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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thine hand to do it.
Proverbs 3:27.

Samuel David Collins

The death of Samuel David Collins, at the comparatively young age of 45, as a result of a heart attack shocked his many friends here and elsewhere.

Mr. Collins had no prior history of heart difficulties, indeed was still an active naval reservist who did the customary two-week active duty, usually at sea, each year.

A former Kings Mountain merchant, he had more recently been a successful salesman for a garment maker.

A former city commissioner, Mr. Collins' tenure of service at City Hall was solid. He was independent on issues and did not hesitate to vote "nay" when he felt the "nay" to be correct. He leaned to the Republican faith and again made no apologies therefor.

World War II navy, he was a past commander of the American Legion.

He was loyal to his family, his friends and his church.

All shall miss Sam Collins.

McCarthy To Fore

For a man who never had a chance, maybe doesn't now, but did and does decline to believe it, Senator Eugene McCarthy came to the fore in Oregon.

In spite of Senator Robert F. Kennedy's money and organization, Senator McCarthy polled 44 percent of the Oregon vote to Senator Kennedy's 38 percent, while non-candidate President Lyndon Johnson was getting 13 percent, and Vice-President Hubert Humphrey five percent via write-in.

According to CBS-TV, with 13 percent of the votes counted, three percent of Oregon Republicans had written in the name of Eugene J. McCarthy.

Headlines of Wednesday afternoon read "Kennedy Derailed".

Maybe, maybe not.

In a way, Kennedy wrote the headline in advance, the result being as it was, for he told an interviewer he "had to have Oregon to keep his campaign viable".

Meantime, both he and McCarthy head for California.

The pundits are reading Oregon as an indirect boost of much import to Mr. Humphrey. His and Johnson's votes, both non-campaigners in the voting, total 18 percent. Add to this fact that Mr. Humphrey is figured to be close to a second ballot winner when the favorite son business is over, and the pundits may be right.

There is a reservation: in politics Oregon can be often is, a maverick state. Oregon follows nominally the Republican faith, yet, as was Senator Wane Morse when wearing the "R" label, about as liberal in many areas as the most liberal of Democrats.

Again: how valuable the primary results?

Short Summer

Popular comment during the unseasonable May cold wave was, "short summer, wasn't it."

For water-short, army-pipe-departed Kings Mountain, the rain and cloud covering was good medicine.

City officials report that, during a 72-hour hot period recently, the level of the York Road reservoir dropped by 20 inches. Of course, the city used over six million gallons, but Old Sol took his portion, too, via evaporation.

The shorter the 1968 summer, or at least the wetter, the better for Kings Mountain.

Congratulations to Robert W. Hurlbut, a newly-elected district governor in the Optimist organization.

Freedom of Choice

It was quite apparent in May 1954 that the United States Supreme Court, in ruling on the Brown case, meant that full, not token desegregation of public schools was to come.

Rulings of the Court since, plus new Acts of Congress in other directions, have brought the then future to the present.

Thus the Court ruled unanimously Monday that the freedom of choice guideline for desegregation would not be ruled valid if desegregation were not being accomplished in fact.

But Justice Brennan took pains to state succinctly freedom of choice plans were not being ruled out per se and that each case would stand on its own merit.

Kings Mountain has been and is employing the freedom of choice plan, which has and should pass muster.

First the top four grades were fully integrated into one high school.

Next the seventh and eighth grades were consolidated into one school.

Meantime true freedom of choice was followed with few exceptions, these being in overload situations where student proximity to school plant became operative.

Now the Davidson elementary plant, which was all-Negro, is being converted to a building for the educable retarded.

There remain in the ten-plant system two segregated schools: Compact, all-Negro, and Bethware, all-White.

A visiting fireman from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare inspected Kings Mountain school district arrangements a few weeks ago, seemed impressed with what he found, made a few suggestions. No word has been received since.

There is always the problem of grade overload and imbalance for babies are not born at the same rate every year.

Saturday Importance

"How important is it that I vote Saturday?" a lady asked.

Well, pretty important.

Three of six Democrats will be nominated for the county commission. With only one Republican nominee, two of the three Democrats nominated are assured of election. They with Democrats Pop Simmons and Charlie Greene, holdover commissioners, will determine county government policy and levy county taxes.

Two of four Democrats will be nominated for the county board of education to join three nominated in the first primary. Since the three nominees are newcomers, question arises will all five be new, or will one or two veterans be retained? There are two Republican nominees which means that Democrats will have the majority, regardless of the November result.

With continued pressure from Washington for faster integration, the need to improve the quality of school generally and particular need for more local operational funds for the county district, these positions tend to vie for importance with the county commissionerships.

A late friend of the Herald once complimented that he read all of the Herald, quite a bit of the Shelby Star, as much as he had time of the Charlotte Observer.

He did it right, concentrating on information in areas where he could bring his considerable influence to bear. But there wasn't much he could influence in the nation's foreign policy.

A best bow to Rev. Charles Easley, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church, new president of the Kings Mountain Ministerial association.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By MARTIN HARMON

Senator Jack White and Representative Robert Z. Falls are serving on the special commission charged to report to the next General Assembly on ways and means of aiding counties and cities.

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Meantime, there is yet another special commission charged to report on a new state Constitution.

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Jack's group has been meeting about twice a month and one member of the Constitution commission sits on both. Jack says it's a happy happenstance, since the Constitution commission keeps conversant with work of what, should a new Constitution be recommended, is a sub-committee.

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The subject arose at Tuesday's city commission meeting. When Jack spied on the agenda the item concerning adoption of the privilege license ordinance, he commented, "They might just as well leave that off. My commission's considering recommending that privilege licenses be omitted from city, county and state tax schedules."

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"Hurrah!", I hurrahed," Joe McDaniel and I have been pushing that for years."

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Versus the city's gross this year from all sources of \$1,900,000, privilege licenses will return about \$6000, hardly worth the bookkeeping and trouble to collect from laggards.

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Merely, privilege licenses are indefensible, in my book. Why should a city business firm, paying handsome local ad valorem taxes on real estate and inventory, pay a license for the privilege of paying? What we need is more of these firms.

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Inanities, of course, crop up in these areas and have a habit of hanging on.

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A few years ago the small sales tax on goods sold for resale (wholesale) was repealed. But the bill drawers failed to eliminate the \$10 annual tax for the privilege of wholesaling. Herald wholesaling is limited to our new dealers, a very small portion of the gross business. We'll be paying the revenue commissioner \$10 again around July 10.

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I suggested to Jack that another tax which should be eliminated is the poll tax. "Oh," he replied, "that's already gone, if our recommendations are accepted." Again, a good riddance from the bookkeeping-collection standpoint. The city quit the business several administrations ago.

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I had long objected to the tax (for many years not pre-requisite to voting in North Carolina, retained merely as a tax) on grounds it was most unfair. It can be applied only to males ages 21 to 50. Well, the mortality rate continues to improve and the womenfolk have been voting since 1920.

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Now, since the civil rights act in which a lady Congressman won inclusion of "sex" in the no discrimination "because of race, creed, color, or national origin bit, I am sure some young lawyer with a yen for publicity, could go into federal court and win a judgment declaring North Carolina's poll tax law unconstitutional. The ladies are being discriminated against. They don't get to pay poll taxes!

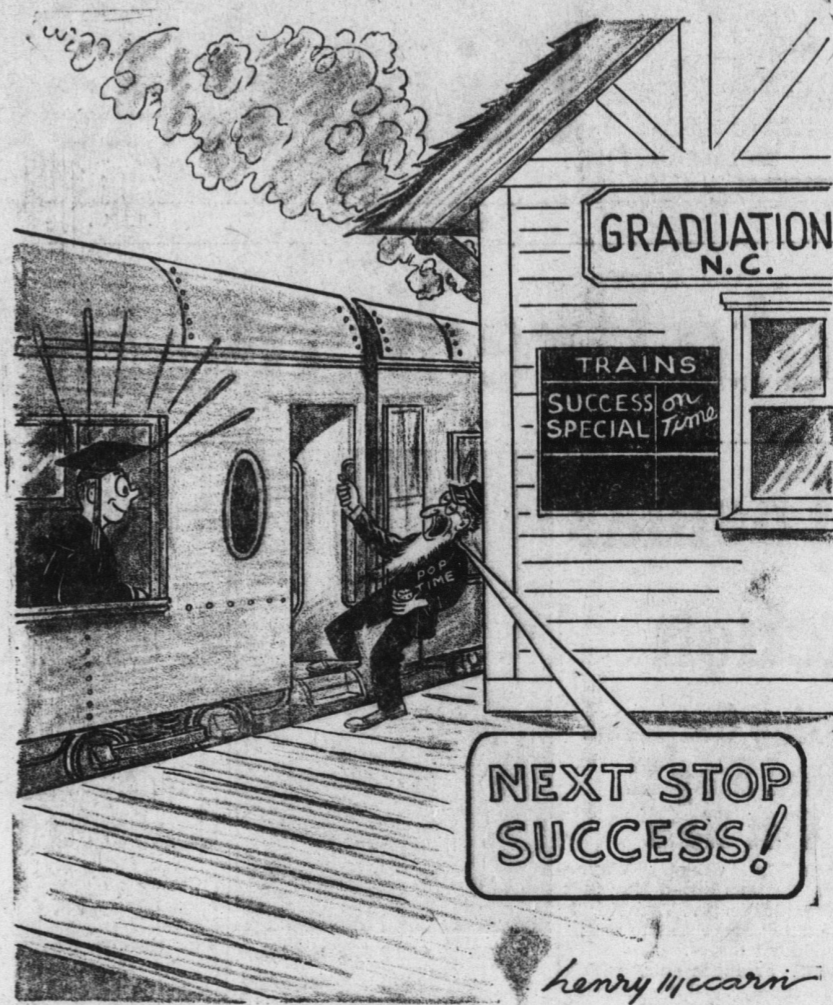
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Another recommendation Jack's group is going to make is that construction and operation of public hospitals is a necessary function of government. Currently, hospitals are a permissible function of county government, which means that hospitals may be built and operation funds levied only on majority vote of a county's citizens.

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Were operations "necessary" rather than "permissible" today, Kings Mountain hospital wouldn't be in the financial bind it is on the needed addition.

Education (Work) Train



Viewpoints of Other Editors

DETACHABLE CUFFLINKS

If Congress ever gets round to financing

Our quadrennial grab-and-smashery,

One expense item will surely have to be:

"Loss of haberdashery."

For in addition to the campaign-trail "jumpers"

And the autograph-humpers,

We now have, bejabbers, the cuff-link grabbers.

Senator Kennedy has lost cufflinks, hankies, a shoe.

(And he doesn't use a shoe as Khrushchev used to do.)

This snatching isn't precisely a novel career;

Adlai was touched, in his day, for the instant souvenir;

And much still depends on whether the candidate's simpatico,

A celebrity, and well enough heeled for "easy come, easy go,"

We can't imagine anyone reaching for Ike's five stars,

Or getting away with his campaign bars,

And we never heard Herbert Hoover holler

That someone was detaching his high collar!

But one lady, entranced, with glassy eye,

Even sought to make off with Bobby's necktie.

It's all of course very harmlessly done—

Just good clean, retributive, fun: The candidate steals the show;

The audience, the shoe. Nobody reaches for anyone's wallet or purse—no thievery at large.

The candidate accomplishes this after he's elected.

Plus 10 percent surcharge! —The Christian Science Monitor

DELEGATE EXPLOSION

If ever there was an example of runaway inflation, it can be found in the allocation of votes among the states and territories represented at recent Democratic national conventions.

For 40 years, things remained relatively stable. There were 1,086 votes allocated for the convention at Baltimore in 1912, when Woodrow Wilson was nominated, and 1,228 at Chicago in 1952, when Adlai Stevenson was nominated.

Then the curve turned upward. There were 1,372 votes for the '56 Chicago convention, 1,521 at Los Angeles in '60.

But the upward climb became almost vertical with the arrival of the Great Society. Had there been any contest at Atlantic City in 1964, there were 2,316 votes which could have been cast.

(Recently) the Democratic National Committee worked out the formula of this year's Chicago convention. There will be 2,622 votes.

Since there are usually at least twice as many delegates and alternates as there are votes allocated to the states, it is obvious that few halls in the country are big enough to handle the growing crowd.

At the current rate of vote expansion, it may not be long until Houston's Astrodome will be the only roofed-in place adequate for the task.

Could that be the plan? —Tulsa Tribune

HONOR SENIOR CITIZENS

May is Senior Citizens Month.

So members of Extension Homemakers Clubs in Moore County,

paid honor to the county's mature citizens by planning teas and luncheons for them, by

presenting gifts and flowers to them, by making bed coverings for rest

homes or by taking older citizens for rides or to visit with friends.

Mrs. Jean M. Hubbard, Extension home economics agent, says

"the rewards for these services were so great the club members could not put a monetary value on them."

COMMUNITY PROPERTY

Many homemakers do not have the silver and linens they need

for special occasions, such as wedding receptions. Recognizing

this need, members of the McDowell County Extension Home-

makers Clubs decided to buy these items for loan to members.

During the past two years, members have sold flavoring.

With the profits they bought a silver service, silver punch bowl

and ladle, silver trays, candleabra, punch cups and salad plates.

Next purchase will be a linen table cloth.

These items are kept in the county Extension office and are

for loan to any club member who needs them. Rachel L. Keisler, home economics Extension agent, relates.

FREE VISION SCREENING CLINIC

The state's first Free Vision Screening Clinic for preschool

children is being held this month in Alamance County.

"Purpose of the clinic is to discover amblyopia or lazy eye

blindness in children aged 3 to 6 before they enter school," Mrs.

Rachel K. Kinlaw, Extension home economics agent, explains.

Since this is the first screening center in North Carolina, a representative of the National Society for the Prevention of Blindness

will conduct the training. Other training sessions will be conducted by Mrs. Judy P. Nooney, Executive Director of the North Carolina Society for the Prevention of Blindness.

The Wedgewood Extension Homemakers Club of Graham has taken the clinic as a club project for this year, the agent adds.

QUILTING STILL DONE

Quilting is not a lost art in the Justice Community of Franklin County. Each winter and spring

a group of eight to ten women gather in the basement of someone's house to make several quilts.

"Sometimes they quilt for themselves; sometimes they quilt for others," Mrs. Frances W. Fuller, home economics Extension agent, says.

At least once each year, a former member of the community sends the women a quilt top she has made and pays them to quilt it. Then the quilt is sold and the money is donated to the local church.

"The women take a lot of pride in their quilting and get much enjoyment and satisfaction from it," Mrs. Fuller observes. "Recently they completed a quilt, made in the double wedding ring design, in less than three days," she adds.

EXPERTS PROVE OUT SMELLING SALTS

San Francisco, Calif. (WMNS)—With the mid skirt and ruffled shirt back in fashion, smelling salts may be on their way back too. And science has just proved they, at least, are more than a passing whimsy. It seems they really do revive the faint. Here's how:

When a person faints, his blood pressure drops and his heart slows down appreciably. A whiff of the ammonia in the smelling salts immediately counteracts these physical effects. The ammonia causes the veins to constrict, forcing more blood to the heart. The blood pressure goes up, the heart resumes its normal beat.

These findings were reported at a medical meeting here by Dr. Ralph S. Zitrin who headed a team of Mayo Clinic researchers investigating smelling salts.

PAPER TOWELS FOUND CLEANER THAN CLOTH

Miami Beach, Fla. (WMNS)—Ladies, retire those Madeira-embroidered guest towels and substitute paper towels. Why? Because research by a Smith College and Yale University team shows that cloth towels carry significantly more bacteria than the paper variety.

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SO THIS IS NEW YORK

By NORTH CALLAHAN

Although many of us are reluctant to face the unrest of our cities, this fact is inevitable. For instance, Samuel Goldstein told me that he was born and has spent most of his life in the Brownsville section of Brooklyn. Sam drives a cab and not long ago, he unwillingly moved out of Brownsville to a more remote and to him, less convenient suburb. Asked why, he replied, "I have always loved my home section of New York there. But it got so dangerous that my wife could not even go out shopping in the daytime. Some mugger would grab her handbag and if she resisted or tried to hold on to it, he would twist her arm dangerously. Now it costs me more to live where I moved to, I have to drive farther for my work. And sad to say, I am getting older."

American Heritage is coming out with a new book titled simply "New York, N. Y." which quotes Mayor Lindsay as saying that this city moves too fast to serve as a model for those who would capture its entirety in print. It has to be portrayed as it was yesterday and taken as it is today, for it may be something quite different tomorrow. In the interesting and colorful volume, Corey Ford tells how that, although the battles of the Revolution did not in themselves affect New York so much, the city suffered much from the war. For seven years, from 1776 to 1783, it was occupied by the British Army and Tories. Life for the officers held much of the glamor of a European capital. In 1776, a devastating fire swept away a third of the city, including one of its most interesting landmarks, Trinity Church. Although it still is not known who started the blaze, it left thousands homeless and these had to find refuge in the ruins of the charred city. When American victory came and General Henry Knox rode with the troops to recapture the city for Washington, there was an exodus of Tory families to Canada, England, the West Indies. Then came the human melting pot.

S. C. Burchell points out that wealth, power and opulence came early to Fifth Avenue. From Dutch times until today, he says, the avenue has been a straight and golden arrow leading to the north, growing continually and passing through many stages from rural beauty to patrician elegance, to vulgar ostentation and at last to democratic splendor. Fifth Avenue reached its peak of glamor during the gaslight era. Then the lobster and champagne world of old New York centered about the avenue's sumptuous palaces, clubs and hostilities. The erosions of modern times and the challenges of the wreckers have left their mark. But the elegance remains undimmed, for with its procession of luxury stores, banks, libraries and museums, "fabulous Fifth" is still one of the world's great thoroughfares. Of course the appearance has changed as well as the substance, from the brick and brownstone enclaves of Washington Square the luxury stores of the 20's and 40's, the elegant hotels of the 50's and the mansions and palaces of millionaires that lined the avenue from 57th Street northward. Few of these old landmarks still stand but the Plaza Hotel at 59th Street is a mellow reminder of the golden era. One of the most lovable men in our history, Washington Irving, provided a mythology for New York.

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