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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.  
Proverbs 2:22

### Not Only Issue

If the political polls are right, a majority of citizens in Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana regard the civil rights issue as the only one in the current presidential campaign. They have plenty of company in other states of the South, ex of the Confederacy.

And they have plenty of company in other states of the nation with the glaring exception that the majorities in other states favor the civil rights legislation passed by the recent Congress.

It is apparent the majority of the nation does favor the bill which became law in July, else it would never have won its heavy majority in the House of Representatives, where members are notably sensitive to the wishes of their constituents, nor in the Senate, where members sometimes appear less sensitive, but which was able to vote cloture, generally hated by all the 100 senators, on the civil rights issue.

This division has resulted in an unusual number of defectors and foot-draggers among leaders of both parties. On the anti-civil rights side, Governors Wallace of Alabama and Johnston of Mississippi are openly bolting the Democratic party, though still wearing the label. Senator Strom Thurmond has gone the whole route to join the Republican party. Representative Albert Watson, of South Carolina, is bolting the national ticket for the second consecutive time, though retaining the "D" label.

On the pro-side, Senator Keating of New York won't comment on his national ticket vote, and Senator Case of New Jersey is openly for Johnson. Both are Republicans. And there is a full stable of lukewarmers.

In North Carolina, the Negro leadership can't decide what to do about the governor's race, being afraid of Dan Moore's friendship to Dr. Beverly Lake and afraid of Bob Gavin's GOP connection with Goldwater.

In all of these instances — and there are many more — the civil rights issue is being paramount to the seeming exclusion of all others.

Apparently, many folk still regard some matters as clear-cut, black or white, when, except for life and death, virtually all are shades of gray.

And there's a wide variance of shade between charcoal and pearl.

### The Celebration

Mountaineer Days began with a minus due to the heavy rains brought on by Hurricane Hilda. However, Kings Mountain Military Park officials can be credited with correct weather - signal calling, as they canceled Sunday's scheduled memorial rites at the open-air Park Amphitheatre.

But the sun broke through and the prospect is for better days as the second annual celebration continues.

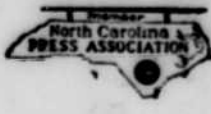
Miss North Carolina comes to Kings Mountain Thursday to judge a talent show.

There's a street dance Friday night. And Saturday afternoon there's the big Mountaineer Days parade.

Break out the coonskin caps and long calico frocks.

Meantime, considerable appreciation is in order to Charlotte's WBTB for its Sunday "Battle of Kings Mountain" presentation. Written by Ed H. Smith, of Kings Mountain, the WBTB staff presented an authentic fast-paced portrayal of the historic events of that rainy October 7, 1780, battle which broke the backs of the British in the South and led to the final victory at Yorktown.

Congratulations: to D. B. Blalock, re-elected chairman of the Cleveland County ASC committee; to Mrs. L. E. Hinnant, elected a director of the North Carolina Society, Daughters of the American Revolution; and to Linda Sherer, elected Kings Mountain representative to the Carolinas Carousell.



# MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

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

The bright idea the Merchants Association had to ask Mrs. Lyndon Johnson to make Kings Mountain a part of call Wednesday on the 18th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain didn't get results, likely because her itinerary called for a swing through central South Carolina to Columbia and thence to Charleston.

But the same idea of the young lady who edits the Woman's College (whoops, UNC-G) newspaper, the Carolinian, did. She wired Mrs. Johnson's press secretary and the fact was unbeknownst to UNC-G officials. First a reply came that Mrs. Johnson couldn't make it but the same day Greater UNC President Bill Friday received a telephone call that Mrs. Johnson would indeed stop at Greensboro. President Friday called the UNC-G folk and they, too, were in the dark. It resulted in some hurried checking, but the stop-over was set up.

Many Cleveland citizens met Mrs. Johnson in 1960, when she spoke at a rally in Shelby, along with then-Governor Buford Ellington, of Tennessee, and U. S. Senator George Smathers. She is very gracious.

Many are evidencing boredom with the current presidential campaign, in spite of the fact that the Republican nomination of Senator Barry Goldwater indicated a real choice between two conflicting philosophies of government. Yet both Goldwater and President Johnson have been attracting mammoth crowds in their personal appearances over the nation.

The polls continue to show Johnson far in the lead, which frightens the Democrats, who fear complacency among Democrats, and the polling experts, who remember painfully the Truman victory of 1948. Since that unhappy year for Dr. Gallup, all of the pollsters have taken new precautions in gathering political information.

The several firms generally use variations of the same methods. Yet the sampling is quite small. Dr. Gallup, for instance, according to recent reports in the Wall Street Journal and Time Magazine, projects nation-wide results on samplings of 1500 people, an atomically small segment of a potential 80 million voters.

The polling people for the most part use part-time interviewers and their biggest chance of error derives from cheating interviewers—those who do imaginary interviews in the privacy of a hotel room. Gallup (and others) have formed the policy of spot-checking the interviews for accuracy.

The polling people charge from \$3 to \$7 per interview. Time reports, while the Journal says some go as high as \$15, which makes the polling information Cadillac-costly, even though the sampling is Volkswagen size. The services of Pollster Lou Harris, a college friend and school newspaper comrade of mine, are said to have cost the late President Kennedy nearly \$1 million in 1960. No small change!

Lou, incidentally, is quite sympathetic with those who lose by one—whether the Reds and Phillies, who lost the pennant to the Cardinals by one game, or political losers, like Aaron Burr, who lost the presidency to Thomas Jefferson by a lone vote in the House of Representatives, Charles I of England, who lost his head by margin of one vote in parliament, or Sam Tilden who lost the presidency by two one-vote votes. Returns from the 1876 election gave Rutherford Hayes a one vote electoral margin, but there were many charges of election irregularities to the extent that an electoral commission of 15 persons was named to investigate the results. The commission voted 8 to 7 to reject all the contested returns and Hayes succeeded President Grant.

Lou Harris lost the editorship of the Daily Tar Heel, UNC student newspaper, to Orville Campbell, now publisher of the Chapel Hill Weekly, by one vote. As recently as two years ago, Time Magazine quoted Lou as saying that loss was the major disappointment of his life to that date.

Two of Orville's current staff members, Jim Shumaker and Jim Dunn told me recently that in Chapel Hill Orville is referred to still as "Landslide Campbell".

The voter registration books open Saturday... one vote IS important.

### Ounce of Prevention Is Cheaper

# FIRE PREVENTION WEEK



### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### YOUNG PEOPLE FROM WATTS

In the suburban community of Watts, in the southeast portion of greater Los Angeles, a group of young colored people decided to spend their spare time seeing what they could do to improve their surroundings.

They turned down the suggestion of peaceful picketing. Instead they chose to make a survey of Watts to see just what they might do. They found six empty old buildings that were eyesores. They found some rickety old fencing, and several rather hazardous broken curbs, abandoned foundations, stumps and other unsightly objects.

The youngsters organized into committees, set to work. Some of them cleaned up a few fences and lots and made them look better. Others called upon citizens in the block to put a shoulder to the wheel, and found the adults willing to help. It wasn't long before the city council heard of the activities. Some of the empty buildings disappeared. As enthusiasm grew Watts became cleaner, presented a more inviting appearance.

The community now has more pride. Chances are it will continue to raise itself from a down-at-the-heels colored section toward the goal of a wholesome community. The people hold their heads high and look to the future.

Those young people started something that wins our respect and admiration. They are on the road toward full participation in citizenship. People of all races will welcome them. Their pride in self help and self improvement merits the respect of their fellow countrymen.

If this spirit spreads there'll be little need for the Rumford Act, the FEPC or the national civil rights law. Turlock (Calif.) Daily Journal

#### MENTION MY NAME

Being of some small service to others, especially when it means giving them the benefit of superior experience, confers a little glow of satisfaction on the person to whom the opportunity falls. Not at all, we murmur on being thanked, and we mean it because the action has cost us practically nothing in time or energy. The reward is all the greater when we are able to back a recommendation for a friend with the weighty words: "Mention my name if you like." There is much credit to be drawn from the remark . . .

Sometimes, one must suppose, the magic words produce the right effect. "I was dining the other evening with a Mr. So-and-So and he recommended me to come and see you." The idea is that the mention of So-and-So's name will . . . revive memories overflowing with such gratitude that heaven and earth will be moved to give satisfaction . . .

If, for example, the message was intended for the manager of a charming little restaurant in Dubrovnik, it is probable that the person who has been favored with the carrying of it will have forgotten all about it by the time he gets there. Even if he has not, it is unlikely that the restaurateur will remember So-and-So, who visited the restaurant twice and who . . . exchanged names with a few domestic confidantes and him . . . No one is, in effect, one scrap the better off—except in some inexplicable way the person who was supposed to be conferring the benefit.

The Times (London) 1953.

#### 'IF YOU LIVE AMONG WOLVES . . .

Mr. Khrushchev said he did not want to use the "monstrous" nuclear weapons about which he told his Japanese visitors. But he went on to quote a Russian proverb: "If you live among wolves, you have to act like a wolf."

Such statements have a momentary logic, and the West may take some ironic comfort in the circumstance that three years ago, when Mr. Khrushchev was brandishing weapons, he thought of the wolves as Western. Now he obviously is threatening Communist China.

The power of a new larger weapon, if there is one, does not mark a significant advance in military effectiveness. Previous weapons were big enough, or could be made big enough. But if Mr. Khrushchev is going to be a wolf among wolves, there may be a psychological advantage in unmistakably baring his teeth.

Then, however, the proverbial wolfish wisdom breaks down. For if you live among wolves you do not have to act like a wolf. Indeed, it becomes especially important to act like a man.

This is what the West is desperately trying to do. In Vietnam, for example, a big wolf could easily tear apart the little wolves of the north. But a man sees the consequences of such action and tries instead to work, however fumblingly, with understanding and compassion, limiting the use of fang and claw with political intelligence.

This is what more than 100 countries, including Mr. Khrushchev's own, were trying to do in signing the limited-nuclear-test ban treaty. It is what eight non-aligned countries were trying to do at the conclusion of this year's disarmament talks at Geneva — by urging the nuclear powers to extend the test ban to underground detonations.

As long as Communist China—and France, for that matter—does not participate in ending nuclear tests, many countries will feel that there are still wolves to reckon with. They will keep the rifles ready. But the measure of their enlightenment will be the degree to which they remember they are men. Knowing the weapons stockpiles are already sufficient to destroy themselves, they will work toward taming wolves instead of acting like them. 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.

Richard S. (Dick) Lennon, Mullins, S. C. banker, has been elected vice-president and cashier of First National Bank.

Rev. W. C. Sides, Jr. is the new pastor of Grace Methodist church.

#### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The Kings Mountain Woman's club's 51st annual flower show, "Autumn Harvest", will be presented at the Woman's club Wednesday with officials predicting a bigger and better fair than in 1953.

## The Veterans Corner

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to some of the many current questions from former servicemen and their families. Further information on veterans benefits may be obtained at any VA office.  
Q—What procedure should I follow to obtain an increase in compensation?  
A—If you can present evidence to your VA Regional Office that your service-connected disability is possibly worse than when previously rated, a rating examination will be arranged and your right to an increase will be based on the evidence.  
Q—How can I make sure I will be buried in a National Cemetery?  
A—Make your desire to have this done known to your next of kin or best friend. Have your military discharge in a place known to the persons or persons you will depend on to carry out your plan in order that they can identify you as an eligible person when contact is made with the Superintendent of the Cemetery.  
Q—My father is permanent and totally disabled due to service-connected causes. How can I obtain educational or training benefits?  
A—Make application to the VA Regional Office and attach the service papers which identify your veteran parent and your own birth certificate. If, according to the laws of the state, you are considered to be a minor, your parent should also sign your application.

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Dear friends,

Two little girls stopped at the curb. They looked both ways before crossing the street. We just witnessed this occurrence, and it shows that these little girls have been coached by someone, probably parents and teachers, to be careful about traffic.

Now if we can impress drivers to be more careful, our safety problems would be largely solved.

Respectfully,

J. Albin Harris

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