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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

But he that is joined unto the Lord in one spirit. 1 Corinthians 6:17.

Honeymoon Over

Among the first words of new Democratic Chairman Paul Butler, after his accession to the vote-getting responsibility, was his statement questioning President Eisenhower's capacity to govern. Chairman Butler doubted the President had that capacity.

The remarks were reminiscent of those of Senator Neely (D-W. Va.) in the recent campaign, when he charged that President Eisenhower was "stupid."

While the President has appeared a little slow on the draw in some instances during his two years in office, it would appear that his contributions to the World War II victory in Europe, via bossing the whole Allied works, would brand as false Senator Neely's contention of stupidity, and Mr. Butler's remarks would have been much closer to the truth had he substituted the phrase "experience to govern" for "capacity to govern."

Army politics, though undoubtedly a difficult pseudo-science in many ways, is considerably less exacting and tedious than government politics. In the services, the successful policy is abject obedience to those above, forceful ordering to those below. Not so in the field of government, where a senator's pique can defeat a whole program—regardless of the senator's party label.

Thus President Eisenhower, with no prior background for it, was in the position when he assumed office of having to accept advice from many people with frequently divergent views. It is no wonder he floundered occasionally.

But he undoubtedly, not being stupid, has learned much in the two years in office and will learn more in the two years coming.

Most important to his success in office is that the vast majority of his constituents—including the majority of the Democrats—credit him with basic honesty. And the people will excuse more mistakes from a person they consider honest than they will from those they regard as tainted.

The Democrats, in spite of the need for an emotional appeal to excite the populace, should confine their charges to the issues and more realistic judgments of Mr. Eisenhower's abilities. There was a change in tone from Chairman Butler over the weekend, indicating reaction to his "capacity to govern" statement was not too good.

Jaycee Promotion

The Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce is again inviting the community to have a part in its Christmas-for-the-needy project.

Better known as "Buy a Can, Leave a Can" project, it enables the Jaycees to greatly expand their Christmas assistance to the needy, without any great cost to anyone.

In turn, it enables all citizens to have some part in aiding those who most need the Santa Claus visit. Many times citizens remark they would like to help but don't know who nor where to help.

When refilling the home cupboard, pick up an extra can or two of foodstuffs for the needy at Christmas.

The big Jaycee baskets are placed at all Kings Mountain groceries and they should be running over by next weekend.

Particular commendations are in order for Fred Plonk and Sam Collins, who had chief responsibility for the successful Christmas opening parade last week. The parade lived up to its advance notices of "best-ever" in Kings Mountain.

The business of a library is to continually increase its circulation of books from a continually increasing number of volumes. Thus the expansion of the operating committee to eight members should prove one route toward expanding the service of Jacob S. Mauney Memorial library.

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.

The Lions club gave their annual banquet for the high school football team last Wednesday night at the Woman's club house, at two tables of bridge at her Fairview Lodge No. 33 AF and home on Gold street Monday at AM recently celebrated its 70th anniversary at a turkey dinner at house guests, Mrs. William Steamer and Miss Katherine Beream, of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Steamer is a sister of Mrs. Kerns. Miss Lenora Plonk and Miss Jean Webb visited Mrs. James Mercer at Glen Alpine last weekend.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

Polling has become a popular adjunct of the commonwealth in the past several years and the gathering of information on the current thinking and opinions of the citizenry has become big business.

Actually polling is quite old and perhaps owes its first start (pure conjecture on my part) to the advertising agencies who specialized in surveys to develop information on more effective advertising. But polls of opinion today, in the popular mind, refer to Dr. Gallup, Mr. Roper, Sam Lubell, and similar "experts" who major in gathering information on what the people think politically. All have become a big chary about actually "predicting" outcomes, since the debacle of 1948, though they usually manage to crowd right much if their percentages have fallen close or within the previously proved margin of error. Thus the Herald's U. S. Poll was mighty happy with itself on the 1954 Congressional percentages. However, the same outfit conducts a poll in both New Jersey and New York and the New Jersey polling backfired as Republican Case came through.

In the off-season, the polls dream up any number of questions to ask folk. Thus Dr. Gallup's poll recently reported that some 27 millions of the 102 million adults in the United States have put a bet on a horse's nose sometime during their life, and that 18 percent of the males, at one time or another, have struck their wives. (Almost as many wives have hit back, the poll showed.)

At the moment, the news services are polling their editor members to determine the ten biggest news stories of 1954, and undoubtedly the fashion experts are getting in their votes for the ten best-dressed women. The drama critics will be mulling over the ten best movies and stage offerings of the past 12 months, and there will undoubtedly be many others, including the top ten T-V shows.

Even the weekly press is getting in on the ten biggest news events act through a poll conducted by Publisher's Auxiliary, the long-lived weekly newspaper trade journal.

I have not yet filled in the list (and may not) but, without benefit of any look-see at the files of this year's daily gazettes, it is easy to remember several stories, some written in one day, others consuming days, weeks and months, which are sure to be candidates for the top ten. Among them, not necessarily in order of importance, are the Army-McCarthy hearings, the McCarthy censure actions with preludes, the Shepard murder trial, the demise of the recession which began in late 1953, the comeback of the motion picture industry, and the autumn election results. The Dixon-Yates contract argument might rank high, along with the debate on whether youngsters should be arguing about foreign policy on recognition of Communist China. Many would cast a vote for Charlie Wilson's bird-dog remarks as a top 1954 news story, and some will figure it a big story that a French premier has held office longer than a few weeks.

Marilyn Monroe's parting of the ways with Joe Dimaggio rates consideration, as does Sir Winston Churchill's attaining his 80th birthday.

Only time will prove whether President Eisenhower's atom-for-peace effort rates top billing. Here the results will count and may not be determined for years, if ever.

By the time 1954 has spent itself, the headline "Santa Claus Completes 1954 Visit" should qualify for high rating.

No poll, but possible of one, is a nomination by the author of *The Omniscience* in the *Stamly News* and Press for the ten most repeated sentences of 1954. They are: 1) It's time to go to bed. 2) It's time to get up. 3) I need some money. 4) What was she wearing? 5) She can't sing. 6) I don't like that program. Why can't we turn to something else? 7) That Arthur Godfrey makes me sick. 8) What do they do with all that money they collect at the church? 9) I don't understand what he sees in that girl. 10) How about renewing my note for another 60 days?

A pretty good listing, I'd say.

CROSSWORD

By A. C. Gordon

- ### ACROSS
- 1—Parent
 - 2—Society
 - 3—Three-toed sloth
 - 4—Furniture
 - 5—Straw
 - 6—Chemical symbol for selenium
 - 7—One who presides
 - 8—A vessel (abb.)
 - 9—Verbal suffix
 - 10—Negative prefix
 - 11—To prosecute
 - 12—Literary composition
 - 13—Oriental sauce
 - 14—Pertaining to former times
 - 15—Entrance
 - 16—Trencherous
 - 17—Edge
 - 18—Equality
 - 19—Watery expanse
 - 20—Coke
 - 21—Cultivate soil
- ### DOWN
- 1—Correspondence after thought
 - 2—Died
 - 3—Cover
 - 4—Image
 - 5—Steadfast
 - 6—Coddle
 - 7—Vocal
 - 8—Man's nickname
 - 9—Devoured
 - 10—African antelope
 - 11—Decigram (abb.)
 - 12—Musical instrument
 - 13—Military observation post (abb.)
 - 14—Island in the Indian Ocean
 - 15—Given to gay disposition (colloq.)
 - 16—Sifter
 - 17—Ossuous element
 - 18—Compass direction
 - 19—High hill
 - 20—Get a value on
 - 21—Proven
 - 22—Artist's frame
 - 23—Customary
 - 24—Time of day
 - 25—A gem
 - 26—Frost
 - 27—Guide
 - 28—Short-spoken
 - 29—Official
 - 30—Temporary fashion
 - 31—Partly burned combustible
 - 32—Lyrical poem
 - 33—Greek letter
 - 34—State
 - 35—Ejecta
 - 36—Decorative covering
 - 37—Tint
 - 38—American writer
 - 39—Operator (abb.)
 - 40—Prefix denoting "together"
 - 41—Arctic "she"

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

Viewpoints of Other Editors

CANCER VICTIM LIKELY SAVED NATION FROM TERRIBLE TRAGEDY

Cancer, like Death itself, is no respecter of persons. And often it strikes quickly and does its deadly work in a matter of weeks. Enrico Fermi, noticed in September that he was experiencing some difficulty in swallowing. In October, he underwent an operation, and surgeons quickly discovered that he had cancer of the stomach, "too extensive for treatment." He died in November—last Sunday to be exact.

But who was Enrico Fermi? He was the man who unlocked the secret of the atom, and made possible the manufacture of the atom bomb. In 1939, he advised the government of the possibility of such a bomb. By 1941, his skill and knowledge had resulted in sufficient material for the first atom bombs.

He was a self-exiled Italian scientist who left his native land because of Mussolini and came to this country. His was a brain of unusual talents, and we should be thankful that he gave us the secret of the bomb rather than Italy and Germany. Had they obtained it, we would likely today be under the heel of Hitler.

The irony of Fermi's death was revealed in a statement by Lewis L. Strauss, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission when he said that if Fermi had been spared for a few more years he might have been saved by the medical techniques derived from his own discoveries.

We are hopeful that Mr. Strauss, under the stress of the moment, was not speaking with too much optimism as to the possibility of discovery of a cure for cancer. — *Stamly News and Press*

REST ON THE RAILS

It may have been built by any one of several companies. And it isn't because of the name of the company which probably operates it. But the comfortable sleeper you rode the other day from Denver to Chicago you undoubtedly called a Pullman.

That is because George Pullman was the persistent genius who built the first successful (and comfortable) sleeping cars—and persuaded American railroads to use them.

The need of persuasion seems almost incredible in retrospect. Before 1859, when Pullman finished remodeling two Chicago & Alton day coaches, overnight passengers either sat up all night on cruelly austere benches or lay down, fully clothed on the slats of a bunk. And it took the use of the "Pioneer", the first car built as a "Pullman Palace" sleeper, by the bereaved family on the Lincoln funeral train to popularize the idea enough for the railroads to "risk" it!

And it fell to an ingenious and gadget-minded housewife to epitomize present-day achievements in railway travel comfort. Plunging herself down in the blue-upholstered seat of a "Pullman" bedroom after a whirlwind inspection of its lighting, its controllable air-conditioning, its compact toilet facilities, and concealed berths, she exclaimed: "What burns me up is that I didn't invent this thing!" — *Christian Science Monitor*

WHY?

History repeats itself, as everybody knows. But why does it have to do it so fast? — *Minneapolis Star*

England is an island entirely surrounded by hot water. — *London Opinion*

DON'T INVITE FIRE THIS CHRISTMAS

Most of us dread fire with all the horror that we should; we've seen too many of the terrible results of even small fires.

Yet we persist in creating our own, home-grown fire hazards. We let greasy rags accumulate in closets; we store gasoline or oil in unsafe containers and locations; we put matches where mice can reach them; we often even tempt fate by putting pennies behind electric meters.

Right now, in our tradition of stupidity, that results in death in the home and on the highway and hunting in the woods, we are about to put our lives in the unkind hands of a fate that is often cruel by creating a major—if temporary—fire hazard in our homes.

And we will do this in the name of Christmas, the most wonderful celebration of the Christian world.

We are talking about the beautiful Christmas tree that will probably deck a portion of your living room. We'll chop or buy a neat, symmetrical tree that will be a joy to behold. Then we will decorate it with the tinsel and ornaments and lights that make the typical American Yule tree the magic object that it is, especially to the shining eyes of children who can look at it and dream of Santa Claus.

There is a good chance that it will carry out its destined role—to cheer the onlooker through the Christmas season and to harbor, beneath its branches, the wonderful toys that will make Christmas morning warm and bright.

But there is also a chance that the tree will enter another role entirely. While the family sleeps, or while the mother is in the back yard and the baby playing near the tree, a tiny flicker of flame may appear among the branches. So, this season use caution and care in selecting and erecting your Christmas tree. — *Transylvania Times*

RUSSIAN STORY

Three Russian farmers were haled before an inspector from Moscow. He asked the first farmer what he fed his chickens.

"Corn, sir" was the reply. "Corn!" shouted the inspector. "Corn is used to feed people. Take him away to the salt mines."

As the first was being haled away the second farmer was asked the same question. Trying to keep from falling into the trap, he said he fed his chickens corn shucks.

He, too, was ordered to Siberia. The Russians, it seems, make cloth from corn shucks.

Turning to the third man, the inspector said, "And you?" "Oh," said the farmer, "I just give the chickens the money and let them buy whatever they want." — *C. A. Paul in Elkin Tribune*

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