

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live; for thy law is my delight. —Psalms 119:77.

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TODAY'S QUOTATION

There are regions beyond the most nebulous outskirts of matter; but no regions beyond the Divine goodness. We may conceive of worlds where there are no worlds, but not of any where there is no God of mercy. —J. W. Alexander.

The Townsend Plan

A friend of ours has been worried lately about losing his hair. He used to worry about putting on weight; now he's become reconciled to being fat.

His teeth are causing him concern, too. Last time he had work done on them the dentist mentioned the extent to which they had worn. He was horrified; across his mind flashed visions of a farmer looking into the mouth of a sway-back horse and of a rheumy dog gnawing lightly at a bone.

And his children are giving him a hard time. His son banged up the family car a month or so ago and his daughter has refused to ride in it since; it's three or four years old and she thinks they ought to have a new one — a super-deluxe with hard top and whitewall tires.

Every now and then, though, our friend perks up and struts a bit. This always happens when he reads about Princess Margaret's romance or hears the latest dope on it over TV.

For you see, this fellow is just a year and a half older than the dashing Peter Townsend.—Sanford Herald.

Free Nations Are Like Gardens

A well-kept garden is beautiful and may appear free of pestilence. But every gardener knows the garden's beauty will soon decay and fall into ruin without constant care and protection from weeds, rodents, insects, fungi and its other enemies.

A free nation is like that garden. It must be everlastingly guarded against enemies within as well as without who would gradually eat our freedoms away, until the stage is set for the final destruction of representative government, dedicated to maximum liberty and opportunity for all.

Three Things

March brings in three things we like: Lightning, the song of the mocker and thrasher, and iced tea.

Lightning clears the air and leaves behind a welcome ozone.

The thrasher hasn't got the mocker's eloquence, but his lay is crisp and gay.

The warmer days that arrive with March give an extra zip to the drink that makes life in the South comforting and cool—iced tea. There's a drink that hits the central heart of the thirsty, never cloy, and sounds as good as it tastes. Hot tea is well suited to zero weather, but for the rest of the year we'll take it iced.

—The Chapel Hill News Leader.

Historical Item

Department store advertisements by no means are to be read only in search of bargains. They also yield information on manners and modes, and sometimes even on history—ancient history at that. Here are examples encountered just the other day:

Davy Crockett T-shirts, were \$1, now 3 for \$1.

Davy Crockett caps, were \$1-1.25, now 39c.

Davy Crockett gun sets, were \$3.98, now \$1.49.

Remember way back when . . . ? —St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

SHAMPOO

In selecting hair shampoo, remember that you use it in the eyes as well as on the hair. —Columbia (S.C.) Record.

VIEW OF OTHER EDITORS

Choir Camp — A Dream Come True

Mr. and Mrs. David H. Cosby, who are building the new interdenominational choir camp at Towsay, have dreamed for many years of establishing such an institution in the mountains of North Carolina.

The opening of the choir camp this summer will mean that Transylvania county is adding another great asset to its cultural summer attractions. Young people from throughout the state of Florida will learn of church music in two sessions.

Mr. Cosby's dream stemmed from candlelight concerts held in the patio of his Florida home. Here the church choir director would bring together a blending of young voices in sacred song that would soften the coldest hearts.

From this realization that music can sometimes portray more spiritual meaning than mere words, came Mr. and Mrs. Cosby's plan. He modestly explained that he had been fortunate enough to accumulate a certain amount of wealth and wanted to contribute it in this manner; not only to his own church, but others. The choir camp is a non-profit corporation and under the state charter cannot operate for profit or gain.

Another indication of progress and growth in this area was the announcement last week by Eugene M. Howard that he would build an elaborate clubhouse adjoining the new golf course at Sapphire. These enterprises are indications of the progress and growth that is being noted throughout Western North Carolina and these two are especially welcomed so close to home.

—The Transylvania Times.

Cosby Getting Ready For Ramps

From over the mountain at Cosby comes news that civic leaders are working on their 1956 Ramp Convention. The exact date will depend upon when a nationally prominent speaker can attend.

Last year the Tennesseans went out and brought in Harry Truman for their speaker. This year being a political year, they should not have any trouble getting a number of "big figures" to give them addresses.

From The First Grade

The most interesting item in reports concerning the new Russian emphasis on education is the fact that certain pupils begin the study of one language, English, French, German or Spanish, in the first grade and continue that study throughout their schooling.

It is true that English is so widely spoken that Americans do not find as pressing a need for command of the native language when visiting or working in foreign countries as is the case with Russians.

At the same time, however, knowledge of the native language is always a great asset to any person in another country. Not nearly enough stress is placed on the study of languages other than English in the United States.—Raleigh News and Observer.

A Look Backward

History is always interesting — and sometimes it makes sad reading.

Take, for instance, the history of the individual income tax. In 1929, the tax on a \$2,000 income was \$2 — and for a married person with two children and a \$10,000 income it was a mere \$40.

Now the tax begins at 20 percent, on the lowest taxable income levels. From there it goes swiftly up the ladder, reaching 91 percent at the top.

It's no wonder that people still talk, wistfully and nostalgically, of the good old days. Who dares to predict what taxes will be 25 years hence, with government functions being expanded like the proverbial green bay tree?

Idea For Farmers

In Florida the Ringlings have a real system. At the circus winter quarters, they charge for admission to the grounds, then try to sell you peanuts to feed their elephants!! Maybe the farmers could get the city folks to come out and buy corn to feed their hogs?—West Branch (Iowa) Times.

Observation Of An Author

"One has to be a little crazy to write a book," observed an author, and sometimes one has to be a little crazy to read some of them.—The Lynchburg News.

He's Your Nice Neighbor

That "villainous" character you heard described during the political debate is none other than the nice neighbor who decided, in a weak moment, to run for political office. —Christian Science Monitor.

Possible Explanation

Much of the lost faith in heaven may be due to the assumption that marriages are made there.—Milwaukee Leader.

March Of Science

A new Hungarian peach tastes like an almond, and if it supersedes the ordinary kind, then we suppose some horticulturist will have to develop an almond that tastes like a peach.—Toronto Star.



My Favorite Stories Looking Back Over The Years

By CARL GOERCH

One thing that troubles members of the North Carolina General Assembly is the mail they receive and the tactful way in which it should be answered. Several years ago when Junius Powell was a member of the legislature he showed me the following letters which are samples of the mail that causes legislative headaches.

"Please don't do anything about the letter my husband wrote you yesterday, complaining about the vast sums of money that the state is going to spend during the next two years. I want him to keep on complaining. This is the first time in twenty years that he has found something to complain about besides me, and I certainly am enjoying the change."

"I understand that the members of the Legislature want more money for themselves. I think they are getting more than enough right now. We farmers have enough to do, supporting ourselves, with out supporting the legislators. I wish that you all would close up and go back home to work."

"I've been reading in the papers where our state is going to spend hundreds of millions of dollars for schools, roads and other things, and here I am, a widow with three children, who has to struggle along as best she can, living from hand to mouth. If our state has that much money to spend, it looks like you could get a little of it for me to help support my family. I voted for you, so please do not turn me down in this request."

"I voted for you three times, and I think you are a wonderful man. Please send me ten dollars (\$10) at once so I can buy an ice box. If you do this, I will vote for you again."

"I have been reading in the papers about what the legislature has been doing. I am against all this spending of the taxpayers' money. Please tell me of one good thing that the legislature has done. I can tell you. It is nothing. And the only good thing they will do during this session will be when they pass a motion to adjourn."

"All my friends in school are saving pictures of movie stars and I want to be different. Please send me photographs of all the members of the House and Senate. If you cannot send me photographs of all of them, please send photographs of those that are funny looking."

"We sent you to Raleigh to work, and what have you done? All that the legislature has done so far is to argue and argue. We people back home are sick and tired of all this arguing and it should be stopped. After all is said and done, there is only one thing we want you to do, and that is to reduce our taxes. When you have done that, you can come back home again. I voted for you and I am expecting you to see that this is done, or else the next time it will be different."

"P. S. I am not telling this to everybody, but I voted for you twice in the last election." There were numerous other letters, but I believe these were

the cream of the crop.

"I've saved a few others that have some pretty strong curses-words in them. Would you like to have them also?" Mr. Powell inquired.

I told him that I believed the ones he had given me were sufficient.

"They're sufficient so far as I am concerned, too," he said with a sigh.

Their Serious Side

There's a widespread impression that the American people are losing their taste for reading and even the ability to read as a result of distractions such as television, autos and outdoor barbecue pits.

With a view to the possible transmission of acquired characteristics it's been suggested that future generations may arrive at birth with television antennas growing out of their heads and power brakes attached to their ankles.

But current figures on the sales of newspapers, magazines and books certainly don't support this conception of a thoroughly automated and somewhat moronic American public.

Currently the American people are buying more than 56 million newspapers a day, an estimated 58 million magazines every week and hundreds of millions of books a year. Newspapers increased their daily sales by more than a million in the last year.

It's hard to believe the people would be spending that much money on the printed word if they had no intention of trying to absorb it. The rising sales of reading material must reflect a serious public interest in what's going on in the increasingly complex world. For that understanding there's no substitute for the printed record which can be absorbed at leisure.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT

Advertisement for Scott's Scrap Book. It features illustrations of a submarine and a person holding a scrapbook. Text includes: 'FLYING SUBMARINE - IN THE SINKING STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT, HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED BY MR. ALL AMERICAN ENGINEERING CO.' and 'SCRAPS (A MILLION WORTH OF THEM) HOW MANY AMERICANS SUFFER FROM BRAIN DAMAGE OF VARIOUS KINDS? 10,000,000.' There are also several 'LAME' jokes.

Rambling 'Round

By Frances Gilbert Frazier

Do you realize that in one week half of April will be gone? That bromide phrase "Where does the time go?" has a deeper meaning if we only stop to consider it. We might well add: "How DOES the time go?" Have you ever tried to figure out how you have spent the time since you started the day? How about establishing a sort of ledger with the debit and credit columns of the day's activities. You'd probably be a bit astonished at the unbalanced totals at the day's closing.

What we really started out to say was that, with April half way on toward the Exit gate, we can already feel the urge of summer's enticements, and four months lie ahead when we can run the gamut of enthusiastic warm weather festivities; iced tea, frosty lemonade, ice cream in all flavors, moonlight's glow on land and lakes, the invigorating plunge into limpid waters, the gentle rustle of mountain breezes through dancing leaves, the business-like drone of bees surrounding the lilacs and the fragrance of summer permeating the air.

By the way, where did we put that nylon dress we wore last year? We've said so much we feel that summer's really here.

They say it takes two to make a quarrel . . . but a third interfering can surely make it a lot quicker.

Little Mary had insisted on wearing her Easter dress to school despite her mother's stern disapproval. Her mother said it was far too fancy for school wear, but the little girl was adamant and went gleefully on her way. She was resplendent in organdy, pink ribbons and a tiny corsage. Then, very much to her mother's astonishment, Little Mary returned that afternoon still resplendent in organdy, pink ribbons and the corsage intact.

With a sigh of apprehension, her mother asked how things had gone at school. The little girl drew a deep breath and smiled broadly. "The teacher said I looked like an angel," she explained, "and she said she certainly hoped my wings had sprouted so I would fly far out of her sight."

Don't waste any sympathy on people who tell their family troubles to strangers. All they really want is some one to listen to them talking.

It is a lovely little town, snuggling comfortably in the laps of a family of mountains who keep protective arms outstretched so no harm can come along. A broad band of a highway winds around the waist of this little town, and streamers of streets spread out in different directions. It wears soft dainty dresses most of the year, prints with flowers sprinkled all over; in winter, it dons an ermine coat or tweeds of browns and russet greens. In the fall, though, its loveliest apparel is made up of scarlets, golds and bronzes in the most exotic shades.

This little town is not young, but remains sprightly and up-to-date in every particular. No new idea comes along that it doesn't incorporate into usefulness and, in many cases, it develops new inspirations that are adapted by other towns.

For a cape it wears a catchy, two-fold newspaper well equipped with information and neighborly news. The town's accessories comprises strings of communities, civic organizations, business houses, and promotion centers. Its jewels are made up of churches and schools, all ornamented with settings of perfect workmanship.

And Waynesville is the name of this valuable little town.

The Gates of To-day remain open until midnight.

Inside WASHINGTON MARCH OF EVENTS

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Special to Central Press Association

WASHINGTON—Senator Henry M. (Scoop) Jackson of Washington is a young Democrat now being discussed in high party circles as a possible vice presidential nominee. Jackson's chances for a second spot on the 1956 ticket may well hinge on his performance in the Senate probe of charges that the United States lags dangerously behind Russia in ballistic missile production.

Should that hard-hitting, 43-year-old, former prosecuting attorney create sensational headlines, he will, politicians reckon, be in a position to jockey for the nomination.

Adlai E. Stevenson, probable Democratic presidential nominee, is known to think well of Jackson. Other party strategists are said to feel that the personable, earnest Democrat from the Pacific coast would be an excellent balancing factor against Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

Jackson and Nixon are the same age, but politically are poles apart, with the Democrat leaning to the liberal side on issues which have found Nixon following a conservative line.

Senator Jackson • HERBERT HOOVER, JR.—If Nixon "does not run on the GOP presidential ticket with President Eisenhower, the possibilities include the name of Herbert Hoover, Jr., the under secretary of state.

Aside from bearing the name of his former President father, the young Hoover has the unqualified support of his State department colleagues and has quietly won the respect and admiration of many on Capitol Hill.

It is argued that Hoover would be the ideal vice presidential nominee to win approval of the Republican right wing—and also to take over some of the social and diplomatic functions which Mr. Eisenhower has said he must forego if re-elected.

• HEALTH ISSUE—Political veterans say, meanwhile, that the President's health will be a key issue in the forthcoming campaign despite GOP warnings that it might "boomerang" against the Democrats.

You can look, they say, for increasing Democratic attacks stressing the theme that Ike is running on a "part-time" President and the White House is a job for a healthy, vigorous man.

Democrats put little stock in Republican National Chairman Leonard Hall's boomerang theory. They say that Hall's comparison of Ike's case with that of the late President Roosevelt is baseless.

These Democrats note that Ike himself has injected the issue of health into talks to the public while FDR never mentioned the subject publicly despite his obvious physical handicap.

Many Democrats, mainly National Chairman Paul Butler, are convinced that they can win votes away from Mr. Eisenhower by stressing that his health makes him a risk in the White House, and they will push this issue in the campaign.

• EASTLAND ISSUE—Republican strategists are expected to seize on the elevation of Senator James Eastland (D), Mississippi, to chairmanship of the Senate Judiciary committee as a potent political issue. Eastland, who gained the post through seniority upon the death of Senator Harley Kilgore of West Virginia, is an outspoken foe of racial integration in the schools.

His chairmanship gives Eastland power of confirming all federal judgeships nominees and the latter, particularly judges, will play key roles in deciding whether southern localities are making progress toward ending segregation.

As head of the judiciary committee, Eastland is in a position to block confirmation of any judges who might not share his anti-integration views.

Position
GOP strategy will focus on the fact that if the Republicans control the Senate, Eastland will no longer be chairman of the powerful group. Republican leaders feel this will constitute a strong political issue in northern states where close Senate races are anticipated.