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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

1 Corinthians 14:33

### Goldwater in Extremis

Abstracts are difficult of definition. What is liberty, or truth, or honesty, or charity, radicalism right, radicalism left, liberalism, conservatism, or extremism?

One man's pie may be another's poison, if one has a cast-iron stomach and the other an ulcerated tummy.

Thus results the furore in some quarters (and loud and long halleluiahs in others) from the statement by Senator Barry Goldwater, Republican candidate for president, that extremism in the defense of liberty is no vice, nor moderation in the pursuit of freedom no virtue.

There were mixed feelings by his hearers and by those who read and re-read that statement, made by Senator Goldwater in his speech accepting the GOP nomination.

Those not exceptionally partisan are inclined to see how Mr. Goldwater develops the theme in the course of the presidential campaign between now and voting day on November 4. It is broadly advertised that Mr. Goldwater will conduct a campaign which will utilize a minimum of whistle stops and a maximum of television and other mass media exposure, with as little forum type confrontation with the nation's press corps (all media) as possible.

The Senator won't be able to escape all, and odds are that he will be asked, even forced, to amplify on that statement many, many times between now and November 4.

Certainly the valid comments and post-mortems on the GOP convention at San Francisco have already been covered (in extreme). All agree that the nation will have a choice between a so-called liberal (President Johnson) and conservative (Senator Goldwater) for the nation's top office for the first time since 1936, when Governor Alf Landon, the Kansas conservative, was swamped by the liberal, President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Certainly the GOP Old Guard, replaced after 1936 in party control by the more liberal Eastern wing, is happy. This group represents the Mid-West, Far West and Southern Republicans, aided by disaffected southern Democrats, who are those responsible for Goldwater's easy, assured in advance, first-ballot victory.

The new development of the Wallace withdrawal gives full indication that the fall campaign, initially an apparent shoo-in for the incumbent, will be quite a donnybrook, in the tradition of the 1960 Kennedy-Nixon contest, and the 1948 one of Truman-Dewey, both of which kept interested citizens awake all night, in spite of computer projections and predictions of the "experts".

Next principal item on the political agenda will be the selection of the Democratic nominee for vice-president, an item of ardent speculation for both Democrats and the Republicans, known today only by President Johnson, and perhaps not by him at this date.

A full season's political entertainment is promised.

The mileage rate cuts for rural subscribers (here and throughout North Carolina) by Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph company spells handsome dollar savings for these subscribers and should spur additional phone installations in the rural areas, and therefore improved communications throughout North Carolina. Meantime, with the other rate shavings effected, it is easy to agree with Bell spokesmen that efficiency of modern equipment and good management by Bell officials has made it possible for rates to decline. Long distance tolls have been cut for the third time in three years. "As near as your telephone" means monetarily nearer, too.

Time is running out for purchasing privilege licenses without penalty.

Best bows to Scouts Phillip and Wendell Bunch, recently awarded the Gloria et Patria award, and to William (Corky) Fulton and Charles Padgett, recently become Eagle Scouts.

### Mrs. Neisler

The death of Mrs. Ida Mauney Neisler removed from Kings Mountain not only one of its eldest citizens in point of years, but one of its eldest in point of residence, and a citizen who made most valuable contributions to the well-being of this community.

Relatives recall that her father — to become the first mayor of Kings Mountain — moved here on Easter Monday 1873, when Mrs. Neisler was a girl of slightly over two years.

There was to follow a virtual life-long residence here, in which she became a wife and mother of eight children, and was actively identified with the vast majority of civic, charitable, and patriotic movements throughout her long life, in addition to giving unstintedly of her time and treasure to the work of First Presbyterian church and its agencies.

Her services and charity to Kings Mountain's needy during the hard depression years are well-remembered by older citizens. She was a willing and effective volunteer worker in the Red Cross, gave liberally of her means in supporting worthwhile projects. Crossnore school, at Crossnore, was heavily benefitted through the years through her beneficence and support.

Mrs. Neisler was another of the breed, strong in body, mind, and spirit, which experienced in their early years the hardships of the post-Civil War Reconstruction period. She was witty, warm-hearted, practically-minded, and maintained to the point of death a keen interest in her legions of kin and friend.

### Tax Rates And Bites

The county commission, initially deciding it would levy taxes only on the basis of 55 percent of the new valuation (since upped to 65 percent), indicated that the low assessment ratio was adopted for several practical reasons. One of them was the tendency to upward creepage of rates, as citizens promoted pet projects with the plea, "It'll only add a cent or two to the tax rate."

Normally, there is a respite of a year or two, but the general county rate of \$1.19 reflects a certain amount of upward creepage in the first year the new valuation is operative.

On basis of last year's effective valuation versus this year's a general tax rate of 99 cents should have returned about the same amount of coin.

Where for the extra? A good portion goes to schools for future construction, land purchase or for long-lasting equipment. Indeed, there's an extra seven cents in this category to which the commission informally has agreed for a three-year period. In another instance, the commission levied the full 20 cents allowable for the hard-pressed general fund.

In neither of these instances is there reason for criticism for the need is quite apparent. All the three school districts are hard-pressed for construction monies. Shelby is short of money to build a project needed yesterday, Kings Mountain shaved items for its high school which must be re-included, and the county school district is two high school plants short, at minimum. The general fund supplies funds for numerous purposes, and tax-time plus balances quickly return to near-minuses.

Meantime, the county commission apparently is declining to levy the 20-cent maximum supplemental operations tax for the Kings Mountain school district, paring the Kings Mountain board of education request to 18 cents. Still, the 18-cent levy on the new valuation will return a third more money, Auditor Max Hamrick estimates.

These are samples of the upward creepage the commission, which gets the brick-bats from the taxpayers, was concerned about in advance.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

I have some suspicion that Lyle Edwards, city editor of the Gastonia Gazette, has been something less than his normal self in recent weeks. At least, I feel sure his city editing business is taking a back seat to another and that would be following the Gastonia Legion Juniors, who were to open a state semi-finals series Wednesday night.

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Not only is Lyle a former diamond performer of import (Erskine college), but his son, Roddy Edwards, is one of the stars of the current Gaston aggregation. Last Friday night, Roddy limited Hickory to six hits, drove in three runs in what would have been enough to catapult Gastonia up the ladder toward state, regional, sectional and national tournaments.

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Roddy is a Western Carolina sophomore, is six feet, three inches, scales in at 180, and plays outfield when he isn't pitching.

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Father Lyle fully intended for his son to be a baseball performer and has been grooming him in that direction for many years. Case in point comes from Mrs. Edwards, who described some of the activities of this three-member family on a motor trip to the West Coast a few years ago. Departing Gastonia early one morning, the Edwards family reached Cincinnati in time for a night double-header. Chicago was next port of call. It, disappointingly, only for a single major league game. But Milwaukee's Braves, the next day, provided another double bill. Virginia related, "As if that weren't enough baseball, when we stepped along the highways to stretch our legs and take a rest, Lyle and Roddy got out the gloves and baseball for a tossing session."

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It was in the thirties that the Gastonia entry went the full route to a national Legion baseball championship. Buddy Lewis subsequently graduating to the majors with Washington and several other players having careers in professional baseball.

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Gastonia had another strong team I remember particularly well in 1941. At that time, I lived in Albemarle and Albemarle had what many considered a better-balanced team than the previous year when it edged San Diego three games to two for the national flag. Porter Sheppard, the Gastonia and ex-Wake Forest star, coach of Albemarle the previous year, had gone home to Gastonia as coach, and his former assistant, Frank Marbury, was the Albemarle coach. It was a hot series, Gastonia winning. Among the players on that team was George Wilson, normally today my next-door neighbor, but currently living in Japan and playing baseball. Another was Walter Carroll, a summertime resident at Lake Montona, and today a Gastonia bread-maker.

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Albemarle had another great team in 1941, losing to Cincinnati in the national finals at Minneapolis by one run in the finale. That club had one of my bosses at the Stanley News & Press somewhat in the same condition I think my friend Lyle Edwards is today. Ralph Andrew, then, and now a hot baseball fan, also a former player, was father of one of the team's leading pitchers, Tommy Andrew, now business manager of the Albemarle paper. An outstanding game I remember was Tommy's 1-0 sectional-winning victory over New Orleans at Charleston. Several of us had squeezed our gas ration cards to make the trip. We picked up picture plates of the game, courtesy of the Charleston News & Courier sports department, etc. a very late supper at famous Henry's, got home to Albemarle at 4:30 a. m.

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Kid ball excites fans most of any. Anything can happen and often does. Then there's the added tension of the sudden-death tournaments.

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It's an expensive sport. While I'm not acquainted with the present fund formula, in the old days the only way a club could finish a season with plenty of coin in the bank was to lose in the state finals. Once the state finals were settled, the teams were under the domain of national Legion headquarters, which supplied actual expenses only, and only for 15 players, and one coach. Obviously, the assistant coaches had to make the trips, along with the hard-working athletic officer, and who would think of leaving the bat boy at home merely because his expenses weren't being paid?

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Fans found it hard to understand why Albemarle's Hill post, after the huge crowds of 1940 and 1941, were out seeking funds the following season to field a team again.



Riding The Crest

### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### EVERYBODY NEEDS ONE

The other day we heard about an advertising copywriter who was paid \$7,500 a year just to have lunch with somebody once a month. Now TV Guide tells us of Zeno Klinker: "For years one of Klinker's jobs as a top writer for Edgar Bergen was to follow his boss around and inconspicuously slip him lines to spice his conversation."

We are not simply noting the poetic injustice involved in someone else's putting words into a ventriloquist's mouth. We are declaring that in times like these everyone should have a Zeno Klinker at his elbow.

Klinkerista begins at home. "You call yourself an editorial writer! Why you won't even take a position or what to have for dinner." Quick, Zeno, what do we say?

Men in public life need their respective Klinkers, too.

"But, Sir, if we keep both civil rights and Vietnam out of the campaign, there'll be nothing left to talk about but us beagles."

"But, Sir, if you can't decide whom to support, how do you expect ordinary Republicans to?"

"But, Sir, some people insist you can't put your heart into enforcing a law you think will require the creation of a police state."

"But, Sir, did you know that the man you are going to nominate said the bill you worked so hard for was unconstitutional?"

"But, Sir, your opponent may be impulsive, but what about a man who doesn't start to run until the race is almost over?"

"But, Sir, do you think coming back to the country now will really help?"

"But, Sir, Ringo may have charisma and all that, but so far there is no assurance he will accept a draft."

The trouble is there will never be enough Zeno Klinkers to go around.

#### OLD BLACKSMITH SHOP

It wasn't much to look at—just an old, weatherbeaten, rambling shop at the village edge. Around it was a tangled mass of old cultivators, wagons, wheels, sleds, plows and barrows. Inside, the floor was black with dirt and littered with half parings. Windows were gray-streaked with grime and half concealed with masses of old cobwebs.

Overhead on the stringers were rows of new shoes—dainty, lightweight shoes for Morgan riders and heavy ones for big work horses. In one corner was a heap of discarded shoes plus a tangled mass of odds and ends of metal. At one side was the forge with its big leather bellows; near it was the old anvil and the half tub of black-looking scummy water.

It was fun for small boys to watch the old smith as he heated a shoe red hot in the glowing coals and then pounded the shoe to shape on the anvil. . . .

The old smith talked as he worked and told boys stories of long ago when he shod as many oxen as horses. Perhaps he heated the shoe again and pounded it again for an exact fit. Then he drove nails through the hoof and the holes in the shoe. He twisted off the nail ends and filed the ends smooth with the big rasp.

Old blacksmith shops are gone—gone with the wagons and sleighs of yesteryear. But there are men in office and factory who look back over the years and remember the pleasant hours they spent in an old blacksmith shop.

Boston Herald

#### N. C. CAN TAKE PRIDE IN BIG VOTE

Regardless of the candidate they preferred in the second primary Saturday, all Democrats of the state should take pride in the fact that a record turnout of voters went to the polls to decide the party's nominee.

The record number of voters for a second primary, together with the fact that there were more voters Saturday than in the first primary, bespeaks the great interest generated in the party in the run-off election.

As a rule, the number of voters attracted by a second primary is far less than in the first primary. In the past this generally has been attributed to the fact that fewer candidates appear on the ballot, and the fact that many who vote in the first primary are not as interested a month later. Saturday's election clearly showed that the voters of the state did not lose interest from the first to the second primary this year. Indeed, the record vote indicates the period between the first and second primaries generated greater voter interest on the part of the party's gubernatorial nomination.

What applies generally to North Carolina, also applies in Pitt County. Four years ago in this county there were approximately 2,000 less votes cast in the second primary than in the first. This year the unofficial returns show there were about 20 more votes cast in the second primary than in the first. The Democrats of Pitt, like those in other parts of the state, did not leave it to the "other fellow" to decide in the second primary which of the candidates would receive the nomination.

The fact that voters turned out in record numbers across the state for the second primary is a healthy sign for North Carolina and a healthy sign for the Democratic party in the state. — Greenville Daily Reflector.

#### 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.

Lewis Hovis, Kings Mountain businessman, has been appointed a member of the county board of hospital trustees, representing Number 4 township. His term will expire in 1957.

#### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Members of the Study Club met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. M. H. Biser.

Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Gerberding and family returned home yesterday from a visit with relatives and friends in St. Paul and Duluth, Minnesota, Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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