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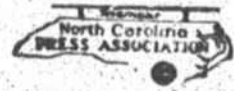
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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

It is God that avengeth me, and subdueth the people under me. Psalms 18:47.

Moot Points

As this is written, the city administration may, or may not, offer the voters options on the two points of the city charters which have caused most objection. They are (1) the voting method (some prefer the old method of voting for only one ward member), and (2) some prefer retention of the staggered term for school board trustees.

The city board, of course, finds it hard to forget that a large number of petitioners (more than 1,300) favored the system whereby everybody votes for everybody. The present method of voting for five council members seems to coincide more with democratic theories. By requiring residence in wards, each section of the city is represented. Yet by allowing all citizens to vote for one candidate from each ward, the elected representatives certainly feel more responsibility to the voters of ALL the city.

critically, the voting-for-everybody method also serves the theory of democracy better. The old ward system was more subject to control by a small group of citizens. Admittedly, the present method of voting for everybody probably makes a city election more costly to the candidates, but the voters don't mind this. They like the idea of voting for five candidates.

The Herald has favored the election of school board members for a two-year term for quite some time, basing its position on the fact that the staggered term breeds stagna-

tion and operates to stifle effective leadership. Opponents of the two-year term say (1) almost all educators support the staggered term, and (2) possibilities of complete take-overs make it possible to "ruin the schools." As to Objection Number 1, the Herald assumes it is natural for school men to prefer the status quo. They prefer a situation they can control. As to Objection Number 2, the Herald still has confidence in the basic wisdom of the citizens — which is the basic theory of all democracy. The Herald has no fears that the elected representatives of the people will "ruin the schools," and further takes the position that any man who has done a creditable job as a school board member will have no difficulty in winning reelection.

Some point to the staggered terms of the U. S. Senate as an example of necessity for continuance of the school board system as is. The records of some of the Senators point to the unfortunate result of these long terms. Think, for instance, how long this state had to put up with Bob Reynolds.

It all gets back to basic democracy. Frequent elections are the safeguard of the people. Democracy admits that it sometimes will make mistakes and that the Hitler-Stalin-Mussolini method is perhaps more efficient on the short term. But democracy can correct its mistakes via the ballot by the simple procedure of voting a man out of office.

Some Good

It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good. Cleveland County has been badly ravaged by polio this year, causing suffering to many in both mind and body.

It has caused continued delay in the opening of the county schools, and finally last week the ban was continued again, resulting in a decision to postpone the opening of county schools until October 14. It means that this year the county school children will get their instruction in an uninterrupted term from October to June.

This is some good, and would be of inestimable good if the people of the county would realize that the split term — in vogue for years to give the farmer some additional help during cotton-picking season — is largely waste motion as far as the education of the youth of the county is concerned.

Actually, more and more rural residents are reaching this conclusion, and there is some hope that it won't be long until the majority of rural residents will see that the education of their youth is more important than a few dollars saved on cotton-picking.

Though Regulation W was put on as a war measure when first government restrictions on civilian goods were invoked in 1941, the Herald has always liked the looks of those government regulations on consumer credit requiring one-third down payments on durable commodities such as cars, refrigerators, washing machines, etc. When President Truman

signs the bill, the restriction will be effective again. This restriction has benefit for both consumer and seller. It causes the buyer to start off with a nice equity in the goods he buys. He will therefore find it to his advantage to make the payments and keep his residence off Repossession Alley. Repossessions usually cost money to all. The buyer loses what he had in it, the seller frequently can't get his balance for the goods repossessed.

As suggested by the Herald and other papers, the state highway department has stationed a patrolman on Death Row between Kings Mountain and Gastonia. His sole duty is to patrol that eight-mile stretch of U. S. 74 and 29 which has taken an undue number of lives. While many of the accidents were, as usual, due to extra weight on the accelerator and other acts of "human error" by motorists, it is reasonable to believe that the regular presence of a trooper will have a settling effect on the situation. It's amazing what the news of a few traffic tickets can do.

The polio ban has made it a hard summer for the young folk of the community, what with no swimming, no movies, no Sunday school, no Scout meetings and all the other activities which make summer's free time the ambition and desire of children. But the precautions have been necessary. After the restricted activities of the summer, it is quite likely school, when it does start, will seem much less of a chore.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Finally acting on the tag Club's month-old petition, the city school board last Thursday unanimously passed a resolution which bans "public" dances in the new \$45,000

Items of news taken from the 1937 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

WPA gymnasium. SOCIAL AND PERSONAL Miss Helen Hay entertained at two tables of bridge on last Wednesday evening including in her guests

martin's medicine

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

An Accident

It was hard to tell for a momentary second whether Harold Coggins was a whirling dervish, a gazelle, or a ballet dancer. Then, as he fell and flattened out the soil with a pop, it was pretty evident that Harold was neither of the above three. The whole business would have been pretty funny, had it not been Harold broke his leg in the process.

Which is by way of reporting the (shall we say?) auspicious grand opening of Ned McGill's golf emporium on the Gastonia road.

What made me feel so bad about the whole thing was that Tolly Shuford and I had insisted that Harold come along and participate in the fun. Harold suggested, since the hour was 9 p. m., he'd better rain-check the engagement as his pass was about out as he had learned the wise husband does not overstay his pass. Such frivolity boy get by in the army, but not in civilian life. But we insisted, so Harold, holding the advantage of being several blocks from home, made a quick phone call and got an extension.

By bucketful No. 2 Harold was improving considerably, getting off good drives of 175 to 200 yards and more, and he was already debating the possibility of going into the golf business on a permanent basis. Then Bill Hook of Bessemer City began hitting them. With the finesse of an expert, he rattled off long drives at every stroke and Harold saw a good chance to get some instruction (free). Bill showed him the proper grip, and Harold stood over on the grass taking some practice swings. "That's the way," Bill remarked, "now put some power in it." With that, Pupil Coggins, feeling real chesty over the compliment, took a mighty swing, whirled around like a spinning top, then hit the canvas. He must know just how Casey felt when that Mighty Man of Mudville struck out.

When Harold reported intense pain, a definite "pop" in the right leg, etc., the onlookers immediately became nurses aides. Putting the old Boy Scout training into action on Harold's directions, somebody grabbed a five-dollar piece of lumber (about three feet of 4-inch molding) and it was tied to the injured leg with a couple of handkerchiefs. Harold, who is about as light as a hog at killing time, was loaded by several into the auto, and a speedy trip was made to the home of Dr. J. E. Anthony, so speedy, in fact, that Harold forgot his leg long enough to remark that he'd prefer going slower, and lose the leg if necessary, rather than wind up around a telephone pole.

Doc had been asleep and either didn't understand we had Heavy Harold with us, or forgot about those two long tiers of steps leading to the Anthony side porch. Anyway, he ordered us to bring the patient up. Well, Tolly and I brought him up, though I suppose the word "dragged" would be more applicable. Then an X-Ray was found necessary, so we were told to take the patient to Doc's office. Here Tolly, who has never been known to take any undue physical exertion since leaving the wilds of Antioch cotton land, came in handy. He decided that Otis Falls, who has had much experience in this nurses' aide business would come in mighty handy, so we stopped and asked him to come along. Otis handled the problem nicely. When we reached the Anthony office, he merely lifted Harold out of the car and carried him in all alone. "Is he heavy?" Tolly asked, laughing to himself. "Not quite like totin' a sack of flour," Otis replied, "but not too heavy. Biggest trouble was getting through the doors. He and I both are a little wide in the middle."

After snapshooting as clean and neat a break as one could ask for, Doc went to work, with the able assistance of Falls, Shuford and Harmon. Coggins was hurtin' a little more by now, and it was then that Shuford got real cruel.

"Doc," he asked, "you charge a good little bit for a job like this, and at night too, don't you?" You could hear Harold's breath

list members of her bridge club and her attractive house-guest, Miss Nell Hay of Raleigh.

Mrs. E. W. Griffin was luncheon hostess on last Wednesday, honoring Mrs. S. A. Rhyne of Statesville, and Miss Jewel Parker, of Orlando, Fla., house guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. R. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller were hosts at three tables of bridge on Tuesday evening.

suck it. "Just double," was Dr. Anthony's encouraging reply. By this time Harold had plumb passed out, and when he awakened he had a nice white cast on his right leg.

This occasioned a story from Otis. A child had fallen off a truck near Otis's place one day, and Otis had rushed the youngster down to Bill Ramsour's office. It was a nasty break, and Doc Bill decided the child should be put to sleep. He forthwith brought out the ether and started administering it. Otis was standing close by watching the process. It about two minutes, though the child was still very much awake, Otis was dead asleep. Otis came to with cold water being thrown into his face, but they never did get the child asleep.

Haven't heard yet what disciplinary measures were taken on Harold's unfortunate over-staying of his pass.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA Department of State PRELIMINARY CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION

To All to Whom These Presents May Come—Greeting:

Whereas, it appears to my satisfaction by duly authenticated record at the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof by the unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office, that the VICTORY GIN COMPANY, a corporation of this State, whose principal office is situated at No. Ridge and City Streets, in the City of Kings Mountain, County of Cleveland, State of North Carolina (J. E. Herndon being the agent therein and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served), has complied with the requirements of Chapter 55, General Statutes, entitled "Corporations," preliminary to the issuing of this Certificate of Dissolution:

Now Therefore, I, Thad Eure, Secretary of State of the State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 24th day of July, 1948, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by all the stockholders thereof, which said consent and the record of the proceedings aforesaid are now on file in my said office as provided by law.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Raleigh, this 24th day of July, A. D., 1948.

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