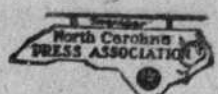




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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. Hebrews 8:12.

Kid Stuff

Nothing makes citizens angrier than for grown men, particularly their public servants, to fail to answer questions about citizens' business.

It is an unfortunate fact of democracy that most candidates for public office, short of candidates for high state office, know little about government and less about public relations. In short, a guy usually wins office because he's personable, friendly and has a winning smile, not to mention the necessary cash backing.

Thus the citizens were angered when the majority wing of the city commission refused to answer the "why" or "why's" four of the five members wanted to discharge Chief of Police Martin Ware, Officer C. E. (Bud) Ware, and Gas Superintendent Corbett Nicholson Comm. Luther Bennett said, in general, that Chief Ware wasn't operating his department efficiently, but he didn't spell out the detail.

Comm. Ben H. Bridges said that for some months he and some of the commissioners had figured the city could save cash by combining the gas department work with that of other city departments. It was not new news, as Comm. Bridges had said it previously and it had appeared as a news story in the Herald.

Comms. Boyce Gault and Coleman Stroupe said nothing.

All are on weak ground, both the talkers and the silent ones.

Had Mr. Bennett spelled out the detail, he may have won his case.

Comm. Bridges, the Herald knows to be efficient and able. However, his basic difficulty is understanding that running city business is not like running private business.

In turn, Comm. Ross Alexander's reminder that two men operate the 600-customer gas department (which returns a continually increasing profit) effectively answers Comm. Bridges' argument. Generally speaking, in ordinary business or governmental business, it's not usual or wise operating procedure to disturb a good situation. In addition, Comm. Bridges should know, if he doesn't, that personnel changes cost money.

If the majority wing of the board has a case (more than wanting to make some political pay-offs or changing for change's sake), then the case should be stated.

Again, that's the only question of importance asked at the rather wild commission session of May 23: Why?

The Shelby Daily Star has already elaborated the commission for holding secret meeting and the Herald agrees.

Obviously, the Herald, as well as the Star, understands the necessity for occasional caucuses, but the sudden, blitzkrieg type secret meeting is poor policy, as the commission must be regretting at leisure.

And secret meetings also contravene North Carolina law and the true spirit of democracy.

It has been a standing joke for three years that Gault's grocery is the Kings Mountain version of Tammany Hall.

Who is kidding who?
Youngsters graduate from Kindergarten at five, start to grade school at six.

To The Graduates

More than 150 Kings Mountain area high school seniors have received diplomas in the past few days and numerous Kings Mountain college students have won degrees from colleges and universities and are bidding farewell to friends, professors and alma maters.

To the high school graduates, the Herald offers its annual wish that each and all will make arrangements for more schooling.

The reasons are quite practical.

Items:
1) It is becoming increasingly hard for non-college folk to get their feet in the doors of industry even for an interview, much less for employment.

2) College training, as all education, teaches some facts, but principally, how to think.

3) In the instance of girl graduates, there are two principal reasons for college training, in addition to those already mentioned. One is for an insurance policy, in event some tragedy should befall the wedded man of her choice. The other is to better equip her

Second Primary

Second Primaries are seldom tea parties and North Carolina's 1960 model promises to be among the nastiest since the mean 1950 second when Dr. Frank P. Graham, though with a commanding lead, could not hold it against the onslaught of the late Willis Smith.

This time, candidate Terry Sanford carries into the second primary the biggest lead—nearly 83,000 votes—any candidate ever had and still had a second race called. Dr. I. Beverly Lake only was the instrument of calling it. His supporters, evidently, between the wee hours of Sunday morning and his call at 4:30 Monday afternoon, gave him enough indication of continued support.

Everything being possible, if not probable, it obtains that Dr. Lake could win the governorship, if one bases on the seemingly parallel of the 1950 senatorial joust. It will be recalled that Dr. Graham, the liberal, found his opponent appealing to the old white supremacy pitch and winning on it, same appeal which kept the Democrats in power from the end of the Civil War in 1865 until the 1890's, when a fusion ticket of farmers and Republicans won brief command.

Actually, the parallel is only seeming, not exact.

In 1950, Dr. Graham was the theoretician, while Mr. Smith was the practical political candidate who had earned his living in the rough-tough world of business and law.

In 1960, Dr. Lake is the theoretician. He practiced law for two years, then took the relative sinecure of a college professorship, to be followed by yet another comparative sinecure, that of one of the several assistants attorney-general.

Mr. Sanford, conversely, is the practical man, who has earned a living in law and business. He is a practical politician, well-trained, and follows the creed of letting the other guy make the errors. Then he swats him in the solar plexus, or plants a quick verbal uppercut to the jaw.

The Herald picked the race almost correctly, except that, in the finish, Dr. Lake and John Larkins swapped Herald predicted places.

Incidentally, Mr. Larkins is authority for the statement that, while Dr. Lake brags about having written the Pearsall Plan law (which he did) that the General Assembly made some major modifications before enacting the bill into law. This is quite customary procedure. The attorney-general's office either writes or checks for correct legal terminology and form virtually all of the bills introduced.

The fact remains: Dr. Lake wants to turn the clock back 95 years, but he cannot, or will not, say how he plans to do it other than by "persuasion."

As everyone knows there's been a lot of friendly persuading going on in North Carolina since May 1954.

In some of North Carolina's sister states of the south, the persuading has been something less than friendly.

It's budget time for the city and, as always, there won't be enough money to budget all of the needs and desires of citizens in the 12-month period. However, Kings Mountain is gaining on its capital needs. Mayor Glee A. Bridges told the commission recently the city needs about \$500,000 to manipulate its sewage and electrical problems. Since, the commission has decided to short circuit the electrical problem by rebuilding the line serving the business section. It's a matter of delaying judgment day but, again, all of the needs can't be handled at once without flirting with bankruptcy. Today Kings Mountain's fiscal picture is strong, which is the way responsible citizens want to keep it.

for rearing her children.
Some are inclined to feel they can't afford a college education.

It should be known that, with alumni gifts, endowments and other funds, many scholarships are available, both for scholastics and work-wise.

A check with the registrar of any institution will bring full information about the availability of both scholarships and on-campus jobs.

To each high school graduate and college degree winner, the Herald conveys congratulations, bon voyage and Godspeed.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

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

It may not be propitious to brag on birthdays, particularly after age 16 when this milestone spells a driving license if not full control of the family bus, or after 21 which spells manhood or womanhood, at least as far as citizenship and voting rights are concerned.

But I did pass, during the past month, that milestone when life begins, or at least that was the idea of the late humorist Will Rogers. I feel pretty young and it has also been said one is as young as he or she feels.

It should be noted that Dr. Paul White, the heart specialist was quoted recently in Time Magazine as saying that middle age doesn't begin at 40 but at 20. His theory is that too many of us, driving hard to get bread on the table, shoes for the kids, and still trying to keep up the social amenities, burn ourselves out during the 20-40 period, then prove victim to a variety of ailments thenceforth. His recommendation: plenty of exercise, including walking and bicycle riding. Dr. White does both and at what to some in advanced age, is hale, hearty and active.

It would seem impossible to have two birthdays within a month, but I have another coming this weekend. It's my twentieth class reunion at the University of North Carolina. Bill Stauber drew my name to write me to attend and I telephoned him I would. Bill was a close personal friend, edited the since-demised Carolina Buccaneer, a humor magazine. Humor, like entertainment, requires variety to retain an audience and like most college humor publications occasionally majored in an over-dose of the risqué. Bill was no exception and one issue the ire of the administration and resulted in its being burned. I was on the Daily Tar Heel at the time and the paper fought the administration on the grounds of censorship. We lost.

It was seven years later that I was having a discussion with the late O. J. Coffin, head of the UNC journalism department. It happened that the journalism professors never cottoned too much to the Daily Tar Heel staffers and with obvious good reason. Daily Tar Heel students were slow turning out class work, tended to spend more time on the paper than on their books. From the work in a newspaperman's standpoint, there was no better training than the morning Daily Tar Heel, published everyday except Mondays. I asked Dr. Coffin why the journalism department professors didn't try to help Tar Heel men with friendly advice, rather than carping at us about wasting our time on the paper. "Martin," he replied, "that's simple. The first complaint you'd make would be the cry of censorship. And you'd be right nine times out of ten."

That I was glad to know. It was a valid reason.

Since the late Governor Clyde Hoey handed me my sheepskin, I haven't been able to be at Chapel Hill during any commencement season, for one reason or another, normally just plain work. And I surely want to see the friends together again.

Dr. George Plonk, classmate and two years a roommate, says he can't make it as he has promised his eldest daughter to esquire her to the debutante ball. Jim Amos, not a classmate but a graduate of 1948 says he's got an inventory due Saturday at Massachusetts Mohair. Joe McDaniel, another Carolina man, isn't sure yet. So it goes. Wilson Griffin, Paul McGinnis and the C. D. Blanton, senior and junior, are retail businessmen and find it difficult to get away on Saturdays. Arnold Kaiser may or may not be able to make it.

I learned in the process it pays to do more than scan one's mail. I had the impression the reunion was on May 28, asked a half-dozen people to go along, then luckily rechecked. I'd have felt pretty foolish to have driven 160 miles to find nothing happening except examinations.

While two decades once seemed a long, long time, they now seem only a few days in the past. But the boys of 1940, have traveled far and wide since. Majority of my class of about 750 served in army, navy or air force. Chuck Witten stayed in the navy, was a three striper the last I heard of him. Student Body President Jim Davis is a Durham surgeon. Bill Stauber works for a Durham advertising agency. Vaughan Winborne is a Raleigh lawyer. Ed Rankin, formerly Governor Hodges secretary is managing the Raleigh office of Harden Associates, public relations firm. Frank Holman is with the Washington bureau of the New York Daily News. Bill Ogburn, who was advertising manager of the Daily Tar Heel, is in London with an oil firm. Shelby Rolfe, Daily Tar Heel sports editor, is doing a major sports job with one of the Richmond papers. Bill Weaver is newspapering at Greensboro.

The Class of '40, children of the Depression, was a pretty bright one. If it's bragging, I can't help it.

Handshake or Indian Wrestling?



Viewpoints of Other Editors

AROUND THE FINAL TURN

With the contested primaries behind them, the Democratic presidential aspirants now enter the less loudly publicized stage of delegate rustling.

In this phase the top candidates intensively cultivate delegates still formally uncommitted.

The effectiveness of these labors can be decisive in determining the nomination. No one who seriously hopes to gain the prize can coast through this period.

Sen. John Kennedy embarks on this phase with heavy advantage over his chief rivals. To complete a season string of unbroken primary victories, he has just beaten Sen. Wayne Morse in his home state of Oregon. About him hangs the aura of the "winner" and the "vote-getter."

His actual total of votes in hand is already approaching the halfway mark toward the needed nominating total of 761. His added potential is substantial, and he will be striving to build it higher between now and July 11 at Los Angeles.

Sen. Lyndon Johnson, fortified by major southern support, is figured to come into the convention with between 400 and 500 votes.

Sen. Stuart Symington hopes for around 200 on the first ballot, and counts on picking up major strength thereafter.

Obviously their hopes, and those of the supporters of dark-horse Adlai Stevenson are founded on blocking Kennedy through the early ballots. The chore is not easy.

They must somehow put together a "stop" coalition that will endure long enough so that Kennedy will begin to fade. Delegates must be persuaded that he is not going to make it over the top.

If he enters the convention with upwards of 550 delegate votes and builds quickly on this total in the second ballot, his rivals are unlikely to succeed.

Momentum is the key. If Kennedy has it, he will probably be unstoppable.

If his rivals can destroy his upward pace — either before or during the convention — then they'll have their real chance. — The Shelby Star.

SLAVES TO ELECTRICITY

How many electric motors are there in your home?

Maybe five? Ten? Guess again. The chances are that there are at least 25 of these "silent servants" — lifting, pulling, cutting, grinding, heating or cooling for you.

So says Jack Riley, of the Public Relations Department of Carolina Power and Light Company. He continues:

"Few of us are aware of the fact that we're literally surrounded by electric motors in the home. A typical day in a typical Carolina home reveals just how much our lives depend on electric motors.

"Rise in the morning to the alarm of an electric clock powered by a 2-watt motor, one of the tiniest made. The electric shaver that you put to your face has a 1/100-horsepower motor in it.

"Turn the thermostat and the furnace comes on, throwing into life from two to five motors to pump fuel and blow the warm air.

"If you have an all-electric heat pump, changes in temperature activate electric motors which literally pump warmth from the outside air.

"The wife switches on the electric range. An electric timer cooks your egg; a motor whisks away cooking odors.

"Juice comes from oranges squeezed by an electric motor. The refrigerator that keeps it cool contains several motors, some sealed from dust for years.

lations firm. Frank Holman is with the Washington bureau of the New York Daily News. Bill Ogburn, who was advertising manager of the Daily Tar Heel, is in London with an oil firm. Shelby Rolfe, Daily Tar Heel sports editor, is doing a major sports job with one of the Richmond papers. Bill Weaver is newspapering at Greensboro.

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A RIGHT JEALOUSLY GUARDED

Occasionally, a public official or a private citizen will voice resentment at the insistence of the newspaper profession upon public meetings of official bodies.

An example of why this insistence is necessary was demonstrated Monday night during a meeting of the Kings Mountain City Commission.

It became apparent that informal meetings had been held frequently in the past. Over 100 responsible citizens appeared to criticize the practice and to demand that the board conduct its business in public.

We are gratified to see such a display of alert citizenship. Our position has always been firm. A board of elected officials has no right to transact the public's business in secret.

The only way the public can protect its interest is to be there itself or to have competent and fair reporting of such board meetings in the news media.

We do not know the reasons behind the effort of some Kings Mountain commissioners to make personnel changes among city employees. Whenever such actions, however, are conceived and attempted "behind the barn" as one citizen put it, the actions immediately become suspect.

Hidden motives almost always are viewed in a suspicious light and public boards must be aware of their responsibility for straight-forward and above-board handling of public duties.

The Kings Mountain mayor was wise in going on record that he will allow no more secret sessions of his board. The presiding officer has a responsibility to the public in preventing his board members from acting behind the scenes. In these instances, someone is always treated in an unfair manner.

We hope what happened will be an encouragement to other public boards. It should enable them to better resist the human temptation of conducting affairs outside the scrutiny of the public.

An official who doesn't want this scrutiny and who is hesitant to make his opinions public should think twice before he runs for office.

The right of the American people to know exactly what is going on in government is the greatest bulwark we have against loss of our freedoms. — The Shelby Star.

of trouble-free service.

"Walk to the garage, move the electric mower from the driveway. (Junior left it there yesterday.) The garage door is opened by an electric motor. You drive away to work in a machine filled with electric motors.

"The lady of the house begins the daily routine. Cleaning the table, she dumps scraps into the food waste disposer where they are ground to pieces and flushed away by an electric motor.

"She gathers the soiled clothes, tosses them into the washer, turns the switch and powerful motors take over the washing chore. If the weather is bad; they're popped into the electric dryer where more motors go to work.

"She uses a motor with tremendous suction to vacuum the house.

"Madam decides to bake a cake. The mixer has an electric motor. The knife sharpener, the food grinder are electrically powered.

— Stanly News & Press.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1950 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

First round play in the 1960 North Carolina American Legion Junior baseball program is slated to get underway Monday with Coach Buddy Lewis' Kings Mountain team scheduled to face Charlotte's Juniors here at City Stadium at 8 p. m.

Vacation Bible School at First Baptist church is scheduled to begin Monday at 8:30 a. m. and end on June 14.

SUMMER IS THE SEASON OF RELAXATION—

But don't relax vigilance against fire hazards. Be careful year-round — be safe, be insured.

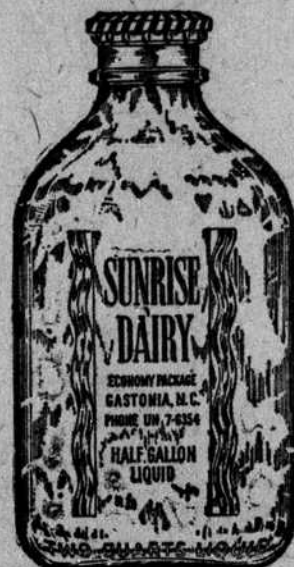
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