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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE
And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28.

Returning POW's

When President Nixon announced several weeks ago the long-awaited end of the Vietnam War, many Americans no doubt didn't take the news seriously. After all, the conflict was said to be over back in October. And even after the cease fire was announced, fighting continued, perhaps even more than ever.

But in the wee hours of the morning Monday, Americans were glued to their television sets as 143 American prisoners of war stepped off airplanes into freedom at Clark Air Base in the Philippines.

For many of those prisoners, it was the end of eight years of hell. It was a moment of happiness for them, their families and all persons who love this nation.

The POWs appeared in good spirits and good physical condition but who knows what kind of effect the adjustment to current conditions in the United States will have on them?

One POW is returning home only to find that his wife has obtained a secret divorce. Others are returning to find their children have grown up and everything around them has changed.

America owes these returning POWs the right to adjustment without pressures of the press, television and friends wanting to know what went on in those communist POW camps.

Kings Mountain did not have a son held prisoner in this war but we should join other Americans in striving for a lasting peace. Several of our men died in Vietnam and even though many Americans felt this was a useless war, they, like the POWs, should not be forgotten.

Reprieve

We sometimes seem eager to believe the most dismal stories about people, particularly stories of bad Samaritanism, of cries for help going ignored by citizenry.

Last week the wire services sent out reports of a Wyoming motorist who was found in his car by the side of the road, shot dead with his own .22 pistol. His suicide note sounded desperate: "I have been waiting 11 hours for someone to stop. I can't stand the cold any longer and they keep passing me by."

The item was immediately picked up by the press, radio and television stations and exhibited as a thorn in the national conscience.

When television reporters on the evening news came to closing lines, "That's the way it is on February 6" they seemed to be saying "that's the way Americans are."

Not Quite.

"Time Magazine" reports that with some further checking, police determined that the man's car had stopped only a mile from a gas station, on a chilly but sunny day. Motorists who had passed by the same spot, Time says, only two hours earlier swore that the car wasn't there. The sheriff's office concluded, "He was off his nut."

Under The Influence . . .

Local law enforcement officers wrote this editorial.

Two drivers dead, one seriously injured. All had been drinking. Typical holiday accidents? Not really.

A trio of experienced volunteers had agreed to participate in a highly controlled experiment to demonstrate the deadly effects of mixing drinking with driving.

Each participant downed three of his favorite alcoholic concoctions at a "jolly hour" before climbing behind the wheel of a stationary simulator car.

The drivers were confronted by specially filmed traffic situations requiring sound and speedy judgment. The film segments were excerpts of movies used regularly by Aetna Life & Casualty to teach good driving techniques to thousands of high school and college students as well as military personnel throughout the U. S.

After an hour the drivers' reaction time had deteriorated sharply and the average driving performance, as measured by Aetna's Drivotrainer system, had plummeted 50%. In fact, if these drivers had met on the road the situations they met in the simulator — two would be dead, the other seriously hurt.

Their "fatalities" could have been avoided. The American Medical Association says flatly that three drinks in an hour are too much for anyone who intends to soon step behind the wheel; for some people, two are too much.

A driver is considered legally drunk in most states when his blood alcohol level (BAL) is .10%. But many jests show a driver's ability becomes impaired when the BAL exceeds .05% (the BALs for the three volunteers were .07%, .065%, and .055%).

Suppose you have one too many. There's no quick way to get out from under—just wait. An individual's blood alcohol level will drop .08% each hour.

Today Last Day

Reminder: Late purchasers of N. C. motor vehicle license plates have until 5 p.m. today to meet the deadline. The Shelby office is located at 406 S. Lafayette street. Motorists have until midnight Thursday to get the tags on their vehicles.

The lines were long Monday when a Herald staffer picked up his plates and the Shelby office had issued a total of 31,254 motor vehicle tags. There were 21,372 for private cars, 454 for motorcycles, 4,951 for private trucks, 580 for farm trucks, 3,726 for trailers, 59 for taxis and 12 for rental vehicles.

TIME MAGAZINE

The Price of Rebuilding

The most recent debate over the Viet Nam War has centered on whether the U.S. was justified in bombing Hanoi in its attempt to achieve a truce. Now that the truce is here, and now that the budget and the dollar crisis have become urgent news, the debate on Viet Nam has shifted to a new question: should the U.S. spend billions of dollars to help its former enemies? No specific sum has yet been requested, although unofficial estimates have gone as high as \$7.5 billion over the next five years for the reconstruction of all Indochina. Congress is already balking at the idea, so both President Nixon and Secretary of State Rogers have tried to sell the concept as an "investment in peace."

Most Americans appear to be caught in the middle, somewhat baffled at the prospect of paying taxes to rebuild what they so recently paid taxes to destroy.

Yet in the final analysis there is hardly room for argument. Lyndon Johnson committed the U.S. to reconstruction back in 1965, and the truce accord makes that commitment binding. The real question is not whether the U.S. will provide aid, but how much will be provided, and in what spirit it will be given—and received.

Congratulations

Hats off to a number of Kings Mountain citizens this week:

Mrs. F. R. Summers, honorary chairman of the City of Kings Mountain centennial celebration committee planned for 1974 on the city's 100th birthday.

Mrs. Rita Caveny Mangum, Young Educator of the Year in Wilson, N. C.

Kings Mountain Little Theatre, who presented another successful show, "Bull in the China Shop".

LEGAL JUSTICE?

America is the only country where they led prisoners go home and lock up the jury—American Opinion.

ONLY 'YANKEES' WEAT BOW TIES—

That was a curious statement which the writer of the profile on new Secretary of Transportation Bruce Lenz used in The News and Observer on a recent Sunday.

In the opening paragraph of the Ter Heel of the Week article the writer said that Lenz had gone into office with two strikes against him. The handicaps, or liabilities, for the Secretary were listed as (1) he's a Republican and (2) he wear bow ties.

In the first place, being a Republican in 1973 is no handicap but an asset. In fact, Mr. Wouldn't be in office if he wasn't one. In the second place, we just can't believe that bow ties are a handicap.

Then Secretary Lenz made it worse. He said bow ties are "Lankee symbols." He's from Pennsylvania.

"Yankee symbols," indeed. Thad Eure and all those old Southern colonels with their black string bow ties are not going to stand for that.—Sam Ragan in Southern Pines Pilot.

QUOTES OLD AND NEW

No bird soars too high if he soars with his own wings.—William Blake.

The people are to be taken in very small doses.—Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Injustice is relatively easy to bear, what stands is justice.—H. L. Mencken.

We don't know life: how can we know death?—Confucius.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

A JOURNEY BACK TO PEACE

The long journey back to peace has begun — in Vietnam and in the world.

We can be deeply grateful. We cannot be complacent.

There is at last real light at the end of the tunnel, Americans should soon be out of the tunnel. But there is still much work to be done before the people of Southeast Asia emerge. And while that work remains none of us can say we have mastered peace.

We need to learn how to make peace as inexorable as war is believed to be.

Mary Baker Eddy, the founder of this newspaper, took a strong stand on the mediation of the Russo-Japanese War. Shortly thereafter she wrote in praise of the Association for International Conciliation: "Bloodshed, war, and oppression belong to the darker ages, and shall be relegated to oblivion." A few months before the first edition of The Christian Science Monitor rolled off the presses in 1908 she elaborated: "For many years I have prayed daily that there be no more war, no more barbarous slaughtering of our fellow-beings; prayed that all the peoples on earth and the islands of the sea have one God, one Mind; love God supremely, and love their neighbor as themselves. National disagreements can be, and should be, arbitrated wisely, fairly, and fully settled."

Why, a cynic has a right to ask, have declared followers of Jesus and Buddha been letting blood with such ferocity for so many years in Indo-China. Obviously they have not lived up to their beliefs. Only now, in weariness and stalemate, have they even begun to "arbitrate wisely" with an eye toward seeing that a bitter generation-long quarrel is "fully settled." And in Vietnam there are leaders on both sides who would still prefer to try for final settlement via warfare.

Much arbitration still lies ahead — both in Indo-China and elsewhere in the playing fields of the superpowers. We can — we must — apply the lessons of Vietnam to the period ahead; that it is wiser to "pray daily" and work hard for peace than to grow complacent and slip back onto the treadmill of war.

If prayer is taken to mean rote mumbling or supplication hurled hopefully into the air, this form means nothing. Prayer should be the most practical, the most normal approach to any problem. For national leaders and citizens alike it should mean an opening of thought for solutions, a tuning in to mankind's purpose. Such prayer should relieve the statesman of the cliché notion that he is "too busy fighting brushfires" to have time to "think architecturally" about solutions to basic problems. It should lift his thought, and his people's, to see ways in which the brotherhood of man can be furthered.

Prayer in its most practical form is vitally needed as Americans emerge from the anguish of Vietnam.

(Christian Science Monitor)

SHOULD WE CUT STATE TAXES

The biggest question facing the 130th session of the North Carolina General Assembly so far is what to do about a projected \$200-million surplus in the state treasury during the coming biennium.

On side of the debate are advocates of tax cuts. Some say there should be an across-the-board rebate on 1973 state income taxes. (The Advisory Budget Commission has reportedly recommended at 10 per cent refund on this year's income taxes). Others say the two-cent-per-pack cigarette tax should be repealed. Yet another faction wants the soft drink tax eliminated. And there are some who advocate a lifting of the state sales tax on food and medicine. (Governor Holsinger called for lifting the sales tax from non-prescription medicines prior to his election last fall).

On the other side of the issue are opponents of tax cuts. They are arguing that North Carolina has plenty of pressing needs for which that \$200-million surplus could be used—cutting the need for a statewide system of public kindergartens, for purchase of additional state park land, for upgrading mental health and prison facilities to name just a few priorities.

The Herald sides with the latter viewpoint—that North Carolina still has much to do to make life better for all its citizens before we can start talking about substantial changes in the state's tax structure.

But if the legislature concludes that tax relief is in order, let the paring knife be turned on North Carolina's three-per cent sales tax on food and medicine. The Herald opposed a sales tax on food and medicine when it was proposed by the administration of Governor Terry Sanford in the early 1960s and later approved by the General Assembly. A sales tax in any form is a regressive tax, hitting the poor much harder than upper-income families. But it is an especially unfair tax when applied to food and medicine — basic necessities which all families must have regardless of income or ability to pay.—Smithfield Herald.

KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Harmon:

The members of the Dixon Community 4-H Club would like to say how much we appreciate the Herald advertising 4-H throughout the year of 1972. With the help of the newspaper our 4-H club has grown considerably. We are hoping our club will be twice as large by the end of 1973. Thank you very much for helping promote 4-H in Cleveland County.

Sincerely,
 Margo Green
 Retiring Reporter

Tax Help Is Available

R. T. McNeely, Jr., local Revenue Collector for the North Carolina Department of Revenue, advises that personnel to assist in the filing of State Income and Intangibles tax returns will be available on Monday & Friday of each week through April 16, 1973. Persons desiring assistance in filing these returns are requested to contact the office which is located at E. Warren Street, on this (or these) days. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mr. McNeely requests that taxpayers bring with them the pre-addressed forms which were mailed to them from Raleigh. Completed returns should be mailed directly to North Carolina Department of Revenue, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611.

FDA ACTION COMMENDABLE

The Food and Drug Administration is to be commended for ordering this week that labels on food list the calories, fats, vitamins and related nutrients in each serving.

This will greatly aid consumers in purchasing foodstuffs for their families by giving them necessary information in selecting foods for a well-rounded diet. Of course, governmental action alone won't insure "healthy" choices—it will be up to each individual to read the information on the labels and then choose what is best for them.

Nearly all packaged food will be affected and the new labels could start showing up in a matter of months. However, as we understand it, some segments of the food industry have already gotten a jump on their competition and have started to change their labels. The FDA says the entire program will be in effect at the beginning of 1975.

Basically the new order requires nutrition labels on all food fortified by the addition of a nutrient or for which a labeling or advertising claim is made involving nutrition, such as references to protein, fat, carbohydrates, calories, vitamins, minerals or dieting. The nutrition labels must be to the immediate right of the main label on the product, except where the container makes it necessary to put the nutrition list somewhere else.

The new requirement stems from two years of hearings by the FDA on how to tell consumers what's in the food they buy, and to try to get them to become more nutrition-conscious. Nutritionists have claimed Americans are ignorant about what's good for them, and according to them, the food companies haven't been helping the situation.

This FDA action is another in a long string of recent developments which show that consumerism is gaining strength in the nation. Drug companies and other manufacturers are now being required to prove their advertising claims with substantiating data. The public is demanding more and more that it be told the truth and we think it's a healthy trend.—The Shelby AdLib Star.

downstream what Raleigh's urban development has done to us.—Smithfield Herald.

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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.

J. Wilson Crawford, Kings Mountain realtor and businessman, was elected president of the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce at a dinner meeting of the organization Tuesday at the Country Club.

Heart Sunday this week will feature a door to door canvass in Kings Mountain for gifts for the 1963 Heart Fund.

Tommy Plonk, Eagle Scout of Troop 294 and son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Plonk, won his Bronze Palm Award at Thursday's Court of Honor.

Thomas A. Tate, secretary-treasurer of Home Savings & Loan Association, and Bob Southwell, manager of Southwell Ford, have been nominated for president of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association for the coming year.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burris Keeter of Grover announce the engagement of their daughter, Floyer Sue, to Otis Bankston Hyler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hyler of Saluda, S. C.

Mrs. Paul Hendricks led the study course, "Edge of Asia" at Monday night's general meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service at Central Methodist church.

JOY

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