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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

How can ye believe, which honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only? St. John 6:44.

Political Pace Faster

With the arrival of the New Year, the political pace among the Tar Heels seeking to succeed Terry Sanford as occupant of the Governor's Mansion will wax much faster.

Particular emphasis, of course, will be on the May Democratic primary, with five candidates already in the race for the nomination. The leading three are Judge L. Richardson Preyer, of Greensboro, Dr. I. Beverly Lake, of Raleigh, and Judge Dan K. Moore, of Sylva. All have strong echelons of support and political observers are predicting that the Democrats, as is usual, will witness another second primary battle.

The Republicans, who usually settle their intra-party affairs in convention, may have a primary for the top position, too. Don Badgley, of Greensboro, wearing the GOP "maverick" tag, paid his filing fee some weeks ago. His candidacy does not appeal to some GOP leaders and presumably there will be another candidate.

The Democratic race started much earlier than usual this year, with Judge Moore's entry into the race. Pre-holiday politicking was busy, but not intense. Neither of the leaders wants to peak his campaign too early, which could prove fatal. Another factor has been the upcoming January 14 vote on the "little federal" amendment. Judge Moore said it was a decision for the voters which would be long-settled before his personal D-Day at the May primary. Judge Preyer, from populous Guilford, opposes.

There will also be a considerable step-up in the pace of politicking for the GOP presidential nomination. The polling experts report that Senator Goldwater, of Arizona, retains a lead among party leaders, but a considerably lessened lead than he enjoyed prior to the accession of President Lyndon Johnson.

One writer, William White, flatly predicts that the GOP nominee will be either Governor Scranton, of Pennsylvania, or Richard Nixon, the 1960 standard-bearer. The polling experts rate Mr. Nixon high, too.

Senator Goldwater's demise in popularity stems from the fact that President Johnson will be the Democratic nominee and will return the sometimes dissident southern states to voting regularity in the Democratic ranks, an area of prior Goldwater strength.

Economy Drive

President Lyndon B. Johnson, in the early days of his presidency, continues to call for economy in the administration of federal affairs. He first ordered cabinet members to squeeze fat out of their budget requests for the coming year, now has asked for a new examination of the administration of federal aid.

He has also approved cutbacks in the defense establishment and anticipates more.

He, of course, is not the first chief executive to seek ways and means of cutting federal outgo, and only time will prove how effective his efforts are.

But the effort is pleasing to the vast majority of the nation.

Most folk agree that spending for valid needs must and should be, but they decry waste.

Tax listing, the annual January chore, begins Thursday. All persons owning property are required to list it for taxes during this month, and the smarter ones attend to the job early, this way saving themselves much time. Last minute folk usually find they must wait in line.

The community will miss Marion C. (Bub) Falls when they do business at Kings Mountain postoffice. Mr. Falls, for 25 years, specialized in courteous service to patrons, first as a carrier and then as a postmaster. Congratulations to Mrs. Falls for the past many years of service. Her record of service is a credit to the community.

A Look at 1964

With Christmas past and New Year's Eve greetings history, the work-a-day world settles down to the more prosaic business of day-to-day living and earning a living.

It is the season when modern-day seers crystal-gaze into the future to provide more or less educated guesses on future happenings.

Generally, the outlook is optimistic for 1964, with economists predicting a continuing high level of business activity and pointing to several supporting factors.

Auto sales set a new high record in 1963, and the bellwether steel industry had its best year in several. Increased trade with Iron Curtain nations promises some improvement from the surplus of farm commodities. These sales plus the cut-back in the foreign aid program indicate an improvement in the decline of the nation's gold reserves, a continuing problem for several years.

The nation enters the year with a new president in the person of Lyndon B. Johnson, who has won a high degree of popularity among virtually all groups, from captains of finance, to labor leaders and civil rights promoters.

In North Carolina, yesterday's effective date on minimum wage payments of 85 cents per hour will put five million dollars extra into the wage envelopes of North Carolinians and industry continues to favor North Carolina's "climate" by locating new plants here and by expanding existing ones.

Foresight can go awry due to many factors and often does, but the 1964 outlook appears bright for North Carolina and the nation.

J. Byron Keeter

The death of J. Byron Keeter last Saturday removed from the community a long-time citizen who made more than a normal share of contributions to the welfare of the community.

An able merchant, Mr. Keeter was a frequent leader in various and sundry charitable enterprises, for the Red Cross, for the United Service Organization, and for his church. He was a leader in the Kings Mountain Merchants association and was a key figure in the merchants' adoption of more temperate hours.

Mr. Keeter was a kind man, liberal with his means for the community good and to individuals.

He had been in ill health for the past several years.

The community joins his family in mourning the loss of a leading citizen, loyal Kiwanian and Baptist, and sportsman.

Kings Mountain citizens opened their pocketbooks, along with their hearts, to provide well over \$1600 for the use of Kings Mountain pastors in providing Christmas to the needy of the area. Some 84 families were given gifts of toys, fuel, clothing, and/or food. The pastors deserve commendation, too. Not only is it no easy work in preparing the gifts, but their delivery was made even more difficult by the pre-Christmas ice covering. They, with assists from the police department and individuals, completed their work of practical Christianity by Christmas morning.

Saturday is the final day to register for the January 14 election when voters will determine whether two amendments to the North Carolina Constitution will be adopted. One (and the more publicized) would change the basis of representation in both houses of the General Assembly, paring House membership to 100 (from 120) and upping Senate membership to 70 (from 50). The other would liberalize the law respecting the rights of property for wives.

Our considerable sympathy to Mrs. Glee E. Bridges and her step-father and injured son. We hope they will have a happy season.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

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

Ice glazings, as occurred here December 22 and 23 are not unusual for Kings Mountain at the Christmas season, for I can remember Christmases when visiting plans had to be changed at the last minute and more-or-less makeshift repasts prepared. But I never remember a lack of good food.

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Some can hardly say the same for a particular Christmas several years ago, when the heavy icing not only caused heavy tree damage, but resulted in broken power lines. That was rough on those folk who had forsaken the old wood stove and disdained gas for electric cooking.

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I teased Bill Brown, manager of Belk's who had been wistfully calling for falling white stuff for two weeks to put an edge on the Christmas spirit and buying spirit as well. Asked if he had got enough whiteness, Bill laughed, "Too much."

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Jim Gibson, at Center Service, accommodated me by putting some chains on my vintage Dodge. That type of service station duty is menial work and caused Jim to observe, "I feel there must be some easier way to earn a living." Chains installation is not a chore where gloves can be very successfully used, and Gene McCarter, of East King Esso, had numerous abrasions literally down to his fingertips. The ice is sharp, too, and I collected several nicks merely cleaning a windshield.

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The State Highway commission employees and city street crew did a good job in clearing roads once the sleet stopped falling. Shoveling ice and snow is hardy easy work, as I learned again by a short span of shoveling work. I evidently moved some chest and shoulder muscles that hadn't been recently moved, for they "talked" to me for a couple of days.

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Two days after Christmas, my wife and I paid visits to Woodruff and Greer, S. C., to visit kin-folk. My grandmother, by marriage, is Mrs. F. G. James, Sr., and the only grandmother I have benefited to know. She is 90 years old, but, in spite of the ice, felt constrained to visit her beautician the day before Christmas, which she did. And subsequently she enjoyed relating the event of being bodily lifted via human transport from car to beautician's chair in order that she would not risk a fall on the ice.

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On yet another visit in Greer, I showed more than usual bravery. We went by my sister-in-law's to deliver gifts and to inspect her new home. Unfortunately for the elder red-headed son Ricky, he'd come down with the mumps, an ailment I have thus far escaped. It was initially suggested that I remain in the car while my wife made a quick visit inside, but I felt embarrassed to be "chickened." Needless to say, my greetings to the big jawed nephew were passed some distance from his bed. I was again reminded of the power of suggestion. Though I made no comment, my jaws seemed a bit sore en route home, though I am told the incubation period is about two weeks.

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My brother-in-law suggested that a seige of mumps might provide a good rest. I had made the same kind of comment to Attorney J. R. Davis last year, when he was flat on his back in hospital recuperating from a broken hip, suffered in a slip on last January's ice. Mr. Davis rejoined, "Not this way, not this way!" Illness and injury take the sport out of rest, not to mention the enforced nature of the "rest."

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My brother-in-law also related that he was awakened Christmas morning by ejaculations from the basement, as his older son (mumps notwithstanding) was examining his gifts with not-too-muffled shouts of "oh, boy!" Father snapped on the lights to find it was 2:30 a.m., ordered the son back to bed. This awakened the younger boy, with the result that Father was questioned at half-hour intervals on whether the lads could arise. Finally, he relented at 6 a.m. in order that Papa could get his nap out.

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After an unusually mild autumn, with minimum of rain and no snow, it was time, I suppose, for King Winter to take over, and he's produced some days and nights which really "shiver the timbers."

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The strains of "Auld Lang Syne" have been played and sung in Kings Mountain and through out the world several hours ago, but it is still not too late to wish each and all, "Happy New Year!"

Day of Reckoning



Viewpoints of Other Editors

OUT OF IT

Not so very long ago young men with the requisite scholastic achievements were encouraged to compete for a place in the Indian Civil Service by the prospect of retirement in their early fifties, with a pension of a then substantial value. It could be said that this was an over-prudent approach to a career and that youth should be thinking of challenges and opportunities and not of tranquil security. What is remarkable is that few then thought of release from the cares of office as purgatorial. But now it is given the status of a Social Problem on which advice must be given and study classes offered.

At a Yorkshire mansion now specially devoted to seminars of adult education, four days next year will be devoted to "Preparation for Retirement," with special sessions on attitudes of mind, the use of leisure, and the necessary "psychological adjustments." That is in the trend of our highly educational time. We are now to be schooled out of our jobs as well as into them. Psychology like Alexander and Burn's Bonnie Lesley, continually spreads its conquests farther; with our retirement tutors and with doctors learned in the new wisdom of geriatrics we are to be given personally conducted tours through years once deemed easily enjoyable without academic guidance.

If there are no great physical deprivations, withdrawal from the business of life need not be regarded as an exchange of one burden for another. Nor has it been so in the past. Macbeth thought that the natural companions of "the sear, the yellow leaf" were "honour, love, obedience, troops of friends" although he had not gone out of his way to acquire any of these. To the brisk youth of Rupert Brooke, age was "that unhelped serenity," nothing problematic about that. When Milton praised "retired Leisure" he was doubtless thinking more of a personal solitude than of a professional retreat. But he linked this retirement with peace and quiet and hearing "The Muses in a ring." The last phase should be remind us that a full education in the arts is now threatened for many students by the necessity of a complete specialization of the sciences. Yet the former is surely the most likely mitigation of tedium during the long holiday enforced by years.

He who has learnt to read, which means more than deciphering letters, is proof against boredom and should need no tutoring in what use to make of retirement's idle hours.

The Times (London)

A WISE DECISION

Sitting in Wallingford, Circuit Court Judge George Wise decided this week to send a 16-year-old boy to jail—not to stay, but to visit the alcoholic ward.

"I want you to observe what you are headed for," the judge told the youth....

Judge Wise also imposed a \$15 fine after finding the defendant guilty of intoxication, but he indicated he expected the boy will see at New Haven to have a much greater impact.

The judge made clear that he will be harsh on anyone convicted of providing liquor to minors. While he didn't say so, perhaps he intends to send these people to jail...not to visit the alcoholic ward, but as guests of the state.

With so many youths now appearing in courts because of drinking, Judge Wise's decision is of particular interest as it concerns both the youths and those who supply them with liquor.

The Times (Conn.) Morning Record

PUTTING ON DOG

In a nation often accused, if that be the right word, of an excessive devotion to dogs, ignorance of the finer points of canine breeding, is, in all probability, profound and extensive. The instinct of most people will be at once to deny the charge. The dog owner, and lover, may back himself to name and identify any four-footed stranger he meets, and if chance should straightway introduce him to say, an Airedale,

a Pekingese, an Alsatian, or a Dachshund he will justify his boast. But this amounts to no more than a pass degree in dog lore. What if he should come across a Tibetan Apso, a Shih Tzus, or even a Finnish Spitz? The odds are that he does not know them by sight and yet they all appeared at a recent and eminent championship show.

If it be urged that is unfair to introduce such exotic and foreign breeds into the argument, is the ordinary owner on firm ground even when his own precious possession is involved? He may assure himself that it is a pure-bred spaniel, but it is more than possible that it rather resembles those dogs drawn by Thuber "larger," in his own words, "than a spaniel and not so shaggy, but I confess, though I am not a spaniel man, that there are certain basic resemblances between my dog and all other dogs with long ears and troubled eyes."

That is the point and the trouble. So many dogs have basic resemblances to one well-known breed or other yet they would be blackballed by those with the real Vere De Vere blood of the tribe running blue in their veins. To the eye of love all this matters not a lot. Indeed a mingling of strains can, and does, add an extra touch of intelligence and charm, and the world with dogs consisting solely of impeccable aristocrats and without a single endearing mongrel in sight would be a poorer place.

The Times (London)

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people are events taken from the 1954 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

The county hospital board of trustees will open formally its newest property Sunday afternoon when it holds open house at the new Kings Mountain hospital nurses home from 2 to 5 o'clock.

Lon Henry Hardin, Jr. was the first baby born at Kings Mountain hospital in 1954.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. W. S. Fulton, Jr. was hostess to members of the Hi Lo Bridge club this week.

HARRIS Funeral Home

KINGS MOUNTAIN, NORTH CAROLINA

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