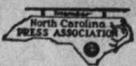




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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. St. John 8:7.

## The Voting Results

North Carolina voted a clear-cut endorsement of the Pearsall Plan last Saturday, making law of legislative enactments drastically changing the state's school set-up to obviate, yet live legally within, the dictates of the Supreme Court's decision requiring de-segregation of public schools.

The heavy majority recorded for the Pearsall Plan in virtually all the 100 counties underlines the original assumption on which the Pearsall Plan was formulated.

North Carolinians are not yet ready for de-segregated public schools.

The Pearsall Plan may never be used. It may be used and found acceptable to the Supreme Court. It may be declared illegal after testing through the courts. None can predict the final result.

But the voting result was important because it should inform the Supreme Court and both high and secondary politicians of the nation that North Carolina's generic thinking is not attuned today to abrogating a mode of living to which it has been accustomed for centuries.

Happily, the voting is just as clear, yet most honorably and palatable a means of informing the sundry politicians, as the unhappy, unfortunate violence in Tennessee, Kentucky, Texas and other southern states.

Governor Luther Hodges' post-voting statement pointed out that the issue was discussed with sincerity and vigor on both sides, but that the disputants were gentlemanly and credited the opposite viewpoint with good motives, too.

That, said the Governor, is the North Carolina way. Adoption of the Pearsall Plan certainly does not bring to a final conclusion North Carolina's problems as created by the Supreme Court. But it was a creditable effort to tailor the law to meeting the changing situation and an effort which again marks North Carolina as a sane, thoughtful people.

## Political Steam-Up

Politics, the great national sport, is steaming a bit and quite likely to reach the boiling point somewhat in advance of voting day on November 6.

The reason is simple and comes from the fact the Democrats think they can regain the White House, which they lost under an avalanche of Eisenhower votes in 1952. Corroboration comes from the most recent Gallup poll, which finds Eisenhower's friends down to 52 percent of the total sampling. While Adlai Stevenson only rates 41 percent, with the remaining seven undecided, the pro-Ike total is a far cry from the previous reports listing the President with 65 to 69 percent support.

Maybe the questions were different. Anyway, Dr. Gallup has enheartened the Democrats who were already sniffing victory by virtue of an examination of the 1952 results vs. the 1956 prospects. Stevenson's manager has found that a switch of a mere 858,000 votes in 14 close states in 1952 would have put Stevenson in the White House, rather than Eisenhower.

Will this switch be effected in 1956? Well, maybe. It appears the South split will not reoccur and that this will give Stevenson a heavy starting bulge. Mayor Wagner of New York, who will seek a Senate seat, is expected to help lead New York into the Democratic column with its 45 big electoral votes.

Worse factor disfavoring the Democrats is that the Republicans read the newspapers, too, and some are making signs indicating they know this election is far from being in the GOP bag.

Two strong personalities head the two tickets. It'll be hard for the loser individually, but it's the kind of situation designed to prove the theory that democracy produces the best candidates and the best government.

## 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1946 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Kings Mountain Cotton Oil Company reported to the Herald this week the first bale of cotton to be ginned in the Kings Mountain area. Owner of the 488 pound bale was Hubert Herndon, of near Grover.

dinner meeting of Kings Mountain Junior Chamber of Commerce to be held at Central school cafeteria Friday at 6 o'clock.

Phifer were joint hostesses. Misses Betty and Peggy Blackwelder and Miss Jean Baker, of Philadelphia, Pa., have returned home after spending a month with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jolly, grandparents of the Misses Blackwelder.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

The late Dr. A. L. Hill had a gift for the quick, pungent phrase and exhibited a keen sense of humor. One time, it is told, Dr. Hill had suffered a minor auto accident which gave the back of his black Ford an eaten out appearance. An interested acquaintance, accented, Dr. Hill said inquired, "Doc, what happened to your car?" Dr. Hill is supposed to have replied, "The moths got in it."

Last Thursday morning about 9 o'clock, Ware & Sons' former cotton gin building, now used for storage and feed mixing, looked like it had been visited by an army of moths. However, the "moth" was a big tractor-trailer loaded with 40,000 pounds of sugar. Parked in the Ware & Sons lot while the driver got unloading instructions, the air brakes failed and the tractor rolled into the side of the tin gin, damaging in siding and a feed mill. The truck would probably have made a non-stop trip through the whole building had it not been stopped by an old and heavy unused safe.

The accident might have been tragic. Sage Fulton was stooping over picking up some debris with his back to the truck. Workmen Oakley Schenk and Brady Adams saw the driverless truck rolling and began yelling. Sage got in high gear fast and escaped.

Last weekend gave Kings Mountain the loveliest September autumn weather I remember. It should have been an October World Series weekend, from the weather standpoint. How many folk fired up heating units? We escaped at our house with some judicious use of the kitchen oven and an electric heater, but a sweater felt quite in order.

My landlady, Miss Carlyle Ware, has a summer home at Bon Clarken, the ARP summer assembly grounds, and tells an interesting story of an incident there this summer. A young boy about eight or nine was cavorting and gyrating in the pool, which gyrating caused an onlooker to comment to a lady nearby, "That little boy acts just like Elvis Presly, doesn't he." The elderly lady looked mystified and replied, "Perhaps so, I don't know Elvis Presly. You see, I'm not an ARP."

Of course, Elvis, the rock-and-roller, ain't no ARP either, but a mighty lot of Presslys are.

Kays Gary, the Charlotte Observer reporter, draws some good assignments. I should think a reporter's portfolio of dream assignments should include covering the Miss America contests at Atlantic City. It was even better when he could accompany home a winner in his paper's circulation area, Miss McKnight is indeed a pretty lass. I wouldn't have thought (passing through Manning, S. C., a few weeks ago en route home from the beach) that hot, sticky, sleepy Manning would be producing a 1956 Miss America, With Miss Universe and now Miss America, South Carolina will be making Georgia look to her laurels as the "peach state."

Last Saturday's amendment voting attracted an unusual turnout in Kings Mountain, considering there were no personalities involved in the issues under discussion and the twin fact that folk, usually, don't pay much attention to amendments. Chief interest was embodied in the Pearsall Plan voting but the one getting the most wise-cracks was that proposal to authorize men to convey powers of attorney to their wives — previously illegal in North Carolina. Wray Williams grunted, "Huh, don't see why they need to vote on that. For the womenfolk already have the power, whether it's legal or not. Some bachelor who doesn't know any better must have geared that amendment up."

Anyway, it passed, another victory for the woman suffragists.

More important, I think, is North Carolina's current law regarding men who die without wills. In this instance (if there are no children, maybe even if there are) the wife inherits half the man's personal property, which includes furniture. I think the law should be changed. It ain't right for a widow to have to buy out other heirs for her own furniture. Yet it happens every now and again.

The wife and I had a delicious dinner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Jesse Caldwell in Gastonia last week. Their new home on southwest Gastonia's Park Lane Road has a three-side exposure screened-in porch plus open terrace on the back with one of the best views of Crowder's Mountain, Kings Mountain and the rest of the range I've ever seen.

## Kibitzers



## Viewpoints of Other Editors

### GOD COULDN'T DO IT

Have you ever been brought up suddenly with a flashing realization of how the world has progressed in 50 to 75 years?

So many marvels which are commonplace today were unknown to the people of the 1890's.

Take ice for instance. Every one has his own ice-making machine in his home now. Two score years ago the ice wagon was a familiar sight along any residential street in the summer time, and the ice box was just that.

But few of us can realize that there are among us even today men who saw the great wonder of the miracle of manufacturing ice for the first time.

Goldsboro's first ice place was started by the Welles and the New Hanover Bank in 1888. The promoters acquired an old saw mill site on North Center Street. The ice plant is still there. Before it was started, ice was shipped from New England by boat to New Bern. Thence it was transported to Goldsboro and sold at 5 cents a pound. Only drug stores had ice for sale.

E. J. Jeffress says the records of the start of the ice plant are in books which Herman Weil has. Jeffress recalls that the original ice making machine in Goldsboro could produce two 100-pound blocks of ice.

A year or so ago Lisbon Lee of Meadown community of Johnston County came to visit his nephew, Dick Freeman. He was recalling how as a young fellow he came to Goldsboro and stared in unbelief as he watched ice being made.

The awe of the thing still was upon him when he met a friend in Smithfield.

"You know," he told the friend, "I saw in Goldsboro today man doing something that God could not do."

"We have been friends a long time," said the friend, "and I have always found you truthful to this time. If you know of any such miracle tell it to me."

"In Goldsboro the other day," was the reply, "I saw them making ice right there in the middle of summer?" — *Goldsboro News-Argus*.

### CHANGING TIMES

The death recently of Mrs. Irene Langhorne Gibson, widow of the artist Charles Dana Gibson, calls to mind the complete turn of the wheel of social history has made. She is supposed to have been the original of her husband's pictures in the old *Life* magazine of the Gibson Girl—a young lady with a sad profile, a huge pompadour, a germ-catching skirt, and high buttoned shoes. When she went in bathing she wore a soggy woolen skirt, long stockings and sandals that collected sand.

A favorite song of the period, often delivered by a girl student at school commencements, was: "The Lips That Touch Liquor Shall Never Touch Mine." When the Gibson Girl went out for a ride it was in a buggy behind a horse that could, if pushed, go ten miles an hour. The nervous driver would be a young man wearing a high glossy collar, rattling cuff links, and high shoes that ended in a tooth-pick point.

Telephones were few, hence "dates" were made by note delivered by messenger. The reply would be on perfumed paper.

The iron curtain descended at 11 p. m. Girls who stayed out after that hour were called "fast" and mother used the word before their sons with an unutterable intonation.

Wednesday and Sunday nights were "company" nights. A visit on any other night was regarded as a declaration of intentions. The father was the head (and sometimes czar) of the family. It has taken the woman of the house 56 years to dethrone him. — *Chapel Hill News Leader*.

### EXECUTIVE POSITION

A college alumni group had just held a class reunion. After the party broke up, several of the members strolled on down the street together. To their dismay, they spied one of their number (he had not attended the reunion) lying in the gutter

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