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