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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Iron shapeneth iron; so a man shapeneth the countenance of his friend. Proverbs 27:17.

### Great Turnout

Regardless of the success or failure of favorite candidates at the polls last Saturday, all can be pleased at the voter interest shown by Cleveland County citizens.

Saturday's Democratic voting set a record with Cleveland casting almost as many votes for governor as did much more populous Gaston county.

The result confirmed the judgment of the county elections board in ordering a new registration. The total vote was enhanced and the election, with the new alphabetized system, was conducted as smoothly as any in memory.

As this is written, several run-offs at both state and local level are indicated. Meantime, Number 4 Township voters stood hitched to their home candidate, Senator Nominee Jack H. White, in quite fine fashion. The unofficial total for Number 4 Township gave Mr. White 1866 votes, against 449 for his opponent Charles Heath. It was a heavy 80-plus percent of the township vote total and belies the old axiom "a man is not without honor save at home."

Mr. White therefore is the first nominee to the General Assembly from Kings Mountain in 38 years, when H. Tom Fulton, Sr., won the Senate nomination.

The Herald joins his many friends both here and throughout the county in tendering hearty congratulations and best wishes for a most successful term of service as one of the state's half-hundred senators.

### The Run-Off

The citizens of North Carolina are tired from the long season of politicking which began last September, but pity the candidates who face another three plus weeks of concentrated campaigning.

Judge Dan Moore, who surprised many including some of his friends by placing a strong second, only some 25,000 votes behind Judge Richardson Preyer, already has demanded a second race. Whether Clifton Blue, second runner to Bob Scott for the lieutenant-governor nomination, will ask a run-off is less clear, as the Scott margin approximates 50,000.

The Charlotte Observer commented that Judge Preyer, even while leading, almost simultaneously assumed the underdog role. The Observer conjecture is that Judge Moore will glean a greater portion of the more than 200,000 votes for Dr. I. Beverly Lake than will Judge Preyer.

That may, or may not, be, with or without an endorsement of Moore by Dr. Lake. It is noted that Preyer placed second to Dr. Lake in the Lake bastion of Eastern Carolina.

Both Moore and Preyer are moderates on the race issue.

Their positions on many other issues are not too dissimilar.

The key to victory, for either, will be the old problem of getting their own votes in the ballot boxes. Voting normally isn't as heavy in a second primary as in the first, as the tickets at the local level are much shorter. It is axiomatic that the longer the ticket at the local level, the greater the total vote.

Judge Preyer has already challenged Judge Moore to a series of televised debates. Judge Moore has declined. Earlier in the campaign an effort was made to arrange a televised debate between Moore, Lake and Preyer, but Judge Moore declined then.

Needless to say, Preyer supporters will level at Moore the charges of "unwillingness to discuss the issues" and fear of coming off second best in a direct confrontation.

The first primary campaign was waged with a minimum of tartness and a real paucity of acrimony.

Those who know both Preyer and Moore think neither of the temperament to delve into knock-down-and-drag-out raucous mul-alinging.

The second heat is underway.

### Glaucoma Clinic

Glaucoma is a dread eye disease and more dreadful the later it is discovered.

Vision lost because of this disease can never be regained and for this reason regular check-ups, particularly for those 35 years of age and older, are dictated.

Sometimes glaucoma appears unknown to the victim. In other cases, development of this progressive disease is accompanied by considerable pain. Ophthalmic surgeons have drugs at hand to arrest the disease, as well as several surgical techniques.

Thursday afternoon at the Armory the Kings Mountain Lions Club, in cooperation with the Cleveland County Medical Society, state association for the blind and other agencies, is sponsoring Kings Mountain's first free glaucoma clinic and invites and urges all area citizens who have attained the age of 35 to attend the clinic. The examination is simple and painless.

Additionally, many side benefits have been noted from clinics held in other areas, as the examinations have ferreted out other vision difficulties of which the examinees were not aware.

The clinic will be conducted from noon through 6 p.m.

The topmost excuse-for-being of the Kings Mountain Lions club and of Lions International is sight conservation. Thursday's free glaucoma clinic will be the Kings Mountain club's topmost effort toward sight conservation of Kings Mountain area citizens.

### Rev. Tom Droppers

In this season of graduation, marked as is customary with elements of both joy and sadness, Rev. Thomas L. Droppers is graduating to the rectorship of St. James Episcopal church at Black Mountain.

Rev. Mr. Droppers has served well the Trinity church here. During his tenure of five years the church has grown in membership and into a plant of its own.

Nor has Mr. Droppers been content to serve merely his own congregation. He has been active in other and broader directions. He has been keenly interested in the problem of alcoholism and has devoted time, energy and succor to the work of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Best wishes of the community attend him as the community also plans to welcome his successor, Rev. Robert L. Hadden, Jr.

It is a source of much regret to the many, many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar W. Myers that they have chosen to leave Kings Mountain and to establish residence elsewhere (Charlotte). Though not natives of Kings Mountain, Mr. and Mrs. Myers have been Kings Mountain citizens for more than 30 years, reared their children here, and have been leading citizens of the commercial, civic and religious segments of the community. Charlotte will have gained two fine persons when Mr. and Mrs. Myers move there next week.

Heartly congratulations are in order to Chairman Charles Mauney and his hard-working cohorts on the 1963-64 attainments of the Red Cross blood program. Kings Mountain exceeded its quota for the year for the first time in several. And congratulations are also due the many donors who made this record of success possible.

Tommy Tindall, Jr., age 12 has been awarded a certificate of merit by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America in saving his five-year-old brother from severe injury and perhaps death when the young brothers clothes caught on fire last October. No honor, of course, can add greatly to the fact of heroism which speaks for itself most eloquently.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

Some of the voting is over, but not all of it. As is more common than otherwise, there will be several run-off elections for Democratic nominations on June 27, both at state level and local level.

Kings Mountain joined the rest of the county Saturday in compiling a record vote total, both for the Democratic primary, and likely for the GOP primary, where four contests were settled by Republicans. In the latter race, incidentally, Kings Mountain's Ed Smith and Avery County's Hall Young could hardly have had a closer race. Young, as this is written apparently has a 34-vote lead out of over 10,000 cast in the seven counties. Ed's initial figures, gathered from news media, showed him with a 44-vote margin. Ed has indicated he will ask a recount, should the official returns favor his opponent, as has Candidate Young. If the result is vice versa, I am not conversant with the recount procedure above the county level. However, with seven counties and their elections boards involved, the recount request would presumably go to the North Carolina Elections Board. There is question, too, whether the request would be honored, in absence of evidence of specific error—such as undue disparity between the vote totals in other races, or, as has not been indicated, indication of fraud.

One of the closer races in my memory was for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the late thirties in the district then comprising the general area from Greensboro to Durham. A High Point lawyer edged a Durham lawyer by a mere 16 votes out of well over 30,000 cast. The result and subsequent events catapulted Carl Durham from his mortar-and-pestle duty as a Chapel Hill pharmacist to Washington, where he remained for over two decades. Between the period of the primary and the general election in November, the winner died. The Democratic district executive committee ignored the primary loser, even though he had been within 17 votes of winning, and tapped Mr. Durham as the nominee. That's a sample as to the occasional importance of the various and sundry committees in the quite broad party organizations. For the most part, the committees are largely honorary.

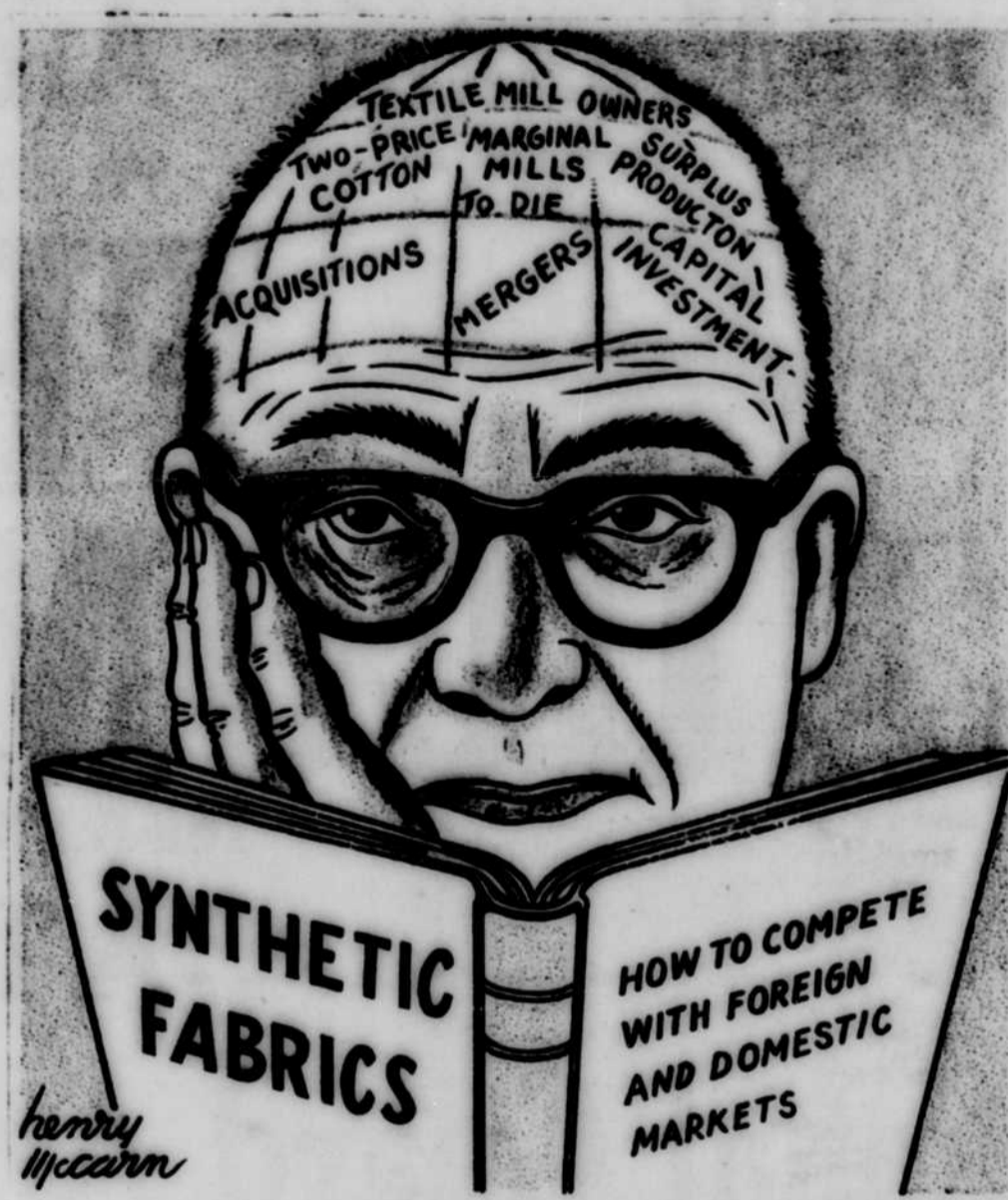
Senate Loser Charles Heath, as was his right, posted poll watchers in the Kings Mountain precincts, with Harold Causby, of Shelby, taking the duty at the West Kings Mountain precinct. With home-towner Jack White a more than 1 to 1 runaway at that precinct, Harold had little to entertain him. "I'm new to this business," he said. "Chuck asked me to drop by said it wouldn't take long to count'em. Here it is 11 o'clock and they're not quite through yet!"

It was only a few minutes later that the counting chore was complete, but it would not have been had not four different sets of counters, volunteers augmenting the officials, been tabulating the votes on the long county ticket, which listed 26 candidates. Needless to say, the elections officials were tired to the marrow of their bones by the time the work was completed. Mrs. Charles Carpenter, Jr., had arisen at 4:30 a.m., been at the polling place since 6 a.m., which added up to a rather long day.

Installation of the new McMillan voting system eased one voting day problem for both election officials and voters. No longer was there any trouble and delay in finding the names of the registrants. There were a few registration errors, of course, generally where citizens weren't sure of precinct lines and registered in the wrong spot. (In Kings Mountain, the railroad divides East and West Kings Mountain.)

Next improvement should be use of voting machines in the larger precincts of the county. At Bethware, where the vote total was less than 400, the counting chore wasn't completed until shortly after 9 p.m. Voting machines tend to slow voting slightly, but when the polls close, the counting is done, too. These machines are costly, but would be most appreciated by the election officials, not to mention the anxious candidates and their more ardent supporters.

Mrs. Vernon Crosby proved the best estimator of the total vote at East Kings Mountain, missing by only 20 - odd. Congressman Basil Whitener visited the Kings Mountain precincts Saturday morning and was accompanied by his son, Basil Whitener, Jr.



Required Reading

### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### SHARED TIME GAINS

Shared time, which also travels under the name of "dual enrollment," is a concept which school board members will face with increasing frequency in the months ahead. Current use of the term "shared time" refers to the practice of parochial school students attending the public schools in their community for part of a day for instruction in certain subjects. Students attend their parochial schools for the major part of their curriculum, but may take such subjects as physics, chemistry, mathematics, vocational training, physical education and other subjects generally considered to be public schools. The proposal is being put forth by some educators and churchmen as a compromise between those who would give no public aid to non-public schools on the one hand, and those who seek all-out public support of church affiliated schools.

Interest in this idea by school people and the general public has come rapidly to the fore. There seems little doubt that in community after community board members may be approached by church groups with proposals to institute a program of shared time. Another signal on the horizon is the activity of the federal government. Only recently, legislation has been proposed (the Poverty Bill), which would authorize the making of grants or contracts to pay a part, or all, of the costs of development of community action programs.

A subsection of this measure would require that any assisted elementary or secondary education program shall be administered by public educational agencies, but shall be available to all children, regardless of whether they are enrolled in the public schools. This, the U. S. Office of Education chooses to refer to as dual enrollment. The specific language of the bill states: "No child shall be denied the benefit of such a program because he is not regularly enrolled in the public schools."

At this point, we are not trying to pre-judge the merits or demerits of share time or dual enrollment. However, the fact remains that more and more local boards will be faced with a request for shared time arrangements. Should legislation as proposed by the Administration be passed, the effect on local school policy would be considerable. The pressures which could be brought by passage of such federal legislation indicates that school boards will be required to give this matter increasing attention and study. They should weigh carefully the law, our traditional concept of the separation of church and state, desirable public policy, and the long range effects on the public schools.

#### BARRIER FOR BEATLES?

The United States Employment Service, set up during the Depression chiefly to find jobs for unskilled workers, has long been broadening its field of activity. Occasionally, for example, it even finds new jobs for engineers and other professional workers who are already employed.

But a new venture will take the USES even farther afield — into theatrical criticism. A U. S. employer of certain types of temporary foreign entertainers will have to apply to the Service for certification there are no qualified, unemployed domestic performers capable of handling such assignments.

Presumably this means not only that someone in the USES will have to audition available domestic performers. It also must mean to judge the qualifications of the foreign entertainers seeking entry.

It's all pretty silly, of course, but it may have its occasional compensations. For if the critics aren't all tone-deaf, the re-entry prospects of Britain's Beatles now look pretty bleak.

#### JUSTICE'S GUARDIAN

Dictator Kwame Nkrumah of Ghana, who among other things is one of the legion of recipients of U. S. aid, obviously has a high regard for justice. Especially within his own borders.

Indeed, no miscarriage of justice is too small to escape his notice. When two fight judges were so unfair as to hold, in Accra the other day, that a local lad had not won the world featherweight championship, one of Nkrumah's agencies stepped in, voided the decision and ruled that the hometown boy was the new titleholder.

On a larger scale, a few months ago a special court headed by Ghana's Chief Justice was unjust enough to acquit three citizens of treason. Nkrumah took care of that by voiding the decision and firing the Chief Justice. Ghana's jails, of course, are full of political opponents, while others have been able to flee.

All in all, it's about par for a police state. What is a little odd, though, is that the U. S. continues to be so solicitous of such champions of justice.

#### 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.

Erskine College, due West, S. C., conferred on Rev. W. L. Pressly, pastor of Boyce Memorial ARP church of Kings Mountain, the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity at annual commencement exercises Monday.

Ground was broken this week for a major addition to the Kings Mountain Woman's club building on E. Mountain street, the addition estimated at cost approximately \$15,000.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL  
New officers of the Senior and Junior Women's clubs were installed in a joint installation ceremony Monday night at the Women's club.



No Mar Trouble  
If you have a little one around the house or are expecting one in the near future, you can help out with the feeding by first, reading the paper when it's that time and second, installing a short curtain rod on the back of baby's high chair, for mom's use.  
It makes it possible to keep a bib and damp washcloth within easy reach always. This will check the danger of marring the chair's varnished finish. (Not to mention cleaning baby's face.)



"I hope junior doesn't take after his father — he's such a wolf!"

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