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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

A man shall not be established by wickedness; but the root of the righteous shall not be moved. Proverbs 12:3.

Politics In Full Swing

With Congress adjourned and voting day looming in just a little less than six weeks, the big guns, politically speaking, are thundering their campaign oratory all over the nation.

The reason is a very important one to both major political parties: control of Congress via a majority in the House and Senate. The Republicans exhort their faithful to get out the vote in order that President Eisenhower may be able to continue his "peace and prosperity" program along the right road.

The Democrats, renewing their old charge that the GOP is the party of the wealthy few, ask return to control in order that the vast numbers of little people will also enjoy peace and prosperity. Former President Truman (D) even added an interesting new fillip when he called on the voters to "save" President Eisenhower from his own party.

Between the extreme appeals there are tidbits of fact and some considerable fiction, though Mr. Truman undoubtedly had a point. Had President Eisenhower not enjoyed considerable support from across the aisle during the two recent sessions of Congress, his program would have indeed been in sad shape.

A Kings Mountain man who votes conservatively remarked the other night, "It looks as if the Republicans are out-dealing the New Deal and the Fair Deal, with the exception of taking care of the farmer. They must have forgot farmers get to vote, too."

While general elections in a non-presidential year seldom, if ever, match the hot spring Democratic primaries in North Carolina, this area's vote on November 2 should be larger than usual, for certainly some of the hot campaigning in the neighboring tenth Congressional district should spill over to the eleventh district. And most citizens will get excited over the so-called key races in other states, which will claim much of the nation's press space and much of the radio commentators' time.

There is also much interest here in the situation in South Carolina, where States Right Candidate Strom Thurmond claims to be a good Democrat again and wants to be South Carolina's Senator. Thurmond, who asks the voters to write in his name, opposes State Senator Edgar E. Brown, the executive committee nominee, with the "issue" the one perpetrated by Governor Byrnes and Thurmond over the right of all the Democrats to nominate via a primary. That's the propaganda. The real issue is whether South Carolina will send to the Senate a Democratic loyalist or whether it will elect Eisenocrat Thurmond.

In the home Congressional district, Rep. Woodrow W. Jones is conceded to be a sure winner over R. R. Ramsey, back in the race after withdrawing.

The Democrats, following the Maine gubernatorial victory, are elated over their prospects, particularly for capturing the House of Representatives, and are hopeful of capturing the Senate.

Actually, the Kings Mountain man's commentary on the situation is close to the heart of the matter. President Eisenhower and the GOP controlling influence is pretty liberal, and, even though the Democrats should win control of Congress, there is little livelihood of a repeat of the divided uncontrollable situation of which Herbert Hoover was the victim in 1930.

Initial indications are that the Courtesy Nickel arrangement to avoid the meter policeman's handing out those detestable pink over-parking tickets will operate satisfactorily. If it does, Kings Mountain will be in position to glean a great amount of good will, not being reaped in some of our neighboring communities who are cracking down with full force on over-parkers. The test is for six months. Surely Kings Mountain citizens will honor this honor system and eliminate the pink over-parking ticket forever.

Social and Personal
Mrs. O. C. O'Farrell entertained

members of the Thursday Afternoon Book club Thursday.
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The State Budget

Even before the 1953 General Assembly convened there were hints that certain state tax schedules would have to be revised. Generally, the suggestions came from office-holders and bureau officials, and the real definition of revision was new taxes and/or increased rates.

In the past two years the hints have become broader and with more frequency, and when the Budget Commission completed hearings on the budget for the forthcoming biennium, it appeared much paring would be necessary if the revisions are to be avoided.

The squeeze has been applied from two sources, 1) the regular pattern of state agency heads seeking more money, and 2) a shrinking of state income caused by the business recession. North Carolina's tax schedules are geared directly to the economy. Money rolls in with prosperity, dwindles when business is slow.

Even with prosperity, the state already has gone into debt with bond issues for permanent improvements, pledging some of tomorrow's income for facilities today.

What will the answer be? Much depends on the general business situation existing in January. If the revenue trend is still down, the legislators will be under strong pressure not to add new taxes. If the revenue trend has reversed, the legislature will find added taxes more palatable and will enact them. In either instance, the law-makers will probably do some viewing with rose-colored glasses and appropriate more money than might come in.

Generally speaking, the majority of North Carolinians today are counting on the Budget Bureau to make some heavy slices in the budget requests, and, if these aren't enough, count on their representatives to squeeze enough fat and frills out to avoid the odious "revision".

Cleveland County's annual fair extravaganza is underway and seems this year to justify quite well the "bigger and better" designation Dr. J. S. Dorton, the veteran promoter, annually gives it. Dr. Dorton knows that the key to successful entertainment promotion is the constant varying of the entertainment diet, and he seldom lacks for ideas. While the midway is the main attraction for many fair-goers, they will be missing the principal purpose and excuse for the fair if they do not see the many fine agricultural and educational exhibits available this year in greater number than ever.

Kings Mountain citizens deserve commendation on their hundred percent cooperation with the ordinance restricting water consumption. Water, like many of nature's great benefits, seems of little importance until it is in short supply. Rains will come in their season, on Biblical promise, but if the season does not arrive soon, greater restrictions on water use here will have to be enacted.

The favorable rate at which the city's gas system revenue bonds were sold is indicative of the confidence the investment houses have in the use of natural gas as a fuel, and also of Kings Mountain's pre-construction outlook for a large number of customers. While all of the gas tap buyers will hardly become gas users in one season, it is quite in order to anticipate that the number of customers will increase as the years pass.

This year's Kings Mountain area off-to-school group includes a record number of students. Parents are to be congratulated for encouraging their children to acquire more formal education and those students who are forging ahead on their own initiative deserve a double portion of congratulations for their grit and ambition.

10 YEARS AGO Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events THIS WEEK taken from the 1944 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Kings Mountain schools opened Monday morning after being delayed two weeks due to the polio epidemic, with an enrollment of 1,285 pupils in the white schools, seven less than opening day last year.

Bill Davis, Flight Instructor of Albany, Ga., spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Davis.
Misses Jo Ann Walker and Marion Arthur left Tuesday for Gainesville, Ga., where they entered Brenau college.

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MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon
Ingredients: bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment.
Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid overdoze.

Everette (Shu) Carlton, the high school football coach, has undoubtedly, by this time, been indicted for fib-telling again. While this forte is hardly unusual in the noble profession of football instructing, Shu, by self-admission, is getting pretty good at it.

At both the Kiwanis club and Lions club, where he held forth from the speaker's rostrum, Shu admitted a 1953 big one. Before the opening game with Bessemer City in 1953 Coach Carlton had wailed loud and long over his lack of a running attack. We'll do our scoring through the air, period, he had said, outlining in detail the inability of his backs to run any faster than the old gray mare, or with any more deception than a bull elephant.

The result was somewhat embarrassing for Mr. Carlton, his slow, obvious backs rolling to a nice three touchdown victory over a Bessemer City team that was no slouch. The victory was no airplane trip at all, as the backs tallied 280 yards from rushing. Four passes were attempted during the game, and only one was completed.

Shu says a good Methodist put the bee on him the following Sabbath morning.

Now it's happened again, with the season just two games old.

In talking to the two civic clubs, Shu admitted his starting squad was "a fair bunch of boys", but he moaned low over the lack of reserves. No weight, no experience, no nothing, was the general summation of his second line eleven.

What happened? After the starters had racked up four quick touchdowns, Carlton (who also said he wouldn't have any two-platoon problem) cleaned the bench of his spindly second team. In the short space of a few minutes, these youngsters had scored twice. John McGinnis ran (if the memory box serves me right) like his Uncle Odell did some moons ago, Mike Houser took a leaf from Father Stumpy's footballing days and hauled off tackle in a beautiful long-distance sprint to pay dirt, and Jerry McCarter, another lightweight, wheeled off yardage like a veteran.

It must have been very embarrassing to Shu Carlton, though pleasantly. Of course, with Cherryville upcoming Friday night, Shu will be pardoned for anything this week.

Outside the more or less serious business of regularly using the crying towel, Shu is a good liar otherwise. The tales he tells might be a cause Master Liars Peahe-d Walker, Frank Howard, and Rex Enright to blush, as he relates field and dressing room incidents in the course of getting gridmen to die or die for dead old Gowanus. If I had Shu's ability, I'd try to make arrangements to get in on the winter banquet circuit—at fifty bucks per speaking.

Speaking of tales, Price Harmon spun another the other day, which I am delighted to pass along.

It was near the end of a big revival meeting and, as is sometimes the practice, the minister, having pitched his audience to the proper key, ordered, "All who want to go to heaven, stand up!"

All arose for the stretch, save one lone character near the back pew. After the audience was seated again, the minister said, "I am gratified with this wonderful response, but I notice one of our number failed to arise. May I ask him," he said, pointing the finger of guilt, "don't you want to go to heaven?"

"I sure do," the sinner replied, "but not with them!"

Dotted-notes: The Saturday Evening Post, in its regular feature in which readers are asked to identify the particular state from a portion of map, recently used the Kings Mountain-Gastonia section of the North Carolina map to tantalize its readers. The Bethware Fair had an excellent run this year, with record crowds attending. . . . in an effort to turn the calendar back a few years, I rode the ferris wheel, pitched rings (unsuccessfully) at the soft drink bottles, and captured a couple of prizes at bingo. . . . Wayne Ware gave me a couple of apples out of his display and they were good ones. . . . Reid Bell's cowgirl dressed youngster was having the time

CROSSWORD

By A. C. Gordon

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- ACROSS**
- 1—Woody plant
 - 4—Game bird
 - 11—Wild member of the cat family
 - 13—Aerial train
 - 14—Church building projection
 - 17—Color of a panther
 - 18—Fruit portion
 - 24—South Latitude (abb.)
 - 25—Garden vegetables
 - 28—Everyday (abb.)
 - 29—Period of time (abb.)
 - 31—Abbreviated European country
 - 32—Characteristics of pine trees
 - 35—Female deer
 - 37—Exclamation
 - 39—Public conveyance (abb.)
 - 40—Public announcements
 - 41—The chin of a bird
 - 44—Chemical symbol for sodium
 - 46—Thus
 - 47—Miss Reverend (abb.)
 - 48—A fruit (pl.)
- Wild Life**
- 50—Chemical symbol for rubidium
 - 52—Mean sea level (abb.)
 - 54—A plant used as a popular flavor
 - 56—Big, clumsy animal
 - 59—Ruminant animal
 - 60—"The Hawkeye State" (abb.)
 - 62—Herb producing an aromatic cooking seed (pl.)
 - 65—Kinds of dables
 - 66—Domestic animal
- DOWN**
- 2—Popular flowers
 - 3—Elementary Organization (abb.)
 - 4—Promontory
 - 6—Severage
 - 6—Creatures of the sea, providing a popular food
 - 7—Licentiate in Terminal Operations (abb.)
 - 8—In reference to
 - 9—Roman 550
 - 10—The thickened animal
 - 12—Marine crustacean
 - 13—Chemical symbol for phenyl
 - 16—Snaillike fish
 - 18—Chemical symbol for sodium
 - 20—Ferrous inhabitant
 - 22—Hammocklike grasses
 - 23—Large Australian bird
 - 26—Poetical always
 - 27—Steward (abb.)
 - 30—Words of the lion
 - 32—Game bird
 - 34—Musical note
 - 36—Latin abbreviation meaning "for example"
 - 38—Shortened "attention"
 - 42—Latin Date (abb.)
 - 43—Diminutive for several
 - 45—Description of a desert shrub used for flavoring
 - 51—Cry of the sheep
 - 53—Unit of weight
 - 55—Linguistic Education (abb.)
 - 57—Eastern Animal Society (abb.)
 - 58—River island
 - 60—Kaisa
 - 61—Exclamation of satisfaction
 - 63—Sea vessel (abb.)
 - 64—Chemical symbol for scandium

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

Viewpoints of Other Editors

ARMS AND MEN

One of the reasons why Germany's Luftwaffe lost the air war after 1943 was that it continued to fight with its stockpiles of aircraft which had been good enough to win victory in 1940-41.

This is the conclusion of the British experts who have now completed the official history of the Royal Air Force. The ill-winds of 1940 blew Britain some good that the R. A. F., more or less starting from scratch, went on to new designs while the Germans were psychological and economic prisoners of their existing planes.

It is not a particularly novel conclusion, for it grows out of a cruel dilemma that has confronted military planners since the age of invention caught up with warfare. But it is an observation of a truth that ought to be constantly borne in mind when, as today, a nation is confronted with a time of troubles that has no foreseeable end.

The cruel dilemma is simply this. If a nation is not well armed it may be overwhelmed; Britain very nearly succumbed in 1940. Nevertheless, an excess of arms can be self-defeating; it can create a false sense of security and can at times actually impede a sound defense program.

The problem has never been as great for this country as it is today. It is wrapped up in the debate over the size of the Air Force over the building program for the Navy, over the prototype vs. the production line models of all sorts of weapons. And it is at the heart of the debate over universal military training.

Anyone who served in the last war knows that we did not win with the weapons with which we began. Victory came not just because we built in quantity but because we junked old models and conceived new ones.

And look back only a few years: How strong would we be now with an Air Force, no matter how tremendous in size, composed of the planes of 1939?

What is true of machines is also true of men. It is an illusion to suppose that men trained as soldiers four, six or ten years ago form a great body of soldier-skilled for today's war. In the last war the French army collapsed, the German and Japanese armies were defeated; these countries had compulsory military training. The controlling factors lie elsewhere.

So neither a great pile of weapons nor a great body of ex-soldiers offers a sure solution to the task of defending the country; it would be comforting if they did. Both men and machines suffer the great hazard of obsolescence.

It can be a grave hazard and pose the most difficult questions. This week the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations put them in concrete form. The U. S. Navy is now the biggest and most modern but it faces "block obsolescence" beginning in 1958. Should we try to rebuild the whole Navy bloc? Or if not, in what proportion and with what kind of

of her life. . . . and Grady Seism reported that one Kings Mountain matron bought 65 tickets on the merry-go-round one afternoon, part of the entertainment for her youngster's birthday party. It finally rained Sabbath afternoon, but the quantity was disappointing for water-short Kings Mountain. . . . however, the rains damped the dust, which was some help. . . .

BREAKFAST

Better Breakfast Month — now that's one month we will stand up for.

The decline and fall of the great American breakfast seems to us a sign and portent of decadence. Nutritionist are worried about it. We lay it to various classes of people: (1) boys and girls who are afraid they will be late for school; (2) office workers who had rather sleep than eat; (3) women who are in training for the flat look; and (4) sinners who have sat up too late the night before.

We'll bet Longfellow's blacksmith ("the smith, a mighty man was he") ate a big breakfast, including black bread, beans, codfish cakes and pie. George Washington, John Marshall, William McKinley and William Howard Taft all look like big breakfast eaters to us. Franklin and Jefferson may have been subverted to some extent by the "continental breakfast" but we doubt it. Andrew Jackson and Calvin Coolidge obviously didn't eat enough breakfast.

A breakfast that consists of a little cereal, a miniature glass of orange juice, a piece of toast and a cup of coffee, possibly accompanied by a lonesome egg, is almost as bad as no breakfast at all.

Our idea of a 100 per cent American breakfast is one that has most, if not all, of these articles on the menu:

A big bowl of oatmeal with plenty of sugar, salt, butter and cream.

At least half a cantaloupe. Eggs (plural) fried, boiled, scrambled, coddled, et cetera. Bacon, old country ham, sausages, (patties not links), fried chicken, and salt herring roe.

Rolls, toast, doughnuts, waffles, buckwheat cakes and biscuits.

Coffee, just a few cups.

It may take a little time to eat such a breakfast but it will be worth it. Don't ask up who's going to cook it. — Greensboro Daily News

OWED TO THEMSELVES

An apartment building in New York City was sold recently to a group of its tenants — while envious neighbors perhaps are wondering out loud whether the new owners will have to raise the rents on themselves to keep up the payments. — The New Orleans Times-Picayune.

There are no pat answers. Those who urge a super-defense program, that we build the most of the best of everything, have good arguments. Yet to be armed to the teeth at all times risks being armed with obsolescent equipment when the trial comes while meantime burdening the country fatally with demands on its economic resources and manpower.

But if there are no pat answers there are guideposts in experience, ones this country is sometimes prone to disregard as it swings back and forth from complacency to fright. One guidepost, of course, commands us to keep our arsenal in steady and determined repair. Yet there is another too often forgotten by those who clamor for still greater armaments, greater piles of today's guns, ships, planes and bombs. Safety is measured by the proficiency of the weapons as well as numbers, and sometimes, as the German lesson gives time-by-time warning, beneath too great an arsenal often lies hidden danger. — Wall Street Journal.

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