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**TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE**

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

### MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

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### 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 criticize 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 discussion the broad policies on which the question of war or peace depends.

Neither party, on the evidence so far, intends to fall into that trap. The Democrats, as Mr. Stevenson indicates, profess to be deeply dissatisfied with the Administration's foreign policies in general. And though their criticisms have not been very penetrating, they are certainly entitled to make them. The Republicans, for their part, consider the record of achieving and keeping peace one of their strongest campaign cards. To the extent there is an issue here, it should certainly be developed.

But it is not "bipartisanship" to refrain from attacking the Administration on an aspect of foreign policy which is currently the subject of international negotiation and the results of which remain to be seen. No one can categorically say whether the United States is pursuing the wisest course through the Suez maze, but it is plain that necessarily jeopardize the peaceful solution it seeks.

Mr. Stevenson has thus distinguished between the propriety of general partisan criticism of foreign policy and the impropriety of trying to draw political advantage from adding, as he said, "to the difficulties of the President and the Secretary of State" in a particular application of the policy. It is a distinction which might usefully be borne in the mind by both parties during the campaign. — *Wall Street Journal*.

**BEFORE YOU DIET**  
Reducing diets seem to have reached the dimension of a craze in this country. A word of warning is in order. Elemental wisdom demands that no one should undertake a diet, especially those of an experimental and strenuous kind — without first obtaining competent medical advice.

An example is provided by two new low-protein diets which have been given much publicity. One is based on a liquid combination of corn oil, evaporated milk and dextrose. The other employs regular foods, but the foods chosen contain 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 issue of the AMA Journal. One statement questions both the safety and effectiveness of the diets. The other two urge that people use them only under strict medical supervision. A note of discouragement enters too — even patients on whom the original diets were tested successfully regained weight when they quit the diets.

It is also pointed out that some people wrongly blame protein for causing their obesity and, left to their own devices, may go to a dangerous extreme of protein reduction or elimination. The science of dietetics has proven that a substantial intake is necessary to the mental and physical vigor of the great majority of people.

In any event — before you diet, see your doctor. — *Transylvania Times*.

**GUIDES**  
An elderly lady from Boston who drove down to visit Washington said she had no objection to the American habit of littering the highways with beer cans pitched from car windows.  
"It helps me drive at night," she explained. "All those things shining in the car lights show me where the edge of the road 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 raven looked surprised.

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

The serpent stared in the direction of the raven and blinked. He inclined his head somewhat and sighted downward. This seemed to improve his focus.

"I believe the smoke is from the little submarine still over there," the serpent said to the raven. He spoke very carefully. "Interesting operation. I've been observing it for some time. It's possible you will find a dram of the product in this jar I happen to have handy. Won't you try it?"

The raven shook his head. "You know," he said, "my beak won't reach that far down. I could remedy that by dropping in stones, of course, but that's really a bigger job than school children who know the story might suppose. Besides — and he eyed the serpent closely — "I don't go for the stuff."

The serpent hiccoughed gently. "As you wish," he said. "As for me, I can take it or leave it alone."

A month later, the raven found the serpent in the woods. The serpent lay in a bed of leaves, which rattled with his vibrations. He seemed much agitated as the raven approached.

"Please forgive me, dear old friend," the serpent gasped at length. "When you came along, I thought you were a human being. The truth is, that delusion has been a curse to me of late."

"However, I am happy to see you; you must have heard I have been asking for you. The sheriff's men came one day and tore up the little still where I was amusing myself. Now I wonder if you would be good enough to fly high up, upon the prospect of spotting the smoke from another. Then you could direct me to it. 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 could take it or leave it alone."

The serpent shook his head. "You are right, my friend," he sighed. "When last I saw you, the jug was wet and I could leave it alone. But now the jug is dry. 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 \$50,000. That's genius.

John D. Rockefeller would sign his name to a piece of paper and make it worth a half million. That's capital. A man can buy \$5 worth of steel and make \$1,000 worth of watch springs out of it. That's skill.

A cop can take a worthless piece of paper and write your number on it — and make you out ten bucks. That's your hard luck as a motorist.

But — when a man drives around and is looking for an apartment, finds just what he wants — and when the manager asks, "Have you any children?" puts on a long face and answers, "Yes, but they are in the cemetery," pays six months rent in advance, gets a receipt, then goes to the cemetery, gets his children, and brings them to the apartment — that's brains. — *Forest City Courier*.

**THE AGE OF OPTIMISM**  
The human being is an incurable 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*.

### Awfully Close



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### 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 dollars?

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, manpower-lacking farmers 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 force.

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 subsidized, 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 versa.

J. W. (Bill) Osborne should make a capable replacement for Clerk of Superior Court Everett Houser, Jr. Mr. Osborne, by virtue 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 surpluses 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 local 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 faculty-staffing 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 facilities.

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 today, but not for long. There's not a single vacant classroom in the city district this year, in spite of the new 14-room building.

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 ex-cruciating 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 professionals. 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 hedge-podges of diversified thinking, including (as both party does) far right conservatives, moderates, and rather leftist liberals. It is fortunate for the nation that both tickets are headed by men of moderate persuasion.

### 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.

On Monday Kings Mountain will celebrate in a quiet manner the 166th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain, which turned the tide of the Revolutionary War.

Cleveland County's 23rd annual fair closed up shop last Saturday night after the customary five-day run, but not until 197,050 persons had passed through the gates to enjoy the festivities.

Kings Mountain churches and their membership are collaborating again this year in the observance of the seventh worldwide communion on the forthcoming Sunday, October 6.

Social and Personal  
Mrs. E. L. Campbell was hostess yesterday to Colonel Frederick Hambricht chapter, DAR, at her home.