Mrs. Shirley Ann Cochran, 17-

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As Was Feared

vided shall not stand.

The Good Book saith a house di-

The Bibilical dictum was recalled

The result, on the record, has been

In North Carolina, where the Gov-

Instead, the state has witnessed a

when Jim Holshouser, heptiled an upset victory for governor last

November and again when the heavily Democratic General Assembly conven-

worse than might have been expected

ernor (happily or unhappily) has no

veto power, it might have been assum-

ed that the General Assembly would

have picked up the reins and voiced the "gee's" and "ha's" required to man-

Mexican stand-off (one scared and the

The excuse of annual sessions (we'll go back to Raleigh next year")

has been invoked on many important

issues. No-fault insurance has been ditched until 1974, and many others

the General Assembly, blessed (or curs-

ed) with a \$250 million surplus, would

put sufficient burden on its appropria-

tions committees that \$49 million had

to be pared off appropriation proposals

to meet the constitutional requirement

Will the record improve?

Dolefully . . . not likely.

Penalty of Progress

After June 1, Mountain Lanes Bowl-

The Kings Mountain Redevelopment

Commission first purchased the build-

ing, later the facilities, of the city's lone

bowling establishment - training site

for several area citizens who ventured

into the big leagues of national champ-

ionship play and brought home the ba-

con - national championship honors.

The bowlers, doing business at the same stand for more than a quarter

century are homeless and unnappy.

Central Business District redevelopment

project, for they realize that much of

the business district was constructed as

much as 75 years ago and seen better

cult, and some means should be devised

to accommodate the bowlers as well as

private vendors of goods and services

its penalties, but there are ways to convert the penalties into pluses via imag-

Bill Laughter

his advancement, they are concurrently

unhappy that this advancement removes William F. (Bill) Laughter and his family from Kings Mountain.

practices his religion in his daily rela-

the new postmaster, is Kings Moun-

Congratulations to George W. Plonk, Jr., a medical interne appointee at Bowman Gray School of Medicine in

categorized "good citizen".

While his many friends rejoice in

Mr. Laughter's life to date can well

An active churchman, Mr. Laughter

Glen Alpine, where Mr. Laughter is

which citizens need.

inative approaches.

tionships with others.

tain's loss.

However, the relocations are diffi-

Progress has never been without

Most folk are sympathetic to the

They're looking for a place to go.

It, of course, was no surprise that

by even the more pessimistic.

age the ship of state.

fall in the same category.

of a balanced budget.

other glad of it).

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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

My son, attend unto my wisdom, and bow thise ear to my understanding; Proverbs 5:1

Answer Indicated

In response to the city commission's resolution urging rapid action on implementing the U. S. 74 by-pass project, Bruce Lentz, secustary of the Depart ment of Transportation has written the Mayor that an indication on the US 74 timetable should be available by July 1.

That, of course, is that much, but the tono, or wr. Lentz' letter gave little if any indication that US 74 is on the high priority list.

Indeed, Mr. Lentz wrote, there are sufficient approved projects on the list from prior highway commissions to consume anticipated funds for the upcoming eight years.

The present commission is now determining "priorities", said Mr. Lentz.

It is presumed that Mr. Lentz and the highway commession will have benefit of latest traffic counts, not only those taken on Monday mornings after 10 o'clock, but, hopefully, a few samplings on weekends.

George W. Mauney was reminiscing an incident last summer when a traffic clogged weekend motorist stopped in front of his house and asked, "Is there any quicker way to get through this town." Mr. Mauney routed the motorist to Gold and west to Oriental.

There really isn't any quick way, as some motorists, most locals and some 'throughs" have discovered or ferreted cut alternates to crowded King Street.

News, of course, but the unhappy kind, is contained in Mr. Lentz' letter, in the report that the 7.3-mile by-pas. project is now estimated to cost \$12

The old saying that haste makes waste often applies, but not in this instance. Time was when highway engireering cost estimates for the by-pass was a comparatively modest \$7 million.

A lady asked of the Herald this week what the Herald knew of the bypass project. The answer: exactly what

The summation is: not much.

Two factors are currently delaying federally shared road projects (US 74 is 50 percent federally paid, 50 percent

The principal factor is that Presicipation. by freezing the federal por-

The other is the argument in Congress between Congresmen from Metropolitan centers who want to change the formula and rob the highway fund (supplied by federal gasoline taxes) for mass transit and fast transit between urban areas. The Congressmen from the hinterlands, not needful of high speed inter-urban trains and other mass transit media, want to continue to invest in concrete as Kings Mountain (and the motorist passing through) does.

The Herald was somewhat amused on a recent morning at the Charlotte Observer's espousal of the mass transit position. Mecklenburg is growing and is North Carolina's chief metropolitan candidate. But is Charlotte yet a mass transit city?

A US 74 by-pass or throughway has been in the "serious" talking stage since 1949-just 24 years.

Figuring five years to build, and assuming (hardly assured) a top priority rating by the current highway commission, that would make it about three decades in the doing thereof.

Meantime, the traffic pile-ups get worse, worse and (pardon our grammar) worser.

Congratulations to Blair Pethel, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Booth W. Gillespie, who has been appointed to attend the governor's school this summer. The student is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Pethel of Greensboro.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

Nieces and nephews of Wilon his 81st birthday at a dinner behalf. at Resurrection Lutheran church dining room.

The birthday celebration bur-geoned into a family reunion of out of the movement for reform dentally, 81 were present for the party. Recheck with Maude was unconstitutional. More re-Plonk Harper, guiding spirit for cently the New Jersey Supreme Plonk Harper, guiding spirit is cently the New Jersey Suprithe event, reveals there were 82. Court joined the reformers have suggested it.

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It was the first family gathering ever for the William Lafay ing up in many states. Pette Plock clan. The elder Mr. for change is mounting. Plonk, who died in 1924, was orn in 1855.

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William Luther Plonk, who's never married, has 22 nieces and nephews, of whom 19 were present. Honored guests included his trol". sisters, Dr. Lillian Plonk, of Asheville, Mrs. Eunice Plonk Harmon and Mrs. Mary Plonk equal eduction in Boston," said Lovell, of Kings Mountain; his sisters in law, Mrs. Carl A. Plonk, of Asheville, Mrs. Rufus tive that the legislature take L. Plonk and Mrs. Clarence S. decisive action to end the injustice of having the quality of a two aunts-in-law, Mrs. Michael two aunts-in-law, Gastonia L. Plonk, age 97, of Gastonia, on the wealth of his communant Mrs. J. Calvin Plonk, of ity." Hickory.

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Dr. George Plonk was a masterful master of ceremonies.

who became plain William when Indeed, there would be no point I was a little shaver and he tired in ragging any school down for the sale of careful The property in the sale of careful to The sale of the "Uncle". It happens that William was born slightly less tions of reform could include than 400 years (by three months) before Columbus set sail to discover the New World on August 3, 1492, and exactly 117 years gests. after the patriots to the East signed the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence in 1775.

Collège (now Lenoiruating in the same class were sible. his late sister Laura, valedictorian, and brother Rufus,

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he became sergeant-major to a so. Whatever the rsearchers say, general stationed at Chaumont, all parents want a good school for rather than a poor school for the respective to the president of United States Rubber Company, then a short stay here during his father's final illness, then a return to New York until the early thirties when he returned home. when he returned home and joined Plonk Brothers, where he's been ever since and still is.

Dr. John Rhodes, a Raleigh nephew, got his medical schooling at Harvard. On one trip to Boston John had the good fortune to be on a train which Fred Butler, William's good friend, was conductor. "I ate all the way to Boston," John recalls, "free."

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John (his mother was Ida Plonk, eldest of the family) was always close to his grandfather's family, one summer lived with Grandpa and jerked soda at Finger Drug Company, another served as his Grandfather's chauffeur, and yet another lived at Uncle Rufe's. He describes that summer on the farm as one of "good eatin' and hard work". He described Uncle Rufe as a "gentle disciplinarian", a man of "character, positive thinking and gentle disposition"

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 ${\rm H_{\odot}}$ suggested the same attributes apply to William Luther Plonk, 81 years young.

The word is that there'll be more great-nieces and great-nephews eligible to attend in '74.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

MOVE TOWARD JUSTICE

ancing of public schools is pro ceeding on the state and local levels to which it was abandoned when the Supreme Court deliam Plonk honored him Sunday cided not to act nationally in it

For the benefit of coming generations, the momentum must not be lost, now that the prob--frankly admitted by the high court—has been seen.

William Lafayette and Re- by reversing a lower court degina Ware Plonk progeny. I had c.sion that Texas' method of been telling folk that, coinci- school financing, based partly on The extra one seed for another ruling that Nw Jersey's school gathering next year? Several financing system did not satisfy a state constitutional amendment requiring equal education oppor-

> Similarly cases have been coming up in many states. Pressure classroom — what he is getting

tions. One likely solution involves between what has really happen-Mrs. Cal Plonk, a genealogical a combination of property taxes ed and what happens on our historian like her late husband, and other support, with means end." related that the first Plonk to for ironing out disparities. New emigrate to the states was problems could result from full Joseph, who arrived from Ger- reg'acement of property taxes many in 1823, settling in the by state and federal revenues—southern edge of Lincoln coun- for example, the iron possibility . Forebear Joe lived to be 103. of money from general taxes rushing into rich neighbrhoods.

dealt with in a timely Brookings view and recommendation to the Institution study "Reforming School Finance." It notes that any reform rlan would raise t ot a 1 expend tures on schools. I covered biographical details, Low-spending districts would be interspersed with a few favorite "leveled up" rather than high-anecdotes, about Uncie William, spending districts "leveled down." Indeed, there would be no point the sake of equality. The reverachanges in property values as their tax relationship to the school changes, the study sug-

Meanwhile, a flurry of other the impact of formal education, suggesting that home and other factors may make more difference to children than differences William finished high school in school. But no one could reasonably take these as an excuse II NCAE meeting and to exclude in Kings Mountain at the tender sonably take these as an excuse II NCAE meeting and to exclude age of 14 and had navigated Le- for letting up in the effort to noir Collège (now Lenoir give as many children as possi-Rhyne), three years later. Gradble as good an education as pos-

relationship between dollars and improvement program and voted cents and quality education - to have all-electric power, rather though the fact that an expensive than gas, at East and West He became secretary to Con-education may not necessarily be schools and to negotiate with ressman E. Yates Webb of "good" does not mean that a Duke Power Co. on use of electric gressman E. Yates Webb of "good" does not mean that Shelby, until World War I, when cheap one is more likely to be heat at the proposed new junior he became sergeant-major to a so. Whatever the researchers say, high;

2) Approved forwarding a letter of the proposed new junior heat at t

It is good to see that America's move toward justice in the financing of public schools in School Board Representative

The Kings Mountain Board of Education Monday night agreed to further study a request from the Association of Classroom Teachers (ACT) for representation on the board of education. The ACT made the request at the monthly meeting of the school board, asking that a

teacher be named to the board as a non-voting member. named Kings Mountain High School junior John Knox McGill

to the board as a non-voting member. Supt. Don Jones said he did not recommend the resolution and one board member, Alex Owens, expressed disfavor with the idea. Owens noted that a teacher should "put in his time in the

The Massachusetts Teachers felt that he is the teachers' rep-Association, for example, has resentative on the board. "I don't just recommended that the state know if this is directed at me,' shift from reliance on property he said, "but I have fried to rep-taxes for education to increase! resent them in a way they want-

with ed to be represented." Two high school teachers, Phil Bryson and Mrs. Carolyn McWhirter, noted that Jones might have misinterpreted the intentions of the resolution.

Bryson said the resolution was aimed at getting the teachers' viewpoints and Mrs. McWhirter said the purpose is to better communications

"I don't feel there is a teacher in the system who meant this to be a direct slap at the superin-tendent," Mrs. McWhirter said. The attack on such injustice She added that there is often a St., city.

raises difficult financial ques "breakdown in communications"

James

> The board also agreed to further study a second request by the ACT on the use of teacher evaluation forms.

forms other than the regular Knollwood Dr., Gast.

Wrs. Pinkey T. Mitchell, 406 Charlotte, and June L. Parks Jr., The ACT requested that any be submitted to the teacher per-Many such ramifications are sonnel policy committee for reboard of education.

According to Jones, the resolution came about as a result of a comment he made to Dean Arthur J. Hedden, Westmoreland, policy committee chairman, that communications regarding evaluations between principal and teacher should be put on paper in some check-list format which would be easy for the principal to administer.
Westmoreland estimated that

90 percent of the teachers are satisfied with the present form. He said passage of the Fair Employment and Dismissal Act had studies is raising questions a out brought about widespread interest in any additional evaluative materals that might be used.

The teachers further requested to have Oct. 5 as a part of the school calendar for the District use of the public address systems schools as a means of evaluating

In other business the board: Obviously there is no strict school architect on the school

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ADMITTED THURSDAY

Mrs. Nona G. Burris, Rt. 1, Bessemer City.

James M. Mayes, Rt 3, city. ADMITTED FRIDAY Mrs. Paul A. Byers, 104 E. Street, B. C.

Mrs. Marie Irene Carroll, Rt. 2, Cherryville. Mrs. Fred M. Dulin, 401 King St., city. Mrs. Hubert R. Ijames, 3039

10th St., B. C.

Arthur J. Hedden, 805 Mea-Frank Phillips, 297 N. Dilling

Robert A. Shick, 2627 Pem-Robert A. Woods, Rt. 1, Box 203, city.

ADMITTED SUNDAY

351 City. Harlin E. Stoterau, 306 Silver St., city. ADMITTED MONDAY

Box 705, B. C. Mrs. Annie D. McDaniel, Rt. 2, Phifer Rd., city. Mrs. Robert K. Moss, 109 Richland St., Clover,

school and junior high: 4) Heard a report from Jones on the sale of \$2.5 million | was not much point in trying to in bonds upcoming May 29; hold on," he said.

Education and Welfare had been submitted; 6) Was informed that Bethware School was a state winner in a

letter of appreciation to the school and the PTA; 7) Approved the following teacher elections: Gail Womack, Mrs. Rebecca Champion, Mrs.

Donothy Finger, Nancy Reynolds, 8) Accepted the following resignations: Mrs. Linda S. Black. East; and Mrs. Joan H. Murphy

Isaac Bell, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 266,

ox 190, city.
Andy C. Hall, 202 E. Main St. AVC Corp. Gerald D. Hipp, 623 E. Gold

Sam Paul Welch, No. 4, Wells St. Ext., city. Carl V. Wiesener, Sr., 114 S. Gaston St., city.

Mrs. Ruby L. Dixon, 211 Dil-Marvin H. Martin, Rt., 3, Box

Mrs. Jason M. Smith, Rt. 2,

5) Heard a report from Jones that desegregation information

recent statewide beautification project and voted to forward a

Cora Knight and Glenda Goforth;

Hubert G. Clemmons, 48 Ches terfield Ct., City. Mrs. Victor Garrett, Rt. 1, 25 Maxton Avenue, Gast.

Mrs. Carmon L. Byrum, P. O. Box 215, Hickory Grove, S. C. James A. Hill, 103 E. La. Avenue, B. C. Gene Floyd Talbert, Rt. 1 Mrs. Homer May, 2400 Sky land Drive, Rd., Gast. ADMITTED TUESDAY

Mrs. William E. Meeks, 407 Walnut Street, City. Gene H. Falls, 1200 E. Forbes Road, Gast. r Gary Ross, 600 Jackson

St., city. Witourn J. Campbell, Rt. 1, Bell Road. Bessemer City. Roy Ervin Bridges, Rt. 1, city. Mrs. Harold D. Childers, 507 W. Pine St., Blacksburg, S. C. William J. Rowland, 501 Virginia Avenue, B. C. James Earl Whitaker, 1725

Parkdale Avenue, Gast. Announcements Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Bush, Route 1, Gastonia, announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, May 15, Kings Mountain hospital. Mr. and Mrs. G. Wayne LeRoy,

605 McDonnel St., Clever, S. C. announce the birth of a son, Friday, May 18, Kings Mounfain Mr. and Mrs. Jason M. Smith, Rt. 2, Box 705, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a son, Mon

day, May 21, Kings Mountain spital. Mr. and Mrs. William E. Meeks, 407 Walnut Street, announce the birth of a son, Wednesday, May

Buys Grover Mill

23, Kings Mountain hospital.

lished in 1919 by the late Charles F. Harry Sr., was sold Tuesday to AVC Corporation of Charlotte and

Philadelphiafor \$2.5 million. It was announced Wednesday in a joint statement by Dr. Frank of Gaffney, presidentof Minette Mills, Inc., that a plan has been formulated whereby in excess of 80 percent of the common stock of Minette would be acquired by AVC. Under the plan the result would be the acquisition of 100 percent of the common stock by AVC. It was reported that Min ette stockholders will receive \$250 for each of the 10,000 shares now

outstanding. Terms call for initial payment of 15 percent with the balance in notes payable over the next eight years. Additional payments based on attainment of certain earnings levels during the next two

years might also be made. The mill currently employs 550 persons and runs three shifts. It makes upholstery fabrics and bedspreads and grosses approxi-mately \$16 million annually.

Charles F. Harry Jr., chairman of the board of Minette Mills, Har-Ray Mills Inc., and Grover Industries, said Wednesday the most of the Harrys were against the sale. "But we were outnumbered and since most of the stock was owned by others, there Har-Ray Mills, a spinning plant operation, and Grover Industries,

a warping, dyeing and slashing operation, was not involved in the sale and will remain with the original owners. The Harry family cwns controlling stock in both operations.

Minnette was built in 1919 by Charles F. Harry Sr., who was a lumber dealer. It was first in the table cloth manufacturing

business. Bedspread manufacturing was added in 1928 with upholstery fabrics added shortly thereafter, according to C. F. Harry Jr.

Minette became a corporation in 1946 and the Harry sons and daughters were given opportuni-ties to obtain stocks.

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