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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him. 1 Colossians 2:6.

Political Season

It is the biennial city political season, and in Kings Mountain, at least, this season is customarily a strenuous one.

Many good, competent, and knowledgeable citizens are seeking office, and, for many of their neighbors, choosing between friends — as majority of them are — poses a difficult decision, or several decisions.

Politics, like all areas dealing with the human mind and emotion, remains at the peak of the pseudo-sciences, and it is a moot question who is the most sensitive: the politician wanting his neighbor's vote, or the mother protecting and loving her child.

Candidates, like mothers, tend to see all as black or white. "Either the guy is voting for me or voting against me."

Thus it is hard for any candidate to understand that a neighbor may prefer him for chairman of the church council but his opponent for mayor.

Candidates here are now espousing policies, defending records, damning records and otherwise transporting themselves as candidates normally do.

Meantime, it would not be amiss to note a few recent headlines, usually of less import than today, but not in political season, among them:

1) Mayor Candidate John Henry Moss pledges a full effort to obtain a return of the state Employment Security Commission office (more commonly called the employment office) to Kings Mountain. Naturally designed to a vote-getting platform plank, it is nevertheless a most worthy one. The ESC opened an office here during labor-short World War II. It was closed in the late fifties when the Eisenhower Administration cut appropriations for North Carolina's ESC, as an economy measure. It was then, and is now, false economy. Cost was a matter of modest rent and modest expenditure for utilities, for the hard-working personnel was merely transferred elsewhere.

2) A ditto mark can be used for last week's timely report on the favorable position of city bank balances (\$194,338), conjunctive with the report that the city is operating well within its income and operating budget. Here is a plus for the incumbent administration.

3) Last week's Herald noted that the hold-up sign had been posted on possible change of the 1924 arrangement on perpetual care cemetery funds, which the attorney-general has ruled can be used only for specific purposes, and hardly within the intent of the many deeded leaders who carved the original arrangement. Last week the administration made the hold-up official and permanent. The city will continue to be in a position of needing to borrow when it has money in its jeans. The Administration bowed — the Herald thinks unwisely — to minority pressure due to the forthcoming election.

4) This week's Herald will include statements from challenging candidates and anti-administration supporters taking advantage of the momentary embarrassment in which the city did not meet its first deadline (of three) on the April 1963 agreement with the state stream sanitation committee.

The Herald would caution its readers to take Herald headlines and news accounts with a grain of salt and with a reading between the lines. There will be many more.

Voting day is still almost a month distant on May 11.

Meantime, the books are open and unregistered citizens should not bore the registrars as they did on last Saturday when the books opened. She said, "I had the busiest day — not one new voter, not even a transfer."

ICT-DE-ETC.

North Carolina is slowly catching up on its vocational training programs of education, both in the vocational field in the school room, and the work-in-service type of training known locally as distributive education (merchandising) and industrial cooperative training (printing, auto mechanics, textiles, etc.).

'Tis high time.

A few years ago, when the principal business of all was to somehow get bread, clothing and shelter, a great majority had not the wherewithal to attend college.

Today the colleges have insufficient accommodations to provide space and faculty for even those who have the means to enroll. Yet it is estimated perhaps 50 percent have neither the aptitude, cash, or desire to attend college.

The answer is in increased local level training in vocations.

The Herald is most sympathetic with this program, which it has been doing by on-the-job-training for many years. On-the-job-training is a matter of osmosis. Trainees apparently know nothing until someone becomes ill or departs for other fields. Then the trainee fills the breach, acceptably, if not on par with the absent professional.

On-the-job training is invaluable, as any college-trained initiate quickly learns from the experienced "uneducated" professional superior. Yet the formal schooling connected adds a new and important dimension. Home study and class performance are required, as well as on-the-job performance, a most worthwhile combination.

Kings Mountain schools launched the industrial cooperative training program for the first time this year and this year's results promise burgeoning benefits to the students, in the form of earnings while learning and the promise of future increased incomes, as well as employers who find periodically a paucity of able replacements.

It is a program that should and will grow.

Noble Experiment

After pilot programs in a few places, the consensus of professional school teachers is: merit pay in the teaching profession is not recommended.

Merit pay arrangements would require too many supervisors, the report said.

Thus the professional school folk deny the facts of life, which they attempt to teach children.

Industry pays on performance, business pays on performance, but not the degree-minded education trade. All tends to a norm in the teaching business, based on the almighty degree and ignoring the practical fact that the better product deserves a higher price.

It reminds that educational television, piloted in this state by the Ford Foundation, is bogged down, in spite of the record that some subjects can be taught as well to 150 students as to 30 — by one teacher.

Could it be suggested that there is an artificial teacher shortage? Academic thinking can be very, very good.

It can also be very, very poor.

Killer Cancer

The word "cancer" is probably the most dreaded in Webster's dictionary. It is a synonym for sure death, and is therefore worse than the word "death" itself.

Cancer, however, is not as dread, or as deadly, as twenty years ago, for the medical researchers have done great work in discovering means and methods of arresting and killing cancer.

Today's top medical men regard their predecessors of even 50 years ago as living in the medical dark ages. They are equally sure they will be so regarded a half-century hence.

And they hope they are.

Liberal gifts to the current campaign for funds for the American Cancer society should be made.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

Normally, this column does not employ the same theme two weeks consecutively, but a personal interview with Mrs. Joan Crawford Steele, motion picture star from the silents to tomorrow, Academy Award winner, director of the Pepsi-Cola Company, mother of four, United Service Organization woman-of-the-year (the first), is in the nature of a command performance.

m-m

Miss Crawford is the first woman to be honored with the USO title and is successor to such worthies as Bob Hope, Roger Blough, president of United States Steel Corporation, and the late General Douglas MacArthur.

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Actually, the business at hand concerned Pepsi-Cola. On hand were Herb Barnette, chairman of the board, who is also a director of Columbia Pictures, Jim Sommerall, who four hours before had been elevated to vice-president and general manager of all United States operations, Mitchell Cox, vice-president in charge of public relations, and other company officials — all on hand to give the Charlotte area a surprise party commemorating his 60th year with Pepsi-Cola. Octogenarian Fowler thought he was going out to dinner with his daughter and grandchildren, not with some 500 friends and neighbors from all over.

m-m

As previously related, my personal acquaintances with film stars is limited. Now I've chatted and shaken hands with two. Mitchell Cox played the male lead in "Strait Jacket". He credited Miss Crawford with getting him the role, then fested, "I must have been lousy, for she's never got me another." Miss Crawford replied quite seriously, "No, that's not it. I'll get you another. The right role for you just hasn't come along."

m-m

After G-M Barnette had been quizzed about Pepsi-Cola's decision, in contrast to competitors, to use the trademark name on low calorie Diet Pepsi, the Charlotte News' Emory Wister elicited Miss Crawford's ire and a heave-ho threat when he referred to Diet Rite, rather without Pepsi's family circle.

m-m

Joan Crawford's most recent completed film is a thriller named "I Saw What You Did", due for release in June or July, with John Ireland ("I Shot Jesse James") the male lead. Two teenage girls, when left alone, play a game in which they call telephone numbers at random and tease the male who answers with considerable flirtation. If mama answers the phone, it is suggested that Henry has left Bridget waiting at the club for more than an hour and isn't he coming? Another line the girls use in their teasing game is "I saw what you did." The real action begins when this line is presented to Ireland, who has just murdered his wife with a butcher knife. Says Joan Crawford, "I get the butcher knife right in here," as she gestured to her mid-section.

m-m

Last week I'd been unable to recall the lady lead in "Pygmalion", predecessor to "My Fair Lady". The Leslie Howard version or the earlier film? As she supplied Wendy Hiller as the Howard "Liza", Miss Crawford remarked, "That (the pre-Howard film) is one of the few things before my time." Nor did I know there was earlier one.

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Her initial response on question of her favorite actor and actress was Clark Gable and Greta Garbo, then she added she has many favorites. Katherine Hepburn, Spencer Tracy and others ad infinitum.

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At the recent Academy Award event, Miss Crawford presented George Cukor his award and declared it's as big a thrill to present as to receive one, as she did for best actress in "Mildred Pierce" in 1945.

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Rehearsals for the Academy telecast required two 8 a.m. to midnight stints, and she thought Bob Hope's insistence on the use of "idiot cards" very effective in keeping the performers full face to camera. She designs all her own clothes, with the exception of one dress per year, the Academy Award gown always designed by Edith Head.

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I'm not as much a whodunit-thriller devotee as I once was, and, though I didn't tell her, I regard Miss Crawford's role as Crystal in Clare Boothe Luce's "The Women" as my personal favorite.

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I have met no more charming nor gracious lady.

Haunting His Footsteps



Henry McCann

Viewpoints of Other Editors

NEW PRESIDENT IN OUR MIDST

The man or woman who will be inaugurated President of the United States on January 20, 2001 is among us now or will be born this year. The President elected in the year 2000 will have to be 35 years of age on inauguration day, if the present constitutional age requirement for presidents continues.

If the new president is the average age of presidents at inauguration — that is, 54 — he or she has already graduated from high school or will finish this summer.

If the future President is as old as our oldest at inauguration (William Henry Harrison, 68), he is now 33. If he is as young as our youngest (Theodore Roosevelt, 42), he is or shortly will be 7.

Whether the turn-of-the-century President is a new-born babe, this year's high school graduate, or a relative older, he will have a much larger constituency than Lyndon B. Johnson. The most doleful of our population experts think we may have almost 400 million citizens in the year 2001. The more optimistic, conscious of increased activity in education on family planning, place the figure some tens of millions below the 400 million mark.

What will this future president talk about, besides taxes? About the cost of untangling the traffic jams that 350 to 400 million people can cause.

About the cost of educating 350 to 400 million people. About the cost of providing recreation for 350 to 400 million people.

In other words, he'll talk about taxes.

The Courier-Tribune, Asheville

SIGN OF THE THAMES?

In days of yore (alas, poor Yorick), British actors crossed the swell, Bringing Shakespeare to old New York. And other hamlets (we knew them well).

Centuries later, ignoring the natives, Oscar (a fellow of infinite jest) Honors Julie and Rex and Peter. Every one a British guest. It seems (O, most excellent fancy) That Britons make the wilderness bloom with drama. Even in days of Cinemas.

The Christian Science Monitor

'... UNTIL PROVED GUILTY

Many employers follow the practice of asking job applicants whether they have even been arrested. An affirmative answer usually results in denial of employment.

We deplore this practice as a violation of the spirit of the common law presumption that a man is innocent until proved guilty. Between two and three million Americans are arrested each year for nontraffic violations without their arrest resulting in a conviction. Countless of those arrested are completely innocent of any offense whatsoever. Their arrest may simply have been a case of mistaken identity.

Even as we are glad to hear of employers who give ex-convicts the opportunity to make good, so we would commend employers who refuse to use the

EDUCATION FOR LEADERSHIP

It is axiomatic that a democratic society needs more leaders than a centralized dictatorship. It needs responsible and dedicated leaders in every community, profession, business, and field of social endeavor. It needs leaders of varying points of view and interests.

It is also axiomatic that a democratic country which has assumed a position of leadership throughout the world must develop more leaders than one which limits itself to domestic concerns, and that many leaders must have competence in dealing with international problems.

Further, it is axiomatic that a democratic society in a period of dynamic change needs far more leaders than one in a period of stability.

What is not always clear is how does a democratic society assure itself that it will have the leaders it needs to meet its responsibilities at home and in world leadership in a time of dynamic change.

This is the problem faced by the United States in 1965. It is certain that we cannot rely on automatic forces to solve our problem. We have to help the process along with both intelligent decision and sustained action.

America for many years has become accustomed to meeting its vastly increasing needs for goods and services by ingenious extensions of mass production and large-scale organization. But such approaches are not efficient in producing leaders. Rather, they absorb more leaders than they contribute.

The development of leaders requires methods which emphasize the individual rather than numbers, close relationships rather than size, and human values rather than knowledge alone. — J. Douglas Brown, Dean of the Faculty, Princeton University, at conference of National Association of Independent Schools (Boston)

mere fact of arrest as the basis for denying to an individual equal employment opportunity.

The Christian Science Monitor

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about King Mountain area people and events taken from the 1955 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

The candidate list for six city and two school elective offices, to be determined at the city election less than four weeks away, increased by one during the past week.

Registration books for the May 10 City election will open for the first time Saturday, with registrars to be at the five ward polling places from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
Mrs. Hal Plonk was hostess Tuesday afternoon at the Country Club to members of the Contract Bridge club.

Colonel Frederick Hambright Chapter, DAR, held its regular meeting last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. S. Plonk.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston Black of Rockingham spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Black.

Speaking Out

By
GEORGE T. MOORE, President

Kings Mountain Ministerial Assn.

The present-day title of "newspaper" is, to a disturbing degree, a misnomer. The judgment is not made because of the great variety of material found within today's publications. Neither does it point to the many and varied editorials wherein opinions are expressed — and should be. It points to the news itself, or the handling of it.

I suppose it is only natural for papers, editors and reporters to write according to their points of view. However, if the point of view becomes the paramount factor, the news is simply not news. It becomes a platform for commentary.

My concern is for objective, unbiased reporting which is supposed to be the basic principle for all newspaper work. It is for the proper balance of importance and emphasis, no matter what the subject.

Garden Time

Thanks to Mrs. William P. Green, The Cleveland Times, Shelby, for responding to my request for information on large holly trees found growing in North Carolina.

This tree is growing on the home grounds of Mrs. E. R. Van Aken. It is reported to be 75 years old and a Christmas tree visual treat for all the friends and neighbors. From Mrs. Green's well described physical characteristics of the tree it must be a beauty. I hope I can drop in this summer for a closer look and some notes of my own.

You may remember that I wrote about the giant tree found growing near New Bern and the plans to develop the grounds around the tree into a holly arboretum. At the same time I requested readers to send in information about unusually large hollies, if found in their neighborhood.

While on the subject of hollies, I might pass on to my readers a report recently compiled by the Holly Society of America.

The hollies do especially well in North Carolina and have become increasingly popular in the last 20 years due to their beau-

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