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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.
1 Corinthians 13:1.

And More Rate

Mayor John Henry Moss jested this week, "I thought I was through with electrical rate problems until I learned Duke Power Company is seeking yet another rate increase."

Duke is basing its case before the Federal Power Commission on its continued and projected growth and need for capital funds to stay ahead of demand for electric energy.

Duke's problems in this direction are not new. The rate of return dropped for a couple of years and meanwhile Duke became a victim of tight money. It took a large bond issue to the market-place and found the then-going rate of interest eight percent.

"We need more income to attract capital," Duke contends.

One rate increase of last year was granted in the form of a fossil energy charge. Thus the city has paid Duke up to more than \$6000 a month to help out Duke with its coal bill.

Duke will entail no little expense in seeking the more than \$8 million it wants via increased rates.

The supporting data Duke is supplying the Federal Power Commission consists of four bulky volumes.

The city's electrical system continues to grow which means that Kings Mountain has been and continues to be a larger customer. Duke's projection of sale of power to the city for year ending in March is \$514,431 on the current rate schedule and the company hopes Kings Mountain (under the requested rate schedule) will pay Duke \$649,312 for power in the year ending March 1974.

There is a slight fallacy in Duke's rate-of-return argument, for the company's transmission volume is growing by leaps and bounds. The electric cities and coops, 56 customers in all, as they fight the case before FPC, will call attention to dollar return rather than rate of return.

Friend Indeed

In periods of non-stress and strain, the average citizen doesn't get very excited about civil defense.

Yet Kings Mountain had a recent problem which would have been difficult of handling, certainly not in three days, without the fact of a civil defense agency, not to mention numerous other organizations and individuals who pitched in to help when the temporary pumps at Buffalo Creek waterhole sank due to a leaky pontoon that subsequently went down.

The city had been to Anniston, Alabama, once before on water business. At that time the city was dry as were the city's York Road and Davidson Lake reservoirs. Pipe from Anniston enabled the city to tap two streams and augment the raw water supply until the rains came.

The city's water-logged pumps are being re-worked, the job is virtually complete, and Anniston equipment will be returned home, with a full measure of thanks.

Mr. Turbyfill

It seemed impossible that Earl Turbyfill had succeeded Hunter Allen as city electrical superintendent four years ago. Time indeed flies.

His decision to return to his native Asheville was regretted by city officials.

Mr. Turbyfill proved himself a quiet but quite efficient workman who knew his business.

The community wishes him well.

Time is running out for annual tax listing.

City tags are on sale at the tax listing office.

Lyndon Baines Johnson

The death of former President Lyndon Baines Johnson removed by a very short time the last of the nation's former chief executives.

In a way, his nomination for the vice-presidency was improbable. He had sought nomination for the presidency himself, preferred to remain in the Senate, but honored the summons of John F. Kennedy, the nominee.

His presence on the ticket contributed mightily to the success of the Kennedy-Johnson ticket. Then Senator Johnson campaigned hard and was credited with holding much of the South in the Democratic column.

An assassin's bullet on November 22, 1963, catapulted him into White House, first southerner to accede thereto in modern times.

His slightly more than five years in the office was marked by some successes and some frustrations, perhaps some failures, obviously some mistakes.

The Viet Nam war's escalation to the extent of a half-million men was laid to the Johnson door. He was criticized for the nation's response to the Tonkin Bay incident, plagued further by the continuing and growing unpopularity of the Viet Nam involvement.

But the nation applauded his use of a strong hand in Santo Domingo.

The Johnson Administration put more social legislation on the books than any administration in history, including those of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the maestro of social legislation.

The President was a many-faceted man.

He was a hardy fighter for what he believed and an adept persuader.

His Senate service was marked by his being majority leader during six of President Dwight Eisenhower's eight years. He had the votes but didn't use them to play peanut politics.

Congratulations

George Wilson was a star of the Gastonia American Legion baseball team which won the state championship in 1941. He signed with the Boston Red Sox for four seasons.

He subsequently played several seasons in the high minors, one year hit 67 home runs for Birmingham of the Southern Association. He played with several major league teams, holds the distinction of being the only Kings Mountain man to play in a World Series (with the New York Yankees).

His election to the sports Hall of Fame of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion is a deserved honor.

The Cease-Fire

Saturday the shooting is supposed to stop in Viet Nam.

As has been pointed out elsewhere, the Americans are coming home and so are the prisoners of war.

There are some reservations.

What happens then—in Cambodia, Laos, in twinned Viet Nam?

This nation has never been involved in a war it often appeared the nation was not trying to win. The seek-and-destroy policy was a failure. Yet the nation had fought in the jungles before and won, in Japan in World War II, in Cuba in an earlier day.

Some legislators made guinea pigs of themselves the other night, sipping a bit of booze to check out the breathalyzer business. Only a couple busted the .10 test, but none elected to go home by personal conveyance. All for science!

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

It has been a week of events of major importance: the inauguration of a second-term president, the death of a former president, and the indicated cease-fire in Viet Nam and projected pull-out of all United States troops, and return of prisoners of war by the North Vietnamese.

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I never saw Johnson in person as I did President Hoover (I was ten), President Roosevelt (at 15 and 18), and President Kennedy (I was somewhat riper at 41). Mr. Hoover, of course, was here for the Battle of Kings Mountain sesqui-centennial in 1930, and I first saw Mr. Roosevelt from the same vantage point of the Mountain View Hotel when he was en route to Charlotte for the Green Pastures rally in 1936. The next time was something over two years later when President spoke at Chapel Hill. I had a front-row seat by virtue of tooting a clarinet in the band for "Hail to the Chief" and assorted marches composed by John Philip Sousa. The press table was front row when Mr. Kennedy spoke in Charlotte during the 1960 campaign. I heard him as President Kennedy at Chapel Hill a year later.

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I met Mrs. Johnson during 1960 campaign when she, Senator George Smathers and Tennessee Governor Buford Ellington led a rally at Shelby. As I reported at the time, Mrs. Johnson was most personable and gracious.

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When I think of Presidents I think of Tom Trutt's experience at the Green Pastures rally for FDR. Tom was a page and posted on the platform. Tom decided he wanted to greet his president, a want not honored by the husky secret service agent. Says Tom, "I didn't make but one step."

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I was in Casablanca during the Conference but I missed FDR and all the rest of the brass, too. Working in navy communications, I knew something major was afoot. I knew Averell Harriman was there and General Brenton B. Summerville, the US Army supply boss, and also the French viceroy for top position, General Charles DeGaulle, the tank warfare promoter of the Free French, and General Henri Giraud, who had been whisked away from his German captors by our OSS. A British super secret communications ship HMS Bulolo was there and I also delivered dispatches to USS Augusta, which was Mr. Roosevelt's transport to North Africa, but he was out at the Anta hotel.

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I read about the conference in the Petit Morocain; a Casablanca newspaper, after the star guests had departed.

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Bulolo gave us some tickles. A direct phone line was hooked from our offices to Bulolo. When we called her the Britisher on the other end always answered, "This is the ship." It was the same when she called us. The name Bulolo was never breathed, let alone said. Pretty good security.

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I was in an Army parade while at midshipmen's school, when Vice-President Henry A. Wallace was the leading office-holder on the reviewing stand.

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Which inventories me out of that department.

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Hampton Childs, the Lincoln lawyer and solicitor of the 27th district, did a speaking job for me at the Lions club Tuesday night and his statements on the court system and situation were quite interesting. He's been involved in the prosecutor role for 18 years, says the case backlog is greater in the three counties (Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln) than in six he once served. Referring to occasional criticism of solicitors for "plea bargaining," he declared the volume of cases dictates acceptance of guilty pleas when the evidence indicates conviction on the rougher charge unlikely by a jury. Noting three felony cases required ten days each to try in Gaston County last year, he added, "We're backlogged to the hilt now."

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Sheriffs, he said, encourage judges to try those in jail first, as they need to make room for other guests. On one occasion a sheriff was making a similar try-me-first plea to Judge George McLean. "No," the judge declined. "As long as they're in your jail they aren't out breaking and entering."

Viewpoints of Other Editors

MAYBE THIS YEAR

Having a new year can start you out better. —Ellen Segal.

Ellen, one of the Landsdowne third-graders whose New Year's resolutions were sent to the Mini Page, is right. As she puts the matter, a new year "can stop bad habits and start good habits."

That's true, and a look through the essays from Mrs. Mary Coleman's class suggests that the children have a good idea of what habits will prove important over the years. Put it another way, if you make allowance for the peculiarities of the school setting, the third-graders are making the same resolutions many adults need to make.

Ellen, for example, points out that "running is fun, but not always. People can get hurt." Most of the other youngsters expressed similar thoughts. "I will walk in the halls," wrote Tammy Bass and Mike Boyd. "I will try to obey safety rules in schools," added Greg Steinberger. Any Charlottean whose neighborhood through streets knows that more than a few drivers need to learn to "walk in the halls."

Adults could also use some advice from other youngsters: "I will be responsible for books, markers and papers. I will keep my money in my pocket." (Mike Boyd.)

"Have good manners at the table. Keep one hand in the lap and one on the table." (Barbara Davis.)

"I will try not to fight with my brother and my sister in this new year. I will try not to start any fights either." (Scott Weaver.)

Those are good resolutions now for child or parent, just as they were good resolutions when most of us made them years ago. Also familiar are the admonitions (perhaps suggested by the teacher?) not to push, to walk single file, to talk softly in the lunchroom, and to remember to bring the completed homework to school. Instead of from Landsdowne, many of the resolutions might have come from a building heated by the proverbial Franklin stove.

But not all of them. These are the children of a new age. Barbara Harris hopes that "police-men would stop robbers from robbing banks" and that "cars would not be crashed." Mike McClamrock wants to "lock your door and fasten your seat belt before riding in a car." Chris Dudley wishes that "the men that fight war would make a resolution to stop." And Carter Martin promises to "help stop pollution by cleaning up my part."

But if the language is that of the 1970s, the sentiments are ancient and venerable. As Stan Holland wrote, "My New Year's resolutions are to get along, to share my belongings, to be sincere, to be careful not to hurt others, to be kind and cheerful and loving and nice. If the world made a resolution like this, it would be great." —Charlotte News.

TELL THE TELLER

Sen. Jesse Helms, a former editor of the Tar Heel Bankers (published by the N. C. Bankers Association) is proposing that banks across the state serve as his official "complaint headquarters." Citizens could drop by the nearest teller, we suppose, and send a message to Washington.

We knew banks like to be called "full-service" but are they really prepared to handle this extra duty?

Some critics may view this as another government intrusion upon private enterprise, or at least a bad marriage between the two. After all, there are government offices which might serve as places for registering complaints about government service. Offices like those for instance, in Model Cities areas. But those might bring complaints about Mr. Helms himself from people who do not have bank accounts. —Charlotte Observer.

LIKE IT IS

There is a professed fondness nowadays for "telling it like it is." Sen. Harry Byrd Jr. of Virginia has done just that in summing up for the record of federal government spending over a 20-year period.

According to a table he prepared, the receipts of the federal government in 1954 were \$62.8 billion, outlays were \$65.9 billion. That left a deficit of \$3.1 billion. Interest on the federal debt in that year was \$6.4 billion.

Sen. Byrd traced the trend of rising spending and deficits and the soaring interest charge on the public debt down through the estimate for 1973.

He reveals that fiscal 1973 is expected to show government receipts of \$152.6 billion. Spending is foreseen as reaching \$199.4 billion leaving a deficit of \$37.8 billion. Interest charges on the public debt are estimated to total \$22.7 billion.

We need public officials who, even in election year, draw the line at approving ever bigger government spending programs that hit us all with more taxes or more inflation, or both. —The Rocky (N. C.) Evening Telegram.

CAUTION ON NO-TAX PROMISE

Governor Scott says it is not realistic to expect state government to get through the next four years without a tax increase, which may seem a bit odd in view of current developments.

Federal revenue sharing is a reality, with the first payment due within a month on \$40 million a year windfall for the state treasury. Also, unanticipated tax collections and reversions of unspent appropriations during the present two-year budget period guarantee at least \$160 million in extra money for the next legislature to send. So Gov. Holmhouse will preside over a biennial budget at least \$200 million bigger without new taxes.

True, says Scott, and look at the demands for the extra funds. If all state employees are given a five per cent annual raise, hardly a cost-of-living adjustment, it will take \$150 million of the new money. Then there are mandatory new federal programs that the state must implement in such fields as health care, pollution control, social security and occupational safety. Federal funds will pay most of the new costs of some of these, but the net effect still will be increased state spending. To a substantial degree, revenue sharing may turn out to be payments to meet federally imposed obligations.

Then there are familiar unmet needs in the prison system and state mental hospitals that Scott expects to emphasize in the last budget he will prepare, and which the incoming governor would be at some pains to change very much. Finally, there will be the next governor's own new programs to finance.

No tax increase is likely during the first two years of the next administration, because federal funds under the revenue sharing program are not yet committed. Governor Scott is saying that the crunch will come in the following two-year budget period, and that questionable cutbacks may be the only alternative to a tax increase. And he was accurate in noting that a governor can make cutbacks only "if the General Assembly will let him." —The Raleigh News and Observer.

THE INAUGURAL AND ONE PEOPLE

When FDR stripped the inaugural proceedings to the bone in 1945, the bill to the public was \$526. For the 35 words in the oath of office, the only mandatory event of inauguration, that worked out to \$15 a word.

This year's inaugural will cost taxpayers \$650,000 for the ceremony part alone—or about \$18,600 a word. To this the public will add \$880,000 for peace-keeping forces in the District of Columbia. And the inaugural committee plans to draw another \$4 million in souvenir silver plates, fees for attending dances, and so forth that will constitute the social hoopla of installing a president.

We wouldn't want again to practice the austerity of the last Roosevelt inaugural, which was appropriate in avoiding any display of profligacy when so much of the rest of the civilized world was in ruins, when soldiers were in the field, and citizens at home on rations.

And yet we wonder whether the social activities and trinket-hawking of this year's inaugural do not go too far in the other direction.

There is something disconcerting about knowing that thousands of Americans will be spending more than a thousand dollars a couple on a weekend in Washington, for the social part of the inaugural that is no more than a political party's victory celebration and fund-raising bash, while unemployment and hunger and unease abound unremarked in the vast poor section of the capital and elsewhere in America.

Lincoln said: "When an election is past, it is altogether fitting a free people that until the next election they should be one people." The cooperativeness, the perception that all citizens are in the nation together to work for the common good which Lincoln advised for the political factions, extends as well to the social classes.

After all, democratic government exists chiefly to strengthen the opportunity of those who by race or background or education are at the moment disadvantaged. It is this that distinguishes democracy from aristocratic government—a distinction that led to the founding of America and has nourished its finest leading to date.

Modesty in inaugural observances would help to build the kind of national unity incoming presidents need effectively to govern.—The Christian Science Monitor.

KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log

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YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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Three candidates, including two incumbents, filed notice of candidacy for city offices during the past week. Ollard R. Pearson, incumbent Ward 3 Commissioner, filed shortly before 4 o'clock Wednesday, while Mayor Garland Still filed for re-election Tuesday afternoon. Sam Stallings filed for Ward 5 Commissioner last Thursday.

Social and Personal

The home of Mrs. Charles Neisler was the scene of the regular January meeting of the House and Garden club.

Mrs. Amos Dean entertained members of the Contract Bridge club Tuesday afternoon at her home on Crescent Hill road.

Mrs. Charles Dilling was hostess on Tuesday afternoon to members of the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge club.

TO FURNITURE MART

Four members of the staff of McGinnis Furniture Company are in Atlanta, Ga. attending the Furniture Mart. Dick McGinnis and Bill McGinnis are at the Mart and Glenn Spearman and Jim McGinnis are attending a credit clinic in sessions through Thursday.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

We would like to express our thanks to you and your paper and staff in taking time last year to work with us on our club matters. We really believe in our club and we know you do too. We would like to wish you and your staff the best of luck in the coming year. We look forward in working with you in the coming years.

Thank you.

STEVE WILSON, Publicity Chairman, Kings Mountain Jaycees.

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The Annual Shareholders Meeting of the Home Savings and Loan Association will be held in the Home Office at 106 East Mountain Street, Kings Mountain, N. C. the 23rd of January 1973 at 5 P.M.

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