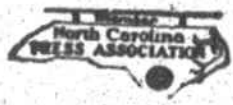


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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

A faithful man shall abound with blessings; but he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent. Proverbs 28:20.

Primary Post-Mortem

The May 27th Democratic primary is over, and most people find that they voted for some winners and some losers.

If there was any surprise in the results of the state-wide races, it was that Senator Frank Graham polled sufficient votes to lead by over 50,000 in the hot, bitter fight between him and Willis Smith. It was also surprising in some quarters that Robert R. Reynolds obtained as many votes as he did. Most people figured that Dr. Graham would lead the first primary, but not even his most ardent supporters would have guessed that his lead would be 50,000 votes.

The district race for 11th district Congressman went as expected. Charlie Hamilton, of Gastonia, piled up a 10 to 1 lead in his home county of Gaston, but fell by the wayside in the other six counties as Woodrow Jones carried each of the six. Mr. Jones further surprised some of his opposition—and some of his friends—by taking every precinct in his home county of Rutherford, in spite of the fact that two more Rutherford men were in the race.

In the local races, Kings Mountain elected one of three candidates facing primary opposition. Our best bow to Wayne L. Ware, who placed second in the sweepstakes affair for five school board nominations, and to Whitney Wells, also seeking a school board nomination, and Hazel Bumgardner, candidate for the county board of commissioners. Mr. Wells and Mr. Bumgardner failed of election, but they can feel mighty good, feeling sure they live among friends. Like Mr. Hamilton in Gaston, both Mr. Wells and Mr. Bumgardner were heavily supported by the homefolk. Mr. Wells led the two Kings Mountain boxes by more than 200 votes over Mr. Ware, who also was roundly supported at home, and Mr. Bumgardner ran up the amazing total of 1,761 votes out of a possible 2,197 in the three local boxes.

Our congratulations, too, to Will Blackburn, who obtained a clear majority for constable against four other candidates, and to Former Citizens Haywood Allen and Raymond Cline, who will settle the sheriff's matter on June 24.

Graduation Time

It's graduation season in schools and colleges all over the nation, and Kings Mountain is no exception, with some of its younger citizens graduating from colleges, and with another graduating class at Kings Mountain high school and at Beth-Ware high school.

In both instances, many of the graduates are on the threshold of putting away childish things and going into the business of earning a living. Others have more schooling in store for them, either for full college courses or in vocational training programs which will equip them with more tools of particular trades, be it sewing, running a machine, a typewriter, or a farm.

The best advice, of course, is to urge all high school graduates who can to continue their schooling. The year, 1949, even more than 1948, is a day of specialities, brought about by mass production. Just as a doctor frequently specializes in one phase of the profession, so it is true in employment outside the professions. And it is important to be equipped. Given the tools, a man or woman is supposed to be at a better advantage than another of comparable imagination, ability to learn, and will to work. Success depends on these.

But the last-mentioned traits of character are the most important. No amount of learning can compensate for lack of ambition and energy.

Our best wishes to the several classes of '50 and the Kings Mountain representatives in them.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

W. K. Mauney, prominent local Church and Civic leader, and Mrs. Mauney, have offered to Le-noir-Rhine College, where Mr. Mauney is a member of the board of Trustees, an endowment of \$25,000, according to an announcement made to the College Monday, during Alumni Day activities.

meet Monday evening, June 3, at the home of Mrs. Proctor Thompson, with Mrs. Thompson and Mrs. Nina Jackson as hostesses. Mrs. Jones Brown of Greensboro is spending the week with Mr. J. R. Davis.

Postmaster W. E. Blakely has returned from Asheville where he attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Chapter of the National Association of Postmas-

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
 The Junior Woman's Club will

Paul Neisler, Jr., is home from McCallie Prep School, in Knoxville, Tenn., for the summer holidays.

martin's medicine

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

Election Sidelights

One devoted lady reader of this column, who reads it she says, like I read Time Magazine (read three lines and cuss one), told me in the wee hours of last Sunday morning at a private election party that now that the primary was a matter of near-history, she hoped the medicinal dosage would get away from political ingredients. I do hope she'll forgive me one more time, and I believe she will.

Saturday's primary election, which was a record-breaker in the matter of total votes cast in Kings Mountain, as well as in North Carolina, but it was a quiet one in many ways, the decorum and peaceful attitude of the voters belied the intensity of the U. S. Senate and sheriff's contests. Chief N. M. Farr said he and his force had a light day's work, with a minimum of disturbance.

Folks here were interested first in the sheriff's race, second in the Senate race, and the other points in comparison, Judge Craig Falls, at the East Kings Mountain box, remarked that he was surprised to find many a person marking the county ballot, then throwing away the state ticket. "I regard the state tickets as most important," Craig remarked. The same thing must have happened at West Kings Mountain too, for several blank ballots were deposited in the state box.

The word "if" is undoubtedly the biggest word in our language, but it takes on a bigger usage among politicians, particularly in the post-mortem which always follows elections.

Thus one may assume that much speculation was going on around the state campaign headquarters of both Senator Frank Graham and Second-Runner Willis Smith in the "if" vein. Unquestionably the Graham folks were saying: "If Bob Reynolds hadn't run, we'd have won it hands down." "If Frank Graham hadn't developed pneumonia, he'd have had a clear majority anyway."

On the other hand, the Smith forces will be "if-fing" in this manner: "If Bob Reynolds hadn't run, we'd have won." "If we'd started earlier we'd have won." "If it hadn't been for Dr. Pearson, we'd have won."

In the sheriff's race, it's a sure bet that Sheriff Logan's forces will "if" for many years over the last-week development of the McSwain reward money mess, regardless of the effect it had. Some will contend it ruined him, others (and some of them Logan supporters) say it had no effect at all, and if any, strengthened him.

So it goes, and reminds of the old saying about the bullfrog. The frog would live a happier life if he had wings.

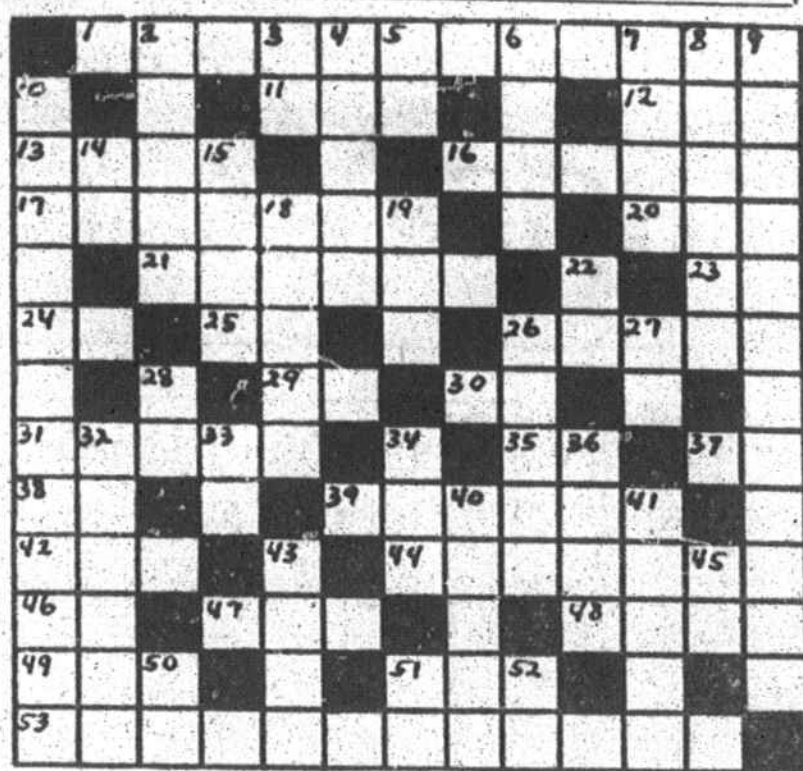
Most average folks dread the second primary, if there is a voting on June 24, and (this being written on May 29, before the candidates make up their minds) there are too many possibilities to indicate there won't be one in some category. They dread it because second primaries have a habit of becoming somewhat rough and rugged, as was tasted in the U. S. Senate race.

I figure things were pretty busy among the Smith forces (Graham's, too) in Raleigh over the weekend, but the strain was on the Smith folk. Their candidate was 50,000 votes behind, and that's a lot of votes. In spite of the fact that Smith ran in the hope of drawing it out to two primaries—as Scott did in 1948—he and his supporters must examine the campaign expenses of the first race, then examine the contributors' list to see if the big contributors are willing to do a repeat performance. Some will, some won't. Some, even those who were originally his most militant supporters, will look at the 50,000 votes, examine their check-books, then remember the old axiom Ben Franklin or some other philosopher put out about throwing good money after bad. It will be hard for Smith to overcome the defeatist complex generated among some of his supporters by a 50,000 vote deficit.

Dotted Notes: Early-bird voters in the three local boxes may or may not have got the worm, as far as voting for winners was concerned, but the three early birds who cast their ballots in their respective boxes here were: at East Kings Mountain, D. B. Blalock, at West Kings Mountain, Plato Heavener, and at Beth-Ware, Hal Morris. . . . second and third voters at the West box were Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Allen. . . . Otto Guyton, expert voter, had his fifth-grade-age daughter on the job too Satur-

CROSSWORD

By A. C. Gordon



- ACROSS**
- 1—Important part of the automobile
 - 11—Popular medium of travel
 - 12—A kind of truck
 - 13—Fishing equipment
 - 16—Public traveling conveyance
 - 17—Gauge for the automobile electrical system
 - 20—To place
 - 21—An account (noun)
 - 23—Exclamation of satisfaction
 - 24—Thus
 - 25—Summer Utopia
 - 26—An article welded dexterously by Dede
 - 28—Ranch performer
 - 29—Egyptian sun god
 - 30—That man
 - 31—In prosody, a foot consisting of a short syllable followed by a long one (pl)
 - 35—The man following the president (abbrev)
 - 37—Greek letter
- DOWN**
- 2—Details
 - 3—Note of the musical scale
 - 4—A kind of down
 - 5—A public traveling conveyance (abbrev)
 - 6—A fragrant ointment
 - 7—A flower
 - 8—One of the chief defenders of ancient Troy
 - 9—Utopian land found by hero of one of Hilton's books
 - 10—Part of an automobile that conducts the engine power to the axle
 - 14—Printer's measure
 - 15—Permits
 - 18—Travels for pleasure
 - 19—Scottish river
 - 22—Abbreviated "each"
 - 26—Even
 - 27—Thus
 - 28—To exist
 - 33—Soluble mineral salt
 - 34—Aviation term meaning "to turn the engine over"
 - 36—A horse's gait
 - 40—A dominant feature
 - 41—A depression in the abdomen
 - 43—An extent of plane surface
 - 45—Chemical symbol for neon
 - 50—District Attorney (abbrev)
 - 51—Laughing exclamation
 - 52—Parent

Other Editor's Viewpoints

SEES A NEW SOUTH

(The Camden, Maine, Herald)

We have just returned from the first far distant venture out of Maine in the past fifteen years. In most things fifteen years is a long time, but judging from the progress and obvious accomplishments made throughout the South during this period we were all impressed with the fact that little time has been wasted in making that section of the country a better place to live.

Instead of the inferior roads we traveled on previous trips, we were able to speed over the best surfaces we have ever traveled on. Instead of taking a chance on the places where we stopped, as in the past, we found them all uniformly good and noticed a tremendous amount of construction to increase these tourist facilities, under way.

We noticed much evidence of industrial expansion and farm improvement wherever we went, but probably the one thing that attracted our attention the most was the tremendous recently completed and in process new school construction throughout the South.

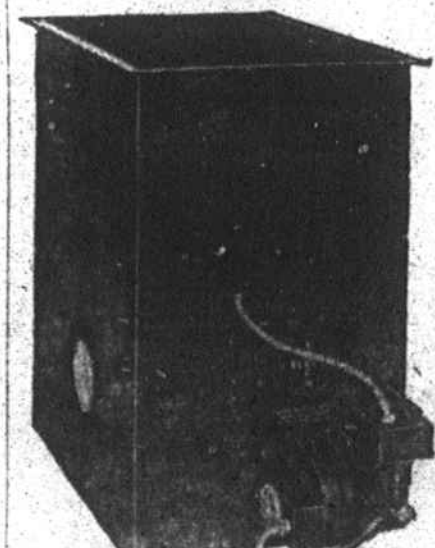
In many places we visited we made quick inspection of some of these buildings and found many towns and cities the size of Camden and cities the size of Camden for white and others for Negroes which apparently had been built from the same set of plans. It perhaps has been a long time in coming but the South is going all out to improve and raise its standard of living through educational advantages and industrial opportunities.

We returned with the feeling that the North, rather than trying day passing out cards for Hugh Logan, she was referring to the opposition candidates as "Puny" Allen and "Old-Man" Cline. . . . it became obvious quite early in the day that (Kings Mountain would vote a record total. . . . the pace was fast and registrars were blessed with "clean" books, which helped speed things along.

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