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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And he saith unto them, Be not afraid; ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified; He is risen; He is not here; behold the place where they laid Him. St. Mark 16:6.

Easter 1964

"He is not here, but is risen. Remember how he spake unto you when he was in Galilee, saying the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again."

This brief Biblical report by St. Luke represented and represents the hope of mankind for a world peopled by men of good will and, when mortal life is ended, for true life eternal.

Though it has been nearly 2,000 years since the Prince of Peace died that man might be saved, and though a great portion of the world's citizens ascribe to the Christian religion, man has been unsuccessful in conquering his innate selfishness and therefore enjoy the legacy Christ bequeathed.

As Easter approaches, there are many trouble spots around the globe in which man's inhumanity to man causes poverty, untold suffering and death. Certainly a resume of the many world trouble spots makes a long list, well delineated in the daily reports of newsmen.

There is one happy note, however, at this Easter season.

The often-times intransigent Russians have agreed to free the flyers shot down over East Germany.

Could this be interpreted as a good omen for the future?

History would indicate otherwise.

For the Russians, long before the Communist take-over, were experts at alternating friendly gestures with aggrandizements.

Yet hope for better days stems from small instances.

The late President Kennedy reiterated many times that this nation and the world could not expect a short-term, all-at-one-fell-swoop settlement of the many tensions.

But at this Easter season all will be thankful for momentary relaxations.

It is the season of spiritual celebration.

Political Polls

As President Harry Truman proved in 1948, political polling is a tricky business. However, the prophets of doom who wrote off Dr. Gallup and the other big opinion sampling groups after that election, wrote the obituaries too soon.

The polling experts sharpened their operations and have shown much better results since.

It remains a popular function of the political progress.

The candidates themselves have mixed feelings about the efficacy of polls, and most, like the late President Kennedy, would prefer to employ pollsters privately. In this way, the candidate can learn where he needs to do the most politicking — without the disadvantages of risking either over-confidence (or giving up) by his supporters.

Bob Scott, the candidate for lieutenant-governor, wasn't too happy over publication of a poll result by a group of papers in Wayne and four surrounding counties, even though this poll showed him to the considerable advantage of three-fourths of the vote. Scott remarked, "I don't like the result. It was too good. They say they'll do another and I could hardly anticipate showing to any better advantage."

The big danger in polling is that the pollsters aren't well-trained or get emotionally involved for or against particular candidates, thereby lose their objectivity.

As Mr. Truman has never let us forget, the votes in the ballot boxes are those that count.

The city makes a policy of requiring all to pay for utility services, as the results of the natural gas system for more than nine years of operation shows. Loss of \$2,153 versus billings of \$1,358,000 is infinitesimally small. Were the deposit required for heating customers greater, the loss figure would have been less. Conversely, the comparatively small deposit of \$10, while not covering the cost of heating bills in many months, tends to encourage use of the service, which returns handsome profits to city, and, in the very near future, will enable citizens to enjoy a tax cut, or smaller bills, or both.

Candidate Smith

Edward H. Smith arose at 5 a. m. last Friday morning to be in Raleigh before noon and in time to file his candidacy for the tenth district seat in the United States Congress, subject to the Republican primary.

Mr. Smith's decision was initially surprising. However, to those who know his interest in building the Republican party in this state, a prime reason is apparent.

Some Republicans, Mr. Smith among them, feel that the exposure candidates gain from primary participation will help the primary winner in the general election and, in turn, will encourage more Republicans to register in order to participate in the primary.

Mr. Smith opposes H. Hall Young, Avery county lumberman, for the right to challenge Representative Basil L. Whitener, incumbent Democrat, in November.

Mr. Smith comments, "I am a serious candidate running to win."

Whoever the GOP nominee, he will be the underdog in his contest with Rep. Whitener, a proven vote-getter and veteran Congressman.

Conversely, Mr. Smith, and we take it, Mr. Young feel that lightning could strike and the district elect a Republican Congressman. Via re-districting, the once landslide-type margin the Democratic nominee could anticipate has been heavily pared. On basis of the 1960 vote for Congress among the seven counties of the district, a margin for the Democrat of only 5,000 votes was indicated. Yet Rep. Whitener recorded a margin of nearly 10,000 votes in defeating the GOP's Carroll Barringer in 1962.

Mr. Smith reasons that the Republicans do better in presidential election years as 1960 was and as 1964 is.

Mr. Smith is a knowledgeable young Republican who, quite frankly, places himself in the Goldwater stripe. He is articulate and expects to wage an active campaign for the nomination.

On basis of heritage, he gets these traits quite honestly, as his great-grandfather, H. P. Allison, was a strong-voiced editor of Kings Mountain newspapers for a period covering thirteen years at the turn of the century.

While Mr. Smith's politics is not of the brand espoused by this newspaper, the Herald nevertheless can take some pleasure in the fact, that for the second time in history, this community has a candidate for the nation's House of Representatives.

Kings Mountain took a big step Sunday, along with citizens in another half-dozen counties, in a first blow against polio. Some 74 percent of the area population took the first dose of Sabin anti-polio vaccine, which approximated the desired percentage. They will return to the clinics in May for Dose Number 2, in what should effectively eliminate this dread disease from our midst. Hearly congratulations are in order to the sponsoring Cleveland County Medical society and the many volunteers who helped make Sunday's anti-polio effort a creditable success.

The death of Mrs. Agnes Kendrick Thomasson removed from the community a citizen of many year's standing. She had lived a long and useful life, was continually loyal to her church, to her friends, and to her family. She was the widow of onetime mayor and businessman Jonah B. Thomasson. Our sympathy to her family.

Congratulations: 1) to Henry Neisler, new president of the Kings Mountain Country Club, Inc., 2) to Jonas Bridges, who will take over the reins of the Kings Mountain Merchants association Friday night, and 3) to Capt. B. Meek Ormand, who, hale, and hearty, and active, observed his 95th birthday March 18.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON
Ingredients: bits of news wisdom, humor, and comments
Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid overdosage.

It's Eastertime.
 m-m
 Easter 1964 falls early in the calendar sequence, in contrast to many years when Easter enjoys an April date. Date of Easter once varied among several early Christian groups, but was fixed by the Nicene Council as the first Sunday following the first full moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox, which is March 21 in the Gregorian calendar.

m-m
 Traditionally, spring weather doesn't really arrive until after Easter, even though Easter may occur "late," meaning even advanced dates in April. Thus with Easter this year falling on March 29, it is a fairly safe weather prediction that coats will be in order, certainly for the early morning Easter sunrise services, and likely at later ones.

m-m
 It hasn't been too many years ago that Easter morning church-goers emerged after benedictions to find snow falling.

m-m
 Some feel that Easter gains in general or public attention with the passing years.

m-m
 My juvenile memory of Easter includes the egg-dyeing ritual in the kitchen, with empty food cans holding the rich-colored Pans dye. There usually was included in the package a design-dyeing device at which my father was chief expert. I suppose he could withstand the heat of the freshly boiled egg. It was a happy time.

m-m
 Other departments of the colored egg business were never as satisfactory. I never was as sharp-eyed as I preferred on the Easter egg hunts, and my eggs never seemed as strong-shelled as some of the other lads' in the egg-cracking wars. Of course, there were always the gamesters who preserved a piece of shell with a well-placed rock underneath, but these were quickly suspect.

m-m
 I do not recall that the world of fashion was a particular important phase of Easter in my young life, though that may have been a department in which I was comparatively less interested than in the other delights of the Easter season.

m-m
 Certainly great attention is given to clothes for the young today, and there's no prettier sight than to see a young miss, bonneted and bagged, and wearing frilly frock as she embarks on Easter morn. And the lads get their share, too, with shiny new shoes, bow ties, jackets and long pants just like their father wears.

m-m
 Another of my childhood memories is attending early sunrise services with my Mother at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

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 A local minister was commenting about his church membership and attendance recently, comparing the active membership to the church rolls. He acknowledged that activity always swells at Christmas and Easter, when sometimes-empty pews are filled to overflowing.

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 Oftentimes heard is a complaint by some that Christmas religious season is over-commercialized, though I seldom hear that complaint concerning Easter. Even so, I reject it at Christmas. Giving gifts is merely man's way, perhaps a poor one, of celebrating the season.

m-m
 I suppose my most unique Easter occurred while in Uncle Sam's navy. I was short-based in Casablanca, French Morocco, and attended joint-service services conducted in a vacant warehouse by army and navy chaplains. It was a beautiful, warm day with a pleasant breeze and blue skies. The benches were not as comfortable as pews in a church, but I recall the service as quite inspiring.

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 Spring attempts to take over from King Winter. Jonquils which often bloom in January here, finally have made delayed appearance and many trees and colorful bushes are budding. After a long and cold winter, the warmer temperatures are most welcome. And as Easter occurs spring will spring.

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 May it be a happy and fulsome Easter season for everyone.



"Me Needin' a new dress to welcome Terry, and you buy flour in a paper sack!"

Viewpoints of Other Editors

VERY GOOD GRADES

President Johnson gave the American people "very good grades" for the period of his first hundred days in office.

We would give him a somewhat lower mark for his first performance in the difficult central role of a live-broadcast press conference. He said that he agreed with Jefferson's view that the collective judgment of the many was preferable to the selective decisions of the few. But, in reply to reporters' questions, he provided little specific information on which the many might base their collective judgment.

It is as easy to sympathize with Mr. Johnson as to criticize him. He does not bask in the spotlight. His sense of humor is said to tend toward the "story" rather than the "mot." He's more like an ordinary viewer who had lived through eighty years of presidents.

Above all, we felt, the President was conscious of the weight of his words being sent around the world. Rather than say the wrong thing, he would err on the side of caution. The result was an impression that some questions were not so much being confronted as explained away.

In the hard-news category would come the appointments that were announced, and the disclosure that a secret program set up in 1959 has borne fruit in an experimental long-range interceptor that "far exceeds the performance of any other aircraft in use... today."

But announcement of such facts does not require the paraphernalia in a presidential press conference. The advantage of the press conference is its give and take.

In this respect President Johnson did not give enough.

But another benefit of the press conference is the impression it presents of a public man's emotional commitments. Here there seemed no doubt that Mr. Johnson felt the gravity of the problems his replies sometimes skirted. When he said he sincerely and genuinely believed that the people of the world wanted peace above all else, we wished all the people of the world could have seen and heard him.

Considering the way Mr. Johnson has risen to so many other occasions in his hundred days, we have a feeling that, as he becomes accustomed to being "live" in our living rooms, he will supply more nourishment for our collective judgment.

Christian Science Monitor

ALICE AMONG PERCENTAGE POINTS

It looks as if there is going to be a real election contest in Britain. The popularity polls are swinging not yet toward the Conservatives but away from the Labor Party, the middle mark having yet to be touched by the pendulum.

A margin of 20 percentage points in Labor's favor at the time of the Profumo scandal has now shrunk to a little more than five points. The Labor leader, Harold Wilson, claims to be unimpressed. "If the Conservatives had any hope of winning," he says, "they would have called the election long ago." This is to overlook the point that by not calling the election long ago they have improved their chances.

Comment in periodicals which usually present the Labor point of view offer the odd explanation that the decline in the recent high fortunes of the Labor Party is due to the British people's being too contented and too distracted by the affairs of the royal family and so forth. If this is true, then the Tories appear likely to pick up some more percent-

CLAUDIUS IN A NORFOLK JACKET

According to Our Special Correspondent writing from Rome, an Italian version of Hamlet sees Claudius dressed in a Norfolk jacket. Audiences, of course, are by now well used to seeing Shakespeare in modern dress, and the warriors of Greece and Troy have before now found themselves confronting one another adorned with the steel helmets and battle-dress of twentieth-century war. Yet there is something about this idea of the Norfolk-jacketed Danish king that irks and teases the imagination.

Is Claudius, to begin with, the Norfolk jacket or, as would he said today, the sports coat type? James Agate wrote of a production at the Old Vic some forty years ago that the King of Wilton was "made up to look too much like Anton Lang in the Passion Play at Oberammergau."

Doubtless the producer here was, so to speak, laying the dramatic greasepaint on too thick, yet the words conjure up a vivid impression of something larger and more portentous than life. The Norfolk jacket, a "man's loose jacket with waistband," as the dictionary puts it, inclines, on the other hand, to the opposite extreme and tends rather to suggest character. Golfers in the days when Ball and Hutchinson wore names to conjure with went in for them and it is hard to imagine anything more remote from plottings and poisonings in high places.

Yet perhaps this is to miss the point. Claudius, after all, was by no means an obvious villain. He could smile amiably enough and there is evidence to suggest that he would enjoy putting in some strenuous work at the nineteenth hole. A Norfolk jacket, which now has a fairly period air about it, would indeed be the perfect disguise for royalty set on treasons, stragems, and spoils. It would take a highly suspicious mind to suspect evil designs in one so innocently and innocuously garbed. The more the matter is pondered, the more does it seem that that Norfolk jacket was, after all, a shrewd touch on the part of the Italian producer.

The Times (London)

On the other hand, the Prime Minister, Sir Alec Douglas-Home, did not do his own cause much good when he seized the other upon unconfirmable reports that Harold Wilson had stated on his American tour that he would put the British Navy under the United Nations.

It will strike Americans that the British campaign seems now well underway even before anyone knows the date of the next election. Somehow it all fits together and the sight of it, being familiar, is also reassuring.

Christian Science Monitor

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

Members of the Kings Mountain high school senior class will present "Cukoo on The Heath," Friday night at 8 o'clock.

The 63-voice Lenoir Rhyne college A Capella Choir will appear in concert at St. Matthew's Lutheran church at a p.m. Sunday afternoon.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
 Mrs. Claude Hambright was hostess Tuesday afternoon at her home to members of the Contract Bridge club an invited guests.

Many Cars On Highway

RALEIGH — If prosperity is linked with the sale and use of automobiles, North Carolina's economic profile looks good. There were, for example, 2,156,441 motor vehicles registered in the state last year, reflecting nearly a five per cent gain over 1962.

In a report prepared by the Department of Motor Vehicles, registration officials listed 1,545,908 passenger cars registered during the year compared to 1,479,377 the previous year.

The percentage increase was "about average" for North Carolina and possibly a little above average for the nation, officials said.

Truck registrations jumped from 359,348 in 1962 to 376,884 last year, the agency noted. Trailers for last year were listed as 152,537, buses at 16,854, excluding 9000 school buses, motorcycles 6949, dealers 56,487 and transporter plates 861.

There were also 24 motorized wheel chairs registered during the year.

Overall figures for 1963 totaled 2,156,444 vehicles compared to 2,056,848 the previous year.

The state's first vehicle registration was held in 1909. There were 1681 cars then.

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