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

Major Industry

In his address to the Lions club Tuesday night, Superintendent Don Jones classified Kings Mountain district schools as a major industry.

He said the annual payroll in the district is \$2,000,000.

When one considers other facts of school business such as continuing new construction Mr. Jones label is quite apt.

He showed the Lions architect sketches of the new junior high school and high school auditorium, as well as floor plans for these units and additions for West and East plants.

The General Assembly helped, and rightfully, to add some school population pressure for space. The law specifically forbids grades 1-3 from enrolling more than 26 students and a maximum of 33 for Grades 4-8.

The plight of space in the county schools is considerable, with heaviest use of mobile home classrooms.

Six-room additions are scheduled here for East and West plants.

As does the Kings Mountain board of education, the Herald has opposed county-wide school consolidation, largely on the grounds of troubles encountered, and still being encountered, following consolidation in neighboring Gaston and also Mecklenburg counties.

Unfortunately, proposals which look good on paper don't always work out in practice, at least not happily.

The city and her bowlers is making progress toward providing a bowling facility. That is good.

Water Policy

The city, with advice from the Institute of Government, is in process of developing a water policy in two directions: 1) making water available for surrounding areas of sufficient population and 2) recreational use of the lake.

Water is a basic service and, as Mayor John Henry Moss says, is the key to an area's economic growth.

As for serving outside city areas, the city is twice on record pledging to serve other areas, good business for the customer and the city as well.

The big cost in providing water service is the initial investment, for which Kings Mountain is now re-paying as it discounts bonds (sewer and water) at the rate of \$170,000 annually, thereby seeing the bond interest bill declining annually, too.

Many folk are looking forward to recreational development of the lake for fishing, boating, swimming, and wildlife.

Residential development is already heavy along the lake banks.

What You Go For

An interesting letter to the editor appeared in Wednesday's Charlotte Observer.

She had been on a trip to Russia recently and took exception to the guy on the Governor's trade mission entourage who said he'd prefer never to return nor expected to.

The Albemarle lady suggested one doesn't go abroad, usually, to find the accommodations he would find at home. She further pointed out that on her enjoyable trip she found much she liked, including cleanliness. The public transit was not pock-marked with cigarette butts, for instance.

The Governor's mission apparently laid an egg.

Like Uncle Joe Stalin, Mr. Churchill's and other works relate, Uncle Joe was a mighty tough trader, and are today's leaders.

The Russians deny they are peddling the cheap wheat they bought here at inflated prices to Italy and others.

Mays Bows Out

As he retired from baseball, the New York Mets and 50,000 fans paid tribute to the star who had sparked the New York-San Francisco Giants to good years for more than two decades.

Jake Early, the Kings Mountain catcher, was finishing his baseball career as a player when Willie Mays was going up. Both were playing for Minneapolis when Minneapolis was still a AAA minor league club.

"What about Mays?" Early was asked after the season ended.

"He can't miss," was the Early judgment.

Mays proved the Early judgment quite correct. Good run, good hit, good field.

But as the majority of athletes learn much earlier than Mays, there comes a time when the years take their toll and the legs won't do what the educated brain orders.

Mays loved to play, so much so that he played after his Polo Grounds duties were over for the day with the kids in the neighborhood.

He was a great money player, could make the impossible catches and get the needed hits in the clutch.

But, said Mays, it isn't fun when you are hitting only .211.

Happy Golden Anniversary

Burlington Industries, giant of the textile industry, is celebrating its 50th birthday.

A film produced by the firm depicts the life and times of this industry in a kaleidoscope of the past and present.

The late Spencer Love, founder of the firm, is quoted as saying a half-century ago, to a question on what the Burlington people thought of the fledgling's chances in the competitive world of textiles, "About half of the folk here think we're going to become a great industry. The other half think we don't have a chance."

Fifty years ago it was the times of Babe Ruth, flappers, silent movies.

Burlington supported the National Recovery Act in 1934, which introduced the 25-cent minimum and reduced the work week to 40 hours, down from 12 with a half-hour lunch break at Burlington, and pioneer in the rayon industry.

A big Burlington item today is that rediscovered long-wearing blue denim, once used largely for overalls (high-back or low-back), but today most heavily concentrated in jeans for men and women.

Burlington makes home-furnishings including carpeting, spins and weaves cotton and man-made fibers. Name it, Burlington likely produces it.

Burlington's Kings Mountain plant, still referred to by older citizens as the "old Dilling", has been a Kings Mountain industrial citizen since 1947, and a good one.

Agnew Approach

Stories from "informed sources" out of Washington state that Vice-President Spiro Agnew will take his case to the House of Representatives.

The same sources also inform that he prefers House action to a trial in federal court.

Meantime, the Vice-President denies wrongdoing.

This newspaper hopes the denial is true.

Mr. Agnew appeals. When he speaks he is forthright and refreshingly entertaining.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

The Gastonia Gazette recently published a full-page feature on the Weight-Watcher organization. If proof of the pudding is in the watching, the members pictured offer incontrovertible proof.

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The organization is the brain-child of a lady who has propelled the idea into a million dollars with chapters spread about the country.

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I never thought I'd be on a weight-watching diet, as I am a born skinny and weigh about the same I did at 16. But my wife is, which puts me on it at least partially. It's o.k. In fact my wife says she's feeding me better since June when she started the program, with greater variety. There's a heavy accent on cow's or calf's liver in the program meat line, which suits fine at our house. We both like it very much. Not so for some. Anne says some of the parishioners cringe at mention of the word.

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Tuesday night after the Lions meeting I visited with the George Housers and Hugh Ormonds who were dining at the country club. When their dinner was served, Laura remarked, "I'm having my liver dinner." So was Nan. Happily, it suits their palates, too.

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When a member loses ten pounds he is put on a holding diet, until he brings a doctor's note that says "lose more".

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In the area there are three once-a-week gatherings in Gastonia, three in Cherryville, one in Belmont. Some are at night, some daytime. The initiation fee is \$10 which qualifies the member to attend future meetings at \$2.50 per, provides a special recipe book, and the specifics what to eat and when. There are vegetable classifications by numbers, and specific numbers are recommended for each meal. Cereals are on the approved breakfast list, eggs nyet. We are heavy on V-8 Cocktail, but V-8, the juice of seven other vegetables beside the tomato base is taboo for the weight-watcher, while plain tomato juice is approved.

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Generally, the game plan is heavy on lean meats, baked or broiled fish and other seafood, vegetables, salads, light on pork, starches and desserts. There's a weight-watcher's milk that tastes to me very little different from the real article. Sherbets are o.k., ice cream not too much. Pies. Excuse please.

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The George H. Mauneys go to one of the Cherryville meetings. At one weigh-in session George teased Barbara, bragging that he had lost twice as much in the particular week than she had. He added, "I'd lost a half-pound, she a quarter."

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George himself has pared forty.

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Brooks Tate got rid of 40 on his own by pushing back from the table and being wary of starches, fats and sweets. He turned out to be doctoring himself. When he checked he found a diabetic threat, which tends to thrive on over-weight. Had he lost enough. Do. Joe Lee told him, "Lose 15 more."

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I could use 15 more and know where to get it—by giving up the Chesterfields. Twice I've done it and each time 'twas worth 15 pounds. Five pounds arrived the first week, and the other ten came more slowly before I reached the peak.

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Weight-watcher's integrity would have been tried Wednesday at the Burlington Phenix dinner for employees and guests. The menu included fried chicken, baked ham, roast beef, tossed salad, sweet potatoes, green beans, ripe olives, stuffed green olives, dill pickles, rolls, tea, ice cream and cake.

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I consciously "pulled back" a little, otherwise would have done little work the rest of the day.

4-H'ers participate in action-oriented programs that help to educate members of their community on such problems as how to operate machinery and vehicles efficiently during the current energy shortage. Other activities conducted by the 109,000 4-H clubs in the country include helping to increase agricultural production, combating drug abuse, and participating in community development programs.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

THE COMING OF AUTUMN

September 22 marks the beginning of that crisp, invigorating Autumn Season when the lazy days of summer must give way to school, football, the carving of just-lanterns and, for lawn-owners, the inevitable raking of leaves. Soon swarms of little ones will be splashing through mud-puddles and chortling over newly-found treasures such as a bird's nest or a leaf that crackles like a potato chip when it is crushed.

So, as we prepare for the faster tempo of this new season, let's keep a receptive and appreciative eye out for the beauties of God.—The Cherryville Eagle.

PRICES IN PERSPECTIVE

Sanguinity comes hard in contemplating the August leap in wholesale prices of food and feeds; they went up 19.3 per cent from mid-July to mid-August, giving the overall, adjusted wholesale price index its largest jump on record. But if the increase is put in some perspective it appears to have been an aberration, not an accurate indicator of what housewives can expect to cope with in the supermarkets.

And to a marked degree, it was an aberration caused by government responses to past political pressures to "do something." It is becoming increasingly evident this year that the wholesale price index, once a valuable precursor of retail price prospects, becomes increasingly unreliable in a time of start-stop price controls. It is based heavily on list prices, for example, and economists noted earlier in the year that a relaxation of rigid price controls brought on artificial list price boosts by vendors worried that a new wave of controls would lock them in again.

The August climb in food prices, also, appears to have been closely related to the government's ill-considered attempt to freeze raw food prices in June. Some meat packers, caught in a squeeze, either shut down or made arrangements to do "custom slaughtering" for food chains to get around the rigid ceilings. Others disruptions occurred elsewhere in the food industry.

When the government, fearful of what was happening, removed the freeze on food products other than beef July 19, prices immediately soared, hitting a peak just about the time the August wholesale price index was recorded. They have since subsided, almost as sharply, as the food industry has moved back towards more normal operations. Because of buyer resistance and Phase 4 Controls, the industry itself apparently has absorbed some of the cost of the post-freeze aberrations. Most early sampling shows little upward movement in the retail price of beef after the freeze on beef finally ended last weekend.

Because of the aberrations just for July when the freeze was on, with the one for August. Since the index actually declined 1.4 points in July, compared with a seasonally adjusted 6.2 rise in August, averaging the two gives a less shocking annual rate projection for the index, 29 per cent vs. 74 per cent. It is hard to see much benefit from the freeze-unfreeze tactic.

Yet who knows, for the wholesale index itself isn't going to be very meaningful until the figures—underrated economic policy—settle down into some sort of more permanent pattern. Similarly, the wholesale index is not of much use at this point in predicting the behavior of retail prices, which are what consumers are really concerned with.

The lesson is twofold: 1. Federal tinkering with unworkable interventionist policies do not relieve political pressures, except perhaps for a few weeks, but instead bring new confusion, uncertainties and pressures. 2. When a government follows such policies, it becomes increasingly important for the press, the Congress and the public to look behind single, startling statistics for a larger picture of the truth. The August wholesale price index can be likened to a signal on the blink. If the reading had been accurate, we would really be in trouble. That doesn't mean we are out of trouble with inflation. But there is no point either in re-

sponding to signals that have been short-circuited by excessive manipulation of the levers of power.—Wall Street Journal.

ONE VOTE FOR BILLIE JEAN

Since it's our job to comment on the major issues of the day, we suppose we ought to offer our opinion on Bobby Riggs and Billie Jean King. We think Billie Jean ought to win.

We know that this view, like most of the rest of our views, flies in the face of "informed opinion." But we have seen Bobby Riggs play. And we have seen Billie Jean play. Billie Jean is the better tennis player.

No doubt the top 200 men players could beat any of the top women, but Bobby Riggs is not among the top 200 men. He is greatly admired, of course, for his world ranking in showmanship, and for his ability to erect psychological barriers for his opponent to climb. Any player at a club with a 60-year-old is well acquainted with the witch doctor approach to the game, at which Mr. Riggs is unsurpassed. Thus he was able to hex Margaret Court, who is also a better tennis player.

But Mrs. King knows something about the hustle herself. She has been leading the "women's lib," a movement for equal men's and women's prizes at major tournaments. True sexual equality, of course, would consist of putting all the money on one pot and letting everyone play for it. But Mrs. King got her way, any this year at Forest Hills the women's prize matched the men's, thanks to a contribution from Virginia Slims. Chalk up another social problem solved by American capitalism.

So we are figuring this one to be decided on the basis of tennis ability. Count one vote for Billie Jean. And never let it be said we never stuck out our necks on behalf of women's liberation.—Wall Street Journal.

Editor's Note: Billie Jean won the match with Boby 6-1, 6-4, 6-3.

CITY OF KINGS MOUNTAIN INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, 112 South Piedmont Avenue, Kings Mountain, North Carolina, until 7:30 p.m., October 8, 1973, at which time all bids will be publicly opened in the City Council Chamber and all bid prices read aloud for the following:

Chemicals for use by various departments of the City including: aluminum sulfate, soda ash, chlorine, hydrofluosilicic acid, potassium permanganate, activated carbon, liquid alum, and liquid caustic; celatol; weed killer; liquid degreaser, defoamer for sewer pumps, vegetation killer, odor control, liquid steam cleaner, granular deodorizer and disinfectant, pellet form deicer (salt or calcium chloride), acid powder for grease and roots, and root killer.

No bid shall be considered or accepted by the City of Kings Mountain unless at the time of its filing the same shall be accompanied by a deposit of cash or certified check on some bank or trust company insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in an amount equal to not less than five percent (5%) of the proposal. In lieu of making the cash deposit, bidder may file a bid bond executed by a corporate surety licensed under the laws of North Carolina to execute such bonds, conditioned that the surety will, upon demand, forthwith make payment to the obligee upon said bond if the bidder fails to execute the contract in accordance with the bid bond, and upon failure to forthwith make payment, the surety shall pay to the obligee an amount equal to double the amount of said bid bond. This deposit shall be retained if the successful bidder fails to execute the contract within ten (10) days after the award or fails to give satisfactory surety as required herein.

Plans, specifications, requirements and instructions to bidders, the agreement to be executed, and forms for bonds and other documents may be obtained from the undersigned upon request. The City of Kings Mountain reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities.

Envelopes containing bids shall be marked as follows: BIDS - CHEMICALS CITY OF KINGS MOUNTAIN By: John Henry Moss, Mayor

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