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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For there is no respect of persons with God. Romans 2:11.

### Another Election

There is another election on June 4th. It will determine whether North Carolina shall borrow \$200 million for rural road building and raise its gas tax one-cent, and also whether the state shall borrow \$25 million to aid construction of school buildings.

Senator Lee B. Weathers, of Shelby, in an address before the annual joint meeting of the Kiwanis and Lions clubs May 12, said he supported the school bonds, not only on the basis of needs, but for plain good business. Senator Weathers said Cleveland County share of the \$25,000,000 (which is to be prorated on the basis of school enrollment) would approximate \$400,000.

Though he didn't tell the Lions and Kiwanians how to vote on the road bond election, he indicated — through a review of the legislative record — that he opposed the road bond issue. Mr. Weathers belonged to the group which favored offering of a \$100 million issue. He indicated doubts that the state can wisely spend \$200 million, in addition to the regular highway revenues, during the ensuing four years.

There hasn't been too much discussion, locally, on the forthcoming bond elections. It is assumed that the rural vote will favor the road proposals, though one prominent farmer (who lives on a dirt road) said the Scott supporters weren't lined up 100 percent for his road program.

Special interest groups are already at work on the matter. Spearheading the fight against the road bonds is the association of petroleum dealers. Favoring the road bonds are the heads of the farm bureau and a number of other organizations.

The average citizen (a large number of farmers will be in this category) will find himself in the middle ground, not aligned with any special interest group.

It will be up to him to determine whether it is good business for North Carolina to borrow this money.

The First National Bank announced last week expansion of services via a new agricultural division and appointment of a special farm representative. M. E. Stanton is well-qualified for this position and the farmers who avail themselves of this new service will find it to their advantage.

Congratulations are in order to the members of the county hospital board of trustees and particularly to the Number 4 township members, including those on the board now and in prior years.

## martin's medicine

By Martin Harmon

(Containing bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment to be taken weekly. Avoid over-dosage.)

### Banana Splits

Impetus for today's piece is twofold.

Most immediate was the big multi-colored sign back of the fountain at Kings Mountain Drug Company Saturday which enticingly invited the customers to indulge in a banana split at the non-inflation price of 19c.

The other is my old "split" experience. Back in the good old days when I was taking on a short career as a soda jerk, I apprenticed on banana splits and became something of an expert. At least, I reached the point where I could make one occasionally without missing up the fountain, and this was the principal test, though speed also entered in.

Should our younger readers be in doubt as to just what this "body" fountain delicacy is, a definition would seem in order. A banana split gets its name from splitting the banana. Other ingredients include three different brands of ice cream, assorted nuts, syrup covered fruits, chocolate syrup, whipped cream, one red cherry.

Preparation of a split is very simple. Split a banana down-center the long way, then lay it on the banana split tray (either silver or glass). On the banana halves, superimpose three scoops of ice cream, one vanilla, one cherry, one peach. Sprinkle on chocolate syrup (amount to depend on whim of customer.) Throw on concoction of fruits and walnuts. Douse with whipped cream, then garnish with cherry over center scoop of ice cream. Serve immediately and collect on delivery. After eating a bunch of stuff like that the customer might not be able to walk out.

Back in the good old "split" days, the regular price was 25 cents, but we served 'em up as a Saturday special at 10 cents a throw. Even so there were some proud parents who would bring in a whole drove of youngsters for a Saturday treat and ask for a quantity discount. Bananas were purchased by the bunches, and business began as early as 10 in the morning and continued throughout the afternoon and evening.

Of course, the recipe given above was not completely followed on the 10-cent special. As I recall, we soda jerkers had a special ice cream scoop built for special splits alone, which gave a smaller quantity of ice cream than the regular nicker scoop. We left off the whipped cream, and sometimes the cherry during a big rush. It's a good thing we did. Had the full recipe been used, the present operators of the establishment would have long since been sold out by the sheriff.

Even so, the split we doled out for a dime was a full meal in itself, and there were few who ordered two at one setting. The usual case when that happened was that the eyes were bigger than the tummy.

I remember one classic exception. A woman, who turned out to be Jim Anthony's customer, sat down behind me and she saw a split. As Jim (who never cottoned to the split business anyway) passed by the table she hauled him in and said she wanted to order something else. Jim mentally noted the bicarbonates of soda stock and started off. But he was jerked to astonished attention by an order for a chocolate sundae. Jim returned to the fountain mad as a wet hen and muttering something about "damn glutton." When he later went back to clear the table, there wasn't a speck of syrup left, let alone a good full bite.

The split business also reminds me of a terrible and uncalled for act I pulled on a split customer, and one which I still think of — embarrassedly — every time I see the guy. It was late on a hot Saturday night and we had been turning out splits all day. At a minute after midnight (the drug store hours ran 7 a. m. 'til in those days), Johnny Elam walked in. We were trying to get closed up, and when he ordered a split it was the last straw.

With a chip on my shoulder, I informed him that Saturday was already by the boards, and his split would cost him the fourth part of a dollar.

Johnny put on a chip, too, and replied, "I don't care what it costs. I want a split."

No, never have I seen Johnny Elam since, without remembering that split incident.

The return of the split at the now-record price of 19 cents must

surely mean that inflation is over and normalcy has returned. Every body should eat a split just once in his life, but I pity the fountain departments . . .

### Dairymen Advised To Prevent Bloat

When hungry cattle graze on legume crops before these crops have reached the bloom stage, they will oftentimes bloat. If dairymen keep cows off legume grazing until these crops have reached the bloom stage, much potential milk from such grazing will be lost.

Every dairyman, therefore, faces the problem of how to graze these crops and still prevent bloat. Fortunately, says A. C. Kimrey, extension dairyman at State College, this can be done.

When a cow eats any kind of feed, Kimrey explains, a large quantity of gas forms in her stomach. Normally this gas pressure is relieved when fibrous feeds tickle the inner lining of the cow's stomach and cause belching.

However, an empty cow grazing on sappy legumes fills her stomach with soft, slimy material which does not cause the animal to belch. As a result gas, which is a normal by-product of digestion, accumulates in the stomach and causes bloat. Unless the animal is given prompt relief, she may die.

If the legume pasture is about 50 percent grass, most potential bloat will not happen, says Kimrey. Or, he adds, if a reasonable amount of good quality hay is fed to the cow before she is put out, she usually will not bloat. For this purpose, oat hay, Sudan or other good grass hay, as well as the various legume hays, will prove satisfactory. The hay must be palatable or the cow will not eat enough of it to do the job.

Kimrey says that where practicable, a rack filled with good hay should be placed in the pasture or adjacent to it. This practice will prevent many cases of bloat.

If bloat does occur in spite of precautions, call a veterinarian, advises the extension dairyman. In the meantime, tie a stick in the cow's mouth and keep her walking as much as possible. Many dairymen are reporting favorable results from drenching the bloated animal with half a soft-drink bottle of either kerosene or mineral oil.

A gold nugget found in 1889 weighed 157 pounds according to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

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Three members of the Kings Mountain Fire Department — Elmo Bridges, Hoyle McDaniel and Paul Kirk Falls — are attending the three-day session of the N. C. State Firemen's school at Wilmington.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The American Legion Auxiliary held its May meeting on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Eugene Mathis.

Mrs. Bessie Gantt, Mrs. H. R. Par-

ton and Mrs. Timmons Ford were hostesses to their missionary circle of Central Methodist church Monday afternoon.

Misses Fanny Carpenter and Paulella Adair were hostesses to the members of the Business Womens circle of First Baptist church Monday evening.

The Judson circle of First Baptist church met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Ed. Ford.

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