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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people. Proverbs 14:34.

Campaign Extremes

One of the hottest political campaigns in history comes to an end at the nation's polling places next Tuesday and majority of citizens, including both hot and lukewarm partisans, will be glad to see it done.

For four plus months, since the Republicans gathered in June, the atmosphere has been charged and re-charged, the newspapers and magazines dominated by various and sundry accounts and analyses of what is going to happen next Tuesday.

It was generally agreed, following the two Chicago conventions, that both parties did much better than sometimes in nominating candidates. The badly-split Republican party deposited its big symbol, Senator Taft, and nominated the national and international hero, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, a political neophyte. The badly-split Democratic party declined to proceed on a more left-wing course by nominating the moderate Governor of Illinois, Adlai Stevenson, ruling out both the ultra-conservatives and ultra-liberals.

It was not long until the extreme pressures began working heavily, and bore out a post-convention prediction of news analysts—that General Eisenhower would probably be pulled further to the right than he really wanted to go, and that Governor Stevenson would be pulled further to the left than he wanted to go. For both, the business at hand was first to get himself elected. In a campaign, extremists seem to get the biggest headlines.

First extreme situation that changed the whole course of the campaign was the charges against Senator Nixon, the vice-presidential Republican nominee, on the slush fund supplied by supporters who were attempting to get him re-elected well in advance. The Republicans claim that the Nixon handling of the incident gained votes, while the Democrats, who put down the Nixon "checkers speech" as pure eye-wash, think otherwise. Regardless of the undeterminable vote count result it is a fact that the Nixon episode made a new campaign of it.

Since then, the fur has been flying thickly and heavily, with partisans throwing off all cloaks of high-toned campaigning. The candidates themselves, considering the heat of the campaign, have controlled themselves pretty well, and both are to be commended for it.

Someone remarked recently that politicians particularly, and partisans generally, do too much talking and too little praying. Certainly it would not be amiss for each and every voter to pray that Tuesday's majority of electoral votes will go to the candidate best-equipped to discharge the duties of, perhaps, the world's most responsible office and certainly one of its most gruelling positions.

This is Girl Scout week in Kings Mountain where 131 young girls are enrolled in this worthwhile program, and where numerous adults devote much time and energy to it. As a corollary to the Boy Scout organization, the Girl Scout organization offers similar benefits to girls, teaching them self-reliance, handicrafts, and other needs of citizenship.

Undoubtedly there is something sad about the passing of old landmarks, and thus many citizens, in addition to older members of St. Matthew's Lutheran church will be momentarily saddened by the razing of the church building which has stood at the corner of Piedmont avenue and Ridge street for almost three-quarters of a century. However, all will rejoice at the fine new structure to be built on the same site.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1942 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

The Woman's Club Building of which all of Kings Mountain is justly proud, is now completely paid for, thanks to a donation of \$1500 given by Mrs. C. E. Neisler who has been a member and booster.

Visitors at Mountain Rest Cemetery have been struck with the marked improvement made since a full time superintendent, in the person of S. R. Suber has been put in charge. Mr. Suber has been given two helpers and these are kept on the job all the time.

Social and Personal

Mrs. Paul Neisler and Mrs. Frank Hoyle, Jr., were hostesses at the home of the former on GaSton Street last Wednesday night honoring Mrs. John Hoyle, nee Miss Nena Jackson and Mrs. R. T. LeGrand, Jr., nee Miss Jean Ware.

Mrs. O. W. Myers was hostess to members of the Social Club and a few additional guests at her home on Piedmont Ave. Tuesday Afternoon.

Mrs. George F. Lattimore spent the weekend in Durham where she was a guest of George Lattimore, Jr., student at Duke University.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon
Ingredients: bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment.
Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid overdosage.

Spook Time

"The goblins 'll getcha if you don't watch out...."

It's spook time again, another season for the witches to gallivant on their broomsticks, the youngsters to don masks of weird variety, and time to make a grinning jack-o-lantern of the nearest available pumpkin.

Speaking of pumpkins, I suppose it would be proper to call Otis Falls the city's pumpkin man, for he sells quite a few of them each season, some for jack-o-lanterns, and some for a delicacy known as pumpkin pie. But Soup Roberts takes the leading salesman role. A supposed Yankee car was passing through not too long ago, the driver admired the "cantaloupes", and purchased one. Soup never told the mistaken customer the difference.

But tomorrow night is the annual Halloween celebration when, according to an old-model dictionary, the young traditionally play pranks.

Halloween celebrations here take a different form from days of yore, and the change is a thankful one. The moppets, in their masks and garbs, once gathered in the city's business district, shortly after dusk to display their weird costumes, and the party was quite a rough one. What kind of delight was obtained from hitting another masked marvel over the head with a stuffed stocking I can't rightly remember, but the celebration took that form, and many a youngster must have gone home with knots on the head or strawberries on the brow as a result of heavy blows from stockings, sometimes stuffed with a substance harder than cotton.

Just what year or years that this type of celebration changed I don't know, but whoever exhibited the brain for organized Halloween parties at the schools did the community a favor.

It was also old-style Halloween, not necessarily abandoned, to play pranks on older folk. Yard gates were prize targets, and doorbells got an overdose workout. When the serious-minded home owner arrived at the door, he found nothing but silence. The telephone came in for some good usage too, in some instances, with phoney calls of one kind and another.

The doorbell is still in use, and it will not be unwise for citizens to have a larder well-stocked tomorrow night with bakery or candy specialties of some kind to pay the blackmail of the young folk on their "trick or treat" propositions.

Originally, Halloween started being celebrated as a final outburst before All-Saints Day.

This Halloween season finds all the goblins not limited to young folk, with a real menagerie of Democrats and Republicans spreading their wings, and raising their voices in hobgoblin cries that disaster is just around the corner if particular favorites do not win. There may be degrees of difference, but there is considerable doubt that the election of either candidate will greatly alter the course of history. Campaign bombast is wonderful in its extremes, but, like a child's Halloween trick, seldom completely tragic in the end result.

Though it's primarily a frolic for the young folk, Halloween has some benefits for older folk, too. The color favorites of the season, orange and black, make a nice contrast and solve the decorative problems of the season's hostesses quite nicely, just as the red and white of the Valentine season and the red, white and blue of the George Washington birthday season and other patriotic seasons. I sometimes wonder what the women-folk would do without special holidays.

The men get a break, too, a mask for the youngster customarily vending for considerably less than the regularly required gift line the ladyfolk expect on birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas, etc. As far as I know, no suggestions have been advanced successfully to do special homage to the petticoat governor on the Halloween occasion.

But if Halloween is here, then Christmas must be just around the corner. Whew, how times does race....

CROSSWORD

By A. C. Gordon

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- ACROSS**
- 1—Complex with the occasion
 - 10—Mimics
 - 11—Regret
 - 13—Female sheep
 - 16—Deserve
 - 18—Summons visibly
 - 20—Definite article
 - 22—Musical note
 - 23—Numerical
 - 26—Preposition
 - 27—Behold!
 - 29—Parental nickname
 - 31—Asiatic tree
 - 32—Ever
 - 34—Legal rule
 - 36—Preposition
 - 38—Pronoun
 - 40—Obstruction
 - 41—Detail
 - 43—The elder (abbrev.)
 - 45—Bachelor of Medicine
 - 47—Legislative Group (abbrev.)
- DOWN**
- 48—Mystic Sanskrit word
 - 49—A joining
 - 52—Chemical symbol for silver
 - 54—Sure
 - 56—To stabilize
 - 58—Furnished with weapons
 - 61—Roman 2,002
 - 62—Card game
 - 63—Mental image
 - 66—A nautical sail
- 17—Mother of Abel**
- 18—Place
 - 21—Perciful
 - 24—Energy
 - 25—Never
 - 28—Breakfast dish
 - 30—Chemical symbol for gold
 - 33—Latin abbreviation for "note well"
 - 35—Pronoun
 - 37—Greek letter
 - 39—Priest's measure
 - 42—Greek letter
 - 44—Pillar
 - 46—Soothing influence
 - 50—Born
 - 51—Abdominal depression
 - 53—Street Arab
 - 55—Horse's gait
 - 57—Spanish affirmative
 - 59—Bovine's cry
 - 60—To delve
 - 64—District Attorney
 - 65—Man's nickname

See The Want Ad Section For This Week's Completed Puzzle

Viewpoints of Other Editors

VISION AND REVISION
SMITHFIELD HERALD
"The Lord hath made all things for himself."
"The Lord has made everything for its purpose."
The upper sentence here is from the King James version of the Bible. The lower sentence is from the new Revised Standard Version; it reveals a gain in clarity of meaning, but there is a loss in rhythm, quaintness, and to some extent in poetry. And this seems to be a measure of the difference between the old Bible, on which our fathers and mothers were raised, and the new Bible, on which our children will be brought up.

The quotations here are from the first four verses of the 16th chapter of Proverbs. For purposes of comparison it is perhaps best to run these verses together and present them in parallel columns:

The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord. All the ways of man are clean in his own eyes, but the Lord weigheth the spirits. Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established. The Lord hath made all things for himself: woe to the wicked for the day of evil.	The plans of the mind belong to the Lord. All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the spirit. Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. The Lord has made everything for his purpose, even the wicked for the day of trouble.
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Some of the changes made in the new translation on the right seem hardly worth while. Certainly "The plans of the mind belong to man" is clearer than "The preparations of the heart in man," but what is the gain in substituting the word "pure" for "clean"?

And why weaken the expression, "thy thoughts shall be established," by converting it to "your plans will be established"? The King James translation of the Bible has been one of the greatest triumphs of religious literature. In it was a wonderful union of thought and word. We are made to feel that the old translators underwent a genuine "preparation of the heart," so that what came from them might almost convince us that the Bible was originally written in the language which they gave to it. As a book of consolation it has never been equalled in any tongue, and this consolation undoubtedly comes in no small measure from its majestic poetry.

In all the modern and revised versions this poetry seems completely to disappear. The saints talk no longer in the language suited to them, but in the phraseology of a modern salesman.

We favor the new Bible for its clarity and accuracy, but we doubt if it ever dethrones the stately version to which King James gave his name. We hope not.

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