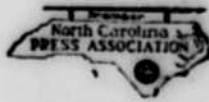




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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth called for strokes. Proverbs 18:6

### The Democratic Sweep

With the exception of the Deep South and his home state of Arizona, the Democratic party posted a landslide victory in last week's general election.

While much of the victory can be credited to the political acumen of President Lyndon Baines Johnson, his opponent Senator Barry Goldwater did his seeming best to defeat himself. His first mistake was his speech accepting the nomination, in which he broke a cardinal rule by withholding the olive branch of friendship from the more liberal Republicans he had soundly trounced.

The result was that numerous Republicans either supported Mr. Goldwater half-heartedly, or openly opposed him.

It was Mr. Goldwater himself who said the Republicans, to win, had to have Democratic votes, yet he lost his opportunity to corral all the GOP votes.

The election conclusively proved that the nation, after 30 years, does not wish to turn the clock back.

The one issue in the Deep South states which gave majorities to Mr. Goldwater was civil rights, and the fact that only five states went for Goldwater indicates that the civil rights issue will be a diminishing factor in future elections.

North Carolina, in contrast to some predictions, gave Governor - Nominate Dan K. Moore a greater majority over Robert Gavin than Terry Sanford was given four years ago, even though the civil rights bill was known to be a touchy issue. This probably means that the recently formed People for Lake organization will have less appeal than was initially indicated.

At the Cleveland County level, all Democrats won, with margins of about 2 to 1, and in spite of the fact that Republicans ran their greatest number of candidates in years, Cleveland Republicans deserve commendations on their hard work. Undoubtedly the disenchantment with the national ticket hurt at the local level, though, of course, the Republicans did not figure to win. At the same time, the fielding of good candidates at the local level is the only route to build a party, and the GOP showing at the county level should encourage Republicans to continue in the direction in which they are going.

Congressman Basil L. Whitener more than doubled his 1962 victory margin, defeating Republican Hall Young by more than 20,000 votes. This result reflects Mr. Whitener's growing popularity in his district, his attention to the personal services his constituents require, and his moderate voting record. The Republican party, nationally, will return undoubtedly to its posture since 1940, with moderate Republicans to regain the saddle.

Chief star at the moment is Governor George Romney, of Michigan, who won re-election in spite of an avalanche of Johnson votes. However, he faces the unhappy prospect of Democratic majorities in both branches of the Michigan legislature.

President Johnson has a clear mandate to effect the policies he espouses.

### School-Age Marriages

It is a classic truism that children should complete their high school educations before launching themselves on the seas of matrimony.

No matter how valid the contention, however, some break it and marry.

As to results, there is no definitive pattern. Some folk marry in their teens and live happy, fruitful lives. The same is true for many who marry comparatively late in life. Conversely, some marriages run aground, and age seems to have little to do with it.

Both the Shelby and county boards of education have set up ground rules concerning students who marry while still in school.

That's all very well and good, but, people still being human, it's hard to make rules successfully governing this important phase of society.

One fact is certain: no rules should be made which would abridge the youthful couple's...

### Secession Petition

Several months ago, when the welfare branch office was closed, Kings Mountain area citizens were quite angry and guesses that an effort to forsake Cleveland County for Gaston would have generated wide support were correct.

As often happens, time tends to heal or at least provide sober reflection.

Odds against obtaining an election, via the General Assembly are heavy, however many sign the petitions, for the simple reason that there are similar situations involving other counties.

Were the secession probable, it would be amiss not to weigh the relative advantages of the Cleveland and Gaston citizen.

Among the principal potential advantages is that the Gaston citizen's annual tax bill is cheaper, for the plain fact that heavily industrialized Gaston is a wealthier county than is Cleveland. Another advantage is that Gaston, years ago, embarked on a pay-as-you-go policy of building schools, which, by now, is paying handsome dividends by saving interest costs. Cleveland has recently pointed in the same direction, which is one reason Cleveland tax bills escalated heavily this year.

Gaston has a strong county library program, with libraries in virtually all incorporated communities, assigns a sanitarian to each town, and has a tax collector in each township.

On the other hand, Gaston county is not in the hospital business, Gaston Memorial Hospital, lone facility in the county, is a private non-profit corporation.

The thinking of the group of citizens who voted, virtually unanimously, to circulate the secession petitions was: 1) the petitions would determine the extent of the feeling in the area for forsaking Cleveland County and 2) if heavily supported, would impress on county officials the fact that county cooperation should be a two-way street.

### The Cake Soured

Governor George Wallace, taking a page out of pre-Civil War history and Strom Thurmond's Dixiecrat movement of 1948, became a candidate for President, then, after the GOP nominated Senator Goldwater, changed his mind and withdrew.

He also saw to it that President Johnson's name did not appear on the Alabama ballot.

As he had anticipated and inferentially preferred, Alabama went Republican.

In contrast, however, to South Carolina, Georgia, Louisiana and Mississippi, where the states gave majorities to Goldwater but otherwise for the most part returned Democrats to office, Governor Wallace's much talked about "white backlash" backlashed five veteran Democratic United States Representatives out of office.

That, of course, wasn't Governor Wallace's design, for the Congressmen were part and parcel of the Wallace organization.

Chortling Democratic regulars are saying, "It served him right."

### Planning Should Start

In anticipation of the passage of the state school construction bond issue, Kings Mountain board of education has already talked informally with an architect concerning an addition to the Davidson school plant.

Now that the returns have been posted and the receipt of some \$374,500 in construction money is assured, it can be assumed that the board will speed plans for building these needed classrooms and an auditorium, looking to the future abandonment of the aged old Davidson plant.

Citizens of the state were wise in approving the \$100 million bond issue, for the state can finance it without any increase in taxes.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

City Clerk Joe McDaniel has a map of North Carolina at City Hall which shows the year each of the 100 counties was formed.

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The last and 190th county to be formed was Hoke County, which adjoins Cumberland, and much of which now is federal government property as the big Fort Bragg installation has spilled over into Hoke.

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Next newest county is Lee, which was formed in 1907.

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Cleveland is one of the older counties having been carved out of Rutherford and Lincoln in 1841, while Gaston came into being five years later in 1846.

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One county dates back to the seventeenth century, when the American colonies were under the British crown, and Lincoln dates its history into the 1790's.

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Anent the secession conversation of recent weeks, Arthur Crouse tells me that Kings Mountain and Western Gaston citizens had an opportunity to carve themselves a county in 1901. The proposal was to make Cleveland's Number 1 and 5 Townships and Gaston's Crowder's Mountain and Cherryville townships into a separate county. Mr. Crouse recalls that the late E. L. Campbell was in the House of Representatives and that the citizens elected not to have a separate county. The speculation is that the area considered itself too poor to form a county of its own.

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Major reason for the rash of county-forming was transportation. The general idea was to have sufficient counties to enable a citizen to be able to visit the county seat, attend to his governmental business, and return home within one day. Horse and/or horse - and buggy transit was something short of jet speed and roads were poor, too.

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Now, with good roads and fast automobiles, many students of government think North Carolina has too many counties, particularly some of the small and little-populated ones who are, in effect, too poor to sustain themselves.

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But most folk are rather patriotic and feel strong emotional ties to the places of their birth.

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Thus it was in the 1915 county line election here. Majority of the citizens voted patriotically, that is, in favor of casting their lot for the county in which they resided.

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Speaking of voting, there are many citizens who would like to see the county invest in voting machines. Election officials are themselves quite patriotic, for election day schedules are lagged. The election officials must arise at 5 o'clock to be at the voting place well in advance of the 6:30 a.m. hour that the polls open. There follows a busy 12-hour day until the polls close at 6:30 p.m. Then they must immediately begin the arduous and tedious task of tallying the results.

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The beauty of using voting machines is that, when the polls are closed, tallying the results is simply a matter of lifting the panel and reading off the totals. Another benefit of voting machines is that the possibility of human error is minimized.

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A disbenefit is that voting is somewhat slower with voting machines than by marking ballots, particularly for those voters who split their tickets. How many would be needed for large precincts, such as West Kings Mountain where more than 1800 are registered, is not known.

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I've only used a voting machine one time. During my senior year at college, a voting machine manufacturer sent us a machine to sample in the campus elections and it happened to be used at the place I voted. It worked quite well. There were several recounts that year, but, of course, no recounting of the voting machine totals.

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Last week's election results indicate that Rep. Basil L. Whitener...

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# YOUTH APPRECIATION WEEK

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## Whitener Talks On Conservation

FOREST CITY — Congressman Basil L. Whitener (D-NC) has warned that conservation practices must be enlarged if the United States is to survive. The 10th District legislator spoke at a dinner meeting of the Soil and Water Conservation Supervisors in Forest City on Thursday night.

"The conservation of our natural resources is the key to our national survival. In our machine-age society, the American people must realize that we are in the midst of a rapid depletion of these resources. If not halted, this depletion could bring about a decline in our nation in the future," Whitener stated.

The Congressman pointed out that the Bureau of the Census estimates population at 300 million persons in the United States by 2050 A.D. and that the Department of the Interior estimates that the requirements for water will double in the same period. He further pointed out that our forest acreage has shrunk from more than a billion acres of approximately 775 million acres in the recent past in spite of predictions that our growth in population will increase the demand for wood products two-fold by 2000 A.D.

"Our population will continue to increase but our land and water resources will remain the same. Forests are not grown overnight, and dams and other structures to conserve water are not built in a week. We must plan now if future generations are to have the resources necessary to sustain a great society," Whitener continued.

Whitener urged that attention be given to this vital problem confronting the future of America. He pointed out that no more important task could be assigned to any generation than conservation of natural resources.

This was the first public appearance for Congressman Whitener since his re-election to Congress on November 3.

### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### THE WOOLLY BEAR SAYS...

This is the season when a little band of dedicated (and often grizzled) men begin paying close attention to ears of corn, fish, acorns, muskrats, opossums, beavers, skunks or even onions and the voice of the amateur winter weather prophet is heard in the land. This annual assault on science causes veteran meteorologists to quake with poorly concealed mirth or to lose themselves gloomily in hydrostatic equations and pressure gradients.

Honors for the first prophecy of 1964 go to a Waukegan (Ill.) commercial fisherman who predicts a mild winter along the southern Lake Michigan shore. Reason? Schools of perch are not running deep. The deeper the perch, he says, the harder the winter...

A Two Rivers man...used to slice an onion around midnight at the turn of each new year. He said he could forecast the weather month by month by the dryness or wetness of the different onion layers.

Folklore is crammed with such theories. You can expect a long, hard winter if beavers build their homes early, if opossums take up winter quarters underground instead of in hollow trees, if muskrats build high mound houses, if "woolly bear" caterpillars have narrow instead of broad brown bands, if acorns are plentiful in fall, if corn husks are hard to pull apart or if skunks retreat early from the woods and set up lodgings under your barn.

An one tart and well seasoned meteorologist put it, most if not all such theories "range from the purely fanciful to the utterly insane." Meteorologists may scoff but the folklore lingers on.

Milwaukee Journal

#### MILL MIGHTY MIDGET

As a medium of exchange the mill is intangible. It is known to few persons not concerned with governmental financing or schools. Unseen and somewhat insignificant in terms of daily reference, that tenth of a cent does have a tremendous impact, as this example illustrates:

Electrical energy costs are based on a millage rate. For each one mill reduction in the price of electrical energy, on a national scale, an additional \$3 billion annually can be added to the nation's purchasing power within a few years. There are indications the down-ward trend in power costs will be accelerated by nuclear energy. This will be reflected in household expenditures.

In this day of high federal and state budgets, when amounts in millions and billions are tossed around carelessly, they become but figures. Their impact and the money they represent are almost impossible to visualize. Yet the federal government's near \$100 billion budget, or Oklahoma's past fiscal year revenue collections of \$200,527,730, all came essentially from fractional pennies.

#### DR. TV AND MR. HYDE

The recent Senate subcommittee report on television violence is unlikely to end the controversy on the possible effects of television on children, let alone adults. Already it has reportedly been labeled a campaign document by John Davis Lodge, who is running against the Democrat heading the subcommittee, Senator Dodd of Connecticut.

Published quotes from the report suggest that it attributes bad influence to television more severely than many past critics. It combats those who suppose TV's artificial violence may help purge children of similar actual emotions. It goes beyond the opinion that a representation of violence may trigger violence in an unstable individual. It says "adverse effects may be experienced by normal as well as by the emotionally disturbed viewers."

This is something for parents and networks to ponder, but no to the exclusion of all the other possibly influential things or television. Violence is quickly identifiable. But what value might be built into a child by the appeals of many commercials which he may be led to believe are acceptable? These contrast with the violence, which with an kind of supervision at all, he has been led to know is wrong.

And now comes a report to the American Academy of Pediatrics that excessive television watching can apparently make children physically ill.

During a session with one "monster" comedy in the top tier — and two in the top twenty — of the latest Nielsen TV ratings, it is becoming plainer that TV is something of a monster in itself. But as most children know by now, there are good monster and bad monsters. Let us help them to recognize Mr. Hyde whatever he looks like, and to enjoy the intellectual and imaginative stimulus of which TV is capable when it is not being bad.

The Christian Science Monitor

units can make essential savings leading to future surplus, or pay off accumulated debts, if they wait for a bonanza in large figures.

Daily Oklahoman

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