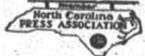




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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

But the Lord is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before Him. Habakkuk 2:20.

## A Recreation Policy

From recent activities and statements of its officers, it seems that the City Parks and Recreation commission has evolved a two-fold policy which includes 1) the presentation of a public recreation program, low in cost but attractive in appeal, and 2) a long term effort to obtain a many-utility recreation plant. Further inferences can also be drawn, among them that the recreation commission is expecting the plant to be a city-built operation, without the benefit of gifts, such as Shelby enjoyed. While gifts would be quite acceptable undoubtedly, it appears that no effort will be made to obtain them.

It also appears that Burlington Mills' Corporation's generous offer of a site tract will be declined. Some of the reasons are good and valid. If, indeed, a 50-acre tract is the aim, then the BurMil tract is too small. The cost of removing the Duke power line is also a limiting factor. However, the commission objection to BurMil's reversion clause does not seem too valid. Generally speaking, it is not unusual for donors to require that gifts be used for the designated projects.

Many people think it is high time the city makes a start on the recreation business, with swimming pools listed as tops on the list of needs. The recreation commission is recommending a \$150,000 bond issue to obtain these facilities.

While this newspaper has long felt that sewer matters and water matters should take first consideration of boards of commissioners, particularly when they are considering improvements on borrowed money, it is possible that the city is in quite good enough shape to attend to all of it. Just because a man owes a balance on his home to the lending agency doesn't prevent his driving an auto until paying off time.

The recreation commission, the Herald understands, is reasonably unanimous on the proposals Acting Chairman W. K. Mauney, Jr., set forth recently, and our assumption is that the citizens will get their chance to approve or disapprove them within the next few months.

Charles M. Graves, the recreation plant architect, impresses with his ability and experience and his statements concerning the proper means of designing pools, buildings and playground areas, plus his recommendation for having sufficient acreage for expansion in the future, all make good sense.

## Attend The Fair!

The headline to this particular note could well serve two purposes, both for the Bethware Fair which got underway Wednesday afternoon and which continues through Saturday night, or the renewal of the big Cleveland County Fair, which starts next Tuesday for a five-day run.

With the Bethware Fair closer upon us, and certainly a next door neighbor if not completely in our own backyard, the Herald refers principally to it.

The Bethware Fair has come a long way since it modestly began six years ago. It has improved annually from the standpoints of competition, participation, interest and attendance, and this year's sixth presentation should continue that record.

It is a very fine community fair, and all Bethware's neighbors not only should support it with their visits but most likely will.

Kings Mountain citizens interested in good music will want to purchase a season ticket in the 1953-54 Cleveland County Community Concert series. In addition to the Cleveland county performances, the tickets entitle the purchasers to admission to any Community Concert at other cities in the association.

## Campaign Underway

From all outward appearances the 1954 campaign for control of the Congress, where the Democratic "outs" seek to regain the majority has begun, officially or otherwise.

Former President Harry Truman launched it in a Labor Day speech when he advised all Democrats to keep the GOP on the griddle from now on. Previously, the ex-President had been more charitable toward the new administration than might have been expected, in the light of his vitriolic attacks during the 1952 presidential campaign.

The next step in the political battle was the resignation of Martin Durkin as secretary of labor, ending a short and unhappy marriage of the GOP and Big Labor. No labor "pro", as Durkin is, can eat his words on the repeal of the Taft-Hartley act, even though the law has not ruined the unions, as was freely predicted.

The Democratic speed-up of their offensive continued in Chicago Monday with the rally of party leaders and the nation-wide speech of Adlai Stevenson.

Congress is just slightly in the hands of the GOP, and the appointment of a successor to Senator Taft is likely to make it still closer.

Thus a few vote shifts in 1954, which is historical in off-year elections, would put the Democrats back in control of Congress. Sometimes, this course is fatal to presidents, as it was to much-maligned Herbert Hoover. It probably would not be for President Eisenhower, since the change would merely put the more conservative wing of Southern Democrats back in control of Congress and its key committees.

The GOP is going to have trouble persuading the farmer, who finds the price of his salable goods down 12 percent and the price of his purchases up one percent, that the bad medicine had to come and really tastes good. Otherwise, the GOP can brag about ending the Korean mess and, regardless of the general attitude that the United States might have sold the South Korean government down the river, it is still a fact that the GOP halted the shooting and the dreaded casualty lists. That's hard to argue against.

It is also assumed that, with elections upcoming, the GOP will cut taxes in all directions come January, which will be strong vote-getting appeal to everyone.

The vote will not come in most states for 12 months yet, and the best bet is that the several situations, economic, international, Russian, etc., nearer voting time will determine whether President Eisenhower, generally well-liked on both sides of the fence, will get a new Congress of the desired faith.

The completion of the nurse's home at the Kings Mountain hospital plant is another landmark in the building of this widely used, valuable public facility. It will mean that an important inducement can be added to all others that the hospital management has at hand in keeping the hospital well-staffed with capable nurses. Due to marriages, heavy demand and short supply, the turnover in nursing staffs at almost all hospitals is great. The new nurse's home should help to fill vacancies when they occur and also to stabilize the Kings Mountain hospital corps.

Saturday is the last day for unregistered citizens to get their names on the voting scrolls in order to cast a ballot in the state's \$72 million bond elections. It was not generally expected there would be a great registrar but the unusual inactivity has caused many leaders to deplore the apathy of a citizenship which is not particularly excited, either for or against, on the subject of whether the state borrows large sums of money.

## 10 YEARS AGO Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events THIS WEEK taken from the 1943 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

The Third War Bond Drive is going "good", according to Chairman J. R. Davis, who stated yesterday afternoon that he did not have any definite figures, but from all indications the first week of the drive was "very successful."

James G. Darracot, Jr. recently won his Navy "Wings of Gold" and was commissioned an Ensign in the Naval Reserves.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Keeter are in New York on a business trip for Keeter's Department store.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Jenkins are expected home today from Baltimore, Md., where they have been visiting.

Miss Virginia Summers left Tuesday for Gulf Park college, Gulf Park, Miss., where she is enrolled as a student.

Mrs. B. O. Weaver left Wednesday afternoon to be at the bedside of her father, G. F. Hambricht, a patient at York County hospital.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

Ingredients: bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment. Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid over dosage.

The first few days of September came close to being the earliest fall on record, many people say, with low temperatures causing a sudden boom in fuel oil and coal sales. Those who didn't fire up their furnaces or stoves had to dig deep for winter clothing, and even then they suffered with sniffitis.

But fall must surely be present with the football season underway, reminding that a number of local folk went to Columbia the other night to see the early-season Redskin-Steeler pro clash, among them Paul McGinnis and Neal Grisom. Ollie Harris, the elder, remarked that he would have gone himself, had not Neal beat him to the draw.

Speaking of football also reminds that, if the high school Mountaineers are as good at making touchdowns as Coach Shu Carlton is at talking, the 1953 team should win a major share of its games. Shu made a good talk at the Lions club the other night, and with a bit more regular experience, he could make the Peahead Walker-Frank Howard league.

Shu drew big laughs on a number of stories and also when he bragged about Bud Mayes, his heavyweight lineman. Shu says Kings Mountain somehow seems to grow "little uns", and that no purchases of football trousers of greater girth than 36 inches had been made in five years. Young Mayes requires a 40, I believe the report was, and Shu wishes for more of the same.

The Carlton talk ignited a continuing football discussion in the after-meeting drug store hill session, and Wilson Crawford, who once earned the nickname of "Cueball" for his unwillingness to don a helmet in a football game, made a good contribution, on the subject of injuries.

"A coach told me onetime," Wilson said, "that a properly trained football player who plays hard and alert on every play would never be seriously injured, if at all. Along during the season we were playing some team and I got a little tired. After stopping two plays over center dead, I figured they'd leave me alone the next time and I could rest a little. The next thing I knew they were over me like a steamroller. One guy took me high, another low, and another fell on my leg. I heard a crunch, and spent the next six weeks on crutches with a busted leg. The coach was right. If I hadn't been loafing I wouldn't have been hurt."

Wilson was playing at Mars Hill at the time, and later held down center for Erskine, if I'm not mistaken. He added that the same Mars Hill coach also said the difference between many good players and those who make the all-America selections was that self-same loafing. "All-Americans play 60 minutes," the coach said, "but those other talented boys don't play but say 40 or 50 minutes. They loaf the rest of the time."

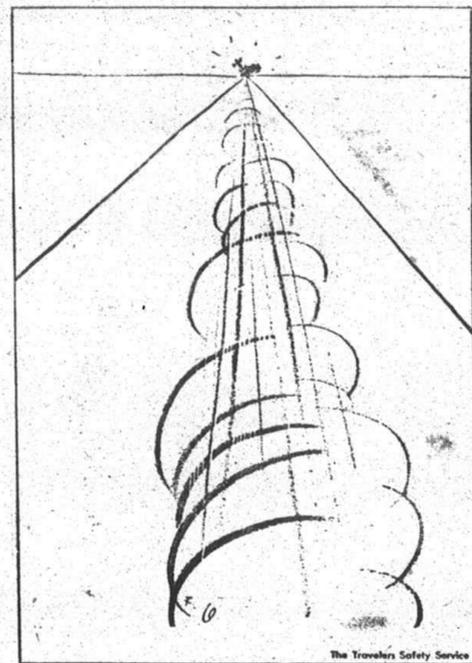
The same situation undoubtedly comes in more important business than football.

In Gastonia a minute the other day, I dropped by the Holsum Bread plant and Mr. Sanders and Walt Carroll, who lives mainly at Lake Montonia in the summertime, showed me through the plant. It was the first time I'd ever inspected the mechanical operation of a bread-making establishment, and it's really pretty wonderful. Machines conduct every operation that grandma used to do when turning out loaf bread, even to a new one which is one of Holsum's more recent additions, a depanner. This machine merely dumps the baked loaf onto a waiting rack, but think how many man hours it saves. . . . there are other machines for mixing, cutting, kneading, rolling and wrapping, to mention a few. The only human hands I saw touching the bread was one pair. . . . the hands of the guy who placed every fourth or fifth loaf on the scales to insure that the cutting apparatus was working right and that the customer wasn't getting cheated. . . . In spite of the weekend rush, the bakery was pin clean. . . .

A youngster was talking to a city garbage collector the other day, as four-year-old youngsters are wont to do and was heard to say, "Mama's going to have a baby tomorrow." The garbage collector smiled and said, "That's fine." Then the four-year-old asked, "Do you want one?" I now am able to report that the young man was a little off on his date and number.

## Who, ME?

by Robert Osborn



Chief cause of traffic deaths and injuries in 1952 was speeding on straight roads. Only YOU can prevent accidents!

## Viewpoints of Other Editors

### OPEN SEASON ON OYSTERS

From the month of May through the month of August, oysters are not supposed to be in season, according to the popular legend, because the letter "R" does not appear in those months.

According to newest information, however, oysters in America are every bit as good during these months as they are during the rest of the year. In fact, says Dr. Thurlow C. Nelson, professor of Zoology at Rutgers University, oysters are their very best in flavor, succulence, and food value in May.

The legend about R-less months grew up with European colonists who brought to this country their unpleasant experiences resulting from eating European oysters during the four Spring and Summer months. European oysters, Dr. Nelson says, are different from those native to the United States, for the former are likely to be gritty because the parents house the babies within their shells.

Along the Eastern seaboard, where American oysters are bred in oyster "farms", the oysters feed themselves by pumping as many as 48 quarts of water through their bodies each day to strain out the algae which make up most of their food. The oyster's pumping apparatus also casts eggs and sperm into the surrounding water, instead of allowing them to remain within the parent.

We must admit that we used to put some stock in the legend and never ate oysters during those four months until . . .

Years back, Bud Aman and the gang of us would get out the old Sandpiper and haul anchor down the river. About mid-day we'd beach the boat and go in the slough and dig for clams and oysters. That was in the summertime. There wasn't a thing wrong with them except that the oysters are just not fat in the summer months as they are in the cool. It's all in the look of them, not the taste, take it from me and us who found that out long before Dr. Nelson. — Jacksonville News and Views.

### THANKS FOR WATER SUPPLY

With cities like Asheville, Burlington, and Raleigh deeply concerned over their water supply, Albemarle can give thanks that local citizens several years ago, under the leadership of a former mayor and city council, approved a bond issue which made possible our present water supply system. Had we been depending on the Long creek reservoir, water rationing would likely now be the order of the day.

Water has always been essential to life, but in congested communities where it is not possible for every householder to have a spring or a well, the leaders must show wisdom in obtaining sources of water that will not fail in periods of drought.

A falling water supply constitutes a real danger to a large city, for conceivably fire could wreak terrible damage unless there is sufficient water to control fire. There are also health and comfort factors that should not be discounted.

Albemarle has the best possible available source of water, one of the principal rivers of the state. Of course, it cost a great deal of money to establish a pumping station, lay a water line to the river, and build a huge reservoir to the north of the city. However, there will be many times in the years ahead when every citizen will agree that the system is worth every cent it cost. — Stanley News and Press

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