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**TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE**

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. *Philippians 4:13.*

**Re-Districting Pill Relief For Cities**

The predicting gentry anent General Assembly matters proved quite correct in labeling congressional re-districting one of the thorniest problems of the 1967 session.

After four months, a new law was finally enacted and was displeasing to many.

Once upon a time, only Republicans would be displeased by these measures as the majority Democrats proved as adept at gerrymandering as Republican Gerry himself, a Massachusetts worthy who made the practice a science.

The one-man-one-vote thesis changed all that and a team of federal jurists held that the re-districting done two years ago did not meet the tests.

This session a stacked Senate committee headed by Ed Kemp of Guilford ran rough-shod over the minority (including Senator Jack White) and reported in 15 minutes a bill that would leave Kemp's neighbor Rep. Horace Kornegay in fine shape and left un-seated a district which just happened to be residence to the bill's authors — Senator Griffin of Union and Rep. Fred Mills of Anson.

But the House bucked and the conference committee made some improvements.

Specifically, as far as it concerns us homefolk and Rep. Basil L. Whitener, the conference version is considerable improvement.

The 10th district now includes Alexander, Avery, Burke, Catawba, Cleveland and Gaston as before, with Caldwell and Watauga as additions. Departed is Iredell.

While both Mr. Whitener and Rep. James Broyhill (R) help populate the district and a head-on collision is indicated, it is a set-up with which Mr. Whitener can live much better than the initial bill would have created — a Lincoln, Gaston, Mecklenburg district which was weighted on basis of Mecklenburg voting records since 1952 heavily in favor of Rep. Charles R. Jonas.

On the record of last year Rep. Whitener carried vast majority of his counties though some by narrow margins including Iredell. While it is obvious that in adding Rep. Broyhill's home county, Mr. Whitener has added a loser and another in nominally Republican Watauga, he remains bulwarked by Cleveland and Gaston.

It is a fact, of course, that Mr. Broyhill will be a more appealing candidate than was Hall Young and shares with Mr. Whitener the advantage of incumbency and there is the added fact of the Broyhill millions, which makes a horse race indicated.

**ESC Return Deserved**

The city and the Kings Mountain General Assemblymen are to be applauded and encouraged in their efforts to obtain return of an Employment Security Commission office here, closed almost eight years ago under the plea of economy.

There was no question about the state commission's report that federal administrative funds had been pared by the Eisenhower administration for this was indeed fact.

However, the plea of the commission that closing the Kings Mountain office would save any appreciable amount of money was not borne out.

No employee was removed from the payroll, the able Kings Mountain staff members happily being transferred elsewhere.

Thus the savings: office rent of \$100 per month plus the small utility bill sent by the city.

Would the total exceed \$1500 per year?

Resultant has been inconvenience to working folk when laid off or retired and so harried businessmen and industrialists needing personnel.

Meantime, Kings Mountain area employment lists have grown with new and expanded industries and businesses.

Kings Mountain needs badly return of the ESC office and deserves it.

**MARTIN'S MEDICINE**

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

By MARTIN HARMON

The holiday . . . . .

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Work was the order of the day . . . . . 'til 6 p.m.

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I then visited the American Legion where youngsters were riding ponies, an automotive-type merry-go-round, eating popcorn and cotton candy, and Wood Grayson and Jerry Ross were vying for honors at the hole-in-one course.

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Then to home and the Lake Montonia party . . . . .

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The Alston Bridges barbecue is hard to beat, reminding of the olden days when Backwelder, of Salisbury, was king-pin of the barbecue league.

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People, too.

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I congratulated Dr. W. K. Mauney on his Independence Day birthday, chatted with Musician Miles and his Violinist wife, one of their children, David Mauney and Betty, greeted George H. Mauney, Walter Carroll, the Holsum bakery impressario and Lake club president, Jim and Susan Plonk, the Tom Trotts and their daughter Anne, the Ralph Elliotts and numerous other fine friends including the Harry Pages and Druggist Curtis' of Bessemer City.

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Via error, the catering folk arrived at 5:30 and sat up shop. The result was very good, President Carroll related, folk began eating 15 minutes later, and there were no queues. Charles Blanton had reminded that the club poll on whether to have a caterer or a picnic resulted in a 5 to 1 vote for a caterer. Mama cooks enough.

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Walt Carroll is a longtime friend and onetime "enemy". In 1941 he and my next-door neighbor, George Wilson, were among the chief instruments of the late Porter Sheppard's Gaston Legion Juniors who eliminated my Albararle team in the state semifinals.

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A meeting with Jim and Susan Plonk and Peggy Mercer engendered a discussion about kinfolk. What kin are Jim and Susan to Peggy? By process of counting down, Peggy's grandfather and Jim-Susan's grandfather being first cousins, we figured they to be fifth cousins. This would not wash with those folk who employ the such-and-such cousin once removed method, of course. Jim is contemplating a medical specialty in neurology, isn't sure he wants 'he surgery side, remarking, "I don't think I'd like to cut on folks." Susan is majoring in music at Lenoir-Rhyne, and Peggy, with parents, is just returned from three years in Westphalia, Germany. It was good to return, says Peggy, but the re-entry requirements of small nox and typhoid shots were unpleasant.

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En route out, we gave Misses Timms and Southwell a short "ride to the pavillion, tooted at Charlie Blanton and wended out way to the American Legion, where a long day of festivities were coming to a climax with an address by the Mayor and a lengthy fireworks display. Commander Carl Wiesener warned spectators to stay out of range to avoid injury. Only one was reported and no fault on range. As the first rocket flared, Jerry Ledford was gazing skyward and a hot ash landed in his eye. It was quite painful, but the hospital folk treated him and discharged him.

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The Legionnaires expended much in energy and treasure on the Independence Day function, the fireworks display alone costing \$250. By nightfall there were plenty of tired folk, many of whom had been at the jobs since dawn.

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They have no regrets. The youngsters had a wonderful time and their elders did, too. Already the Legionnaires are gathering ideas for next year's third annual Independence Day celebration.



**Viewpoints of Other Editors**

**This Week In Tar Heel HISTORY**

By ED H. SMITH

The Battle of Gettysburg, July 1-3, 1863, was one of the most decisive events in American history. The state of North Carolina was deeply involved in it.

According to one modern historian, North Carolina troops at Gettysburg reached "the pinnacle of military greatness". They made up a large part of the 75,000 Confederate forces at Gettysburg, and of the 15,301 Confederate soldiers killed there, 4,033 — by far the largest total from a single Southern state — were from N. C.

At the battle's climax—Pickett's famous charge on Cemetery Ridge on July third—N. C. troops under Brig. Gen. James Johnston Pettigrew advanced farther than any other Confederate units before being forced back.

This attack was regarded as the "High watermark of the Confederacy". It helped inspire the famous statement that N. C. troops had been " . . . first at Bethel, farthest at Gettysburg and last at Appomattox".

This week was also a big one in the early exploration of this state.

On July 8, 1524, Giovanni da Verrazano, an Italian navigator in the service of France, sent King Francis the earliest known description of the coast of the United States.

The area described was the Cape Fear region of N. C.

France made no effort to colonize the area, and Verrazano's report, published 53 years later in Europe, moved Sir Walter Raleigh to push for the establishment of an English colony in the New World.

On July 4, 1584, Raleigh's first expedition, under Captains Amadas and Barlow set foot on the soil of America, the first English-speaking people to do so.

On July 4, 1937, exactly 343 years later, in honor of that event, the first performance of "The Lost Colony" was held at Manteo.

On July 4, 1783, what may have been the earliest recorded celebration of the Fourth of July was held in the little Moravian village of Salem, S. C.

In thanks for the return of peace—along with the nation's independence—the people of Salem held a day-long meeting of song and prayer, followed by a candlelight parade at dusk.

The event was reenacted this week on July 5.

**LUTHERAN TOPIC**  
"Should the Church Stick To Spiritual Matters?" will be the Rev. Charles Easley's sermon topic at the 11 o'clock morning worship service Sunday at St. Matthew's Lutheran church.

**Greetings, Governor!**



**Viewpoints of Other Editors**

**ROBERT SCOTT'S SLIPPING STOCK**

An intriguing question these days, although one that is not exactly being shouted from the rooftops, is what has happened to Robert Scott.

Not so many months ago there was serious talk in high Party circles about the desirability of a Democratic consensus on the 1968 Gubernatorial candidate. The consensus seemed to be a likely way to avoid Primary bloodshed in anticipation of a strong Republican challenge in the General Election. The consensus candidate was to be Lt. Gov. Robert Scott.

While the consensus talk was pretty far-fetched, it did nonetheless recognize that Scott was the odds-on choice to capture the nomination in any circumstances.

Now, about the best reading you can get on Scott is that he is "still out front." The fact that no strong challenger has appeared is not important at this point. What is important to the Scott candidacy is that he has begun to slip.

In the run for the 1968 nomination Scott should, ideally, be emerging from his second General Assembly session surging upward. Instead, he is on the downturn, and noticeably so.

Among the questions this slide raises are these: Did Scott peak a full year too soon; if so, can he peak again; what caused the sudden tumble in his Gubernatorial stock and can the trend be reversed.

For reasons best known to himself, Scott violated his daddy's cardinal rule against getting too far out front too soon. Three years ago he made it clear that he would be running for Governor; the only question he left unanswered was when. When he stood for Lieutenant Governor, it then became clear that 1968 would be the year. Since then he has been the most pronounced unannounced candidate for Governor in Tar Heel political history. And for at least the last two years all Democratic Gubernatorial hopefuls, as well as Republicans, have considered him the man to beat. They still do, but there is a growing suspicion that he can indeed be beaten.

Scott has definitely suffered from overexposure and, perhaps, in his role as Lieutenant Governor, there was no way he could have avoided it. You might recall, however, that in the 1964 Primaries the candidate who had had by far the most public exposure finished third. The candidate who had had the least eventually won the nomination.

With all of this exposure, it has to be conceded that Scott has had very little to expose. The comparison with his father, while perhaps unfair, is inevitable, and where the late Governor was blunt and plain-spoken, the Lieutenant Governor has been veiling and bland. Nowhere was this more evident than on the East Carolina College question when, after finally deciding to join the game, the Lieutenant Governor seemed to be bouncing from side to side like a ping-pong ball. Robert Scott cannot be expected to re-make himself in his father's image. But his greatest political asset by far is still his name, and the more he departs from that image the less valuable the asset becomes.

There can be no doubt that he has peaked out of season. Whether he can peak again depends almost entirely on his own personal resources. A little more straight talk and somewhat less concern with what is prudently politic would be a great help.

**SO THIS IS NEW YORK**

By NORTH CALLAHAN

Dick Van Dyke, movie television star, may soon become a minister. At least this is the opinion of members of the party who know him and who regard him as just about the most outstanding young man in the entertainment field today. Dick is a refreshing contrast to so many sordid characters in the theater and this column has long seen elements of real greatness in him, reflected in his fine character as well as his work. He can dance, sing, pantomime, write and direct. As a climax to a successful television show which ran for five years and won just about every award in the business, Dick Van Dyke climaxed his bright career by his superb performance in the clean and delightful "Mary Poppins, a film in which he was somewhat overshadowed by the fabulous Julie Andrews. Starting with a morning show in Atlanta, he climbed quickly but has never lost the common, good American touch. And unlike all too many of his sort, he is married to his childhood sweetheart, Marjorie Whitt, and with four children, they live in the picturesque suburb of Encino in California's San Fernando Valley, in which his religious activity centers.

Do you pity the lowly shoe shine boys? Well, as far as those around here are concerned, such sympathy is wasted. Many of them make more money than some of those whose shoes they polish. I am informed by one of their number that on good days, they make as much as \$25, and in view of the fact that they now charge 25 and 35 cents a shine, this is not too surprising. One goes to school, then works from five to nine p.m. and is saving the money for paying his way through college. Those red caps and sky caps you see at the railroad stations and airports do all right too, I am told. They are paid \$120 a week plus tips which sometimes run into as much as 25 or thirty dollars a day, at times even more. And so the lowly are not always so low as they might seem in some respects. It is good that everyone does not wish to be an executive or lawyer, would have too many chiefs and not enough Indians.

Part of Broadway has moved to Crossville, Tennessee in the person of Paul Crabtree, the actor-director. Apparently this veteran of the local stage liked the Cumberland Plateau well enough to set up theatrical shop there, a rustic but modern playhouse being the result. And in it for the last three seasons, he and a huge cast hold forth in a sparkling musical fittingly named, "Tennessee USA" and featuring scenes from the lives of such figures as David Crockett, Andrew Jackson and others. Professional reviewers have rated this musical highly and it is bringing many people to this friendly mountain landscape.

At a historical meeting, I sat next to Dr. Richard Mudd, grandson of Dr. Samuel Mudd who treated the Maryland-born actor, John Wilkes Booth, after he had shot Abraham Lincoln. The grandson, now a prominent physician, defended the actions of his ancestor which he said was good medical ethics. Had it not been for the delay and medical treatment of the assassin, he would have escaped further into Virginia, the grandson of the doctor remarked. As it was, Samuel Mudd was imprisoned for years and found that law took his side even after he was released.

**10 YEARS AGO**

**THIS WEEK**  
Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1957 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Penley's Chapel Methodist church held groundbreaking exercises Sunday morning for a new church building.

Kings Mountain Lions club will hold its 18th annual ladies night banquet Monday night, with Charles Elledge, longtime Horn in the West cast member, to give the feature address.

**Social and Personal**

Mrs. J. E. Simpson entertained members of the Friday Afternoon Bridge club at her home last Friday.

**THE TV SCENE**

A special panel of the National Association of Broadcasters has suggested sharp limits on the number of times television programs can be interrupted by commercials, which is a consummation devoutly to be wished. . . .

It is impossible in many cases for the average viewer to tell who is sponsoring a program. The announcer says a program is sponsored by a certain company, but then along come two or three advertisements for other products. It is common to be told there will be "a brief pause for station identification" and then find three advertising pitches preceding the announced pause. We should think all this would be self-defeating for the sponsor. It leaves the viewers in a state of confusion. Presumably the network computers can keep track of it all, but should it be that complex? The panel recommended limits that seem drastic in contrast with the practices that have developed in the industry. A balance has to be struck somewhere in commercial television; in their own self-interest broadcasters should give the most serious attention to the panel proposals.  
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