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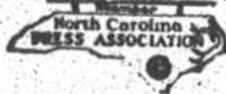
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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 1 John 1:8.

Prices Spiraling

What is high, and where is top? These are two questions bothering just about everybody as prices continue to mount.

Occasionally, a big manufacturer gets the idea that he can fight the tide by leading a movement for lower prices. A big farm equipment company tried it, Ford Motor Company tried it, and, most recently, General Electric Company tried it. All gave up the ghost and returned to price-raising as a general policy.

With strong demand, industry uses the percentage method of pricing goods. Industry has a basic percentage, and, of course, tags on a little more if it feels it can get the price.

Thus last Saturday's CBS symposium on economic matters by labor leaders was interesting. The labor leader for the oil industry pointed out that wage increases over a given period would account for a one-eighth of one cent increase per gallon of gasoline. Yet, he added, oil products have advanced several cents per gallon. This was not the complete picture, for the labor leader was figuring only one cost factor. He was forgetting that other industry — certainly including many of the oil supplies producers — had raised prices too. Yet he was probably right, too, in thinking the oil industry (where demand is now unprecedented) made their increases a little heavy.

The big danger for industry is in pricing its products out of the market.

To buy a car these days on the old familiar monthly payment plan, a purchaser who pays one-third down will find his payments about \$80 monthly and up, depending on the price car he buys. Other durable goods are comparable.

As demand in one line sluffs off, that industry — and its workers — will be particularly squeezed, while the rest of the economy is waiting to exhaust its demand and join the downward trend.

The way to beat it? Put every extra dollar into savings of some kind. Plan to spend those dollars when they'll buy more.

Elsewhere in the Herald this week is published the two charters which are to be offered to voters in the forthcoming August 28th election. While the charters are subject to change, following a public hearing August 16th at which citizens will be offered the opportunity to make suggestions and criticisms, suggestions can not be offered unless the citizen is informed of what is already laid out. All citizens should read and digest the charters carefully, then plan to attend the hearing to make whatever suggestions are deemed necessary. In this way, a more workable, more satisfactory charter will be adopted. And those who are not registered to vote should attend to the matter at once.

Back To Work

Congress went back into session, Monday, but not willingly. Most of the Congressmen preferred either to direct their energies to the fall elections, or to get a rest.

Most seem pretty sure the special session called by President Truman won't accomplish much for the good of the commonwealth.

This is likely true, and unfortunate from the standpoint of the people.

It steams from the American system of government which sacrifices efficiency for the occasionally pleasant privilege of kicking people out of office.

Both sides will be calling each other names. And the GOP majority has already proved, during the regular session, that it will do nothing about housing or prices (still going up by leaps and bounds) as President Truman demands.

It has been pointed out that the GOP could capitalize on the special session by putting some of its campaign platform into law-in advance of voting day. This would also be unusual, as like most platforms, many of the promises are mere lip service and are not ever expected to be made into concrete legislation.

But it will be interesting to watch. President Truman, playing politics himself, is counting on the Republicans to follow their regular policy of yelling a lot but doing little. He unquestionably figured he had little to lose and much to gain — politically — speaking — from the extra session.

The auto inspection lane is coming back next week, and motorists who haven't been through should attend to the matter, particularly those who own 1936, 1947 and 1948-model cars. The deadline on inspections for these is August 31. Though it hasn't been stated exactly, it is assumed the state highway patrol will order off the roads cars of these models which do not show the blue "approved" sticker.

Tax matters: business firms should visit the City Hall not later than 1 p. m. Saturday to purchase privilege licenses for the coming year. They have to be purchased, and there's no need in paying a five percent penalty. Citizens, too, who have not paid last year's tax bill should attend to that. More expense to delinquent taxpayers is just around the corner, for advertising of property for sale for taxes begins next week.

Our guess is that neither Hank Wallace nor J. Strom Thurmond will be able to report a Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, D. C., address in the next four years, unless they buy or rent.

A gift to the Crusade for Children is in order. Nothing is so heart-rending as a hungry, cold child. Your contribution might be the difference between life and death for some child this winter.

martin's medicine

By Martin Harmon
(Containing bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment. To be taken weekly. Avoid over-dosage.)

July Catch-All

It should be too hot for such treatment, but Tolly Shuford never despairs of practical joking, and he doesn't mind going to a whole mess of trouble (and is sometimes willing to spend a few cents) to accomplish his end.

William Pionk has been in the car-buying mood for several months but like the majority of citizens these car-scarce days, hasn't had any forced on him. Following a tour of several dealers recently, William, accompanied by the aforementioned Shuford, visited an out-of-town establishment he had contacted before and saw exactly what he wanted — a midnight blue Mercury club coupe.

"That's my car," William drooled to the dealer. "Sorry, it isn't" the dealer replied. "That's already sold. I think."

William was right put out about it, but the dealer promised that he would offer it to him in the event the first customer changed his mind.

William returned home, and Tolly to Bessemer City.

Tolly, his nimble brain ever on edge, decided it would be a bright idea to tease William a little. Tolly recruited Dave Coon, of the Bessemer City Coons, to call William and pose as the dealer. And Dave turned out to be a good actor.

When the telephone connections were made, Dave said, "Mr. Pionk, this is the dealer you talked to yesterday. The fellow didn't take the coupe and we'll be glad to talk to you about it. Can you come over in the morning between 8 and 9 o'clock?" "In the morning!" William yelled. "I can come right now."

"No," Dave said. "I have to go out in about an hour and it would be better for you to come tomorrow morning."

Tolly reasoned this was sufficient bait for William to take off immediately, and, not wishing particularly to undergo too much Pionk ire, decided in a matter of five minutes that it was time to call up and confess.

He called Pionk Brothers, and Mike Milam answered the phone. Mike replied that William had already gone to Gastonia. Tolly didn't like this so much, and did not necessarily believe Mike. He called a little later. This time Mr. J. O. answered the phone.

"Why, no," he replied. "William isn't here. He went off somewhere. To Gastonia I think."

Tolly still wasn't satisfied. A few minutes later he called again. This time Louise Wright answered the phone.

"No, he isn't here," she said. "He took off for Gastonia about 20 minutes ago, with a blank check in his hand."

When Tolly visited Pionk Brothers the next day, it was with fear and trembling. He took off his hat and threw it in the door. It stuck, but when he himself arrived, the pet-cock on the steam valve had broken. William said, in effect, that he was crossing Tolly off his books.

Have you ever heard of a tree frog? A policeman friend of mine, a veteran of many years, was recently awakened one night with a plaintive request from a citizen, who said a tree frog kept croaking beside his window and kept him from sleeping. My policeman friend reasoned that the caller could climb a tree as easily as he could and told him to go to work, that tree frog troubles would come under the city electrical department rather than the police department.

"Gee," he commented. "I've been called for a lot of things, to break up husband-wife fights, to arrest robbers, or to clear wrecks, but I never did have any calls to handle a tree frog."

Arrived wisdom: Once you begin to draw on savings, they disappear like ice in spring.

Have you ever been lonely, and want something, and then wonder why?

Before the establishment of standard time on November 18, 1883 American railroads were using about 100 different standards of time.

Members of the Junior Womens club will be entertained at Lake Montonia Monday evening. S. R. Suber has returned from a business trip to Atlanta, Ga. Miss Margaret Cornwell spent last week in Greenville, S. C.

Letter To Editor

What would be more pleasing to the ears of the Devil's crowd than to get a lie told on one of God's servants? That is just what happened Rev. J. Harold Smith came to Spindale, N. C., put up his Gospel Tent and began to preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus and to highly condemn SIN. These services continued three weeks, with results of many lost souls being saved and negligent Christians being saved.

Some of Rev. Smith's sermons were, "What I Would do if I were the Devil in Spindale," "God's Three Dead Lines," "The Scarlet Sin, Adultery," "Fence Straddlers," "Some Sure Signs of the Second Coming of Christ," "The Suffering of Christ," "The Great Speckled Bird," "World Enemy No. 1" "The Liquor Problem." The latter is the one that we wish to refer to. On Sunday Afternoon, June 27, 11 adults from the Second Baptist church of Kings Mountain, N. C., drove over to hear this dynamic servant of God preach on the SIN that has broken up so many homes and damned untold numbers of souls. Just as Rev. Smith was about half way through his message, we witnessed a very terrific wind and rain storm. Trees near the tent were uprooted, buildings unroofed, and great exciting things were going on, but thanks be unto God for sparing the good old Gospel Tent. Before we could get to Kings Mountain, our relatives heard that the tent was completely destroyed and many people hurt. A long distance telephone call to Rev. Felix Wagner, pastor of Spencer Baptist church, as information about the tent after our people left assured us that Rev. Smith was on his way for another two weeks revival and no major damage was done during the storm.

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Mrs. Clyde Gladden

By Way Of Mention

Lois Beattie

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ladd of Gastonia spent Sunday afternoon here with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Riley and son, Roger Dale, and Mrs. Frank Gladden and daughter, Frankie, spent Sunday afternoon with their grandmother, Mrs. John Turner of Beams Mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hullender and guests spent Sunday in the mountains due to car trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Payne spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Fuller of Belmont.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Wright had as their guests Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brady of Gastonia.

Mrs. Adam Byers and daughters, Juanita and Miss Allene Barrette and Mrs. Jennie Ross spent Sunday in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Loranza Blanton and Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Blanton and Mr. Buren Blanton spent the week end at Carolina Beach.

Mr. Ed Hill spent Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. Bonnie Ruth Hill of Forest City.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wray and children and Mr. Carol Allen spent Sunday at Fontana Dam.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Rice and Mrs. J. I. Hope spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Gus Rector of Gastonia.

Mr. and Mrs. James West of Spindale are spending this week here with relatives.

Bryn Mawr College, an educational institution for women located at Bryn Mawr, Pa., was founded in 1880.

Approximately 1 million acres of land in Nebraska are under irrigation.

NEWS VIEWS



BY J. G. DARRACOTT

Major General Craigie, director of Air Force research, claims we ought to give more publicity to our new weapons and military developments. The General thinks secrets are fine, but they are apt to be as misleading as a Malay road sign. If you go around acting as though you have nothing worse than a bean-shooter for your defense someone may get a notion to try to take your wallet away from you. If you have muscles, a judicious showing from time to time will make any interested aggressors think twice before they start trying to push you around. Sounds like the General's got a point that's sharper than a brass tack.

Two big events are on the upcoming local calendar. Sixth Annual Lions Club Horse Show Labor Day, and the Bethware Fair Sept. 16-18.

A Columbus, Indiana newlywed went to his doctor with severe head pains, and the Doc found he had rice in his ears. It's a good thing no one threw old shoes. And a good thing for you to do is patronize WESTERN AUTO ASSOCIATE STORE. Looking for good healthy exercise? Come in and see our new selection of men's and women's bicycles. (Good for boys and girls, too). You'll be proud to own one of these sturdy and handsome bicycles. See them today. For information, phone 92.

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10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The high school band will give their final concert of the season Friday at 7:00 on the Carpenter Playground. Mr. Paul Hendricks, the capable band director, is leaving next week on his vacation.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
Honoring Miss Nancy DaShiel, of

Smithfield, Va., house guest of Miss Sara Kate Ormand, Miss Margaret Smith was luncheon hostess at Pine Knot last Thursday.

Mr. J. C. Williams was host at a most enjoyable picnic supper at his new cabin on last Thursday night at Lake Montonia.