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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

A man shall be commended according to his wisdom: but he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised. Proverbs 12:8.

Congress Contest

Democratic voters of the 11th Congressional district will have the opportunity of picking a new man for Congress on May 27th and a large hand in deciding whether Senator Frank P. Graham will remain in Washington, or whether Mr. Smith is really going there. The Herald doesn't mean to ignore Bob Reynolds in the senatorial fracas, but it does appear that Our Bob is going to be the Your Host of the N. C. Senate Derby.

Though the good Democrats of this district will have final word on who is chosen to replace Major A. L. Bulwinkle, retiring after the current session as 11th district Congressman, interest in this four-man race does not compare with that in the race between Graham and Smith. Folk hereabouts get real red in the face when they discuss that one. Almost uniformly, they are violently for the one, and violently against the other.

Unfortunately, thinking people feel, this contest is likely to set a record for political acrimony and mud-slinging, at least from the Smith campaign leaders, who are leaving no stone unturned in the effort to unseat Graham.

Actually, a check of the platform of each finds no material differences. Both are for the current parity program of farm payments and against the Branran plan. Otherwise, their official statements follow the same pattern, though Graham is a little more specific in his endorsements of international cooperation.

Much of the opposition to Graham locally stems from the fact that he was appointed by Governor W. Kerr Scott. It is a carry-over from the 1948 election. Mr. Scott was not supposed to be governor, and the old-line political control of the Piedmont is still unhappy about it.

Perhaps Mr. Smith could win in no other way, but he is the big-money candidate and if an election can be bought, the Smith forces mean to buy it.

Frank Graham, the man, is personally honest in extreme. And Willis Smith, too, is also known as a gentleman and man of honor. It is thus unfortunate that the atmosphere is clogged with the type of campaign being conducted by the Smith forces, appealing to race prejudice and perpetrating libels that Graham is red-tinted, plus other slanders.

In the milder, thus far clean Congressional campaign, Woodrow Jones, of Rutherfordton, appears most likely to succeed. His program is middle-of-the-road liberal (he is strong for a balanced budget) and otherwise satisfactory, and he is a hard-working scrapping campaigner. His Rutherfordton opponent, J. Nat Hamrick, is plagued with a Republican heritage in North Carolina politics, though Mr. Hamrick himself, the Herald understands, has always registered as a Democrat. Charles Hamilton, of Gastonia, will get an excellent at home vote, but he has to fight the fact in the other counties that Gaston has had the district Congressman since 1920, with a two-year exception.

Two weeks remain before voting day, and the Herald hopes that too many human steam valves don't pop in the intervening time.

The best wishes of the community will go with Rev. L. C. Pinnix and his family when they go to their new home and work at Drew, Miss. Mr. Pinnix has served the First Baptist church as pastor for almost six years, and the Pinnix family has many friends outside its own church, as well as among the First Baptist membership.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

The officers nominated by the Kings Mountain Lions Club for the coming year are: President, Tom Fuhan; 1st Vice President, M. A. Rhyne; 2nd Vice President, Holland Dixon; 3rd Vice President, R. D. Miller; Secretary, Carl Mauney; Treasurer, Otto Williams; Lion Tamer, J. G. Darracott; and Tail Twister, Kenneth Crook.

Mr. E. W. Griffin, State Chairman of Public Safety for the Federation of Woman's Clubs returned from Greensboro where she attended the annual convention of Federated Clubs held at

the King Cotton Hotel. SOCIAL AND PERSONAL Mrs. Claud Hambricht and Miss Eva Plonk were hostesses at a bridge entertaining at the home of the former on last Friday evening.

Miss Aida Jean Davis celebrated her tenth birthday anniversary by entertaining a number of her young friends at her home on Mountain street, Friday afternoon.

The Junior Woman's Club met Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Paul McGinnis with Mrs. McGinnis and Mrs. John Caveny

as hostesses. Miss Dorothy Plonk, student of Greensboro college, spent the past weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Plonk.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. High of Asheville will spend Mother's Day Sunday with Mrs. High's mother, Mrs. J. E. McLaughlin.

Edward Long of Council, N. C., spent the weekend with relatives in Kings Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Freland Tidwell, Mrs. Nina Wolfe and Miss Ethel Roberts spent Sunday in Asheville.

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

Maytime

Today's column, other than title, is not supposed to be kin to the operetta song of the same name, both famed for their heart-rending sentimentality.

But Maytime is here, and fact is moving along so swiftly that it won't be more than a snap of the fingers until the pleasant month which starts with the Maypole dance will be a matter for the historians and nothing more.

For the record, May started off as if there was going to be no Maytime at all. The thermometers got messed up and seemed to think dog days had already arrived until last Sunday, when the cool breezes blew. It could have been no more delightful than Lake Lure or some other mountain mecca.

May is not likely to stay cool long. In addition to being the month for the actual arrival of spring, May is also the month when the baseball season warms up, the month of school commencement exercises, and the month of politics in Kings Mountain and Cleveland county. Some think the biennial county-state political races are already hot enough, but the medicinal guess is that they will continue to get hotter in the weeks remaining before voting day.

Cleveland county folk are inclined to take their politics seriously, and many are rather heated in the pro and con feelings. Interest, of course, centers in the sheriff's race and the "big Senate" race, and these are likely to attract the biggest vote in this county.

Already much speculation is being advanced on how many voters will go to the polls on May 27 and some are predicting a record vote, in the Kings Mountain boxes at least. Though a new registration might have the effect of cutting down the vote, some point out that registering has been quite brisk and that those who are registered mean to vote, which sounds quite logical.

Jim Willis and I were arguing the matter the other afternoon, and Jim estimated the Cleveland county vote would run about 6,000. With the benefit of a look-see at the files for a check-up on former years, it appears Jim's estimate will be a bit short this season. The total vote in the 1946 primary for the five candidates for sheriff totaled 7,456. As usual, this total was the largest. In that year, 1,218 persons voted at the two Kings Mountain boxes.

Increased interest in voting brought about by a sheriff's race can be easily seen by comparing the 1948 figures, with no sheriff's contest, which show that Cleveland's total vote for the six gubernatorial candidates was only 6,424, while Kings Mountain cast only 896 votes in the same race.

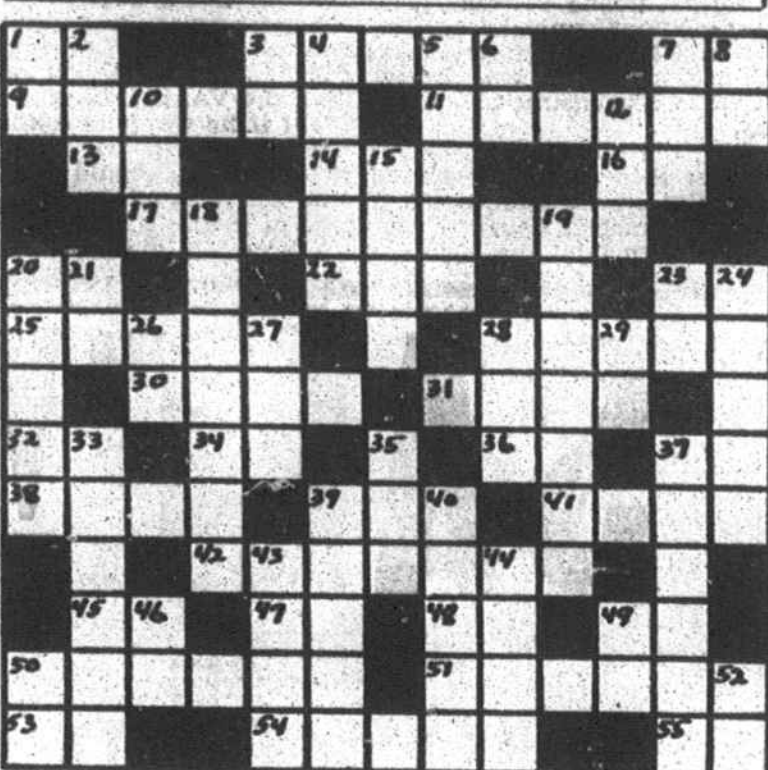
More evidence that voters go to the polls to cast ballots in a particular contest which has captured their imagination is to be noted in the 1948 returns for 11th district representative. Almost 1,200 more persons in this county voted for governor than for Major A. L. Bulwinkle or Clarence Ridings.

The candidates are out and about, and a good percentage of them were on hand for the county Democratic convention Saturday afternoon. All was sweetness and light at the convention, with everybody ostensibly loving everybody else. As usual, the convention itself was less important than the after-meeting handshaking and confabulation. All the candidates were as busy as one-armed paperhangers. They didn't want to miss a soul, and most of 'em didn't.

May might also be called "Men's Wear Month," less due to fashion than to the break into hot weather. The men react quickly to rising thermometers and waste no time buying straw hats, light-weight trousers, and other cooler garments. I thought I was going to be in pretty good shape for the summer season, with a full stock of summer trousers, and it was with real pocketbook comfort that I pulled out a four-year-old model last week. In the afternoon, I was having a conversation with Neighbor Bill Cooper, when Little Neighbor Billy Ramsey walked up. Bill and I were running on about this and that and the other, when Billy interrupted. "You've got a hole in your britches." And he was embarrassingly right.

Flying bridge down at J. C. Bridges the other night, I had an extra good run of cards and played up my annual spring picnic. This time it was a delicious contest of chewing gum.

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon



ACROSS

- Newspaper announcement
- Former rulers of one of the world's largest countries
- River in Italy
- Well-known capitol city
- Naval city
- Native of a large Asiatic country
- Naval city
- To have possession of
- Division of the Bible (abbrev.)
- Native of a Balkan country
- Most important of the Hawaiian Islands
- Precipitation
- Chemical symbol for silver
- Public conveyance (abbrev.)
- Southern U.S. state (abbrev.)
- Parental nickname
- Prefix denoting "half"
- Printer's measure (pl.)
- Son of Adam
- Canadian city (pos.)
- Parental nickname
- Indefinite article
- Prefix meaning "in"
- Compass direction
- World-famous man-made waterway
- English Channel city (pos.)
- Preposition
- Prewar German steel city
- "Yes" in Spain
- Man's nickname
- A title in Spain
- Towards
- Covers with crystals of frozen water
- Ceretics
- Chemical symbol for stannum
- Irish nickname for a man
- Prefix signifying "no"
- Tavern
- Compass direction
- Canadian province
- One of the continents (pos.)
- Largest continent (pos.)
- Southern U.S. State (abbrev.)
- Latin abbreviation meaning "that is"
- Scandinavian pledge of health
- Original Order (abbrev.)
- Acronym fluid
- Printer's measure
- Referring to a certain European country
- A collection of items of information
- Measures of the metric system
- Sicilian volcano (pos.)
- A Scandinavian
- Docile
- Soon, presently
- Indefinite article
- Chemical symbol for aluminum
- Ratio of the diameter of a circle to the circumference
- Steep island (abbrev.)

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

Other Editor's Viewpoints

MAKE UP OUR MINDS

(The Charlotte Observer)
As Dr. Edwin G. NOURSE, former chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, explained it the other day, balancing the budget by eliminating a \$7 billion deficit at one stroke would be such a dardaral operation that business might suffer as a result.

Dr. Nourse is no believer in deficit financing. The reason he resigned from the Council of Economic Advisers was that he could not, as he expressed it, accept "deficit spending as a way of life." But not even the most skillful surgeon would perform a multiple operation that might kill the patient. He performs one operation, lets the patient recover, then performs another, and finally gets through the whole process without fatal results.

That, as we understand it, is Dr. Nourse's plan for balancing the budget without doing too much damage to particular branches of business that might be hurt by a sudden stoppage of government spending for its products.

To simplify the illustration, let us suppose that the government is taking a \$100,000 a year in taxes from people who would otherwise be spending that \$100,000 for furniture. The government spends the \$100,000 for furniture with a North Carolina factory to furnish a hundred unnecessary offices.

Now suppose the appropriation for that furniture were suddenly cut off. The people who would have bought the furniture cannot buy it until the \$100,000 gets back in their hands in the form of reduced taxes. That would take a year. In the meantime the North Carolina furniture factory would be out \$100,000 in business. Of course the process would not be that simple, but you get the general idea: The government can spend nothing that it does not first take away from the people in taxes. When it takes the money, the people have that much less to spend. Only when their taxes are reduced can they begin spending the same money that the government is now spending. It takes a whole tax year for the money to get back to them.

Dr. Nourse, therefore suggests that a switch of \$3 billion of \$4 billion from government to private spending would be about all we could do in one year without too much shock to business. That would give us a two-year time table for balancing the budget, and he says we can do it if we make up our minds and stick to it.

STATEMENT

I am for Senator Graham's renomination to the United States Senate in the primary May 27th because:

- Senator Graham is one of the most outstanding, capable and distinguished public servants in North Carolina today.
- Senator Graham is not only well known and beloved in the state but is a national figure—yes, he is internationally respected.
- Senator Graham is in a position by virtue of his experience, his ability, and his attitude to render greater service to North Carolina, and to the nation, at the present time and in the near future than any other public servant in the state.
- Senator Graham was selected by President Roosevelt and by President Truman to serve in many diplomatic posts and on committees at home and abroad where he rendered outstanding service.
- Senator Graham's grasp of questions involving foreign relations is equal to, if not superior, to any man's in the United States Senate, and has been so recognized by his colleagues, Democratic and Republican.
- Senator Graham is a man of deep piety, activated by an abiding FAITH and Christian character. He lives his religion. He stands out as a shining example and an inspiration to the youth to emulate his virtues.
- Senator Graham is fair to both labor and capital. Each time that he has been appointed on a board to arbitrate differences his decision has been fair and so recognized by both sides. No legitimate industry need have any fears from Senator Graham's philosophy and attitude toward them.
- Senator Graham's sympathies are broad and considerate. Economically he has lived carefully all his life. He has never indulged in extravagancies in his private life. He is not a rich man.
- Senator Graham favors price supports for farm products and for a wage standard sufficiently high to enable the laborer to support his family in decency and reasonable comfort.
- Senator Graham has never opposed a reasonable minimum wage scale pay for workers in industry.
- Senator Graham is opposed to Federal legislation in the proposed Fair Employment Practices Commission Act with sanctions. Senator Graham believes in better racial relations and in religious tolerance, and advocates bringing such about by forces of education and religion, and opposed compulsory legislation.
- Senator Graham knows how to sympathize with the average man in his struggles to provide a decent budget for the family support.
- Senator Graham is a Democrat, has always been a Democrat. In the Congress he has helped to write the record of the Democratic party. In asking to be returned to the Senate he does not attack the Democratic record, nor the policies and principles of the Democratic party. Senator Graham does not attack anybody. In plain language Senator Graham states what he is for, and conducts a campaign free from mud slinging and personalities.
- Senator Graham favors balancing the national budget as soon as possible, but he also believes in building up our national defense against the possibility of sneak attacks (like Pearl Harbor), and these expenditures constitute 70% of the national expenditures. We can ill afford to do less until a lasting peace is established, and Senator Graham's services are invaluable to the nation in bringing about a lasting peace.

(Signed) B. T. FALLS
Co-Manager for Cleveland County for Senator Graham

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