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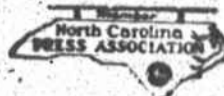
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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Say not unto thy neighbor, Go, and come again, and tomorrow I will give; when thou hast it by thee. Proverbs 3:28.

### Real Plight

After the "no, period" statement of General Dwight D. Eisenhower regarding his running for president on the Democratic ticket, the majority of the Democrats, from ward heelers to big city bosses, made a beeline back to Harry Truman.

Critical writers such as Walter Lippman, Ray Tucker, and others who keep in daily touch with the political scene, rather uniformly credit President Truman with a basic sincerity and honesty, which, however, becomes involved with bad advice on the part of various hangers-on and pressure groups and tangled by sniping from an enemy Congress. The Democrats, knowing full well they could not win with Truman, appeared to be nominating him anyway, as this was written.

The Dewey-Warren ticket is regarded the sure-fire favorite, and, barring some unusual pendulum swinging, is expected to win going away. The Democrat big-wigs don't admit this publicly, but they know it. Even though behind, a man with the personality of the late President Roosevelt might have been able to swing the situation. Mr. Truman doesn't have that ability.

Though the outcome in November will likely be GOP, it is doubtful that Truman will absorb the licking taken by Herbert Hoover in 1932 or the worse trouncing taken by Landon in 1936. It is also unlikely that the Democratic party—as the GOP zealots suggest—will disappear. Senator McMahon, in a radio talk prior to the convention, emphasized the fact that the Democratic party is the party of the little people. For that reason it will live, even though the nation seems destined (some good Democrats would say "doomed") to a GOP administration beginning January 20, 1949.

It won't be long now until the county school bells begin ringing again, marking the beginning of another split term. There is more and more sentiment developing for abolition of the split term for rural schools, based on the reasoning of an up-county citizen who remarked at a recent meeting of county school district commissioners, "Gentlemen, we can't put our cotton ahead of our children, can we?" That is what is being done. Educators and citizens alike have long agreed that the split term is not conducive to good instruction.

Pre-payment of city taxes through July 3 showed Kings Mountain citizens had discounted 43 percent of the 1948 levy, due and payable November 1. This is a good record and indicates that the city coffers will be sufficiently filled with tax money to eliminate the budgetary dangers of non-payments so familiar in the early thirties.

For many farmers, the rains came in the nick of time.

### Bethware Fair

Most people have come to realize over the years that the citizens of the Bethware community are among the most energetic in the vicinity, or county for that matter. It doesn't seem to make much difference whether they are preparing a big dinner-on-the-grounds, farming, playing baseball, or voting for a governor. When they tackle a job, they do it up in fine style.

Thus, it is with interest that the announcement of the presentation of the Bethware Community Fair will be received.

Complete plans on the three-day event have not yet been announced, but the committee-in-charge is working diligently, and it is our guess that the Fair will be successful from all standpoints.

Since Governor - Nominate Kerr Scott's platform included a plank for raising teacher salaries, it is likely that the teacher's will get a needed increase during the next session of the legislature. The long range effect of this raise will be to attract more young people into the teaching profession, which for years has been a white collar job with a journeyman's pay. That does not solve the immediate problem of teachers. Kings Mountain is having its troubles, along with cities all over the state. Those who have less trouble are those paying supplements above the state salary. According to our information, the Kings Mountain supplement is the puniest offered in North Carolina. Schools are important, and some steps should be taken to improve the situation—else Kings Mountain will lag behind and the damage will be felt for many years to come.

Don't forget: dirt breeds disease of all kinds. This is mentioned with particular reference to polio, which now is quite prevalent over North Carolina. While Kings Mountain and Cleveland county have not been hit as hard as some other counties (Burke and Guilford are thus far more hard-hit), it would be the part of wisdom for all persons to see that their premises are kept in as clean a condition as possible. The action of the city in making an effort to destroy the common fly and other insects through a DDT spraying should also be beneficial. The Herald is glad to see that the city plans to do a house-to-house spraying job rather than using the "fogging" method—which one Kings Mountain doctor has described as "not worth two cents." Whether getting at the source of polio or not, the spraying should prove beneficial other-wise.

More and more people are convinced that the United States should begin shooting at Russia. It appears that the Russians intend to affront the United States in every possible way, as they have been consist-

## martin's medicine

By Martin Harmon  
(Containing bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment. To be taken weekly. Avoid over-dosage.)

### Baseball Talk

Last week's Lions-sponsored semi-pro baseball tournament was the gathering - ground as usual, not only for some red hot baseball fans, but major league scouts and other people who work at the business of baseball. The result was an unusual mixture of baseball experiences, camouflage, camaraderie, and cut-throating as one has never seen before. But it made interesting listening.

Among the scouts who made their presence known at the tournament were Charley Jamerson, who coaches at Davidson and works for the Detroit Tigers and ivory - hunting department, Tex Millard of the Cincinnati Reds, and Bill Harris of the New York Giants. Whether its typical of the profession, I don't know, but both Jamerson and Harris boast quite silvery locks. Millard probably hasn't been in the scouting business as long as the other two.

Invariably, discussion will always come around to umpires, this authoritative men-in-blue who "everybody says to shoot," and there are some good stories.

Among the best was a story on Red Jones, the American League umpire who was shelled with a pop bottle barrage in Washington several weeks ago. A rookie had complained over a decision Red made, and Red gave him the old heave-ho.

"You're out of the ball game," Red ordered.

But the rookie was a conscientious soul and changed his attitude. He apologized and begged to remain in the game.

"Please, sir," he said, "I've never been tossed out of a game."

"That's too bad son," Red replied. "But it's just like a raid on a gambling house. The good goes with the bad. You're out of the game."

And they tell this one on Bud Shaney, who was pitching baseball when I was knee-high to a duck, and who has been umpiring for many years.

But was working in the Tri-State league as an umpire and complained to League President Manly Lewellyn that he had been hit by a pitched ball, which had ruined his upper teeth, and forced him to use store-bought plate material.

"What a story," Lewellyn is supposed to have replied. "Why, you haven't had any teeth in 20 years."

But he bought him the plate anyway.

Bud, who strutted for the fans here last week, has a 65-acre farm near Hendersonville, says his bean crop is the fanciest in Western North Carolina this year.

Bad Eye Morgan, the city truck driver, is credited with the top barb of the tournament. Umpires Shaney, Ray Cline and Otto Guyton were conferring before a game started and Bad Eye yelled:

"Good, put your heads together. It'll make a good rock pile."

Rev. J. G. Winkler is a hot baseball fan, and Leading Layman Boyer Murray is too. During one night of the tourney a function was scheduled at their church and both were scheuled for duty. According to reliable information from a Methodist source, Mr. Winkler spent most of the evening rushing into the church working hard for five minutes, then running over to the parsonage for "materials." Of course, he didn't stop at the parsonage but moved under forced draft to the ball yard. All the time, Murray was doing the same thing. After this had been going on for quite sometime, the pair met each other entering the church.

"Where yo' been" Mr. Winkler asked.

"On the other end of the bench," Boyer replied.

Dotted notes: Dick Mauney, the Mt. Pleasant pitcher - outfielder who wrenched his knee sliding into third in the semi-finals game with Taylorsville, was formerly with the Phillies. When they wanted to cut his salary \$600 a month, he decided he'd stay with the semi-pros. . . . reason for the Taylorsville folks knowing Paul Petrie, the big southpaw whose eligibility was questioned, was that both Mt. Pleasant and Taylorsville had been bidding for his

ently doing. Unless some radical change comes in the leadership of the Russian people, war between the two nations appears inevitable, with the question the date it will begin. The Hitler connection proved that turning of the other cheek only adds to the greed of rulers who lust for terror and power.

services . . . Taylorsville had lost that round . . . The Scouts spend half their time looking at ball games, a quarter trying to sign talent, and the other quarter telling other scouts they're really not interested in Lefty Jones, hoping to get the competitors of the trail . . . Among the pitchers attracting particular interest of the scouts were Frisbee, the Swananoa ace who whiffed 22 men in an early round game, Blackburn and Hilliard, of Taylorsville, and Morris, the capable right-hander from Derita who had the misfortune to catch Frisbee in his only tourney appearance. Morris, incidentally, allowed only seven hits and whiffed 10 - after working a full day from 6:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. and having only a hastily-gulped sandwich for supper.

### Avoid Sunstroke, Heat Exhaustion

With the approach of high temperatures and the rush of the harvesting season it is easy to be overcome by heat illness, says H. M. Ellis, in charge of Extension Agricultural Engineering at State College.

When heat illness strikes it can be serious, sometimes fatal, Mr. Ellis said. Be on the guard against heat sickness and take the necessary precautions this summer to avoid over-exposure to the sun or prolonged physical exertion in extreme-heat.

Heat exhaustion and sun stroke are two entirely different things, even though both may seem to result from exposure to high external heat. With heat exhaustion, the patient's skin is cold and clammy - while with sun stroke, the skin is hot and dry. A simple rule may serve as a guide and avoid confusion regarding the treatment. Briefly, it is this: If the patient is cold, make him warm; if he is hot, make him cool. You can protect yourself against heat sickness by following these National Safety Council recommendations:

- Avoid overexertion, particularly in the early part of the heat wave.
- Avoid too much exposure to direct sun rays, or extreme indoor temperatures and high humidity—wear a hat while out of doors.
- Wear light, porous clothing and avoid tight fitting clothes.
- Increase the use of salt on food, or use salt tablets or salt in drinking water to offset the excessive loss of salt from the body through perspiration.
- Drink water often throughout the day, one glass at a time.
- Eat nutritious food but avoid over-eating - vitamin C lost through perspiration should be replaced with fruit juices.
- Get plenty of sleep and bathe regularly.
- Avoid ice cold water and alcohol.

Republicans and Democrats Tie  
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Copies of a recently revised popular bulletin of the State College Extension Service entitled "A Farming Guide for North Carolina," is now available for distribution.

The publication contains much information dealing with the more important farming operations. This information, condensed and presented as "jobs to be done by months," provides a check list for the farmer to use in planning work which should be done on his farm each month.

The calendar of work includes jobs to be done for livestock, field crops, fruits and vegetables, poultry, and general operation. In addition, other information such as rec-

ommended varieties, seeding rates, and fertilizer requirements for crops is included.

The information was furnished by the appropriate departments of the College and Extension Service, and the publication was compiled by the Extension farm management department. Authors of the original edition were R. W. Shoffner, district agent; H. B. James, in charge, farm management research; and C. B. Ratchford, in charge, Extension farm management. The revision was made by Moyle S. Williams, farm management specialist.

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**10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK**  
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