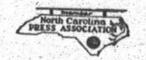


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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with arrows. I Timothy 6:10.

Censorship

Out in Galion, Ohio, the city board of education has ordered three novels removed from the high school library as being improper reading material for youthful minds.

The three offending books were two by Hervey Allen, "Anthony Adverse", and "Toward the Morning". The third was Richard Wright's "Native Son". "Anthony Adverse" and "Native Son" were bestsellers in their time.

The news that "Anthony Adverse" is a nasty, dirty old book will come as a shock to many present day papas and mamas who, if they did not read it two decades ago, thrilled to the film version which starred Frederic March. "Anthony Adverse" was a romantic, epic novel and the forerunner in style of the oneand-only "Gone with the Wind".

"Native Son,, was indeed a revlusive sort of thing, but keeping the Galion darlings in the dark concerning such matters would merely defer the day of revelation, if delay were possible.

Voltaire, the reputed founder of the written word as a means of mass communication, proved that censorship merely insures readership.

The Galion school board has done the authors a favor, undoubtedly assuring new interest in the old novels and new royalties for Allen and Wright.

A Fine Job

While the Herald and all responsible newspapers make it their business to print the news as it happens, good or bad or in-between, most of them prefer to print good news and are glad when the news is good.

Such is the instance at the successful conclusion of Kings Mountain's March of Dimes campaign, which, with final checking still incomplete, showed the campaign over the top on the \$5,000

Success in this charitable campaign was no small task. It never is when the desired amount is in the \$5,000-range. and more than once in the past month it appeared the campaign would falter and the community fail to meet its goal.

The fact that the successful result was attained was due, of course, to the liberality of Kings Mountain people who have a habit of doing their best on worthy causes.

But it was also due, in major part, to the good work of the co-chairmen. George Thomasson and Charles Neisler, who kept working diligently when prospects appeared discouraging.

Our congratulations to them on their good work in assuring that Kings Mountain would do its part on the March of Dimes job for 1954.

Since the county took over the dog vaccination business, required regular vaccination of dogs and appointed a dog warden, there have been no cases of rabies reported in the county, says Dr. J. P. Mauney, Kings Mountain veterinarian. That's a good report, meaningful as it is in many directions - for the good of people, livestock, and family pets. Like typhoid fever, there's no excuse for having the rabies disease among us any longer. It can be prevented by vaccina-

Work is underway on the annual Boy Scout fund campaign in the Kings Mountain district. The amount desired is not large, as such sums go, but the \$1,700 is needed just as badly as if the total were much greater. Chairman G. C. Kelly and his committee members should be greeted with generous smiles, non-cramped writing arms, and liberal donations.

Headed South

The fact that industry is moving South is recorded almost daily in the nation's commercial journals.

There are several reasons, not all of them the so-called cheaper labor supposedly available in the South. A major one is that the climate is better, meaning the buildings can be more cheaply constructed, that seasonal stoppages for bad weather are fewer, and that less absences are recorded due to inclement weather and sickness.

Other reasons are the availability of utilities and transportation service, and many other factors.

Speaking to the Kings Mountain Lions club last week, Ralph Isley, who serves as executive secretary (manager) of the unique Gastonia Industrial Diversification commission, said the big thing these days in attracting new industry is available floor space. If space is available cheap-bringing in a new plant is almost a cinch.

There is not much available floor space in Kings Mountain, and, of course, if there were, it would be a bad sign. It would mean somebody had "choked" on his financial load.

There are many who discuss Kings Mountain's lack of industrial expansion and who expound the need for both expansion and diversification. Yet, no move is made to do much about it.

In Rock Hill, S. C., uniquely successful, a commission of citizens formed a corporation to handle the work of getting industrial invitations accepted.

Since the movement South is now firmly established, it is possible that floor space would be the major task of any Kings Mountain group attempting to duplicate the Rock Hill or Gastonia successes in this field.

Since Kings Mountain is in a poor position, from the standpoint of availability of water, industries not requiring water would, of necessity, be the aim. But there are plenty of them too.

Meantime, Kings Mountain, after years of prospecting, is taking on more and more the look of a mining community, a trend likely to continue well into the future.

Bad news for some was dished out by the city board last week when it raised the price of parking space rentals to a figure more nearly commensurate with the average monthly return of parking meters. As noted by the board members and mayor, the idea, in addition to increasing the take, is to discourage the rash of requests for rental space. Too many rental spaces will defeat the basic "keep 'em moving" aim of the meters. A medical doctor, by having his car nearby and by dashing away to wreck scene, home or hospital at breakneck speed, may save a life. But for most others, locale of vehicle is of little importance, except for personal convenience of the vehicle owner.

Our congratulations to the Kings Mountain Woman's club on its decision to re-elect its able president, Mrs. George H. Houser, and congratulations to Mrs. Houser on the honor of re-election. The Woman's Club has enjoyed a most active, financially successful year. The coming one should be a duplicate.

Some people have to be forced, and the police department says it's going to be hard on those who haven't purchased tags for their autos. A word to the wise is sufficient and a stitch in time might save a court citation.

YEARS AGO Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events THIS WEEK taken from the 1944 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Dr. Ralph McDonald, candi Hamrick and Mrs. F. R. Summers | Mrs. Edith Goforth was hes date for Governor, will be guest have appointed chairmen of tess to members of Circle No. 4 speaker at the annual banquet of groups to canvass the city. the Kings Mountain Merchants Association to be held next Wednesday night at 7:30 in the Woman's club building.

Social And Personal

Red Cross War Drive to begin club was given Tuesday night at week. here March 1, Co-Chairmen L. W. the Woman's club.

Tuesday night. Pvt. Bobby Allran, who is being A Valentine party and dance transferred from Miami, Fla., to sponsored by the American Home Albany, Ga., was at his home in Department of the Woman's Kings Mountain for a visit this

MARTIN'S MEDICINE By Martin Harmon

ingredients: bits of news wisdom, humor, and comment. Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid

overdosage.

The coffee industry is getting more free advertising than it has since the war, when coffee among other commodities, required little stamps as well as money, and the ration stamps were more valuable than the

Skyward-bound coffee prices are the reason, and senatorial committees are already examining, questioning, inferring, and accusing, in an effort to find out the scoundrel who is running up the coffee price. As usual, there are conflicting charges and counter-charges. The political leaders have hinted darkly about that old buga-boo the "speculator". The Wall Street Journal, conservative voice of business, says "scarcity of coffee", and even Drew Pearson, at an opposite pole from the Journal in political viewpoint, tends to agree. The Latins from Brazil, Pearson says, learn quickly. They have learned not to place all their supplies on the market at one time, but to dribble the coffee beans out slowly. The result is a higher

The aim at the speculator makes good reading, at least, for everyone dislikes the speculator except the speculator, A successful speculator is even worse, for he, supposedly got something for nothing, discounting the wear and tear on his nervous system, which could cause him to collect early on his life insurance. It wasn't too long ago, to be sure, that a young Louisiana man tried to corner the cotton market and he almost did it. But the news leaked out, prices plummeted, and the young man went to the financial wall.

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The average coffee drinker, who uses a pound per week, more or less, is likely to be impressed by what is required of coffee speculator. At least, I

Jim LeGette, the genial man-ager of Thomson & McKinnon's Shelby branch, supplied some interesting information. If you want to speculate in coffee, get up some big cash. The minimum coffee contract on the New York market is 250 bags which doesn't sound too big until it is realized that the total s 32,300 pounds. Even at whole saler's wholesale, that would put the coffee beans at something of a high figure. The recent price of 74c per pound on the New York exchange would mean \$24,000 for one little minimum order.

Mr. LeGette further confided that he does not handle a great amount of coffee business. About 15 years ago, he recalled, there was a Lattimore citizen who did a little coffee trading. He was the only coffee customer Jim has served in 35 years of brokerage in stocks, bonds, and commodities.

Jim went on to say that he had another new account recently. A customer called in to place an order for soybean oil. It was another "commodity" first for Jim. But I am straying from the subject.....

The consumer or coffee-addict's response to the rising price has been awful to behold something similar to taking candy from a baby. A paper salesman declaimed this week, even as he admitted to being a six-cup-per-day drinker, that he was/is not going to pay any \$1.10 per pound for Maxwell House, Chase & Sanborn, Gill's Hotel Special, or any other brand. "I'll go to the water trough," he cried.

But 10 cents per pound differential for 52 weeks of the year could only cost him \$5.20 annually. As a local grocer remarked the other night, the price of coffee has little effect on the individual consumer, but the institutional or quantity user suffers. That's why restauranteurs have been thinking along the lines of 15-cent coffee. They have a big coffee bill.

I am among the coffee ad

dicts, so much so that I have recently made overtures to the Sanka, non-caffein variety. I must relate, however, that Sanka, while somewhat above the Postum grade (kin to that burned wheat stuff the Europeans called ersatz coffee during the war), there is nothing to compare with real, top-grade coffee for fineness of flavor, I, personally, anticipate no buyer's strike from the medicinal department, though I am inclined to agree with those most vehemently hurt in the pocketbook that a week's cessation of coffee drinking in the nation would put the skids under the prices — be the ogre speculator recently made overtures to the - be the ogre speculator or shortage,

CROSSWORD . . . By A. C. Gordon

History's Pages

ACROSS

DOWN

19—Sir Francis Drake was

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

Viewpoints of Other Editors

A NO-GOOD-COMMITTEE "AND IN RIGHT FIELD,

The Senate Elections Committee has the power to review any Senate contest in which voting irregularities are charged. And upon its recommendations, the full Senate may act to oust any senator whose claim to his seat seems legally doubtful,

There would be no recourse to the courts after such a decision to oust a senator, since the Senate is acknowledged to be the final judge of the fitness of its own

Most recently, the Senate Elections Committee named a subgroup to study alleged irregularities in the 1952 contest between Sen. Dennis Cravez, Democrat of New Mexico, and his Republican opponent, Patrick J. Hurley.

After due deliberation, this sub-30,000 ballots cast in that contest newspaper headlines one would -20,000 for Chavez and 10,000 for Hurley.

Since Chavez was originally recorded the winner by 5000 votes, the effect of reducing his total by a net of 10,000 would be to give the election to Hurley by 5000. In other words, if its investigative work was sound, the subcom-

mittee determined that Chavez was not legally entitled to sit in the Senate. Despite this, however, the Se-

nate does not intend any action to oust Chavez. The reasons are interesting. The Republicans, who would re-

gain voting control of the Senate if they could take the Chavez seat figure they would lose a fight to oust him, They trail the Demo-crats, 48 to 47, in Senate membership, with the other seat be-longing to independent Sen. Wayne Morse of Oregon.

The Democrats, who like to suggest that immorality is by definition Republican, show no disposition to oust one of their own number, since their voting control is at stake. And Morse, who daily publici-

es himself as the most moral man in the Senate, if not in the nation, has apparently indicated sympathy for the Democrats in his issue Now the finds of a Senate com-

mittee are supposed to be sober and meaningful. If elementary politics is to govern what happens to them, then they are the opposite: A meaningless joke. Worse, this committee's opera-

tions will stand condemned as a moral fraud. The committee took housands of words of testimony for an evidently serious purpose to learn whether the sanctity of the American ballot had been violated. When it decides such is the case, the Senate which created the committee decides, in its most flippant mood, to do absolutely nothing about it. Such immorality undermines

the whole structure and character of the Senate. It is no service to anybody who cherishes Democracy. At the very least, the Septe should now disband the Septe should not be should now disband the Septe should not should now disband not should not nate Elections Committee as one of its permanent groups, since a word that you say, but I will it no longer serves any purpose, but to spend the taxpayers' money in fruitless investigation. — it. Will Durant in The History

government rigorously frugal and simple," but that's not the same thing, not exactly. The Charlotte News advises anyone who hears the sentence ascribed to Jefferson to counter with: "That's a son to counter with: "Tha good line, Bub, but it's not Jeffer. News.

SENATOR ALTON LENNON" At the Freedom of Information

Conference held recently in Ra-leigh, J. R. Wiggins of the Washington Post focussed attention on a significant change that has taken place in American government. The really important work of legislatures, he observed, is no longer done in the main legislative chambers. The major decisions are reached in legislative ommittee rooms, and that's why legislative committee meetings should be kept open to the public,

What Mr. Wiggins said at Raleigh flashed through the mind as we read a piece in the New York Times Sunday by James Reston, Mr. Reston, commenting committee decided to invalidate Congress, remarked that from on the decline of eloquence in think an exciting "Great Debate" over the Bricker Amendment were in progress on the floor of the Senate last week. "No vision could be more in-

accurate," wrote Mr. RestonAt 3:50 last Thursday afternoon the situation was as follows: Senator Estes Kefauver, Democrat of Tennessee, was reading a speech which he seemed never to have seen before, and there were exactly five other Senators on the floor: Senator John M. Butler, Republican of Maryland, who was walking around in the well of the Senate; Senator Herbert H. Lehman, Democrat of New York, who was reading a sheaf of papers in the back row; Senator Wayne Morse, Independent of Oregon, who was slumped down in his chair in an attitude of lawyerly boredom; Senator Albert Gore, Mr. Kefauver's junior as ociate, who was present as a demonstration of rennessee courtesy; and Senator Alton Lennon, Democrat of North Carolina, who was sitting all alone out in right field."

Where were the other 90 Senators? Doubtless a good many were in committee rooms carving out new laws, or quite probably investigating somebody's patriotism, Some could have been greet ing constituents and showing them vote - inspiring courtesies Maybe a blessed few were engaged in their own private study of the Bricker Amendment, Don't blame the Senators if they were not on the Senate floor, Much important work of Congress must go on and does — backstage.

But don't blame the six Sena tors who were on the Senate floor last Thursday afternoon either. A Senator leads a harass ed existence. Not much of his time is his own. And where can a Senator find more restful moments or more blissful freedom from interruption than on the Senate floor during one of those "great debates"? "Tis not the age of Daniel Webster. — Smithfield

Who said, "I do not agree with

The Gastonid Gazette.

WHO SAID IT?

"That country is governed best which is governed least." Who said it?

Jefferson gets the credit for it. Elbert Hubbard says he said it. But nobody can find where he did, Jefferson did say, "I am for government rigorously frugal and of a proper response than the

DR. D. M. MORRISON GLASSES FITTED

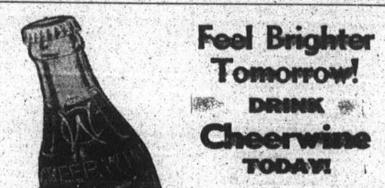
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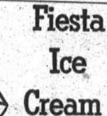
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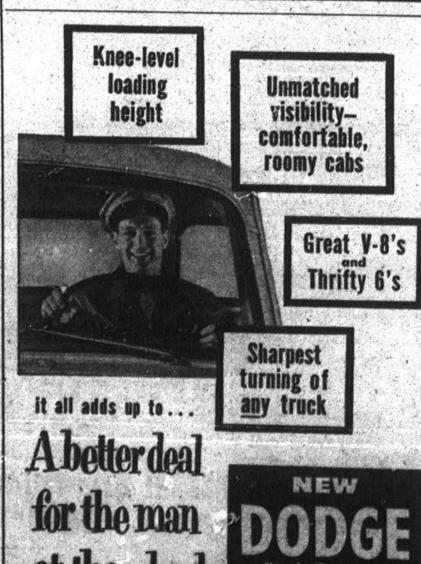


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