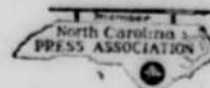




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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are issues of life. Proverbs 4:23

## Support Jack White

Without derogating his opponent in any manner, the Herald urges the support of Jack H. White, the Kings Mountain attorney, for the 31st district Democratic nomination to the North Carolina Senate.

Geography alone, in the absence of proper qualifications, would not be sufficient reason to vote for or against any candidate for any office. However, Jack White does have the qualifications and, if elected, will be the first member of the General Assembly supplied by this section of the county since the late Senator H. Tom Fulton, Sr., who served in the 1927 session after his election in 1926 -- just 38 years ago.

Presuming the mutual qualifications of the candidates, certainly it is high time the county accorded one of its higher political honors to this area.

Mr. White has stated succinctly his ideas for reducing teacher load, particularly in the elementary grades, his support of proposals for expanded mental health treatment and care, for vocational education, better roads and expansion of industry -- all within the framework of the existing tax structure.

Additionally, Mr. White has shown political courage, first by his willingness to challenge initially a man of expected good vote-getting ability. Subsequently, when efforts were made to encourage Mr. White to change horses in the middle of the stream, by switching his candidacy to the House of Representatives seat, Mr. White withstood the somewhat heavy pressure and remained where he was. This is the kind of courage which will stand him in good stead as a member of the North Carolina Senate.

Mr. White is not a hedger and, after examination of the facts, comes to reasoned decisions.

He is fiscally responsible, both personally and politically, and will represent well the citizens of Cleveland County and others in the four-county 31st Senate district.

## Dr. Gerberding

Dr. W. P. Gerberding will complete his duties as pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church Sunday, completing a 13-year stint which has been marked by both physical and spiritual progress by this venerable church, which is Kings Mountain's oldest.

Dr. Gerberding has been a refreshing addition to the community's ministerial corps. Quick of mind, Dr. Gerberding has demonstrated an ability to cut through to the major issues and his thinking is of the bedrock type.

Dr. Gerberding is a hard worker, who has given keen attention to pastoral duties, not only among the parishioners of his own church but among many others. We have never, and we suspect none, have ever heard Dr. Gerberding do a botchy job from the platform, whether he was delivering a sermon, conducting a funeral, speaking to a civic group, or serving as a master of ceremonies.

As would be natural with strong-minded, deep-thinkers, Dr. Gerberding might be labeled a "controversial character". Plain-spoken, he disagreed with a major portion of his ministerial conferees when the issue of permitting showing of motion pictures was a community question. His thesis was that legislation of morals is seldom, if ever, productive of spiritual benefits, and, concurrently, a person grows spiritually and practices good conduct, only when the desire comes within the person.

Dr. Gerberding has exhibited an abiding interest in the youth of this community and in all its citizens. It is a source of considerable regret to his many friends that he and his family are leaving Kings Mountain. Again, in this decision, are marks of wisdom. Dr. Gerberding says he has observed that a former pastor remaining in the community can be a source of trouble, however unwittingly, for his church when his successor assumes the pastoral reins. Additionally, he feels that he would live a very unhappy existence if not devoting his energies to a specific task.

All of Kings Mountain will miss Dr. Gerberding.

## Four-Party System

A chief plea of Republicans in North Carolina is that the state needs a two-party system as a boon to better government.

In actuality, North Carolina today has a four-party system, and has long had a three-party system.

There have been historically two major wings within the Democratic party, which customarily produces a hard-fought primary contest for governor and other major offices. With the emergence in 1960 of Dr. I. Beverly Lake as a gubernatorial candidate, there was an added third faction in the Democratic party. Then, of course, for the fall wars there is the GOP.

Differences among the Democrats are differences, largely, of tone, tenor, and degree.

Campaign speeches by the three leading candidates for the Democratic nomination reveal that Dr. Lake, Judge Dan Moore, and Judge Richardson Preyer have similar platforms, many of the differences being differences of means and method.

On the GOP side, where a primary is being conducted to determine nominees for governor, lieutenant-governor and two federal house members, there appear to be wider differences of viewpoint. Bob Gavin has talked about tax cuts, Charles Strong a state-wide vote on liquor. Don Badgley is the more moderate candidate and apparently closer in thinking to the views of the three Democratic gubernatorial leaders.

Thus North Carolinians have a wide, wide choice of men and viewpoints from whom and which to choose.

This newspaper favors the nomination of Judge Preyer, on the basis of his known ability, his agility of mind, his long record of civic service, and his consistency in position throughout the campaign.

Few believe that the Democrats will settle finally their gubernatorial battle on Saturday, with a second primary likely.

Who will be the front runners? Both Freyer and Moore forces claim first place for their men and both think the second-runner will be Dr. Lake. Apparently, both groups prefer the second round battle, if there is one, to be against Dr. Lake, for neither have attacked the Lake positions heavily. Both groups suspect that, in the event of a run-off election, that Dr. Lake will revert to the extreme positions on the race issue which he espoused during the 1960 campaign. In turn, they apparently feel that the run-off would provide the voters a more clear-cut choice, with the issues more clearly definable and are betting that North Carolina does not want to hazard a chance on the racial troubles of Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama.

One man's guess is as good as another -- which is why the election officials count the votes.

## Best Wishes, Ed Smith

Edward H. Smith's political faith is Republican and therefore not the same as the political faith of this newspaper. But, even at the risk of being charged with dabbling in some other person's family affair, the Herald hopes that Mr. Smith will be the victor in his primary contest for the 10th District United States nomination to the House of Representatives.

The Herald hopes, additionally, that Kings Mountain area Republicans will make a trip to the polls Saturday and support Ed Smith. He has shown interest and energy in conducting an active campaign and the homefolk Republicans should give him hearty support.

Congratulations to Harold Pearson, former Herald staff member, who is the new commander of the 14th district, Department of North Carolina Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Hearty best bows to Kings Mountain Democrats tapped for party positions: Mrs. F. A. McDaniel, Jr., delegate to the national convention, Mrs. Charles Carpenter, Jr., new member of the 10th district executive committee, and Cameron Ware, new member of the 27th judicial district executive committee.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

Farmers plow from the perimeter of a field, and, as the job nears the finish, the rows get progressively shorter. So it is with North Carolina's current political campaign, the big quadrennial primary season which, in A.D. '64, has been the longest in many.

The candidates are now in the short rows, the principal plowing completed though they'll be pushing themselves with little sleep through campaign wind-up Friday night.

My first detailed memory of a North Carolina primary was the one of 1936 between Shelby's Clyde Hovey and Ralph McDonald, when Hovey edged McDonald by slightly over 1,000 votes. Though the initial candidate list was shorter, the '36 warring was kin to today's in that the Democrats had three leading candidates. The third was Sandy Graham, of Hillsboro, later state highway commission chairman for Governor Gregg Cherry, and Mr. Graham polled 126,000 votes. The fourth candidate got 6,906.

There was a big night-before-election rally in Shelby and among the speakers was Mrs. C. E. Neisler. The Kings Mountain band was among the music-makers.

Another comparable Democratic campaign followed four years later. It was the first one in which I was involved to any extent and that by the fact of being an across-the-hall schoolboy neighbor and friend of Harry Horton, son of Lieutenant-Governor Wilkins P. Horton, of Pittsboro, who was running for governor. Several times during the campaign, Harry and I visited Raleigh campaign headquarters, slept at Harry's home, then got back to Chapel Hill in time for an 8:30 class. We were fascinated by the mechanics of running a state-wide campaign.

Our favorite placed second of seven in the voting, 42,000 votes behind J. Melville Broughton. Others friends and I had sat in the Raleigh radio station while Mr. Broughton gave his final radio appeal to the voters. He spoke while standing, used no notes, and closed his eyes during most of his speech, finished it to the required second.

Other candidates in that campaign were A. J. Maxwell, a Rocky Mount, fourth with 63,000 votes, Tom Cooper, Earl D. Grady and Arthur Simmons. Mr. Cooper was mayor of Wilmington, had made his political comeback after a fall term -- and got 33,000 votes for governor. Though well ahead, Mr. Broughton wasn't close to a majority. But Mr. Horton didn't ask a run-off. He had spent out (literally) in the first round and couldn't obtain sufficient tenders of monetary support for the second.

Lawrence Lohr, the retired textbook salesman, recalls an incident involving Gregg Cherry, between the voting of the '44 primary and before the November election. Lawrence was in Gastonia, saw Mr. Cherry chatting with a gentleman. Thought Lawrence, "I'll see if Gregg knows me as well today as he seemed to when he wanted my vote before the primary." Shortly Cherry saw Lawrence and waved to him to come over. The other friend left. Before Cherry said a word, he relieved himself of a stream of tobacco juice "a mile long". "Lawrence," said Cherry, "I'm sure glad to see you. You saved me. That was my preacher and I didn't want him to catch me chewin' tobacco."

There is keen attention among the candidates in a big contest like that of 1940 and today's (six candidates) among the leaders for first place in the opening primary. History favors the leader. Hovey disposed of McDonald handily in the run-off. There are only two examples in fairly recent political history where the second runner took the second race in state-wide campaigns. In 1948, Kerr Scott overtook Charles M. Johnson, after trailing by a few thousand. In 1950, Willis Smith overtook Frank Graham for the Senate nomination after being quite far behind.

Big reason, perhaps, is the problem Mr. Horton, as second runner in 1940, could not surmount. And the price of campaigning is much higher today than in 1940. In addition to the new and expensive television news, radio, billboard and direct mail advertising is much higher. Some contributors don't like the prospect of shovel cash to a likely loser.

Vote early.



What If It Were Taken Away?

## Viewpoints of Other Editors

### DOWN WITH REFERENCE MEN

Everyone should have a windmill to tilt at. Our windmill for the day is "1958 Reference Man." He sounds like a better man than we are. But we just can't warm up to him.

The 1958 Reference Man, in case anyone has not heard by now, is the "moderately active" American used for purposes of comparison by the National Research Council. According to a recent report by its Food and Nutrition Board, "today's average American exerts much less energy than the 1953 Reference Man." Therefore he needs less food per day -- or at least fewer calories -- than the man in 1958. About six pats of butter less, for example.

We wouldn't mind eating less. Our eyes have never been bigger than our stomachs. Sometimes one of these official-sounding reports can remind a man that greed is one of the traditional sins when even his best friends won't tell him.

But we resist the charge that we're not exerting as much energy as 1958 Reference Man. Did he wash the car more frequently than we do? We doubt it. Don't we have to drive the children just as many places as he did? Don't we have just as many loads through the washer? Don't we brush our teeth as often?

What do you mean electric tooth brush? We don't use an electric tooth brush! We deny that 1964 electric Reference Man uses an electric tooth brush. Now stop arguing, and please pass the butter.

The Christian Science Monitor

### TO MISCOMPUTE IS HUMAN

Computers, according to some almost human beings, are almost human beings.

There is a sort of almost human evidence accumulating to support the view. Take the computer (we don't want it) that overcharged a British consumer by nearly \$20,000 on her bill for electricity for a small apartment. This was its first mistake. It had sent out \$200,000 accounts and never before got one wrong.

Now we know some human beings like that. We don't really wish they would make a mistake or two just to show that they are not human computers (or maybe that they are). But we do sometimes wish that their confidence in their ability never to make a slip were not so often showing.

Also, it has been noted of such human beings that their being always right sometimes is followed by their being wrong only once -- but in such a big way that 8,000,000 previous lesser infallibilities get momentarily lost to view.

Well, there we are again, are we men or are we computers? To err is human, said the poet. But it can also be electronic.

To put a matter right again, however, seems to be a responsibility or privilege in which, for the nonce, human beings still have the initiative, even if they engage the co-operation of the computer to reassemble confused factors. When a person no longer cherishes this difference between himself and the computer we tend to think of him as a bureau-crut -- perhaps the only human species that will give the computer a real fight for its life on terms too complicated for it.

The Christian Science Monitor

### DOGHOUSE

Dog lovers everywhere -- including a noted one in Washington, D. C. -- will doubtless applaud Judge Maurice Wahl, who ruled in Civil Court that an elderly couple could not be evicted from a co-operative housing project because in defiance of a "no animals" clause in their lease, they kept their 11-year-old dachshund Susan with them. The mere harboring of the dog is not a basis for eviction without showing that the dog is a nuisance to the landlord or to other tenants, the court held.

The City Housing Authority might well take note of this decision. The authority now bars all dogs and cats, no matter how well behaved, from its projects. This is a hardship on many people, particularly of the older generation, who depend upon pets for companionship. If a dog or cat is well trained and causes no trouble to other tenants, we do not see why a resident of a public housing project should not be able to enjoy him, just as those more financially fortunate do. To many an older person (and many a young one) a pet makes life worth living.

The New York Times

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Jacob Cooper, superintendent of Bonnie Mills, Inc., Tuesday night was elected president of the Kings Mountain Lions club for 1954-55.

Commencement exercises for the Class of 1954 of Kings Mountain high school will begin Sunday night with the traditional sermon and will be concluded with graduation exercises on Monday evening.

**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL**

Members of the Entre Nous club met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Carl Mayes.

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