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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.
 I Corinthians 13:1.

All Pray

Indications are again rampant that an end to the Viet Nam war is near, including quick return of United States prisoners of war, a cease-fire, and quick pull-out of remaining United States troops.

A similar indication dated last October 26 proved abortive.

This time, notably, American officials are keeping their own counsel, in turn leaving the heady speculation to reporters who combine their noses for news with, undoubtedly, some leaks from those at least close to high places.

All pray that the end to this long struggle is at hand.

Mr. Nixon may be properly criticized for his inability to deliver on his 1968 campaign promises when he "had a plan" for ending the business.

The Herald does not agree with the doves, including Senator Mike Mansfield, Senate majority leader, and other doves on criticism of the President for the massive bombing of North Viet Nam.

Historians must record the Viet Nam business as the most abortive involvement in warfare in United States military history.

The history of success in warfare is throwing all available force against the enemy, taking, retaining and controlling enemy real estate.

There are some glaring items of error:

- 1) The policy of "search and destroy"—minus obtaining, retaining and controlling enemy real estate early proved abortive.
- 2) Failure to pull whatever force was necessary to pressure the South Vietnamese government was a continuing mistake.

What happened to the United States' expertise in guerilla warfare in the jungles? The GI's did a fair job, one must say, in defeating the Japanese on many jungle islands as the nation fought its way toward Tokyo.

Perhaps the most sickening publicizing action of the war was the report of an action in which a Marine Corps contingent was thoroughly chewed but, in the Marine tradition, captured the enemy-held as ordered. Four days later, the Marines were ordered to pull out, in effect saying, "We didn't really want it; you can have it back." The enemy simply said "thanks" and did just that.

The bombing history was much the same. President Johnson accepted enemy blandishments to stop the bombing. The enemy said "thanks" again, then used the respite to clog the Ho Chi Minh trail with reinforcements of both men and materiel—extending the war how long?

A German lady from Hamburg told the Herald some years ago that, as a teen-ager, she worked in a German aircraft factory there—and that the bombers of the Allies cost the lives of 40,000 civilians in Hamburg.

Tragic and barbaric, but the nation should not be allowed to forget the painful statement of Yankee General William Tecumseh Sherman: "War is hell."

Will Of Congress

President Richard Nixon is collecting the ire of Congress, not to mention important segments of the press and some of the segments nominally friendly to him over his actions in obstructing the will of Congress by the simply expedient of telling his cabinet members and top administrators, "Forget the appropriations; the freeze is on."

The Nixon contention is that he wants to expand the revenue-sharing concept to include housing, interstate highways, city thoroughfares, and pollution control measures.

And his man Ruckelshaus advanced a lulu this week when he suggested gas rationing be invoked in the Los Angeles area to cut pollution.

Will Congress rebel and try to turn the clock back to pre-Roosevelt days when Congress called the signals?

Highway Re-Organizing

Just about every newly-elected governor wants to re-organize the state highway and public works commission he has inherited.

Newly-installed Governor Jim Holsinger is no exception and wants to pare the 23-member commission to a dozen. In process he has sold a number of legislators, perhaps a sufficient number, to get what he wants.

Efficiency-minded Governor Luther Hodges wanted and got the least-membered highway commission in recent state history, just seven. Governor Hodges had the idea a scale of priorities could be established and the chief business of the seven-member group would be review of road-building requests against the priority scale. If the request passed the test, the road was to be built. If the request failed the test, no road.

Seven proved quite few, and Governor Terry Sanford asked, and got, 14. Governor Dan Moore was content with the Sanford legacy, but Governor Bob Scott wanted the 23 he got.

The Herald believes Governor Holsinger is making a practical, as well as political, mistake.

Appointment to the highway commission is regarded among the high political plums a governor has to give. It is—from the standpoint of prestige and power. It isn't—from the standpoint of ailments and pain of the job. Former Commissioner W. D. Garrison, after two years in the job, didn't say he wanted out, but did say he'd had a typical phone call at 2:30 a.m. a few nights before. An irate lady from Newton had called about a very urgent matter for her. It concerned a drainage ditch.

It should be remembered that the area commissioners, except for a meager per diem pay and travel expenses, serve without pay.

Cleveland's Roy Lee Dedmon, Governor Scott's appointee, it is safe to say had an easier term of office than his predecessors, because, being one of 23, Commissioner Dedman was assigned less counties than his several predecessors.

The Herald hasn't asked Mr. Dedmon but would post a sizeable wager that he still had plenty of business concerning highways.

Politically, Governor Holsinger wants to forego appointment of 11 worthy Republicans to important posts.

Clyde Wilmoth Kerns

A friend of his recalled that when Clyde Kerns came to Kings Mountain in 1940 his trucking equipment was both meager and run-down.

At his death last week the Kerns Trucking Company operation was a large one, the equipment both copious and first-class.

Meantime, Mr. Kerns was co-founder with his brother of City Auto and Truck Supply, another successful business, and he was also an investor in several other enterprises.

His business success could be attributed to an imaginative mind, a willingness to accept a businessman's risks, and, perhaps even more important yet and practice of hard work.

Personally, Mr. Kerns was mild-mannered and public spirited.

He was the man who gave principal impetus to the launching of a movement to establishing a nursing and convalescent center here.

It is a bizarre and tragic note that beginning of fruition of his dream of a nursing center here found him already a patient in one.

The Herald joins his many friends and the community in voicing regret at his passing.

A best bow to John L. McGill, chairman, and Brooks R. Tate, vice-chairman, just re-elected, and to Carl F. Wilson, re-appointed to a five-year term on Kings Mountain Public Housing Authority.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

Thad Eure, secretary of state of North Carolina, enjoys contending "in the oldest rat in the Democratic barn." He isn't quite. Edwin Gill, also 73 beats Mr. Eure in age by five days less than four months.

Mr. Eure, obviously, refers to the tenure in the same office of state officials. He wins hands down. Mr. Eure became secretary of state December 21, 1936, appointed by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus shortly before being sworn to the office he had been elected in November. Secretary Eure has been in the same old slot since, which means he logged in 36 years December 21 past.

Had he not chosen his brief career in law, Mr. Eure very well could have been an eminent historian. He is meticulous in detail, but also imaginative and quite thorough, and he improves with experience. His 1971 North Carolina Manual was the most exhaustive of his many biennial glossaries of North Carolina government.

Mr. Eure's most recent production is a brochure, roster and seating diagrams of the 1973 General Assembly, now in session eight days. There are references and cross-references, and the honorable Secretary aids the harassed press and other interested with a summary sheet detailing the whole business of the state's 130th General Assembly.

Seating diagrams for both House and Senate are included. (Mr. Eure, incidentally, assigns the seats. The diagram shows he's done a good job of keeping delegations together. In the Senate for instance, Senator W. K. Mauney, Jr., of Kings Mountain, is on the second dais in 16, his immediate neighbor Senator Jack Rhyme, of Belmont, with Senator Marshall Rauch one row up (front and center) in front of Billy. Completing the middle row is the Bancroft delegation, Senator Lamar Gudgeon, a college classmate, and Senator I. C. Crawford. Both are from Asheville.

Over in the House, the 40th delegation is at mid-point of ten rows. Hunt of Lattimore and Falls of Shelby in Seats 67 and 68 or Row 5 (from front) only need to look over their shoulders to confer with Bob Jones of Forest City in Seat 55 of Row 6. Representative Hunter Warlick, the Kings Mountain native now from Hickory, occupies seat 97.

Among other statistics: William P. (Bill) Sanders, onetime of Kings Mountain, at 75, is the eldest member of the Senate.

And Women's Liberation showed gains. One of 50 Senators is a lady, and eight of 120 Representatives are two, total of three more of 170 than the previous record of six, total in 1965. And, hear ye, the youngest member of the House, at 28, is Margaret Keesee of Greensboro.

The brand-new in the General Assembly now in session are identical in number to those two years ago, 40 neophytes in the House and 11 in the Senate.

The 1971 legislature liked Raleigh, based on length of stay, better than any other. The session logged in 165 legislative days, 195 calendar days.

Several other personal friends returned, including Representatives Herschel Harkins, of Asheville, and Jay Huskins, of Statesville. Like Billy Mauney, Kenneth Royal, of Durham, graduated to the Senate. One friend is missing, Senator Ashley Futrell, of Little Washington, didn't seek re-election.

Other history:
 The first session to convene in the State Legislative Building was on February 6, 1933. The first session to convene in the Capitol was on November 16, 1840. The Old State ouse burned on June 21, 1831. Tryon's Palace in New Bern, the State's first Capitol Building, was burned on February 27, 1798.

Governor James E. Holsinger, Jr., of Watauga County, was inaugurated January 5, 1973, becoming the 55th citizen to serve as Chief Executive of North Carolina; and the 63rd individual to serve as Governor of the state since independence. He will recommend to the General Assembly for its consideration such measures as he shall deem expedient. He will be the first Republican to serve as Governor of the state since Daniel L. Russell of Brunswick county who was inaugurated on the 12th day of January, 1897, seventy-six years ago, which was prior to the birth of any member of the 1973 General Assembly.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

WE DON'T WANT DOWNS ONLY UPS

You could lay all the economists in the world end to end, the one-liner goes, and never reach a conclusion. The questions remain the same; the answers are changing constantly. It is recognized, therefore, that fine-tuning the economic life of more than 200 million people producing more than a trillion dollars' worth of goods and services each year isn't the easy job going.

We were interested in a recent article in the Wall Street Journal by economist Walter Heller. His discussed the mechanics and theories of unemployment. Like unemployments of strength and weakness.

Who is correct in the matter of unemployment, those favoring a base level of about four per cent or those recommending five per cent or a little more. There is no real scientific answer, since the decision is influenced so strongly by individual, social, economic and political beliefs, and standards. As Heller points out, "it depends on one's relative tolerance for inflation and unemployment. How much inflation is one willing to trade off for lower unemployment? How vigorous a policy of wage-price restraint, public service jobs and labor market reform is one willing to pursue?" Heller supports the four per cent unemployment school of thought.

By contrast, the chief economist of the National Association of Manufacturers, George Hagedorn, points out that between 1931 and 1935 business was good, unemployment stayed above five per cent, each year production and employment were higher, and there was practically no inflation.

There is little doubt that the economic theorists will continue to argue and that politicians will continue to use those theories which best fit that own perceived social and political purposes. But, when all the dust settles down, there will be no changing certain facts. If massive federal deficits continue to be run, there will be inflation. In the long run, it will be pretty much in proportion to the fiscal mismanagement of the federal government. Wage and price controls won't work against a trend of fundamental inflationary pressure because the cost of any good or service must ultimately be reflected in its price or that particular good or service will simply not be. Mooresville Tribune.

NO JOBS FOR TEACHERS

One of the more tragic consequences of the fiscal mood of the country is pointed out by Catharine Barrett, president of the National Education Association. The number of fully qualified but unemployed teachers has risen to 111,000 this fall, she reports. Over the last three years, 250,000 newly qualified teachers have been unable to find jobs in their professional fields. This is unfortunate not just because so many are closed from pursuing their chosen careers.

The bigger tragedy is in the missed opportunity finally to bring substantially greater professional manpower to bear on such educational problems as too large classes, concentrations of disadvantaged and handicapped children and a lack of individualized instruction. The problem is money. After years of coping with a teacher shortage, we have finally solved it—only to find that we are unwilling to give education sufficient priority to take advantage of the opportunity before us. —Milwaukee Journal.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1963 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Architects for the new Kings Mountain school district high school plant got the go signal Monday for proceeding with working drawings.

Elmer (Mag) Ross began work Monday as new fulltime director of the city recreation program.

Lawrence Patrick, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Patrick, won his silver palm scouting award at Thursday night's Boy Scout Court of Honor at Central Methodist church.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
 Miss Lillian LeGrand entertained Wednesday at her home in Shelby at a luncheon paying compliment to Miss Nancy Plonk, bride-elect.

Mrs. Carl Ganitt was hostess Saturday evening at her home to members of the Margrace A. C. Snow in The Raleigh Times.

TRAGEDY IN NEW ORLEANS

The all too simple interpretation of the New Orleans shooting spree is that the sniping was done by a black and crime is what we have come to expect from blacks.

No fair-minded American will draw such a conclusion. What should concern us as well as the deplorable loss of lives in New Orleans and the detestable assault upon policemen is what acquaintances of the sniper track in his home town of Emporia, Kansas said of him. We are told that the sniper, who once seemed to be a mild-mannered youth, came out of the U. S. Navy harboring deep-seated hatred for white persons.

We do not know precisely what the influences were in the navy or in society at large that fed the sniper's hatred. But we do know that despite all the progress achieved in race relations in recent years, there are still attitudes of whites toward blacks that are based on prejudice alone and are wholly indefensible. And we know that these attitudes foment racial anger. Fortunately, only a small minority of blacks respond with violence.

The killing of innocent persons of course is nauseating, and the killing of policemen charged with responsibility to defend us from violence is especially nauseating. But indignation over what happened in New Orleans should not blind white Americans from seeing that guilt is not confined to the enraged black who spread all their terror at the Howard Johnson Hotel.—Smithfield Herald.

HOW TO CONTROL INFLATION

The December wholesale price index released recently has sent the Nixon administration's price controllers scurrying around trying to figure out what they can do about food prices. The index vaulted at an astounding annual rate of 19.2 per cent, with most of the rise furnished by food, which was up at an annual rate of 62.4 per cent.

Since other commodities are controlled and food is not, this is further evidence that the controls program works, isn't it? The administration says it won't apply controls to "primary" food production; that would risk shortages and dislocations. But it promises to do something. Meanwhile, a few of us noticed another December statistic showing that the Federal Reserve expanded the supply of money by more than 8 per cent.

An exceptionally rapid rate of money creation, even by contemporary permissive standards. Now, dollars created are likely to be spent somewhere. If consumers have \$10 and sellers offer five widgets and five gidgets, the widgets and gidgets can go for \$1 each. If suddenly consumers have \$12 and the stores still have the same five widgets and five gidgets, the price is likely to go up to \$1.20.

So along comes some Hammurabi and says we will stone to death anyone who buys or sells a widget for more than \$1. So consumers can only spend \$5 for five widgets. But this leaves them with \$7 to spend on the five gidgets. Hammurabi is shocked to find that the price of gidgets soars to the unheard-of height of \$1.40.

So Hammurabi obviously has to start stoning gidget-buyers as well as widget-buyers. If he can keep the price of both at \$1, consumers will have to keep their extra \$2 in their pockets or bury it in tin cans in the back yard. Of course, getting them to behave in such unnatural ways gets tougher if you have an economy where more than widgets and gidgets are for sale. In fact, no army of Hammurabis in Washington is going to be any match for 200 million consumers out there figuring out new ways to spend their extra \$2.

All the trouble could be avoided if the extra \$2 isn't given out until there are a couple more widgets or gidgets. In fact, if you keep things balanced out—\$10 for five widgets and five gidgets and \$12 for six widgets and six gidgets—the price of widgets and gidgets will stay at \$1 without having to stone anyone to death at all.

But never mind. The controls work, don't they?—Wall Street Journal.

WHATEVER HAPPENS TO OLD GOVERNORS?

Lisa Parramore, just turned five, was playing on the floor in front of the TV when she was trying the inauguration ceremonies.

"What are they doing, Mommy?" she asked.

"They're swearing in the new governor," Mrs. Parramore explained.

At that moment, the first of the cannons of the 19-gun salute boomed through the TV set.

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.

Mrs. Pearl E. Bridges
 Mrs. Julia A. Condry
 Rochel Lee Conner
 Mrs. Martha R. Deese
 Nell Estelle Elliott
 James H. Fields
 Mrs. Mary Belle Hicks
 Mrs. Sarah D. Howell
 Mrs. Bertha K. Hullender
 Mrs. Lottie B. Jackson
 Haywood W. Mackey
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 Mrs. Doris O. Short
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ADMITTED THURSDAY
 Mrs. D. E. Batchler, 197 Brull St. Blacksburg.
 Jack W. Houser, Rt. 3, Box 169 Cherryville.

ADMITTED FRIDAY
 Sherry Marie Bridges, 901 Rhoads Ave. City.
 Denise L. Meeks, P. O. Box 551, B. C.
 James P. Carter, 3824 Voyager Drive, Charlotte.
 Mark Steven Thornburg, Rt. 1, Box 553, Grover.
 Mrs. Lola Mae Hall, 822 Grace St., City.

ADMITTED SATURDAY
 Mrs. Lona Mae Gaddy, 605 Walnut Street, City.
 Mrs. Alex Jones, P. O. Box 172, Grover.

ADMITTED SUNDAY
 Mrs. Della Estelle McIntyre, 607 Floyd St., City.
 Richard A. Smith, Rt. 1, Box 2, B. C.
 Mrs. Fred E. Southards, Rt. 3, Box 413 City.
 Mrs. Lewis Henderson, Rt. 102 City Street City.
 Mrs. W. M. Costner, 801 North 12th Street, B. C.
 Mrs. C. Morris Putnam, Rt. 1, Box 13c City.

ADMITTED MONDAY
 Mrs. Bill J. Ellis, Sr., 604 1/2 N. Highland Street, Gastonia.
 Julius A. Burton, 900 Church St., City.
 Stacy Joe Bridges, 46 Pine Manor Apts., City.
 Mrs. John G. Hill, 527 Eaker Street, City.
 Mrs. Emma L. Garrett, 107 S. Pineback Ave., B. C.
 Frank E. Self, 814 First Street, City.
 George William Poole, Rt. 2, Box 65, Greensboro.
 Mrs. Margaret L. Collins, 1207 Gold Street, Est. City.
 Mrs. Virginia M. Grigg, 905 Boyce St., City.
 Mrs. Troy G. Payseur, 899 Dewey Street, Gastonia.
 Mrs. Grace T. Philbeck, 18 Lincoln Street, York, S. C.

ADMITTED TUESDAY
 Mrs. Wesley F. Lingerfelt, Route 2, Box 599, Bessemer City.
 Mrs. John A. Richardson, 616 E. Lee Avenue, Bessemer City.
 Charles F. Williams, 808 N. Piedmont Avenue, City.
 Oscar McCarter, 608 W. Gold Street, City.
 Gary Edward Gunter, 110 E. Texas Avenue, Bessemer City.
 Mrs. William P. Sellers, Route 1, Bessemer City.
 Mrs. Harold D. Peterson, 608 A. Phenix Street, City.

Birth Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. David H. Bridges, 46 Pine Manor Apts. announce the birth of twin boys, Thursday, January 11, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo C. Melton, 187 Compact Road, announce the birth of a son, Friday, January 12, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Nova L. Young, Route 1, Box 425, announce the birth of a son, Saturday January 13, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James O. Tate, Route 1, Box 213, announce the birth of a son, Saturday, January 13, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Wilson, Jr., P. O. Box 1062, announce the birth of a daughter, Saturday, January 13, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Southards, Route 3, Box 413, announce the birth of a daughter, Sunday, January 14, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James Byers, 1124 Sims Circle, Gastonia, announce the birth of a daughter, Sunday, January 14, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Lingerfelt, Route 2, Box 595, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a son, Wednesday, January 17, Kings Mountain hospital.

Federal wage garnishment provisions under Title III of the Consumer Credit Protection Act limit the amount of an employee's disposable earnings which may be garnished by a creditor in any one week, and protect him from being discharged from his job for any one indebtedness. These provisions are administered by the Employment Standards Administration of the U. S. Department of Labor.

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 Secretary

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