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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry. I Corinthians 10:14.

Sickening

The troubles of Detroit, not to mention the less major ones of Rochester, Tucson, and other cities are sickening to the vast majority of American people who once felt riots, looting and insurrections were sole property of the volatile Latins and Moslems.

Nor are many Americans much less sickened by the attitude of officials in charge, be they governors or President Johnson and Congressmen who seem to be apologizing for calling out national guardsmen and troops to help over-run police forces quell the trouble.

Civil rights are fine and right and should be respected.

The Constitution of the United States, however, guarantees merely the right of PEACABLE assembly, it does not provide privilege of inciting to riot, or insurrection against agencies of government, or arson, or stealing.

Apologies for curbing such crimes are superfluous.

When such crimes occur, they must be quelled with speed. There's plenty of time for talking later, as well as implementing efforts to determine causes and alleviating them.

Congress considers new legislation to deal with these problems.

If legislation is necessary, Congress should enact it at once.

But there is a feeling, too, that there obtains now sufficient legislation to deal forcefully with the malcreants.

Needed

Once upon a time, at least in the memory of older citizens, it would have been unthinkable for a board of education to open a term without piano teachers and dramatics teachers, too, who offered their services on a fee basis.

These specialists cost the schools studio space and tools (pianos, sets) and repaid the schools by superintending glee clubs, furnishing programs and plays.

Public school policies seem to change in cycles and an ever-continuing search for improved methods. Use of phonetics went out-of-fashion, and now with new math memorizing that eight times twelve makes ninety-six.

So it was in North Carolina with fee-basis extras like piano and dramatics. For better or worse, the state department of public instruction began frowning on these extras several years ago. Generally, teachers of these specialties were retained as long as they performed satisfactorily, but were not replaced on resignation or retirement.

Consistency has always been difficult to accomplish.

Plaint is sometimes offered that all children can't be offered piano and dramatics, resulting in an unfair policy. Yet all children don't toot a horn in the band nor make the varsity football team.

Meantime, there is a growing dearth of instruction in these specialties to the detriment of the pupil today and the community needs of tomorrow.

All the while, North Carolina has become something of a star with its school of the performing arts at Winston-Salem.

The Kings Mountain board of education is considering a possible compromise in the situation which holds some hope for providing students some additional opportunity for piano instruction.

There are insufficient non-school hours for the community's piano teachers to meet current demand for instruction.

Congratulations to Fred Withers, Bill Bates and Don Parker, veteran faculty members within the Kings Mountain school system, on their promotions.

It's time to buy privilege licenses. Penalty applies August 2.

Old Davidson Demise

The closing of the Old Davidson school plant reminds of a news story in a venerable edition of the Kings Mountain Herald datelined 1911.

The county board of education was most pleased that all its log school-houses had been replaced by frame buildings. This was considered a real accomplishment. The one-room school for six or seven grades was very much extant still and, of course, youngsters followed rabbit paths to school, minus the accommodation (and entertainment) provided by school buses.

With the demise of old Davidson, the last building in the Kings Mountain system without central heating is removed from use.

Some wonder aloud at times whether modernists place too much emphasis on plant and equipment. But there is no question but that central heating constitutes a less fire hazard, not to mention the danger of youngsters walking into a hot stove.

Construction techniques have improved and requirements of building codes have demanded much better buildings since the end of World War II.

Old Davidson gave 42 years of service and has earned its right to pasture.

State Of Mind

Last year, as he was interviewed on his seventy-eighth birthday, James E. Farley, architect of Roosevelt's presidential victories in 1932 and 1936 and former postmaster general, was asked how he enjoyed his advancing years.

He replied that age is a state of mind, that a person who thinks young remains young. He added he meant to log in at the century mark.

Another of the youth-in-mind passed this week in the person of Carl Sandburg, poet, Pulitzer prize winner twice, and North Carolina goat farmer.

He was 89.

During his early life he was very poor, did a menagerie of jobs, until he showed expertise with his pen.

A man of many accomplishments, he was still recently entertaining audiences with his guitar, folk songs and poetry.

DeGaulle, Again

General Charles DeGaulle is on the American continent and continuing his make-trouble ways.

This time he encourages the French-speaking people of Quebec to form a separate state.

Then he pays call on Prime Minister Lester Pearson of Canada, who obviously, as did Mr. Churchill with Britain, does not want to superintend the liquidation of the Dominion of Canada.

DeGaulle has restored France to solidarity in the European community, but he has been friend to few outside his own country.

The people of Puerto Rico voted to retain its commonwealth status with the United States in a plebiscite where the alternatives were 1) independence and 2) statehood. The results were 2 to 1 for the status quo over statehood with independence a very poor third. Commonwealth status is pretty good, considering the low rate of taxes and the aid still available from the United States.

Citizens continue to support the Buffalo Creek water project with offers of property gifts, latest among them being the proffer of a tract on Whiteoak by Virgil McIntyre, Shelby building contractor.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By MARTIN HARMON

Pre-marital cooking experience is helpful but not imperative, as many wives skilled with the skillet can attest, among them Mabel McGill, wife of Dr. John Charles.

The "just married" sign was still operative when the McGills invited to dinner Dr. R. C. Grier, then president of Erskine college, Mrs. Grier, the Erskine treasurer and his wife. Mabel says she never had done a full-dress dinner before, but had seen her mother fry country ham and decided to begin use of one of her wedding gifts. It was some weeks hereafter that Mabel learned cooking country ham successfully is an art.

Dr. Grier noticing the last minute jam-up of the young wife volunteered his assistance and proceeded to make the gravy.

Mostly, the dinner was a success, but not on balance, Mabel continues.

There was a pecan tree in the backyard and Mabel made use of this culinary tool at hand. The congealed salad was laced with pecans, the asparagus casserole was overlaid with pecans, the dessert was (did you guess it?) pecan pie.

Another pair of McGills have been doing some "cooking" recently.

Fuller and Son Norman had a good cabbage crop and have been making kraut during spare moments at their service station, the process being what Norman labels the old-fashioned method. They employed an S-shaped farm tool to dice the cabbage, put it in large containers, put a lid on top and pressed it down with a large rock. The mash was "working" well, Norman reported, speedily during the heat of mid-day, slowing down as the sun waned.

A customer was curious as to what product was being made. Norman told him, "Aw, we're just making a run." The fellow enjoined, "You're kidding." Norman's assistant picked up the pitch, remarking, "We make a run every now and again." The customer was still in doubt.

Norman invited him to see for himself: "Go raise the lid and smell it. Take a taste. It's good."

The customer progressed only to the smelling stage. He took a big whiff and backed off in full retreat. The odor, he said, "nearly took my head off!"

My wife is another who had done little cooking before marriage except to make chocolate fudge and who has developed acceptably. Perhaps her worse gaffe over the years was serving salt-laced homemade ice cream to members of her church circle. The ladies showed good spirit, ate it with what appeared to be relish, but which could not have been.

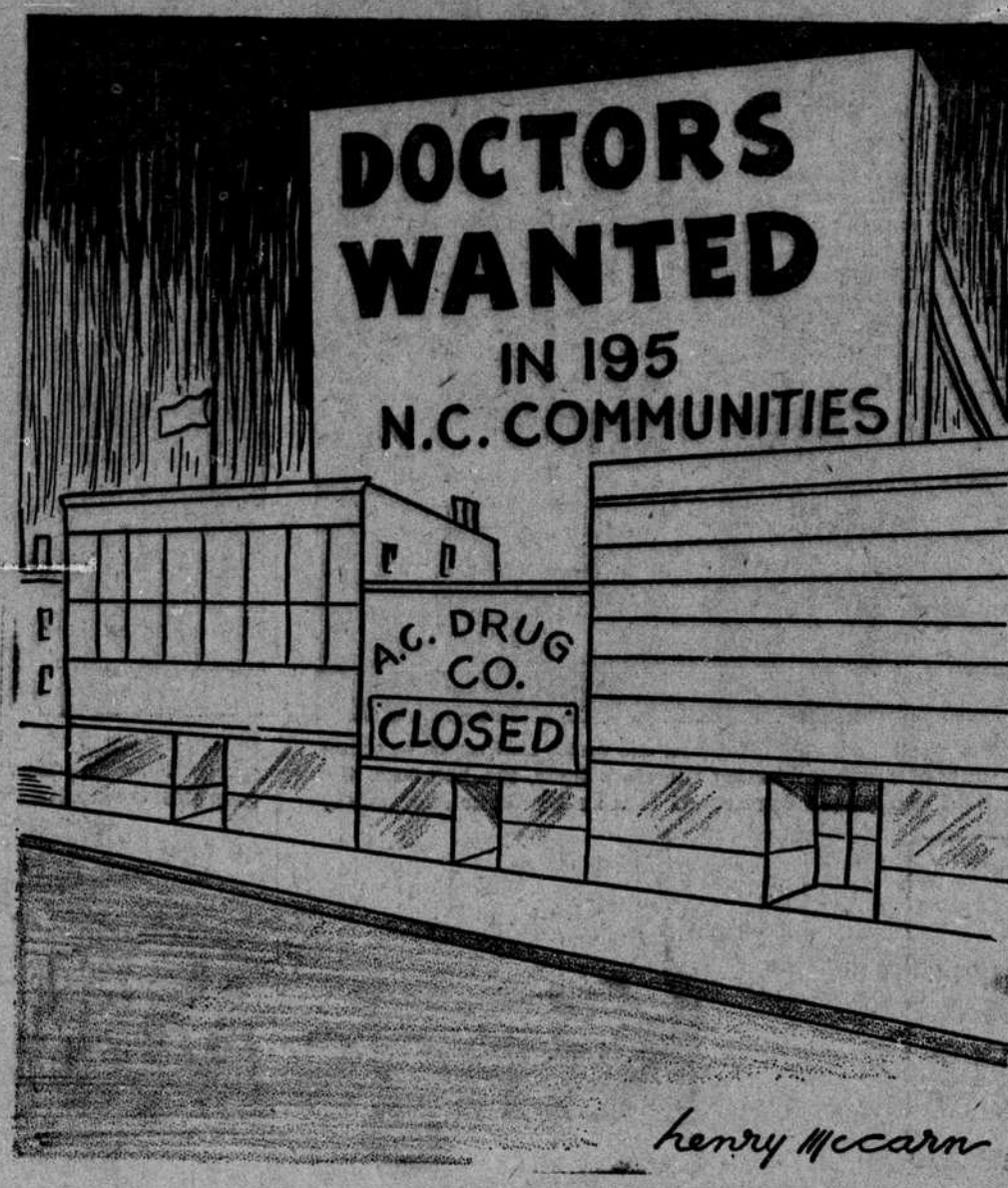
Two or three years ago my wife developed a specialty in the form of beef-based vegetable soup. Tuesday after the Milt Singletary's new Eastle Day son was born July 14, Anne took over some vegetable soup. "You think they'll eat it? They may not like soup," my wife worried. It followed that Mrs. Singletary went to her Mother's shortly thereafter.

On Saturday Milt said to me, "Tell Anne that's the best soup I've ever eaten." I mentioned Anne's concerned conjecture and Milt replied, "Like it! One day after my wife went to her Mother's I ate that soup for breakfast, for lunch and for supper."

Many men enjoy cooking, though I have never advanced very far past the breakfast-cooking and shrimp sauce stage. Gurney Grantham is an excellent cook, for instance, as is Wendell Phifer.

Most tastes are acquired. I am not partisan to deer, never sampled bear, and even have heard that some Yankees don't like Southern country ham. Who's for frog legs?

Help Wanted



Viewpoints of Other Editors

This Week In Tar Heel HISTORY

By ED H. SMITH

On July 29, 1788, Governor Samuel Johnston issued a warrant for the arrest of Colonel John Sevier, charging him with "high treason against the State of North Carolina."

Seven years earlier, the state legislature had honored Sevier as a hero of the Battle of Kings Mountain—in defense of North Carolina.

The far-western portions of the state had long been a source of trouble, and in 1784 North Carolina had ceded them to the Federal government. The area quickly organized itself as the independent state of Franklin, elected Sevier governor and sought admission to the Union.

Then North Carolina changed its mind, saying it wanted the area back. Congress refused to recognize the new state's independent status, and Sevier found himself in the embarrassing position of leading a "rebellion" against the far-distant North Carolina government.

Eight years later, however, he would be reelected as first governor of the new state of Tennessee.

On July 25, 1729, seven of the eight Lords Proprietors of North Carolina sold their holdings back to the Crown, making it a Royal Colony.

The total price was 17,500 pounds sterling.

The eighth Proprietor, Lord Granville, chose to retain possession of his lands, roughly a one-eighth portion of the colony extending west from the Outer Banks along the Virginia line.

More than seventy separate recorded engagements between Union and Confederate forces took place on N. C. soil during the Civil War. Three occurred during this week in history.

On July 24, 1861, a four-day expedition by Union troops began when they marched out of New Bern to attack Confederate positions near Trenton and Pollockville.

On July 26, 1863, Union forces trying to reach the strategic Richmond and Weldon Railroad fought a skirmish with N. C. Troops at Potocasi Creek near Murfreesboro in Hertford County.

On the 28th, at Boon's Mill, in Northampton County, the Southerners repulsed Federal troops trying to cut the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad.

On May 26, 1879, John Charles McNeill, the state's most famous poet, was born on a farm near Wagram, in Scotland County.

Most of his verses dealt with rural life in this state, and today, sixty years after his death, are still published and sold by the U. N. C. Press.

WATCHING THE NEIGHBORS

Our out-of-county but near and good neighbors in Kings Mountain went to the polls. Their attention was focused on the question of liquor, specifically whether or not to permit its legal sale.

While they were about their serious business of voting, others were about their business, too. The neighbors' concern had to be quiet and polite, but it was real enough.

The Kings Mountain liquor election was the first of four elections presently in view. The people of Gastonia, of Dallas, and of Lincoln will soon take their turns. Likely they wanted to know what would happen in Kings Mountain.

Well, Kings Mountain voted to remain legally dry. But possibly also the result of the election in the Cleveland County city will have a tangible effect on some of the other elections.

It just could have been that, considering the matter of distance, there was some hope that ABC stores could be had close at hand—but not too close.

True enough, liquor sales revenue in one town wouldn't benefit another, and revenue was perhaps the biggest pro argument. But Kings Mountain is closer to several places than either Charlotte or Clover.

On the other hand, there is a bauge of feeling on the subject now visible to all. Is the Kings Mountain decision based on attitude which is prevalent, and which will produce the same result in the other towns?

It does seem to be a matter of opposite guesses, with as much probability for one as for the other and 10 times as many arguments as there are points to prove.

Only one thing was made certain by the Kings Mountain election:

Kings Mountain remains dry regardless of what the other towns may decide.

—Gastonia Gazette

KITTY AT THE TV

We had a suspicion all along that cats who watch television have strong preferences about programs. Now comes a British research psychologist to confirm our belief.

Neil Rackham, a lecturer at Sheffield University, watched cats watching the screen over a period of four years. He knows whereof he speaks.

What does pussy like best? Cartoons, naturally. Heroes and heroines of the animated stories are often animals. And animals (in the cartoons, at least) are simple and gay, not complicated and terribly serious like people. If the TV program raters included cats along with people in their polls, the rating of cartoons would surely go up.

Next in cat-audience preferences, according to the psychologist, come commercials. These too are simple and lively and apparently geared to feline taste.

Discussion programs? Lowest on pussy's list, says the British researcher.

If the learned TV speakers who drone pronouncements on weighty matters knew how many family cats simply curl up on their pillows and go to sleep when they come on, they might be surprised. Maybe someone ought to tell them. If they knew how their sneeches affect their feline audiences, they would surely put more zing and zip into their delivery. And we should all benefit.

—The Christian Science Monitor

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.

Kings Mountain's employment situation held steady during the month of July, Franklin Ware, branch manager of the Employment Security Commission, is reporting to the state commission.

Bethlehem Baptist church will observe its 115th anniversary at Homecoming Day services planned on Sunday.

National Guard, Rebels and Jaycees will fill the bill as the league leaders in Friday night's Lions sponsored triple header ball game at City Stadium.

Social and Personal

Miss Louise Patterson and Steve Harris were married Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock in Boyce Memorial ARP church.

NEW YORK PLAN

New York City has come up with a plan whereby welfare recipients would be allowed to go to work and continue receiving public assistance payments. The idea is to stir recipients to get out and find work and perhaps, eventually, to get off the welfare rolls completely. At present, if a recipient funds work, his monthly assistance check is reduced by precisely the amount he earns.

Under the proposed plan, he would be able to earn up to \$85 a month with no reduction whatsoever. Anything above that would mean a 70 per cent cut in his allotment, and if he ever got to making as much as \$4,900 a year all public assistance would stop.

Those who think the whole welfare system should be halted and nothing put in its place are increasingly in the minority. But almost everybody agrees that the system badly needs restructuring.

—The Baltimore Sun

SO THIS IS NEW YORK

By NORTH CALLAHAN

With all the to-do and after-math in connection with the recent visit of Russian Premier Kosygin, it is interesting to note the impressions of a recent American visitor to Russia, a man who saw some things which are not ordinarily reported. He is J. Polk Smartt, business executive and farmer on the side, and he is just what his name suggests, smart. He and others were invited by an unofficial group of Russians who wanted Americans representing business, science and culture and who were concerned with cooperation between our two peoples. "Russia is an old country," Mr. Smartt points out. "They have had millions of people for thousands of years. The common people of Russia have never owned land. They were serfs under the czars and the orthodox church. They are still serfs under the Soviet Union."

The visitors stayed in an impressive Moscow hotel in the first stage of their visit. Smartt found that its exterior exceeded the inside. They found they could not enter the dining room from the lobby but had to climb the stairs to the second floor which was covered by a gaudy green carpet, then walk down a long corridor and descend the steps to the first floor location of the dining room. The corridors and bedrooms had been floored with green oak wood which, when dried, left gaping cracks that soon filled with trash. The bathrooms were of the poorest construction Mr. Smartt had ever seen, he said, virtually every piece of the tile being either chipped or split. "Our shower was like the head of a sprinkler can," he added, "loose at the top, and some one had tied a rag around it. Since there was no shower curtain, we did not use it."

Out in Red Square, Polk Smartt had an uneasy feeling among the huge crowds. It appeared to him, "an ominous sight . . . How long would I last if I had a loaf of bread. The crowd seemed to be hungry and once it sort of stampeded in my direction. Moscow's eight million people live in government-owned apartments, exactly alike, upon rows, like so many rats in hutches. The apartments are too small for comfort. There are no lawns to cut, no gardens, no basement workshops for leisure hours. Each family has just enough money for the bare essentials of food and clothing. There are practically no privately owned automobiles. The people have nothing to do but walk the streets on Sunday. This is literally true," he assured me, "for the sidewalks will not hold them. They are all over Red Square, they crowd the Kremlin, they form a line a mile long to file through Lenin's tomb, content to stand four hours in line. Lenin once stated, 'Religion is the opiate of the people.' Now in my opinion," he added, "Lenin is the opiate of the people. Wherever we went in Russia, there was his statue, and every movie performance began with his picture thrown on the screen. Whenever we took a picture of a Russian, he wanted it taken in front of a statue of Lenin or some achievement of the Soviet Union. I'm sure he felt this was evidence of his loyalty. Nowhere in Moscow did we see a happy, carefree group of people. They appeared grim, unsmiling and deeply worried. The people own nothing but the clothes on their back and these clothes are a sight. The fabrics, the colors, the styles are less than mediocre. One man said they looked as if they had been cut out with an axe."

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