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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

If I regard in my heart, the Lord will not hear me. Psalm 66:18

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By MARTIN HARMON

Saturday night I, evidently, was heavily engrossed in the Teen-Age Miss America Pageant via the TV talk box. Suddenly, the dog barked and my wife said, "I heard a bump. I believe someone has hit your car." I hadn't heard anything. Anne stuck her head out the door, saw nothing.

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It was next morning we discovered my venerable Dodge had some new marks of battle.

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I hope such side-swiping activity is not epidemic, but it may be for the Herald family. Composer-Pressman Paul Jackson's red Chevrolet took the same, though lesser, treatment eight days before.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dick Gold were victimized in a different manner a couple of months ago. A passing motorist's ventilator mirror flew off, crashed into the Gold car's windshield and imbedded into the back seat of the Gold car. The Gold windshield was shattered. Had the hit been inches different, either to right or left, one or other of the Golds would have suffered, at best, most serious injury.

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Dr. Harvey Bumgardner, Kings Mountain native, was master of ceremonies on a televised program last Sunday which documented research projects and results of the Nickels-for-Know-How program voted several years ago. The interesting documentary showed work underway in all phases of agriculture, pest control, soil improvement, improved breeding of livestock and poultry, seed-strain improvement, and mechanical harvesting.

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Poultry, Dr. Bumgardner noted, has added about \$100 million to farm income in North Carolina in the past few years. Dr. Bumgardner, incidentally, is a poultry specialist. Some years ago his late father, County Commissioner Hazel B. Bumgardner, had booked his son for a speech at the Lions club on the subject of "Poultry". I knew Harvey only casually at the time, and knew much less about chickens, except the eating thereof, and made a mental note that another dull civic club program was in store.

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Quite to the contrary, Harvey not only had plenty to reveal about chicken legs and dumplings, but a great store of information about poultry feeding, genetics, cross-breeding and continuing research. It was one of the most interesting and informative programs we Lions ever had before or since.

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Dr. Bumgardner, as noted in last week's Herald, will return Monday to Peru, where he will be supervisor of a 22-man N. C. State University (R) team working to boost Peru's meagre agricultural production and thereby the living-standards of the Peruvian people.

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I am indebted to Paul McGinnis for a Monday trip to Washington. The trip was not to the Capitol City, but to another Washington which I'd never visited nor even knew existed. The trip was not super-sonic though requiring perhaps 15 minutes, Paul's a good travelogue man and detailed a Sunday visit to Washington, Georgia where Paul and Mrs. McGinnis had visited former Kings Mountaineers the Don Turner Family.

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It was Paul's first trip there and he was particularly impressed with this northwest Georgia county seat of about 3000 population, approximately the same population Washington boasted during the Civil War and before when Atlanta was little more than a pig pen.

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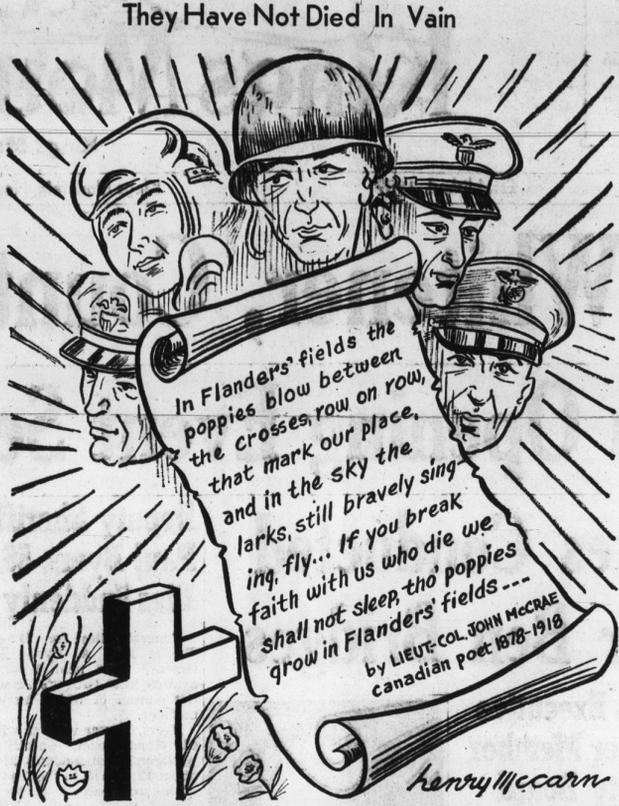
Many of the homes and churches are of Civil War vintage and many current citizens are forebears of names enshrined in the history of the South. Washington was the home of Alexander Stephens, vice-president of the Confederacy, and of Howell Cobb and Robert Toombs, two United States Senators. In one of the homes, Confederate President Jefferson Davis held his final cabinet meeting. There's a Civil War museum.

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Paul says the chief indicated of modernity is a prosperous-looking business section, with three banks, an A & P, Bell's and several other large retail stores.

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The town is older, Paul learned, than Washington, D. C.



Viewpoints of Other Editors

OVERLOOKED

In their zeal to purge China of every thing remotely "Western" from men's suits to coiffured hair, the rampaging Red Guards have overlooked the most pervasive Western influence of all. This is the philosophy conceived in the West by a Westerner (who had only contempt for the primitive East) and designed to be applied to technologically advanced Western society — Marxism.

Ironically, it is in the very name of this alien ideology that the dogmatic Chinese teen-agers are carrying out their excesses. Maybe one of these days they will wake up to the contradiction.

Such an event could result in a really interesting revolution. — The Times (San Mateo, Calif.)

A TINY START

Robert Weaver, secretary of housing and urban development, reports the "cities beautiful" program is beginning to take hold. He cites projects in 41 communities from New York City to Cottage Grove, Ore., which has a population of 3,895.

But together they add up to a cost of only 13 million dollars, of which the Federal Government pays half under the 1955 Housing and Urban Development Act. He found the progress "symbolic of the type of co-operation between government and private institutions that we must have if we are to bring quality into the lives of our urban people."

Every new blade of grass in our decaying cities is a gain. But it is premature to call a 13 million dollars total anything more than a beginning. The danger is that little changes will be accepted as enough.

The tremendous problem of city beautification is a task for every neighborhood, including the most affluent, right out to the slummy urban sprawl ringing the outskirts.

Federal help, useful as it may be, is only "seed money" — The Minneapolis Star.

APPLE BUTTER TIME

A lad knew it was inevitable. On a pleasant Saturday morning mother would say, "We'll make apple butter today," and a 32-year-old faced the facts. The apple pater was fastened to the kitchen table, and sisters pared and cored the apples. A boy started the fire under the hanging kettle in the back yard.

The process itself was not complicated. Sweet cider was heated to the boiling point, and quartered apples were added. Then the work began. All day long the simmering, fragrant mass had to be stirred. All day long the fire had to be kept just so. Occasionally a lad could induce a sister to stir a few minutes while he restored his strength with cookies and creamy milk.

Mother was particular about her apple butter. She used a combination of Baldwins, North Spies, Blue Pearmains, and Snow apples. The mass must not boil hard. "Just keep it simmering," was her edict. It was not hard work, but a lad who ought to be out in the woods on a beautiful autumn day thought it more monotonous than churning.

Toward day's end, when shadows were filling the valleys, and the flames beneath the kettle made a picture in the dark, mother put in the spices. It was a secret formula. Father came around to see how things were going, and to taste. "Just a ditz

WOMEN ADVANCING

Today's feminist has an outlook vastly different from that of her militant predecessors. She takes for granted her right to equal opportunity in government, the professions, business, and industry. She has stopped marching, demonstrating, and getting herself sent to jail in behalf of women's rights to the feminists did in the early days of the women's civil-rights movement.

The modern attitude is evident in the decision of Sen. Maurice B. Neuberger not to run again after a fruitful six-year term in the United States Senate.

"I am not a militant feminist," she told an interviewer. Recently married to a Bostonian, she said "no" to the possibility of another six years in Washington. Her decision is not surprising. There are few militant feminists to be found these days. The Susan B. Anthony's, the Lucretia Motts, the Elizabeth Cady Stanton's of the 19th century have been succeeded by women who today are filling the posts and using the voting rights made available to them by the self-sacrificing pioneers.

Are they making the most of these opportunities? Few women would answer "yes" to that question. With the retirement of Mrs. Neuberger, only one woman remains in the United States Senate. Less than a dozen serve in the House. No woman heads a United States department in the President's Cabinet. Women are a small minority in most university faculties. While millions of women work in industry and government, the number in executive positions, while growing, is still not impressive.

This is no cause for discouragement. The present phase of the campaign is to see that the opportunities won in the past are valued and utilized. This may mean that a new kind of "militancy" is needed, one which will spur women to train themselves and reach out for higher responsibilities than they now demand. — Christian Science Monitor.

THE COOKBOOK FLOOD

It is a striking fact that as more and more precooked, frozen foods are being sold at the supermarkets — yes, even TV dinners — the demand for cookbooks rises unabated. The fall flood of new kitchen texts promises to be as big as ever, if not bigger.

It may be that the availability of frozen entrees and canned foods leaves the home cook more time to experiment with special dishes. This appears from the number of new cookbooks written for the woman who has mastered the basics of cookery. One which has just appeared, for example, is devoted to the art of making sauces.

Still there must be many brides and others who seek the help of a solid, basic manual. For the sales of old favorites run high. In England, "Mrs. Beeton's English Cookery" is still a standard wedding gift, and what girl isn't happy to get it?

In the United States a number of standbys retain high popularity. "Fannie Farmer's Boston Cooking School Book," which appeared in 1896, is still going strong after 11 revisions and a slight change of title.

These and other favorites of their class are for kitchen use. But there is a demand also for cookbooks that are "just for reading." How else could you explain the success of an Eskimo cookbook and one giving recipes for the dishes of ancient Romans?

All the new cookbooks, even the literary ones, conform to the modern, scientific style when it comes to amounts and timing. We approve of this, but we confess to missing the charm of the scribbled "receipt books" of the past when you were told to "let the molasses drip as you sing two verses of 'Lead Kindly Light.'" — Christian Science Monitor.

SO THIS IS NEW YORK

By NORTH CALLAHAN

Books received lately include several which are of special interest. Charles Scribner's Sons has published, among others, one entitled "Behind the Golden Curtain" by Susan Cooper a young Englishwoman who lives in this country and who views it with a critical eye. "Americans are a wonderful people and have a wonderful country, but what are you doing to it?" she asks, aptly. "Enjoying Opera" by Olga Maynard opens the way for a broader understanding and enjoyment of this art. William A. Owens has written a fascinating book about Pin Hook, Texas where he was born and had to struggle like Lyndon Johnson against natural elements, including the people. Otto Hahn, the "father of nuclear chemistry," has written an autobiography under his own name in which he interestingly reviews his work in atomic fission for which he received the Nobel Prize in 1944. In "The Man Who Stole Portugal" Murray T. Bloom describes how a 28-year-old man, Alves Reis, managed almost to wreck the economy of an entire country, by clever counterfeiting money and helped to bring on the most enduring dictatorship of our time. As if to augment the idea of material values, P. J. Fisher in his new book, "The Science of Gems" reveals their rich legendary background, their real value and their importance in industry as well as in jewelry. In the world of novels, there is Leslie Garrett's, "The Beasts" which has been selected in honor of Maxwell Perkins, famous Scribner's editor who felt a good author needed little editing. Then there is "The Price of Blood" by Doris Adams which tells about the England of King Alfred when the Vikings raided the coast of England. In "Sour Cream With Everything" by Joyce Porter, the author recreates the most loathsome detective in fiction, though entertainingly funny.

In keeping with the forthcoming Bicentennial Celebration, David McKay Company has published the excellent and helpful "Encyclopedia of the American Revolution" by Mark Boatner, which is certain to be a standard work. Admiral E. M. Eller fittingly calls my attention to the new book, "Admiral Raymond A. Spruance, USN — A Study in Command" by Admiral E. P. Forrester. "Shrewd in planning, bold in operations, he was a principal architect of victory in World War II," Admiral Eller comments. A contrast is "The Bowery on 75 cents a Day" by Harold Rand and Robert Saffron, a clever spoof on local bums by Pocket Books. A translation of the New Testament, "Good News for Modern Man" in easily understood English, has been published by the American Bible Society with the recent meeting of national leaders in Manila. "To the Philippines with Love" by Lorraine Carr, holds an interest, published by the Sherbourne Press. It is the story of an Army wife stationed there. Carlos Romulo has written an introduction. According to Murray Levin, the Kennedy system of political campaigning is the envy of most aspiring politicians. Levin is the author of "Kennedy Campaigning" and concerns the success of Edward Kennedy in Massachusetts, published by Beacon Press. It tells how those persons who loudly opposed the young brother of the late President, were the very ones he sought out and won over by argument and persistent friendliness.

The General Election

Tuesday's general election results must be recorded as a victory of sorts for the Republican party.

Though the minority Republicans were not able to make many gains in the heavily Democratic United States Senate, nor to attain a majority in the United States House of Representatives, considerable gains were recorded in the House, and gains were made in gubernatorial races, where the GOP won control of several executive mansions.

Most analysts declined to credit the swing, normal in off-year, non presidential election years, to specific nationwide trends, but rather to particular situations at the state or district level. Where Viet-Nam was a paramount interest in one locale, it was race rioting in other (e.g., Florida and California).

Even where these issues seemed paramount, there were many other factors in the victors' winning and the losers' losing. As always, the personalities of the candidates were major factors.

North Carolina

There were no great surprises in North Carolina contests, though two races produced mild ones.

Harold Cooley, dean of the state's Congressional delegation, was defeated by John Gardner. Cooley's defeat had been predicted.

More surprising was the narrow margin by which Representative Ron Taylor of the 11th district, retained his seat. Re-districting gave Rep. Taylor Rutherford county from the old tenth district, a change which supposedly would boost Taylor's vote-getting potential up to 5,000 votes. Rutherford, as it had supported Rep. Basil Whitener, supported Taylor. But Taylor's home county of Buncombe treated its delegate to Washington as it did all other candidates on the "D" side of the ballot. Only the "R" side won in Buncombe Tuesday.

Rep. Basil L. Whitener can take pride in winning majorities in six of the seven counties of the new tenth district, including the new members Iredeil and Alexander. His margin of about 11,000, however, was less than the 17,000 initially projected.

With Mr. Cooley's demise, the new deans of the North Carolina House delegation are L. H. Fountain (D), and Charles Raper Jonas (R), both returned to eighth terms. Next in seniority are Reps. Whitener and Alton Lennon, both returned to sixth terms.

Senator B. Everett Jordan won term three handily.

State Legislative Districts

Principal surprise in the Gaston-Cleveland senatorial district was the showing of Kings Mountain's ex-Mayor Kelly Dixon, who, while trailing winners Marshall Rauch and Kings Mauntain's Jack White by some 6000 votes, nevertheless compiled a total of more than 11,000, polling heavily in Gaston where an incumbent legislator was upset.

The three Democrats nominated to the state House of Representatives, Rep. Robert Z. Falls, Kings Mountain's W. K. Mauney, Jr., and Forest City's William D. Harrill unquestionably are most-pleased at the results, where all had majorities in all of the counties, Rutherford, Cleveland and Polk.

Cleveland

Cleveland County, since the twenties, has been known as a bastion of the Democratic party, declining to join the two major waves which put North Carolina in the van for President Herbert Hoover in 1928 and subsequently when many Tar Heel counties supported General Eisenhower in 1952 and 1956.

The result in Cleveland, solid Democratic majorities, for all offices at all levels.

Ben H. Bridges

The death last week of Ben H. Bridges saddened, as had reports earlier that his diagnosed illness was terminal, the whole Kings Mountain area.

A Kings Mountain native Mr. Bridges, after service in World War II, college, marriage and business experience elsewhere, returned here in 1953 to accept the responsible position of secretary-treasurer of Kings Mountain Savings and Loan Association. Here he demonstrated energetic business ability and sound judgment, resulting in rapid growth and expanded service of this venerable association, which celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1957 in handsomely renovated, modern quarters.

It was later that spring that Mr. Bridges offered for the city board of commissioners and was elected to the position formerly held by his late father.

In the subsequent six years, Commissioner Bridges put his good business sense to the operations of the city. He would be (and was first to admit to the charge of being "tight-fisted" on spending. His thesis was simple: suspend the frills and save for the big "must" spending on long-term duration. The plan was followed and the city's financial well-being is largely creditable to its author.

Mr. Bridges packed many accomplishments into the brief 43 years allotted him, as drum major of a championship high school band, president of the Catawba student body and later of its alumni association, as overseas fighting man and prisoner of war, as religious, civic and political leader, as husband and father.

News Uncherished

President Johnson's casual announcement that he projected another trip to the hospital for surgery, rather than a political trip around the nation, was uncherished news throughout the nation, regardless of the political hues of the people.

As elected, he is the President of all the people.

It was the same with President Eisenhower's bouts with a heart attack and, subsequently, with intestinal surgery.

"Nothing to it," the President says. The nation prays there isn't.

Won't Fight

Stokely Carmichael, the Negro protagonist of "Black Power," has stated he is bigger than the United States, or words to that effect.

He prefers the federal stockade at Leavenworth to induction into the armed forces.

Many people have no sympathy with religious conscientious objectors, many of whom, however, are serving in non-gun-carrying roles in the armed services. (One young medic, a conscientious objector, gave his life recently in Viet Nam when his platoon was ambushed. He died tending the wounds of his men when he could have made good his escape.)

Carmichael makes no pretense to religious objections to soldiering. His objections are political, objections properly not recognized by Selective Service.

The United Fund provides working capital for Kings Mountain area charitable and service organizations. Solicitors should be greeted with liberal donations.

Two Governors Rockefeller and two Senators Kennedy! Is political USA becoming a family affair, or would one label it a two-family Mexican stand-off?

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10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1956 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Number 4 Township, as it did in 1952, returned a Republican majority in the Presidential election Tuesday. This year, however, the Republicans made a clean sweep.

Charles B. Moss, Jr., for several years a designer at Margrace Plant here, left Tuesday for New York, where he has accepted a similar position with J. P. Stevens Company.

Social and Personal

Credit Women's Breakfast Clubbers installed Miss Mary Owens as president at a meeting Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Andy Jenkins.

Miss Barbara Earle Camp and Billy Eugene Allen have completed plans for their marriage which will take place November 11th in Gaffney's Cherokee Ave