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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Hebrews 11:1.

Republican Doings

There was a time, some years ago, that Number 4 Township Republicans held a clambake and made motions about establishing a virile organization, but very little occurred.

Upcoming Thursday night is another organization meeting of township Republicans, this one according to the state GOP's plan of organization, which in most places matches that of the Democrats, with the principal exception being the fact that the GOP holds its local, county, district and state gatherings earlier than opponents.

One reason, of course, is that the GOP does the bulk of its candidate nominating at conventions, in contrast to party primaries, and the March state convention date is in advance of the filing deadline for state offices. It gives maverick Republicans, if they are unhappy with the convention decisions, opportunity to file and force a primary.

The Herald, believing that through party organization is the lone practical way for individuals to have much effective voice in government, re-encourages again the GOP to forge a more effective organization. The Herald also believes in two-party government, not for the sake of party itself, but for producing better government.

Success in politics requires organization at the precinct level in any democratic system, if that party is to be successful.

All office-holders and ex-office-holders will be first to say that many issues are advanced in which there is no political mileage to be gained, regardless of the decision the office-holders make. These issues reap different answers among the voters, encourage activity by the "loyal opposition."

There is little question that the so-called "independent" or "switch" voter determines a large portion of election results. Yet, after the votes are counted, the organization of the winning party takes over and the independent finds himself a member of an uncohesive body without a formal forceful spokesman.

Gratified, Not Satisfied

President John Fitzgerald Kennedy was a noted phrase-maker before becoming the nation's chief executive and, though he has some help, still does much of his own speech-writing. He has a definite flare for word economy, withal getting his message across to both the educator and man-in-the-street.

Among the outstanding phrases in his state of the union address to Congress was his summation of his first year in office in these words: We're gratified, but not satisfied.

There is no idea, said the President, of resting on any small successes of the past, with an obviously great amount of distance to be made in the future.

When the President was inaugurated, the nation was just before hitting the bottom of a recession. The picture a year later was on the upswing. He wants the upswing to continue, is steering the nation into the European Common Market, and asks authority of Congress not only to extend the reciprocal trade act but to broaden it.

There are two opposing wings of thought. On the President's side are those who believe one must trade or die economically. The opponents fear for the life of their particular economic bandwagons.

Many are inclined to follow the President on faith, noting that he has proved himself no wild-eyed liberal in the nation's economic policies during the past year. Item: when the economy headed upward, he put the brakes on pump-priming. Item: he honored the pleas of textile manufacturers for faster depreciation schedules, considers other ways and means to aid this long-maligned industry.

Much of Mr. Kennedy's address concerned domestic matters, which some observers guess, indicates the President's thinking that a nation can be no stronger abroad than it is at home.

The January 31 deadline for city and county tax listing is fast approaching.

Insuring Everyone

Though not the only cause in skyrocketing auto liability insurance costs, many knowledgeable insurance agents and executives can relate quickly that part of the cost (others being higher priced rolling stock, higher medical care cost, etc.) stems in this state from compulsory liability coverage, in vogue since 1955.

It brings to mind the current renewal of the effort to put medical care coverage for the elderly under the social security program on a compulsory basis. The proposals, as embodied in the King-Anderson bill soon to get attention in Congress, has the active opposition of state medical societies, as well as that of the parent American Medical Association, not to mention other groups.

Meantime, the national Blue Cross associations have come forward with an alternate plan, whereby rates for coverage of the elderly would be on a sliding scale plan based on the income of the insured. Further, it is noted, about six percent of the present Blue Cross insured in North Carolina, for instance, are 65 and older.

Prime objection to coverage under social security - to many others than those directly effected such as doctors, hospitals, and insurance sellers - is the fact that social security has a heavy load to carry now. Another is the already-law escalation of social security rates, which will rise in a few years to 12 percent of gross basic payrolls (six percent paid by employer, the other half by employee).

There is little valid objection to some effort on the part of the federal government to assure medical care for the elderly indigent, as provided in measure through the Kerr-Mills bill of last year. It has been charged that Kerr-Mills is insufficient and that one difficulty is that the states haven't properly implemented its laws to take advantage of these federal appropriations.

The position of the North Carolina Medical society is that the General Assembly appropriated seven millions in 1961 to provide for health care needs of the indigent and medically indigent, regardless of age, and that this sum, with other avenues available, can handle the matter to large degree.

Responsible folk who sell insurance would be the last to suggest that a person can cover all risks. The basic idea of insurance is to cover the major ones, in effect insuring against a major disaster.

A comparatively new field in health insurance is the so-called "major medical" variety, where months of required medical care and hospitalization, result of illness or injury, can quickly devastate a bank or savings account.

At Majority

Retiring President Charles Neiser was much younger when the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club was chartered in 1940 and he felt it would be beneficial to club members, both old and young and incoming to have a capsule review of the work of the organization.

Thus was distributed to members last week a history of the club written by Edward H. Smith.

It was a worthy review and delineates well the contributions this organization has made to the community through the years. The club's scholarship loan fund alone is sufficient for its existence and all must have been impressed with the fact the club has supplied more than 15,000 meals to indigent school children.

All must have chuckled over the meaning of "kiwanis", borrowed from an Indian tribe, the meaning being, "We have a good time, we make a noise." No doubt 21-plus years of fellowship have produced plenty of good times, and the long activity list is proof that the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club, indeed, has made an effective and worthwhile noise.

The Herald regrets to learn of the transfer of Patrolman Dale Kimbrell to another station. Officer Kimbrell has shown himself a good officer and citizen in his five years on the Kings Mountain assignment.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

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

After hearing him speak here last week, I told Sheriff Hayward Allen he could well forgo the sheriff's chore and make a good living speaking for fees as a banquet circuit professional.

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The Sheriff, like his father, is loaded with wit, and he can deliver it effectively from the platform. Developing a general theme of "we law enforcement officers run into a lot of strange events," Hayward kept his audience well-entertained.

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A fellow, the Sheriff said, had a flower in his lapel and another addressed him, "That's a pretty chrysanthemum you're wearing." The other replied, "No, it's not a chrysanthemum, it's a rose."

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Remonstrations continued back and forth until the flower-wearer, somewhat heatedly, said, "Well, maybe it is a chrysanthemum, but how do you spell it?"

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The other replied, "It's a rose."

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Another tale he spun at the expense of the barbers. A barber was shaving a one-armed fellow, made a slip of the wrist and cut a deep gash which was bleeding quite profusely. Embarrassed, the barber tried to staunch the wound with a towel, kept up a rapid-fire run of conversation to divert the patient's attention. Finally the barber asked, "I don't remember you. Have I ever shaved you before?"

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The customer replied, "No, you haven't. I lost that arm at the sawmill."

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Another the sheriff spun at the expense of the South's ex-Yankee imports.

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A would-be suicide was standing on the ledge of a church spire and the police chief was trying to persuade him not to jump. "Don't jump, don't jump!" the Chief yelled, "Think of your wife and children!"

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"I haven't wife and children, get out of the way, I'm a-going to jump," replied the guy who wanted to end it all.

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"Then think of your mother and father!" the Chief pleaded.

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"Got no mother and father; get out of the way I'm going jump!"

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"Wait a minute, wait a minute, I'll think of something," the Chief continued, "Don't jump. Think of General Robert E. Lee!"

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"I never heard of General Robert Lee," came the reply.

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The Chief, a patriotic Southerner, then yelled, "Never heard of General Robert E. Lee! Jump, you damn Yankee, jump!"

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The Sheriff told another about a Chief of Police who'd been noticing that a very pretty lady driver was a bit careless when under the wheel. One day he was cruising in the car and observed the lady traveling a bit too fast. He blew the siren and stepped out to draft a speeding ticket. As he was beginning to write, he remarked, "I've had my eye on you." She replied in her most come-hither manner, "Are you going to pinch me for speeding?"

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On another occasion a deputy who wasn't the most expert with the English language, was starting to write a man a citation for a driving infraction.

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"What is your name?" the deputy asked.

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"Zachariah Demitriopolis Jefferson Jones," came the reply.

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The poor spelling deputy closed his book and instructed, "Don't you ever let me catch you doing this again!"

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Yes, the Sheriff can spin a yarn.

Shopping Around By Rolfe



"Harry wouldn't hear the boom of jungle drums. He'd be thinking of the BONG of bill collectors!"

Viewpoints of Other Editors

THE ENGINES OF GROWTH

Much of the argument over future U. S. economic growth is political, generated by those who urge much greater Government spending as the chief propellant of growth. Yet there are real economic and social considerations in this political issue, and they deserve more emphasis than they get.

At a recent meeting of economists, for example, Edward F. Denison, of the Committee for Economic Development listed 13 steps for raising the growth rate (using the term in the sense of output) by one percentage point by 1980. Mr. Denison made clear he was delivering no political polemic; in fact, he said he was not particularly advocating adoption of his list. He was merely saying that if the nation does want to increase its growth rate, these are some of the ways it can be done.

One of the most interesting things about the list is that Government spending is not given as a step toward growth. Almost equally instructive are some of the items that did make the list.

Increased capital formation, for one, and a particularly important one in view of the new study by Simon Kuznets warning that capital, at the rate it is forming, may not be adequate for future needs. Here are some other growth steps Mr. Denison mentioned:

Working three hours a week longer than we otherwise would in 1980. Removing barriers to international trade. Doing away with "fair trade" price-laws. Eliminating union-imposed obstacles to the most efficient use of resources.

Whatever one's politics, it seems to us such requirements are self-evident. It is just common sense to say that if the U. S. economy is to achieve a higher growth rate, capital must be forthcoming and people must be willing to work and artificial impediments to efficiency and competition must disappear.

Yet what are the attitudes that actually prevail among many people in this country today?

For one, there is the big new union push for shorter hours. This is one of the major current goals of the AFL-CIO, and it is dismally dramatized by the demand of an electricians' local for a 50-hour week. Throughout industry is a seemingly growing desire to avoid work, to be paid more for working less or not at all.

How does that square with the demands for greater economic growth? The answer is painfully simple: It doesn't.

Or consider some of the Government's policies in relation to growth. The present Administration is committed, it's true, to the aim of freer international trade, but in innumerable other ways it seeks to protect various segments of the economy from the effort of competition. And there could hardly be a more powerful deterrent to increased private capital formation than our confiscatory tax system. In addition, we have the persistent inflation of decades, with little indication the Government will finally halt it. If it is not halted, talk of real economic growth is so much wind.

Government policies work damage in more subtle ways. An unhealthy state of mind is emerging from the combination of Government growth and the demands of pressure groups for more Government harpings. Whatever may be said of the morality of that collusion between Government and some people, it is plainly economic weakness. A people changing from self-reliance to dependence on the State may be in danger of losing their resources or growth. In such circumstances, it is a grievous fault for Government officials to propagate, in word and deed, the myth that the Government can speed the nation into economic growth. The Government can speed an unstable inflationary boom for a time, but only the people, working hard with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Kerns.

SHARED EXPERIENCES. WHAT FLAVOR?

With thousands of students pouring into American colleges and universities from emerging lands of Asia, Africa, and Latin America, it is easy to assume that these young people will all be impressed with the good features of the United States and become its champions in their homelands.

The Institute of International Education, however, has made public the results of a survey which can give Americans food for serious thought. The Institute asked more than a thousand African students about their experience in American colleges and universities.

Though more than a third of them gave Americans credit for friendliness, few of them reported they had made many friends, even among American Negroes, while here. Three out of four had experienced some kind of discrimination, many of them more than they had expected, and were critical of American social and political values in consequence.

Certainly there is much to be gained by exchange student programs and by scholarships for students from overseas. But it does not automatically follow that all such contacts will result in mutual good will.

Yosuke Matsuoka, who became foreign minister of Japan and led the Konoye government into alliance with Hitler and Mussolini, had graduated with honors from the University of Oregon Law School, where he earned most of his expenses as a dishwasher and servant.

Dr. Cheddi Jagan, whose political successes in British Guiana have caused both Britain and the United States much uneasiness, studied at Howard University and Northwestern University in the United States.

Dr. Kwame Nkrumah, Prime Minister of the Gold Coast in West Africa, graduated from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and attended the London School of Economics but has seemed at times to mix some of the thinking of Moscow with that of his Western mentors.

In short, the sharing of educational experiences is of unquestionable value but is no panacea for international ills. Much depends on the character of the experience, the personal qualities of the student, and the tactfulness of the host country. — The Christian Science Monitor.

and saving and investing, can build sound growth.

No picketing can excuse the lie that work and thrift, the very things that made this country, are no longer necessary. They may be more necessary than ever in the decades ahead. The U. S. is not immune to decline. It can't afford to trade in the real engines of growth for the delusion of a Government utopia. — The Wall Street Journal.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1951 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Burlington Mills Corporation will trade the city a 17-acre tract off the Bessemer City road for a stadium site in return a similar size tract outside the city limits. Paul W. Owens was installed for the second year as worshipful master of Fairview Lodge 339 AF&AM at a stated communication held Monday night at the lodge hall.

Social and Personal Mrs. H. C. Hayes entertained members of the Study club and additional guests at her home Tuesday night.

Members of the King of Hearts bridge club met Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Kerns.

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