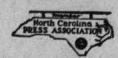


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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I preceive that God is no respecter of persons. The Acts 10:34.

Local Soil-Banking

Through last Thursday Cleveland County farmers had placed more than 3,000 acres, which would have normally been planted to 1957 wheat, in the soil bank. This was over 25 percent of the county's 1956 acreage quota, though not as much as was planted, since the law allows a farmer to market 15 acres of wheat, regardless of his quota.

What does this mean in terms of dol-

It means that, next spring, Cleveland County farmers will receive government checks totaling some \$75,000 for doing nothing except signing their names. It's pay for not planting. The same program will be followed next spring for cotton, Cleveland's other big basic commodity. It is likely more wheat will be "banked" before the October 5 deadline.

On the face of it, the United States would appear to have gone off its noggin' in paying folk for not planting. Indeed, it may have. However, the soil bank is an effort to cut surpluses to enable the government to get out of the price-propping business, or, at least, to put market prices above support prices and thus get the government off the hook with its huge warehoused stocks of commodities.

After all, price-propping appears just as silly. It was a worthwhile program when it was inaugurated - as encouragement for machinery-shy, manpowerlacking formers to strain every effort during World War II to produce more and more of those then-needed basic crops. Like so many well-intentioned government programs, it stayed around, after its end had been served.

Economically, the theory is that the law of supply and demand will operate to cause more production of needed goods, less production of unneeded goods. Theoretically, too, a man who finds he can't produce something profitably will quit and produce something

else or another article. Actually, nothing works that simply and agriculture seemingly least of all. Ignored in the theories are the human factors, the fact that man gets hitched to a product or trade, knows nothing else and finds it difficult to change over until bankruptcy provides the necessary

Long term, the nation might be better off if the law of supply and demand were allowed to operate. Short term, it would be catastrophic for many individuals. And politics being the pseudo-science it is, it is the easy (one might say the required course) for the politicians to bail out certain segments of the economy with the people's money. It's always easier to spend somebody else's.

The farmer of course, is far from the lone beneficiary. Ship lines are heavily subsidozed, the taxpayers furnishing a big portion of the funds for most new ships which come off the ways. Other industries benefit by gimmicks in the tax structure. Publications benefit by favorable mailing rates. Maybe it's all supposed to balance in the end.

The soil bank idea is now going through its first test. If it reduces production, empties the warehouses and firms prices of the basic commodities, it will remove temporarily one of the soft spots in the American economy. But the gains likely will be temporary. If prices of wheat are firm next autumn, farmers will want to plant - won't be at all interested in soil banking 1958 wheat.

Today we have both price-propping and soil banking, a sorry marriage. It would appear operation of the one tends to defeat the other, long term and vice

J. W. (Bill) Osborne should make a capable replacement for Clerk of Superior Court Everett Houser, Jr. Mr. Osborne, by virture of his profession as a lawyer, plus his prior six-year service as deputy clerk of court, will have no difficulty with the ramifications of the office. In addition, in his service as chairman of the county elections board, Mr. Osborne has been most efficient, with particular attention to detail and specific regards for the letter of the law in county voting. He will make a good Clerk of Court.

Matching Funds

Latest suggestion for North Carolina use of an old government aid matching funds formula comes from Governor Hodges regarding operation of schools and building of school buildings.

The state school folk have asked the advisory budget commission to commit virtually all of the 1956 state cash surplus of \$38 millions and all of the anticipated 1957 surplus to schools, most of it for teacher pay.

Governor Hodges sees the request as a continuing trend, views with alarm the prospects for budget requests for schools ten years hence.

He suggests it is possible the state should furnish now a ten percent teacher pay increase, earmark enough funds for another five percent, provided the lo-cal school districts dig up another five.

This method attempts 1) to continue the state policy of equalizing the educational opportunity of North Carolina children AT A MINIMUM LEVEL, and 2) to help those communities wanting and willing to help themselves.

In fact, this plan is an expansion of the situation as it exists today. Charlotte, Winston-Salem and some other school districts pay large supplements to their teachers. It is presumed their facultystaffing problems are least of any in the state. It is the school which depends solely on state teacher payment that has trouble finding teachers.

The Governor only inferred interest in the matching idea for school building construction, but herein seemed to lie better spot for matching funds. The policy has resulted in burgeoning hospital capacity and many other public faci-

State school authorities, looking over the high birth rate, say that North Carolina will require \$391 million in new school buildings to house the growing population within the next few years. Happy Kings Mountain, with a brand new 14-room school, is off the hook to-day, but not for long. There's not a single vacant classroom in the city district this year, in spite of the new 14-room build-

The matching fund idea seems to have merit in both school categories.

Politics Second Fiddle

When writers like David Lawrence, Arthur Krock and other veteran and astute observers of political affairs point out the possibilities of a Democratic victory in the 1956 general election, it is time for the semi-pros to take notice. An upset could be in the wind.

The problem for both parties this season appears to be getting out their votes. Eisenhower is tremendously popular, but many party-line Democrats, while liking Ike, will mark their ballots for Adlai Stevenson. There are more registered Democrats than registered Republicans and this fact gives the GOP cause for alarm. Should the Republicans themselves sit on their hands and forget to stroll by the polling place on November 6, the evening election parties will be excruciating for the GOP.

Thus far, there is evidence that the 1956 campaigns of both candidates are having a bit of trouble getting off the ground. The citizens, without the emotional appeals of either 1952 or 1954, are giving politics a back seat, sublimating politics to work, football, rides in the countryside, and other activities. The tempo may well change before election day, but, just now, none seems too excited outside the hard corps of profes-

sionals. And some of the pros aren't. Thinking citizens find neither party anywhere near perfection, but this is a quite natural situation, since both are hodge-podges of diversified thinking, including (as both party does) far right conservatives, moderates, and rather leftish liberals. It is fortunate for the nation that both tickets are headed by men of moderate persuasion.

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

On Monday Kings Mountain urday night after the customary servance of the seventh worldwill celebrate in a quiet manner five-day run, but not until 197, wide communion on the forththe 166th anniversary of the Bat- 050 persons had passed through coming Sunday, October 6. tle of Kings Mountain, which the gates to enjoy the festiviturned the tide of the Revoluties

Social and Personal

turned the tide of the Revolutionary War.

Cleveland County's 23rd annual fair closed up shop last Sating again this year in the ob-

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

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

As the errant ones in the Philbrick T-V show who confess their "errors and stupidities," I must confess to subversion (accidentally, of course) of the general aims of the SPB, better known as the Society for Prevention of Bachelorhood.

It was last Friday night be-fore the ballgame and I dropped into Melton Kiser's to pick up some sandwiches. On one stool was Bachelor James Bennett, and on another was Bachelor Paul Walker. I slid onto the vacant stool between them.

"Your wife gone off, too?" jested Bachelor Bennett.

Before I could dream up a simple white lie like "yes," I blurted out, "This is OUR Sup-

m-m

The deleterious effects on the two friends was instantaneous. They guffawed in unison, and I could almost feel their patting themselves on the back for their agility at avoiding the trek down the altar.

Needless to say, I've already been raked over the coals by the society director at my

m-m Mauney Mill had a "lucky" fire last week, in the sense that it could have been much worse. Chatting with George H. Mauney after the fire was extin-guished, I mentioned construction precautions and George laughed. He had sprinklers installed in his home basement, later had a fire. Where was the fire? On the top floor, of course, and the sprinklers did no good.

I was impressed with the thickness of the brick wall of the Mauney Mill, which was revealed when a hole had to be sledge-hammered to permit entrance to the fire area. It was a good 18 inches thick, four courses of brick plus cement. This mill must have been built a-round the turn of the century and the builders meant for it to stay there. Today, a 12 to 13 inch wall is considered "standard" for many types of industrial construction.

Coincidentally, the Herald fire report of the same morning noted fire alarms had been missing all month.

The flooding of North school basement reveals that buildings have to have their "shakedowns" as well as ships. Minor errors in big installations will show, in spite of efforts or architects, builders, and others involved. It reminds that nothing human is letter perfect.

Don Blanton was crying about his golf game the other day on the friendly shoulder of Paul McGinnis, frequently a golfing companion of Don's. Druggist Don was quite scientiffically explaining his troubles with iron shots after "straight and long" get-aways from the tees. Don had just been eliminated in the country club's fall match play by Franklin Dean, the pint-sized high school lad, who is becoming a craftsman at sinking the white pellet in a tin-cupped gopher hole. After the discourse, Don suddenly laughed, "I don't know why I'm moaning, Franklin shoots better scores than I ever have any-way. And, besides, he'd already eliminated Jack White."

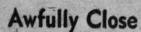
Don agrees with me in an old complaint of the business men: Would it not be possible to start fotball games at 8 o'clock instead of 7:30? It's hard to make kick-off time after closin gtime and avoid doing it on an empty stomach.

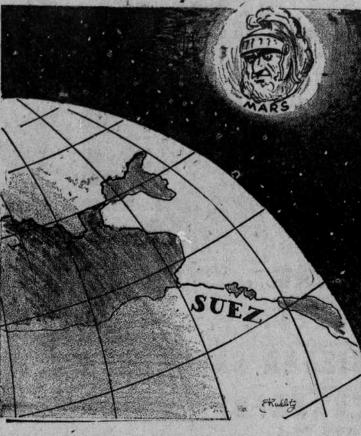
The football team of '56, I hear, boasts a passel of youngs-ters with good appetites. Otis Falls treated the squad to watermelon recently and, accord ing to official count, the lads did away with no less than 41 of them. With 60 chaps on the varsity and Jayvee squads, that's a pretty good score on the me-

Borrowed wisdom from the Imperial Type Metal Magazine: "Good ideas may go unregarded because advanced at inappropriate times."

The early lawmakers must have mistrusted everyone; otherwise they would not have made the terms of elective officers so short. Maybe they were right at that."

Time sign: next week it'll be





Viewpoints of Other Editors

USEFUL DISTINCTION

At his press conference Mr. Stevenson said, "It is no secret that I don't think much of the recent conduct of our foreign affairs." All the same, Mr. Stevenson very sensibly refused to eriticize the Administration's handling of the Suez dispute.

We think this reflects an important distinction. The so-called bipartisan approach to foreign affairs can be dangerous when, it tends to remove from political

Neither party, on the evidence so far, intends to fall into that seemed to improve his focus. record of achieving and keeping try it?" peace one of their strongest campaign cards. To the extent there is an issue here, it should certainly be developed.

gotiation and the results of which for the stuff." remain to be seen. No one can categorically say whether the "As you wish," he said. "As for United States is pursuing the wish." I can take it or leave it aest course through the Suez maze, lone." but it is plain that necessarily A month later, the raven found jeopardize the peaceful solution the serpent in the woods. The

general partisan criticism of for raven approached. eign policy and the impropriety "Please forgive me, dear old particular application of the po- has been a curse to me of late. licy. It is a distinction which might usefully be borne in the

BEFORE YOU DIET

reached the dimension of a craze undertake a diet - especially those of an experimental and strenuous kind - without first obtaining competent medical ad-

An example is provided by two new low-protein diets which have been given much publicity. One is tain little protein.

Two physicians and the American Medical Association's council on foods and nutrition have now warned against the indiscriminate use of these diets. Their statements appear in a recent is-sue of the AMA Journal. One 000 That's genius statement questions both the safety and effectiveness of the diets. The other two urge that medical supervision. A note of discouragement enters too—even patients on whom the original That's skill. diets were tested successfully re-gained weight when they quit the

It is also pointed out that some people wrongly blame protein for cousing their obesity and, left to their own devices, may go to a But - when a man drives aof the great majority of people. In any event—before you diet, see your doctor. — *Transylvania*

GUIDES An elderly lady from Boston who drove down to visit Washington said she had no object tion to the American habit of littering the highways with beer cans pitched from car windows.

is."-Minneapolis Tribune.

SNAKE'S TONGUE: A FABLE

One day the serpent was stretched upon a creek bank, in an entirely relaxed manner, when the raven glided down the track. Upon spying the serpent, the ra-ven looked surprised.

"I was attracted by the smoke rising from that clump of sour-woods," he said. "I did not expect to see you. Where have you been all these weeks?

discussion the broad policies on The serpent stared in the di-which the question of war or rection of the raven and blinked. He inclined his head somewhat and sighted downward. This

trap. The Democrats, as Mr. Ste- "I believe the smoke is from venson indicates, profess to be the little submarine still over deeply dissatisfied with the Ad-there," the serpent said to the ministration's foreign policies in general. And though their criticisms have not been very penecisms have not been very penecisms. It's trating, they are certainly entitl- possible you will find a dram ed to make them. The Republi- of the product in this jar I hapcans, for their part, consider the pen to have handy. Won't you

The raven shook his head. "You know," he said, "my beak won't reach that far down. I could But it is not "bipartisanship" remedy that by dropping in stones, of course, but that's realto refrain from attacking the ly a bigger job than school child-Administration on an aspect of ren who know the story might foreign policy which is currently suppose. Besides"—and he eyed the subject of international net the serpent closely—"I don't go

Mr. Stevenson has thus distin- which rattled with his vibrations. guished between the propriety of He seemed much agitated as the

of trying to draw political advan- friend," the serpent gasped at tage from adding, as he said, "to the difficulties of the President I thought you were a human beand the Secretary of State" in a ing. The truth is, that delusion

"However, I am happy to see mind by both parties during the have been asking for you. The campaign. — Wall Street Journal. sheriff's men came one day and you: you must have heard I tore up the little still where I was amusing myself. Now I won-Reducing diets seem to have to fly high up, upon the prospect to fly high up, upon the prospect of spotting the smoke from anomal of wards. in this country. A word of warning is in order. Elemental wisit. I chanced to bite my lip the other day, and I don't want to take any chances, you know. I need a drink.

The raven looked steadily at the serpent. "I thought," he said in a disapproving tone, "you

The serpent shook his head. based on a liquid combination of corn oil, evaporated milk and dexthe jug was wet and I could leave trose. The other employs regular foods, but the foods chosen con-I am very much in a mood to take it."—Sanford Herald.

MATTER OF BRAINS Irvin Berlin takes a worthless

piece of paper, and writes a song hit He sells the copy for \$50,-

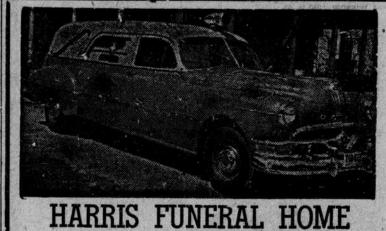
John D. Rockafeller would sign his name to a piece of paper and people use them only under strict make it worth a half million. That's capital. A man can buy \$5 worth of steel and make \$1,000

A cop can take a worthless piece of paper and write your number on it-and make you out

dangerous extreme of protein re- round and is looking for an aduction or elimination. The sci- partment, finds just what he ence of dietetics has proven that wants-and when the manager a substantial intake is necessary asks, "Have you any children?" to the mental and physical vigor of the great majority of people.
In any event—before you diet, tery," pays six months rent in advance, gets a receipt, then goes to the cemetery, gets his child-ren, and brings them to the a-partment—that's brains. — For est City Courier.

> THE AGE OF OPTIMISM The human being is an incurable optimist. He believes that he





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rable optimist. He believes that he has a pretty good chance to win a lottery prize but that there is she explained. "All those things shining in the car lights show me where the edge of the road is."—Minneapolis Tribune.

Table optimist. He believes that he has a pretty good chance to win a lottery prize but that there is scarcely the slightest chance of his getting killed in a traffic accident. — The Jackson (Miss.)

State Times.