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My son forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments. Proverbs 3:1.

Check Registration

A number of citizens, who think they are, ARE NOT registered to vote in the several upcoming elections.

Under state law and by direction of the state board of elections, 7200 Cleveland registrants have been purged from the books. Under new election laws the purge comes when a voter fails to vote in four years, and, since the county books are now the only books, a citizen who hasn't voted since presidential election in 1968 (Nixon, Humphrey, Wallace) is no longer registered, unless he's re-registered.

As far as the upcoming city elections are concerned, the Herald was amazed when Mrs. Jack Mercer, secretary of the city elections board, reported the registration total in the six city wards approximates 2500.

The purging is the reason.

The total city registration for the ABC election went over 3000 and the city has expanded its borders since.

Mrs. Brenda Hamilton, clerk of the county elections board, reported only about 800 (ten percent) responded to the 8000 letters mailed to those who hadn't visited the polls since November 1968.

The city, in a follow-up to the county board's effort, is completing mailing of more than 1000 letters by registered mail to city voters apparently not on the county books.

Three election days are upcoming which should be of interest to Kings Mountain citizens:

- 1) October 6—county-wide vote on joint bond issue—debt consolidation questions.
- 2) October 9—City election.
- 3) November 6—at county precincts

- a) Kings Mountain district board of education election
- b) state-wide election on \$300,000,000 school bond issue
- c) state-wide question on liquor-by-the-drink

4) November 6—at city precincts, run-off elections, if necessary, for city officials.

The 1971 General Assembly did all the changing, in a well-meaning effort to simplify the state's election process.

As the law became operative this year for the first time, hurried election officials are wondering if here, too, that road of good intentions leads to perdition. The administrative problems of change-over are heavy.

Perhaps not to perdition, once the curves of the new law are navigated.

The old method was complicated, too, not for election officials but for the voters. In Kings Mountain, voters needed to register but twice, on the city books and the county books.

Outside city residents needed to register three times, in Grover for town elections, on the Kings Mountain books for school district elections, and county books for national elections. It could have been worse. In some places there were special water districts, sanitary districts, etc.

The voter must remember only two items:

- 1) Register to vote—if in doubt ask the county board clerk.
- 2) Vote at least once during the coming four years.

Opening of school dictates special care in auto driving in school areas. That applies to students driving to school, too. One fellow, who knows, said sometime ago that West Gold street should be re-named High School Speedway.

The Price Play

Headlines of the week were that some food prices had been shaved a bit—well, just a wee little bit.

The news about other prices aren't as good.

And the prediction is that the food business won't stay that way long.

Now the sale of 300,000 bales of cotton is showing in the price picture, both in retail marketplace and at the door of the manufacturer of cotton goods.

The problem of the manufacturer is less the price, a problem he can handle, but the fact he can't get enough of the stuff.

The conversation now among cotton manufacturers leans to licensing.

Government restrictions on planting cotton have reduced cotton production to less than needed level. For years Cleveland County and Robeson County vied for the annual honor of biggest producer in the state and among the major ones in the nation. No more. Young Man Cotton has gone west.

Export licensing may be the answer in the short term.

Long-term some major relaxation of planting restrictions appears in order.

The United States farmer has proved himself the master of the world in production. He knows how to sense a profitable product, and he doesn't mind switching gears to move into it.

Quote of the week: A high school boy remarked, "They've shortened summer." Oh, yes, school opening was a day away.

Congratulations to Rev. S. W. Avery, pastor of the Church of God, and the other newly elected officers of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association.

Ervin Visit

The Democrats will rally at Shelby Thursday night, with a star attraction on the rostrum.

Not that Senator Sam Ervin hasn't been a star for some seasons, having been in the Senate since 1954, as well as serving eminently before as a North Carolina jurist.

Now, though, he's become a television star, and his city mountain humor and profile gets attention worldwide.

The Watergate business is the reason, of course, and a valid one. Will the Senator be a candidate for re-election?

Depends on his health, the Senator replies, which reminds he has appeared mighty healthy on the tube and is not being sparing with public appearances while the Congress is in recess.

Henry Hall Wilson says he's running for the Senate seat. Pat Taylor, primary second-runner for governor, says he'll probably run, if Senator Ervin doesn't. Attorney General Bob Morgan ain't saying.

The city will move Monday night to correct problems in some areas where an over-abundance of water pressure has occasioned calls to the plumber. Mayor John Henry Moss noting the terrain from the point the new water storage tank was being built, commented, "Our forefathers knew what they were doing. They picked the highest point around." He referred to the location of the old concrete tank. The city's impending installation of pressure reduction valves is a little late for City Clerk Joe McDaniel. He installed a reduction valve at his West Mountain street home some months ago.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

John George, Jr., flew on B-29's out of Guam and Saipan in World War II. He liked to fly, went back to it with Eastern Airlines and will log his 25th year with Eastern in February.

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John is a purser on the international run, which takes him all over the world. Since I talked to him last week, he's back from Panama. We finished the story Wednesday morning, but the interview was short, as he was expecting a flight assignment call.

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Between his discharge from the service and his joining Eastern, he did several jobs and played first base for the semi-pro Kings Mountain Vets. His wife is the former Sara Ivey and live with their three boys, the twins Mark and Myron, 18, and Bart, 19, on North Piedmont avenue.

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John has been back to Guam in his civilian status and says the island is bustling.

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He's obviously had some interesting experiences. Last week he was in St. John's, Newfoundland, when the guy's balloon fell into the ocean. The navy pulled him out.

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Okinawa was visited when the island was both under US control and since we gave it back. John relates considerable changes under the Japanese, says they could be more friendly. The World War II Japanese gun emplacement bunkers are still there and John says, "I don't see how we ever took that island."

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On a trip to Anchorage, he had time to take a bus tour. Along the way a moose "the size of a barn" was near the roadway. The driver stopped and the camera carriers got out to snap pictures. "That moose stood there posing like a movie star," says John.

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Another haul was to Accra, Ghana, with Ghanaian students, teachers, and educators. A Ghanaian man, who appeared about 30, hadn't been home since he was 14. He had crow's feet, of the Ghanaian variety. Papas there knife their sons periodically as they grow older as a symbol of their growing to manhood. The Ghanaian arrived for the return flight somewhat the worse for wear, told John his father wanted him to remain. The Ghanaian almost got stowed, he told John. "What he meant," John said, "was really stewed. In the pot," by his father. He had managed to escape.

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John made five trips to Vietnam, two to Saigon, two to Da-Nang, one to Cam Rahn Bay.

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Recently John made a flight to Athens, Greece. He went through the gate at Athens International Airport found the bar just inside the gate and went in for a Coke. As he sipped it, he noticed much hurry, scurry, and bustle, then the calling in shambles. Then he saw bullet holes behind the back of the bar.

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He had missed the fun by five hours—the day terrorists holding 14 hostages shot up the joint. The ceiling damage was a grenade job, the bullet holes from machine guns.

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"That was too close for me," he added.

Sterchi Sales Show Increase

Sales of Sterchi Bros. Stores, Inc. for July were \$2,650,829 reflecting a \$2.6 per cent increase over sales of \$2,583,392 for July last year. July sales were the biggest ever for that month and marked the 31st consecutive monthly sales increase over months of the previous years, according to C. A. Terrell, president.

Sales of \$13,002,904 for the five month period ending July 31, 1973, were up 12.67 per cent over sales of \$11,541,194 for the period last year.

Sterchi's operates 65 retail furniture and appliances stores in eight southeastern states. The company is headquartered in Knoxville, Tennessee. Its stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

KEEPING THE PATIENT AWAY

With the recent talk about increasing federal involvement in health care, we might want to ponder the lessons of a strike by Israeli doctors against their official medical system.

In the course of the recent strike, doctors refused to treat patients through Kupat Holim, the Israeli equivalent of a national health plan which charges no fees for almost all its services. Instead the doctors worked through their private practices, in which they do charge fees.

According to official sources 88 per cent fewer patients have been going to doctors. And deaths have declined by 20 per cent.

The last figure admittedly reflects the great decline in non-emergency operations during the strike. But the over all figures show that completely free access to doctors may not be identical with high-quality medical service.

According to the director of Kupat Holim, Asher Yadin, patients "merely" went because it was free. For some, particularly older women, a visit to the clinic has been the social high point of the day. Doctors admit they could hardly do a decent job with so much traffic. "Our doctors see up to 80 or 100 patients a day," said one. "They can barely say hello in that time, much less carry out a serious examination."

When you stop to think about this kind of health care, perhaps it's not so surprising that the Israeli death rate dropped when the strike closed down the national service. Spared the rush of patients with minor complaints, doctors could do a better job of treating serious illness. Or to put it more or less in an economist's language, the national health plan did a lousy job of allocating scarce resources.

Mr. Yadin recognizes this problem, and has come up with a solution that may be a hint to proponents of nationalized health care elsewhere. He wants to introduce a schedule of fees.—The Wall Street Journal.

THE TAPES

The Agnew affair adds a new and more terrible urgency to Mr. Nixon's already urgent obligation to purge himself of the watergate scandal. Whether he purges himself by disproof or by confession does not matter so greatly. What matters is the purge. The scandals need to be disposed of and the legitimacy of the United States government reestablished. Niggling about the president's constitutional right to withhold information from the courts, or from Congress, or from the public, or from the world does no good. The United States, and also a larger community of peoples, need a president and a vice-president whose standing is above question.—The Economist (London).

Anti-Theft Tips For Bike Owners

"The increased popularity of cycling during the last few years has resulted in drastic increase of bicycle thefts," reports Don Costa, safety director of the All-state Insurance companies.

"The theft of bicycles is especially due to the expensive five and ten-speed model bike enthusiasts are currently purchasing," Costa adds.

Allstate's safety director recommends the following anti-theft precautions to bike owners: Register the bike at a police station. Bikes recovered by the police frequently are unclaimed through lack of identification.

2. Chain the bike to a bike rack or tall stationary object. Parking meters are too short as the bike can be lifted over the top and carried away.

3. Lock the bike when leaving us sturdy lock and wdd-linekee it for any length of time, and use a sturdy lock and welded-link chain. Common fence chain may be easily cut with a wire or bolt cutter.

4. Store the bike at night. A bike parked outdoors after dark invite bike thieves.

5. For the determined cyclist, with a good deal of time, remove the bike's front wheel before chaining the frame to a post. This will discourage the thief who has planned on riding off with his booty.

6. Finally, remove extra parts such as baskets or saddlebags when parking the bike in a crowded area. "These suggestions will not eliminate bike theft entirely," Costa concludes, "but they certainly make things more difficult for the thief."

FOOD SUPPLY

Less than one million commercial farms produce over 75 per cent of our food supply. This means that over 200 consumers are dependent on the economic health of each farm, says Mrs. Ruby Uzzle, extension consumer market economist, North Carolina State University.

EXAGGERATED CLAIMS

New York City officials recently boasted that their year-old municipal productivity program had achieved "significant results," saving \$100 million and obviating the need for 16,000 additional city employees.

By new most New Yorkers are probably injured to such claims, which are vaguely reminiscent of stories about people who spend themselves into bankruptcy by never passing up a bargain. But there is at least some evidence that the city's "productivity goals" may be paying off: A New York Post survey, which last year found that highway department employees were working as little as two hours a day resurfacing and repairing city streets, found they are now averaging 4-1/2 hours work for eight house pay.

Recent decisions to assign more firemen to duty during hours when there are more fires, and to issue welfare checks on a staggered schedule. But they are hardly likely to make their way into Harvard Business School textbooks as models of managerial boldness and originality. And administration boasts about NYC's "national recognized achievements in the reform of welfare administration" are likely to prompt even the most glib New Yorker to reach for a generous pinch of salt.

The problem in New York, as in most other major cities, derives from the predominant social and cultural ethos. An important manifestation of that ethos is the deference politicians and other prominent spokesmen display toward organized labor, whose influence and strength they have worked to build up. This beneficence extends even to civil service unions, with the result that municipal unions are increasingly militant and now constitute a virtually a quasi-government whose power sometimes exceeds that of elected city governments themselves.

As long as this attitude persists, cities are likely to totter on the verge of continued municipal crises. Increased productivity, except that which is a by-product of computer technology, is apt to prove illusory. Meanwhile, exaggerated claims are likely only to recall what Uncle Remus said about the rooster making more racket than the hen that lays an egg.—Wall Street Journal.

PARAGRAPHS

Why is there always too much money left over at the end of the money?

Generally speaking, women are generally speaking.

If at first you don't succeed, you're running about average. A burdened taxpayer reports that the trouble with our foreign relations is "that they're living beyond our means."

The bitterness of poor quality remains longer after the sweetness of low price is forgotten.

The only people who listen to both sides of a family argument are those who live next door.

Mistakes in office routine are equal to the sum of the squares employed.

Just think; if it hadn't been for Thomas Edison, you'd have to watch TV by candlelight.

QUOTES

Forgiveness saves the expense of anger, the cost of hatred, and the waste of energy.

Leisure is a beautiful garment, but it will not do for constant wear.

When someone makes a mistake, rub it out, don't rub it in.

There are certain small faults that offset great virtues. There are certain great faults that are forgotten in small virtues.

Television enables people with nothing to say to talk to people who aren't listening.

Patience is no heroic ingredient, but it happens to be the cornerstone in the foundation of skill.

Once in a while we all need a tumble, it's just life's way of keeping us humble.

The number of dairy cows in North Carolina continues to go down but the amount of milk produced continues to rise. The state is one of only eight in the country that produced more milk the first half of 1973 than during the same period last year. The far feed increase was one per cent. Dairy cow numbers have dropped by about 5,000 head since last year.

HOSPITAL LOG

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Mrs. Mary R. Hill
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Fruits, Sugar Make Tasty Combination

RALEIGH—Many tasty products come from cooking a fruit and sugar, a combination of fruits, sugar and nuts.

"It's the ingredients and method you use that makes the difference," says Iola Pritchard, extension food preservation specialist, North Carolina State University.

For example, preserves are made by cooking whole small fruits or uniform pieces of larger fruit in a syrup until the fruit is saturated. When done, the fruit the original in size, shape, color in a syrup should be similar to and flavor. The syrup is medium to thick.

On the other hand, jelly is made by cooking fruit juice with sugar until the jelly stage is reached. Jelly should be clear and tender, yet firm enough to retain its shape when cut.

In contrast, jams differ from preserves in that fruit may be cooked to pieces and may take on a semi-pelly-like consistency.

Marmalades are made by cooking one or a combination of fruits, often including the seeds, in small pieces through the clear, translucent jelly-like product.

Miss Pritchard points that the fruit pulp which has been "fruit butters are made from pressed through a sieve or colander and cooked with sugar and spices, if desired, until thick enough to spread."

Last, but not least, are the conserves. They are made by cooking a mixture of several fruits often combined with raisins and/or nuts and sugar.

Birth

Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. William Moss, Rt. 1, Smyrna, S. C. announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday, August 15, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Dale Short, 214 Bruce St., announce the birth of a son, Thursday, August 16, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Dover, Rt. 1 Grover, announce the birth of a son, Saturday, August 18, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Dean Gools, announce the birth of a daughter, Sunday, August 19, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Ray, Rt. 1 Box 302, announce the birth of a son, Monday, August 20, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger L. Roberts, Rt. 3 Box 262, announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, August 21, Kings Mountain hospital.

Captain Parker Receives Medal

U. S. Air Force James R. Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Parker of 800 Henry St., Kings Mountain, has received the Distinguished Flying Cross for aerial achievement in Vietnam.

Captain Parker earned the medal as a C-7A pilot in September 1972 on a mission near Cam Can Forward Airfield when he delivered vitally needed supplies to allied troops defending the airfield.

The captain, who also holds 10 awards of the Air Medal, was honored in ceremonies at Charleston AFB, S. C., where he now serves as a C5 pilot with a unit of the Military Airlift Command.

A 1961 graduate of Kings Mountain high school, Captain Parker received his B. S. degree from The Citadel and was commissioned there through the Force Reserve Officers Training Corps program.

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