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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life. Proverbs 6:23.

County Races

At 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon, the deadline passed for filing for county political offices, and it appears that Cleveland County citizens will be in for an interesting six weeks.

Though many offices are uncontested, there are sufficient contests to generate plenty of enthusiasm on the part of the average citizen. Actually, it would take only one race—the sheriff's contest—to generate the enthusiasm, for the sheriff's race always attracts more interest than any other.

Most people will tell you that Former Sheriff Raymond Cline is the man to beat in this primary fight, though many will add that they are voting for either incumbent Hugh A. Logan, Jr., or Former Deputy Haywood Allen. Observers will add that considerable heat and fire will come out of this race before the May 27th voting. It has all the elements of a three-way grudge fight. Mr. Cline is an old antagonist of Former Sheriff I. M. Allen, father of the current candidate for sheriff. And Haywood Allen is the former chief deputy of Sheriff Logan.

But the purpose of this editorial was not to get involved in the sheriff's personality fight, but to comment on the candidacies of Wayne L. Ware and Whitney Wells for the county board of education and of Hazel B. Bumgardner for the county board of commissioners.

The Herald naturally has a keen interest in its own, meaning the Kings Mountain area candidates, and wishes each of them well in the May voting. The Herald has a particular interest in the local area candidates, for East Cleveland has been without much representation in county affairs during the past two years.

Ollie Harris is the county coroner and R. L. Plonk and W. H. Lutz are members of the county board of school trustees. Otherwise, representatives from this area have been hard to find when checking the geographic roll.

It behooves all Kings Mountain people to support their own candidates, and the Herald believes they will get some help in other parts of the county as well.

Effort is being made to expand the membership of the Farm Bureau in Cleveland County and success is being reported. A number of farmers are becoming members in the Beth-Ware community. The Farm Bureau is a farmer's trade association, just as merchants' associations are the trade associations of merchants, and the National Association of Manufacturers is the trade association of manufacturers. It would seem logical that farmers should join the Farm Bureau.

The Herald hopes that the city board of commissioners will see its way clear to install the necessary sewer line on Sims street. The sewer problem in this area is very bad, indeed, and no great amount of money is required to install the line. That area of Kings Mountain is a fast-growing one and should have this attention.

Most folks have their fingers crossed on the approaching foreclosure sale on DuCourt Mills, Inc., properties. They are highly hopeful that the properties will be purchased by reliable manufacturing interests who can put the mill in operation in the near future.

Census-taking time is about to end in the City of Kings Mountain for another ten years. Persons who have not been counted should call their enumerators, or drop them cards. Likelihood is that persons missed were away from home when the enumerator called.

Kings Mountain citizens regret to learn that W. B. (Bill) Thomson is leaving Kings Mountain to accept a position in Concord. While they will rejoice at his promotion in the field of textiles, they regard the Thomson family as one they regret to lose.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news taken from the 1940 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

The Kings Mountain Lions club, Tuesday afternoon, was hosts Tuesday evening to farmers throughout the county. Commissioner W. Kerr Scott was the main speaker.

Mrs. E. A. Smith was hostess to her bridge club entertaining at her home Tuesday afternoon. The Business Woman's Circle of the First Baptist church met at the home of Mrs. J. K. Willis on Monday evening with Mrs. Willis

Among those who accompanied the band to Greensboro for the State Music contest were: Mr. and Mrs. Byron Keeter, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hamrick, Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Baker, Mrs. L. V. Shuford, and Superintendent and Mrs. B. N. Barnes.

martin's medicine

By Martin Harmon

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

Tales Of Spring

Spring is about to come, in spite of the dying gasps of 1949-50 King Winter, and this means two big new seasons for two medicinal favorites, baseball and politics.

Both produce a lot of good stories, a lot of excitement, and a lot of fun—if you don't take either too seriously.

But we'll start with baseball, which officially opened in the major leagues this week, and which already sees the high school boys tolling for victory on the diamond.

William Plonk, the Legion Post's athletic director, has been a rabid baseball fan for a long time, dating back several grey hairs to the days when he was secretary to then-Congressman Yates Webb in Washington and when Walter Johnson was the best pitcher in baseball. But William told a new one on himself the other night, which he'd never heard before. It was his one and only experience as an umpire and resulted in a decision never to touch any similar duty the rest of his life.

In France, during the first World War, there was a civilian civil service group, which, while working for the army, was otherwise free of the rigors of service discipline, and this seeming favored treatment did not please the servicemen of that day too well, and particularly a marine corps detachment stationed in the area.

Both groups had a baseball team, and the marines challenged the civil service outfit to a game, quite confident of course, that the lousy civil service boys couldn't play baseball. The game was scheduled several days prior to the playing date and the marines were as self-confident then as they were in World War II. The wagers were flying thick and fast, and it was not unusual for a marine to give heavy odds and bet his all on the marine baseball team.

It was against this background that William got involved, just by being a nice fellow. No base umpire was to be found, and William, an army sergeant, was about the closest neutral person available, and he agreed to serve.

To shorten a long story, the marines were not as superior as they thought they were, though they did enter the first of the ninth with a 2-1 lead. Here things started to pop. The first civil service walked, and the next batter really talked one. The first runner scored, and the hitter rounded second charging for third. Umpire Plonk was behind the play between short and second and the throw was close. From the Plonk vantage point, the runner was safe and he spread his hands in the familiar way. The marines started hollering bloody murder, and to make matters worse, the next civil service sent a Texas Leaguer over short to put the marines behind 3-2. Bedlam was the keynote as the marine batters went down one, two, three.

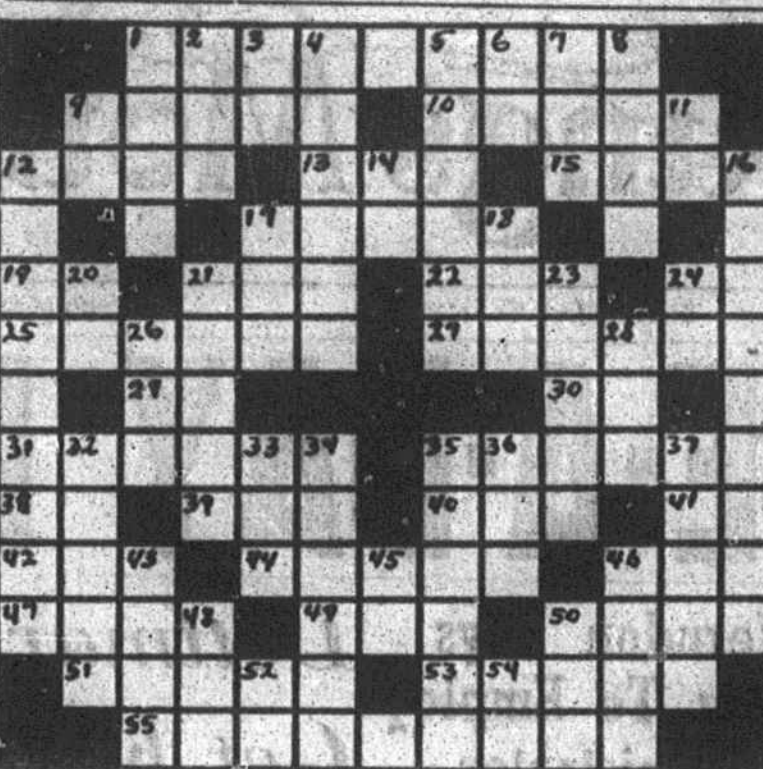
William was not unaware of the bedlam in the stands and, frankly, was not feeling too happy about the matter. So it was with great relief that he found himself beset, a young marine lieutenant, he was known in Washington, "You'd better come with me, and fast!" the lieutenant said, "for these guys are in mighty bad spirits."

About a week later, a group of marines accosted the other umpire and accused him of being Umpire Plonk. When he protested that they had the wrong fellow, it made 'em even angrier, and they beat the poor innocent guy to a pulp. William said he didn't leave his quarters for a month thereafter. Ever since, he has taken his baseball from the safety of the stands.

Politics has its funny stories too, and reminds that a man really gets it rough when he has the temerity to put his name on a ballot. Congressman Candidate Charles Hamilton found it out here recently. Mr. Hamilton is conducting an intensive person-to-person campaign and, in this instance, made the mistake of collaring a man with rather considerable Republican proclivities. Candidate Hamilton was brightly summing up his political history along this vein: "I've been clerk of Gaston County Superior Court, I'm a war veteran, and I've been an active Democrat all my life. I've never scratched a Democratic ticket."

The Kings Mountain gentleman had been listening quietly, but his Republican leanings had all they could take. "Now, or scratched a ticket huh?" he asked. "Well, all I got to say then is you're a damned fool!" The medicine department un-

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon



- ACROSS**
- 1—The "top men" in a republic
 - 9—Void of embellishment
 - 10—Design
 - 12—Part of the day
 - 13—Part of the day
 - 15—Measured duration
 - 17—The things a candidate for public office needs
 - 19—Patent
 - 21—A cavity
 - 22—The president of an assembly has to do this for attention
 - 24—Personal pronoun
 - 25—Language peculiar to a people (pl.)
 - 27—Pictureque
 - 28—Royal Law (abbrev.)
 - 29—Measure of area
 - 31—Part of the human limbs (pl.)
 - 35—Soluble mineral salt
 - 36—Symbol for tantalum
 - 39—Compass direction
 - 40—United States Senate (abbrev.)
 - 41—American Officeholders (abbrev.)
 - 42—To subside
- DOWN**
- 1—Scheme
 - 2—What the candidate did for election
 - 3—Either (abbrev.)
 - 4—Grinnace (colloq.)
 - 5—Eaters
 - 6—Man's nickname
 - 7—Snare
 - 8—Animal appendage
 - 9—Italian river
 - 11—Chemical symbol for arsenum
 - 12—Proposed a candidate for office
 - 14—Weight (abbrev.)
 - 16—The act of choosing men for public office (pl.)
 - 17—Force
 - 18—Blighty part of a plant
 - 20—Newspaper
 - 21—Receive the votes of the people
 - 23—The highest parts
 - 24—Note of the musical scale
 - 26—To irritate
 - 28—National Recovery Administration (abbrev.)
 - 32—A vice viceroy of India
 - 33—Suffix used to denote feminine nouns
 - 34—A legislative body
 - 35—Down of the day
 - 36—Abbreviation for tank-landing craft
 - 37—Scottish landed proprietor
 - 43—A kind of meat
 - 45—Officer of the guard (abbrev.)
 - 46—Secured
 - 48—Scottish "so"
 - 50—Consumed
 - 52—Standard Deviation (abbrev.)
 - 54—Toward

See The Want Ad Section For This Week's Completed Puzzle

Other Editor's Viewpoints

FOR A CLEAN CAMPAIGN

(Kinston Daily Free Press)

There's an old saying that "everything is fair in love and politics." The saying is more theoretical than practical.

The Free Press had hoped that the United States senatorial race so far as the principal candidates were concerned would be kept decent and clean, free of mud-slinging. This paper was distinctly disappointed the other night when Willis Smith, who is opposing Senator Frank P. Graham, stooped to the tactics of insinuation and innuendo to attack Frank Graham and ascribe to him unpatriotic and subversive motives. It was beneath the dignity of the campaign that Mr. Smith was expected to conduct.

There are those in the State and elsewhere who have undertaken in the past to ascribe ulterior and subversive motives to Frank Graham and each time his traducers have come off as bad losers. Every investigation and inquiry has resulted in strengthening him in the esteem of the people of this State and the country. Frank Graham may be more liberal in some of his views than are the rank and file of his fellow citizens. But they don't lack confidence in his integrity, in his ability and in the great service that he has rendered in every capacity in which he has served. As a teacher, as president of a great University, as an emissary many times of his Government, as United States senator and in

stands that the conversation ended forthwith.

Springtime is famous in another category, too, and there was considerable evidence on Sunday afternoon in the Kings Mountain Battleground area. Cruising around through the park area, we saw one courtin' couple stopped squarely in the middle of the road, and a short time later, passed another car where it was hard to tell who was sitting under the wheel, him or her.

But that subject would require more space than available for complete, conclusive, and decisive development...

every other capacity he has rendered a service second to none.

We apprehend that Mr. Smith or any others who undertake to traduce the character of Frank Graham, will find that the people will rally to his support and resent such attacks.

We repeat, let's keep the campaign clean and decent.

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