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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things. Behold! How great a matter is the fire kindleth! James 3:5.

Re-elect Whitener

United States Representative Basil L. Whitener is seeking a fifth term in Congress.

Time was, before re-districting prior to the 1962 elections, that any Democrat, as Mr. Whitener is, was a shoo-in in that Congressional district.

The re-districting, with North Carolina losing a seat and accompanied by a Republican resurgence in some segments of the state, proved a difficult task to assure continued Democratic dominance. Mecklenburg County's GOP leanings proved sufficient to keep Charles R. Jonas in Washington, and the new ninth district elected Republican James Broyhill, of Lenoir.

Mr. Whitener also figured to have more difficulty and did. Adding the margins in the 1960 counties, it was figured Mr. Whitener might count on no better margin than 5000 votes. Yet he carried the new tenth district by nearly double that figure and against a candidate the Herald (and local area Republicans) consider was stronger than W. Hall Young, of Avery county, Mr. Whitener's 1964 opponent.

Mr. Young has campaigned personally in the district, but has made few pronouncements of import. Those he made in an address here indicated a keen desire on his part for a return to the "good old days" — minus welfare outlays, unemployment compensation, and other social programs which have proved imperative to the public welfare of the nation.

Representative Whitener, of course, has a record. He was instrumental in passage of the cotton bill, which ended the unfair competition to cotton textile manufacturers, and he has rendered important service on both the House Judiciary and District of Columbia committees. Additionally, he has attended to his home work, in accomplishing the myriad informational, liaison and expediting tasks which are the special province of the district representative. It is a good record.

Mr. Whitener should be returned and we predict he will be by an even larger margin than in 1962.

President Hoover

The death of President Herbert Clark Hoover removed an elder statesman who rose to a peak of popularity, became the most-maligned chief executive of the current century, then recouped his esteem and popularity by a continuing variety of public service work in his post-presidential years.

President Hoover, like President Grover Cleveland in 1893, had already been sworn into office before the world was hit with a great economic depression. Though he was blamed for it, history students today acknowledge he was paying the debts of those who preceded him.

Perhaps the only valid charge against Mr. Hoover, who took economic improvement measures which had proved good in previous business crises, was he did not realize the scope of the depression, which produced Adolph Hitler in Germany. Conversely, during 1931-33 he was confronted with an enemy Congress considerably guilty of playing peanut politics in successful efforts to regain the White House.

When he entered office he was one of the nation's most popular men, typifying the American dream of the self-made man, who, after earning wealth, turned to public service — as food administrator for starving Europe and as secretary of commerce.

In his latter years, he was a valued advisor to Presidents Truman, Eisenhower and Kennedy, did yeoman service to the nation as chairman of the commission which bore his name on governmental reorganization. Many of the proposals were adopted.

Besides hard and continuing work, which Mr. Hoover regarded as better therapy than medicine, his chief cornerstone of character was an absence of hate, a gleaming perhaps from his Quaker background.

All would benefit from practice of the Hoover formula.

Yes Vote Self-Interest

Citizens of North Carolina, perhaps those of this county and area more particularly than some, should put in "X" beside the "yes" square on the ballot to determine whether North Carolina issues \$100 million in bonds for school construction.

It's a matter of self-interest, both in the direction of more adequately providing classrooms for the state's \$1,200,000 school children and in tax-paying frugality.

North Carolina has been blessed for the past decade with an expanding industrial base and population increase. Via the state's tax laws, this has meant a burgeoning of general fund revenues. It also means that the state can issue the \$100 million in bonds and amortize them over a 20-year period without any increase in tax schedules.

The same is not true for the 170 administrative school units, where majority have issued school building bonds virtually to the limits of both legal and practical ceilings.

Repeating: Kings Mountain school district's share is slightly over \$374,000, an amount which school officials declare will provide for immediate needs. The board of education squeezed out some much-needed parts of the new high school plans due to shortage of cash and know judgment day is near on required improvements and expansion at the new Davidson plant.

Let's Make It

Kings Mountain's record of giving to the United Fund, supplying funds for several Kings Mountain civic, charitable, and service agencies, has been somewhat embarrassing in prior years when compared to that of other cities, whether of comparable, larger or smaller size.

Already this year neighboring Bessemer City has met its goal of \$15,000. Mooresville, comparable in size, has exceeded a \$28,000 quota.

Kings Mountain's goal is slightly in excess of \$23,000, hardly a sum to frighten a community of this size.

Prior history show results at a maximum of 85 percent of quota, with lows of about 50 percent. Liberal donations are dictated.

Rufus C. Baker

Kings Mountain has lost one of its native and life-long citizens in the person of Rufus C. Baker, better known to several generations of Kings Mountain citizens as "Mr. Rufie".

Mr. Baker, who would have observed his ninety-first birthday in November, was another of those rugged individuals, born in the hard Reconstruction period following the Civil War, who learned early the requirements and benefits of hard work and honest dealings.

For many years a Kings Mountain grocer, Mr. Baker was still in harness well into his octogenarian years.

He was a man of wit and good humor, a loyal churchman, devoted to his family, his many friends and this community.

For Dan Moore

Bob Gavin, making his second consecutive bid for governor as the Republican nominee, has been a much different candidate this year. In 1960, Mr. Gavin was ill-informed on matters of state government and proved it from the platform on many occasions.

In the current campaign, Mr. Gavin has been articulate and informed. He has impressed hearers by his willingness to answer questions on any and all issues, has, in fact, adopted much of the platform of Richardson Preyer, who failed in his bid for the Democratic nomination.

But the Gavin vote-getting bait of removing the food tax and providing income tax relief is little more than that. Governor Terry Sanford asked, but did not get, income tax relief from a friendly General Assembly. Bob Gavin could get neither from an enemy one he would be sure to have.

Dan Moore will make the better governor.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

Hidden Ramsey, editor of the Asheville Citizen, in a speech to the press association some years ago, averred, "There's nothing as dead as yesterday's newspaper." He was correct, in a measure, but might have added—until the old newspapers become venerable and yellow and valuable documents of unremembered history.

Thus, in process of writing the story last week of President Hoover's visit to state to Kings Mountain in 1930, I gleaned some detail I had not previously known. As a lad of ten, my spot to see the President, Mrs. Hoover and the entourage was the side stoop of the old Mountain View hotel. Clyde Sanders recalls his viewing spot was from the bank corner. In 1930, of course, the West King street bridge over the railway was nine years distant and West Mountain street was the highway to Shelby.

Particular new news out of E. J. King's Herald special edition for the occasion was the dedication program for the new Ferguson grave marker.

Trying to learn whether any other Chief of State had ever paid call to Kings Mountain, I momentarily forgot that President Franklin D. Roosevelt passed through in a motorcade to the Green Pastures rally in Charlotte in August, 1936. Again the motorcade route was the same, and my viewing spot was the Mountain View hotel corner. Mr. Roosevelt had been dedicating the Great Smokey Mountain National Park. It was the occasion when someone missed signals and the motorcade took the unadvertised road through Shelby, to the keen embarrassment of some and the great disappointment of many others. The motorcade had traveled through sporadic summer showers. When Roosevelt arrived at Charlotte's Memorial Stadium and started to begin his speech he eyed heavenward and reported, "I see a rainbow in the sky!" The crowd saw it, too, and roared its approval of the inference the battle against the Great Depression was being won.

Ben Moomaw, the National Park superintendent, informed me that U. S. Senator John W. Daniels, of Virginia, was the chief speaker at the centennial ceremonies at the battlefield, when the centennial monument was dedicated. Ben also reports an interesting sidelight. Photography was an undeveloped art in those days and Harper's Weekly was the pictorial news magazine of that day. Harper's employed artists to depict special events and dispatched one to cover the centennial celebration. The unnamed artist, unfortunately, imbibed a bit too heavily of the drink that cheers, but blears. However, he still did his drawings which were subsequently published. But he depicted Senator Daniels, speaking from the podium on two sound legs. The Senator had lost a leg in Pickett's charge at Gettysburg, walked on crutches and pinned up his pants leg.

My best presidential reviewing spot was at Chapel Hill when Roosevelt spoke there in the late thirties on a cold, rainy night headed back to Washington from Warm Springs, Ga. As a clarinet tooter I had virtually a front row seat and we played "Hail to the Chief" enthusiastically. When President Kennedy spoke at Kenan Stadium in 1961, I was mystified when the band omitted the traditional musical salute to presidents. Later I learned Mr. Kennedy had requested the omission.

President Harding passed before I would have been old enough to remember him. I never saw Presidents Coolidge, Truman, or Eisenhower in person, nor have I seen President Johnson in person. Had I been less stupid, I would have seen then-General Eisenhower at the wartime Casablanca conference. I had a company. We working in communications knew there were some big doings underway, but read about the meeting of Roosevelt and Churchill and other major leaders of the Allied team in the Petit Morocco, Casablanca newspaper—after the chiefs had departed.

Nextdoor neighbor George Wilson, just back from an 18-month baseball stint in Japan, had two ex-Zero pilots as coaches on his team. Invariably, he relates, when he makes a new Japanese acquaintance he is asked, "Why did you drop the bombs on us?" The point was to convince Japan they were beaten and, first, to save American lives. Undoubtedly, Japanese lives were saved, too.

George's little girl Kelly played with Japanese children, quickly learned to converse in Japanese. Says her Mother, "She'd talk to us in Japanese and we didn't know what she was saying."

School's Out November 3



Henry McCarron

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—Is a peacetime veteran protected by re-employment rights?

A—Yes, if he left other than a temporary job to enter service and if this service did not exceed four years. Usually he must apply to his former employer within 90 days after separation from active service. However, reservists and National Guardsmen who perform service of from three to six months must apply within 31 days of their release from active duty.

A principal beneficiary under a National Service Life Insurance policy elected to take the proceeds on a monthly installment plan, even though a lump sum stelement was available. He died before receiving all of the installments. Who received the unpaid portion of the policy, the contingent beneficiary?

A—The remaining installments would not be paid to the contingent beneficiary. Where the principal beneficiary has the option of a lump sum payment and survives the insured, the rights of the contingent beneficiary are wiped out. The commuted value of the unpaid installments would be paid to the estate of the principal beneficiary.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

WILL THE REAL PRESS STAND UP?

Even journalists fall into the habit of referring to "the press," and we suppose there is no convenient way of getting around the term.

It is nevertheless a badly misleading noun when it is used as the object of specific praise or criticism.

Take the role of the nation's newspapers, news magazines and television networks in the current presidential campaign, for example. Everyone is familiar with the attacks on "the press" by many Goldwater supporters for showing an alleged bias against their candidate.

But what "press" are they talking about? Few newspapers are more vigorous in their editorial support for a candidate than the Charleston News & Courier, the Chicago Tribune, the Cincinnati Enquirer and the Oakland Tribune for Sen. Goldwater.

A lonely minority, someone says?

Not so at all. The trade journal Editor & Publisher questioned 777 daily newspapers late in September and found that 493 had taken a possession in the presidential race.

A majority—250 newspapers—had come out in favor of the Arizona senator, while 243 endorsed the President.

Paraphrasing the papers which supported Johnson had a total of twice the circulation of the Goldwater-oriented papers. But given the clearly discernible appeals of the two campaigners—Mr. Johnson to urban populations and Mr. Goldwater to the towns and cities of rural America—the circulation figures are not illogical.

It is not even very accurate to speak of "the liberal press" or "the conservative press." This newspaper has occasionally been labeled by readers as "liberal."

We yield to no such pat description, and we are certain that members of the New York Post would consider us the next thing to die-hard reactionaries on some issues.

Conversely, the Charleston News & Courier and the Chicago Tribune are both staunchly conservative, as the term is currently used, but they are many leagues apart on the key question of racial policy.

There is a "press," all right, but like so many other things these days, it defies a simple and expedient definition.

The Charlotte Observer

SANCTUARY

Help can come from unexpected places.

The Raleigh News and Observer is running on its editorial page a series of quotes by Barry Goldwater entitled "Goldwaterisms."

Monday's Goldwaterism was: "Where fraternities are not allowed, communism flourishes."

Which should prove beyond any reasonable doubt that there isn't any communism flourishing around Chapel Hill. And presumably even Beverly Lake will take Barry Goldwater's word for it.

Chapel Hill Weekly

NOT A CURE

Dr. Murray Ross, president of York University, offered sound advice to 400 freshmen when he assured them that the use of stimulants would not help students become productive persons; nor would the cultivation of an unkempt or unclean appearance make creative poets of them.

There is, as Dr. Ross went on to point out, no short cut to the development of talent; no gimmicks that can be used to induce talent. There can be no substitute for consistent, determined and disciplined work.

The student who turns to pep pills, however, may be doing so as a result of emotional stress rather than in any attempt to release hidden talents. In neither case, of course, can stimulants be regarded as a solution, but Dr. Ross, having informed the freshmen that they should not look to the pill box for help, might have gone on to offer a healthier alternative.

A survey carried out among University of Toronto students by the Student Administrative Council earlier this year revealed that half the male students and 64 percent of the female students felt they needed help with emotional, financial, academic or social problems.

Perhaps the most significant point elicited by the survey, however, was that 75 percent of the men and 63 percent of the women did not even know that such limited counseling services as exist at the university were available to them. This by itself should be enough to prompt university authorities to develop counseling services and encourage their use by the students.

The Globe and Mail (Toronto)

THE MOLEHILL

Oud Solomon's-Wisdom or Justice-Tempered - with - Mercy Awarded this week goes to Atlanta Police Lt. B. F. Marler. He was called to a restaurant where a man and his wife were 23 cents short on their check. (We won't say what kind of award the restaurateur gets.) Lt. Marler settled the problem quickly: "He loaned the couple the 23 cents. 'I wish they were all that easy,' he said.

If there were more men like Lt. Marler around, maybe there wouldn't be so many problems to begin with.

Atlanta Constitution

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.

Kings Mountain and Cleveland County citizens will go to the polls Tuesday to consider four separate ballots and to help determine the results of North Carolina's biennial election.

The Kings Mountain school band attended the University of North Carolina - Wake Forest football game at Chapel Hill last Saturday.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
New officers of the Study club were elected Tuesday night at a regular meeting at the home of Mrs. B. S. Feeler, Sr.

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Dear friends,

Drive safely! Everybody advises it, but the needless sacrifices go on at the same terrible rate.

Perhaps if the public could see the consequences of highway accidents as we see them, the appeal for safety would have some effect.

Time after time the awful waste of human life has been brought home to us and we wonder why it has to be. In the name of humanity, let us drive carefully

Respectfully,

J. Allen Harris

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