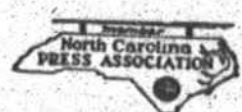




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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

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 Gallon, 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 one-and-only "Gone with the Wind".

"Native Son", was indeed a reclusive sort of thing, but keeping the Gallon 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 Gallon 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 quota.

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 Thomason 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 vaccination.

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-clamped writing arms, and liberal donations.

## 10 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, candidate for Governor, will be guest speaker at the annual banquet of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association to be held next Wednesday night at 7:30 in the Woman's club building.  
In preparation for the \$10,000 Red Cross War Drive to begin here March 1, Co-Chairmen L. W. Hamrick and Mrs. F. R. Summers have appointed chairmen of groups to canvass the city.  
Social and Personal  
A Valentine party and dance sponsored by the American Home Department of the Woman's club was given Tuesday night at the Woman's club.

Mrs. Edith Goforth was hostess to members of Circle No. 4 of Central Methodist church Tuesday night.  
Pvt. Bobby Allran, who is being transferred from Miami, Fla., to Albany, Ga., was at his home in Kings Mountain for a visit this week.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

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

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 coffee.

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 bugaboo 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 price.

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.

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

Jim LeGette, the genial manager 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 is 32,500 pounds. Even at wholesale'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 restaurateurs have been thinking along the lines of 15-cent coffee. They have a big coffee bill.

I am among the coffee addicts, so much so that I have recently made overtures to the Sanka, non-caffeine variety. I must relate, however, that Sanka, while somewhat above the Postum grade (kin to that burned wheat stuff the Europeans calledersatz coffee during the war), there is nothing to compare with real top-grade coffee for fitness 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 pocket-book that a week's cessation of coffee — drinking in the nation would put the skids under the prices — be the ogre speculator or shortage.

## CROSSWORD

By A. C. Gordon

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-49.

- ACROSS: 1-Correspondence afterthought, 2-Mythological strong man, 3-Preposition, 4-Infamous King of the Huns, 5-Famous American philosopher, 6-Three-toed sloth, 7-Ferocious Friendship (abbr.), 8-Depart, 9-Orchid letter, 10-American temperance agitator (poss.), 11-Word used by Benjamin Franklin in an electrical experiment, 12-First man, 13-Printer's measure, 14-Division of time, 15-Eastern U.S. state (abbr.), 16-Negative, 17-Historical English school, 18-Parent, 19-Famous Russian leader, 20-Spanish general of the 16th century, 21-Famous U.S. President (poss.), 22-Jacob's ship (poss.), 23-Inventor of the telephone, 24-Keats, Shelley and Tennyson were, 25-Search actress, 26-Obscure, 27-Novel, 28-Bachelor of Arts, 29-Rain, 30-Ancient sun god, 31-Composer of "The Messiah" (poss.), 32-Famous Belgian king, 33-Famous inventor of dynamite (poss.), 34-Novel, 35-Alcohol, 36-Spanish affirmative, 37-Anon, 38-Former U.S. President, 39-Musical note, 40-Printer's measure, 41-Discoverer of gravity, 42-Electrically charged particle, 43-Francis Drake was this, 44-English poet, 45-Inventor of the telegraph, 46-Division of time, 47-Corded fabric, 48-Dash, 49-Chalchicomula king, 50-Mythological god of the sun, 51-Jewish letter, 52-Ferocious Italian poet, 53-Countenance, 54-Hook, 55-Narrow aperture, 56-Pronoun, 57-Bachelor of Science, 58-Indefinite article, 59-Chemical symbol for silicon.

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

## Viewpoints of Other Editors

### A NO-GOOD-COMMITTEE

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 is reached, since the Senate is acknowledged to be the final judge of the fitness of its own membership.

Most recently, the Senate Elections Committee named a subgroup to study alleged irregularities in the 1952 contest between Sen. Dennis Chavez, Democrat of New Mexico, and his Republican opponent, Patrick J. Hurley. After due deliberation, this subcommittee decided to invalidate 30,000 ballots cast in that contest — 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 subcommittee determined that Chavez was not legally entitled to sit in the Senate.

Despite this, however, the Senate does not intend any action to oust Chavez. The reasons are interesting. The Republicans, who would regain voting control of the Senate if they could take the Chavez seat figure they would lose a fight to oust him. They trail the Democrats, 48 to 47, in Senate membership, with the other seat belonging 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 dully publicizes himself as the most moral man in the Senate, if not in the nation, has apparently indicated sympathy for the Democrats in this issue.

Now the finds of a Senate committee 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 operations will stand condemned as a moral fraud. The committee took thousands 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 Senate should now disband the Senate Elections Committee as one of its permanent groups, since it no longer serves any purpose, but to spend the taxpayers' money in fruitless investigation. — The Gastonia 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 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 good line, Bub, but it's not Jefferson's."

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