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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE THOUGHT

REGRET WILL FOLLOW DENIALS: Now Peter sat without in the palace; and a damsel came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus of Galilee. But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest .-

Let's Forget "Sour Grapes"

The "machine," if there is such a thing in North Carolina, as well as a group of die-hards who apparently resent the fact that Governor W. Kerr Scott defeated their candidate for the Governorship of North Carolina, will, or should, now realize that a vast majority of voters in the State are in sympathy with Governor Scott and have confidence in what he plans to do for the welfare of the

In the first place, Governor Scott upset the political dope bucket when he won the gubernatorial election. Then, still smarting as the result of his election, many followers of his opponent who were members of the General Assembly, egged on, no doubt, by outside interests, by and large opposed practically every move the Governor made.

A second instance which proves that Governor Scott enjoys the confidence of a majority of the State's voters occurred only last Saturday, when by substantial majerities the two huge bond issues for roads and schools were carried in a special election.

The voters have spoken and the Governor's "Go Forward" program will ere long get under way. His opponents should realize that he has whipped them in no uncertain terms and they will, no doubt, find plenty of fault with the road and even the school program. It is obvious that under the program not every foot of dirt road can be paved or made all-weather, and here, no doubt, the critics will find a wealth of argument against the Governor's program.

Governor Scott, like all of us, is human and is, therefore, liable to make some mistakes. He most certainly will, but wi'll the first who has made no mistake "cast the first stone?"

Governor Scott was elected Governor of North Carolina because the majority of voters cast their votes for him. Those who opposed him should accept the defeat and instead of being counter to what seems to be about everything he does, it could be far better for the individuals themselves and the State as a whole to work together instead being at logger heads.

Of course, \$250,000,000 is a lot of money, and the cry before the election was to the effect that the State will be ruined and go backward instead of forward. The Herald cannot go along with this argument. North Carolina is a great State and it is capable of doing great things if its people work together. The old saying, of course, holds true, "where there is union there is strength." Let us all, therefore, forget political alignments and work for the best interests of the State rather than for individual and all too often selfish interests.

Godspeed And God Bless You

Graduates of Chowan High School and Edenton High School, through diligent application and effort have completed four more years in the process of making themselves fit for the next milestone in life. Whether it is to not have a ghost of a chance. go on to higher education and a career in some profession, or to immediately plunge into the realism of making their way in various economic pathways of life, this education of which they have partaken a substantial mouthful, when you consider the eight grammer grades which went before, should stand them in good stead. To you, our youthful graduates, we bid you Godspeed, and to our teachers who played such an important part in the molding of these characters, we say, God bless you!

Col. R. E. Hopper, commanding officer of the Edenton Marine Corps Air Station, called me as I started writing this column. He wanted to put a piece in the paper, but it was too late, in that everything in the paper was ready for the press except this column. However, what Col. Hopper wanted to say was to explain why he cannot allow the town's youngsters to use the swimming pool at the base this summer. He said he regrets that he cannot extend the privilege to the town's youngsters. It is not to his liking, but he is responsible to superior officers and he, of course, must follow orders or else lose his job. Col. Hopper will prepare an explanation to appear in next week's Herald, for he don't want the kids and their parents, either, to think that he of his own accord is depriving the kids the pleasure of using the pool. Incidentally, the Col. wanted to know when I'll play a game of golf. Well, I don't like to brag, but as "good" as I was, I'll have to learn all over again. I haven't played in more than a month due to domestic and shop worries and responsibilities. In fact, I forgot some of the golf langu-

Now I have a lot of respect for the pump handle. It's all because I attended my son's wedding Friday night and all diked out in evening clothes, I was the first one in the receiving line at the big reception. I didn't know there were so many people living in Duplin County, for I believe I shook hands with about all of 'em. Anyway my hand and arm just about held out until the last person poked his or her head in the door. Shaking hands is right interesting, though, when you come to think about it. For some it is almost like sticking your hand in a vise and turning on the handle, while others it feels like you are just shaking a fish tail. Just the same, my arm was moving up and down, just like a pump handle, for a long spell, so that I'll always feel sorry for the old pump handle.

If I happen to have a black eye or bloody nose, you can blame it on Willie Saunders and he may be justified in treating me thus, too. Willie was one of the election officials at Rocky Hock last Saturday and, of course, was supposed to be on hand when the polls opened at 6:30 o'clock in the morning. Well, he is a faithful reader of The Herald and for some reason the hour of 6 o'clock appeared as the opening hour in The Herald story. Willie, accordingly set his clock and got up half an hour earlier and, rushing to the polls, found he was all by himself. Later the other election officials put in an appearance, so that Willie lost just about half hour of sleep at a time when sleeping sure goes good. He said he has had a lot of confidence in The Herald for many years, but that he's going to be a bit skeptical hereafter, especially if the time element is concerned when it affects m. Anyhow, no voter can say that no one was on time at the Rocky Hock Precinct for the last election.

I'm not supposed to mention names, but a certain felow who operates the Albemarle Cafe and another who makes himself busy at the Jimbo's Jumbo plant, both of whom are golf players, had a dickens of an argument over a cafe table the other morning. The way I understand it, the restaurant operator won a golf bet with the peanut man, but the 'atter hadn't forked up the dough. The reason, he said, was because the restaurant man had not played according to the rules. "Yea," shouted the restaurant man, "the trouble is that you make your own rules when you play with me." Well, a lot of other golf players also make their own rules when they're on the golf course-that's why we hear some of the scores made.

Another guy who is gunning for me is H. W. Wi'liams, the director of the Edenton Band. For some reason I printed his name as "Raymond" in a story a little while back and apparently several other papers used the same name. His name is "Howard," and I'm making this correction before he catches up with me, for he's a lot bigger man than I am, I don't want to get hooked up with him because we need him at the head of the band, but if he's as good a scrapper as he is a band director, I'd

I've been playing batchelor now for almost three weeks, but my wife and daughter returned from the Norfolk General Hospital Tuesday. The Missus is a very sick woman, but, when a fe'low batches for a spell, it's nice to have his folks home sick or well. Incidentally, the Missus, as well as myself, deeply appreciate the many kindnesses extended by friends during our mis-

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