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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Let us search and try our ways and turn again to the Lord. Lamentations 3:40.

Importance Of Primaries

How important are the presidential primaries conducted by only a handful of the 50 states?

The correct answer is, "That all depends . . ."

Year-in, year-out the presidential primaries are not as important as the instant news lads of the television industry play them to be.

How important in 1968?

Reviewing more recent history on the Democratic side of the ledger, one primary, that in West Virginia, proved very important in 1960 for then-Senator John Fitzgerald Kennedy and then-Senator Hubert Humphrey.

In a Protestant state, Roman Catholic Kennedy showed he could attract Protestant votes, showed Protestant Humphrey under. Humphrey had exhausted his campaign treasure and threw in the towel.

In 1956, Senator Estes Kefauver won all the primaries, but Adlai Stevenson was easy winner at the convention. Perhaps the primary victories enabled Kefauver to win second place on the ticket, in a close several ballot contest with Senator John F. Kennedy.

This season, on the Republican side, Richard M. Nixon is entering all the primaries to prove that a two-time loser can be a third time winner. He is doing very well. Oregon and California will be watched for trends.

Senator Robert F. Kennedy, who entered the hustings late, is also doing very well. Senator Eugene McCarthy is running second but also doing very well in comparison with what was anticipated of him when he first announced his candidacy.

The apparent convention vote leader, now Vice-President Humphrey, isn't bothering about primaries this season, but got over 10,000 votes via write-in in Nebraska Tuesday.

California adds a filip with interesting crystal ball overtones, hardly understandable in North Carolina where primaries are regarded as strict family fights, where Republicans vote for Republicans, Democrats choose among Democrats, and where Independents need get excited about how to vote only at the general election.

In California, anybody, whether GOP, Democrat, Independent, Green Tree, Old Timer, or otherwise, can vote for anybody.

But in both parties, primary results instruct only for the first ballot.

It's still the convention that elects and convention politics are hardly kin to primary politics.

Work For Youth

Present laws limiting youth and their labors for pay stemmed from two bad situations:

- 1) Children of a mere dozen years were going to work in factories and mines on long-day schedules.
- 2) These same children were adding long term troubles at the same time by shorting their formal education.

It would seem that the compulsory school attendance laws have taken care of the sweat-shop troubles of yesteryear. Meantime, an extra grade has been added and the customary high school graduation age is 18.

A two-year void is created (minimum work age now 16) for young people who should be learning the practical as well as the academic.

The just-formed Mayor's committee, seeking to marry available young people in the Kings Mountain area to employee-needing industry and commerce, should get full cooperation from all agencies.

It is estimated there are 400 high school youths wanting summer employment in this area, probably another 300 college students.

Industry needs.
A textile superintendent told the Herald Wednesday the employment situation is worse than he has seen it, even during labor-short World War II.

Ambitious Campaign

A newspaper publishing friend of the Herald keeps a framed dictum on his office wall.

It reads, "The improbable we do today. The impossible we do tomorrow."

Thus, in the light of Kings Mountain area history, the upcoming fund campaign to assure the badly needed addition at Kings Mountain hospital cannot escape "improbable" category.

The Herald does not intend to be a kill-joy.

Area citizens' largess in giving reached its top bounds (and by far) in the fund campaign for Gamble Memorial Stadium at the high school. Last report on this figure was something over \$100,000.

The "improbable today" designation also takes another turn.

Under state law, bond issue authority unused for a five-year period evaporates.

And, for Cleveland County's half-million bond issue authority for Kings Mountain Hospital construction, evaporation date is in February 1969, just nine months distant.

The county commission has not yet found a non-tax source to provide funds from the regular budget. The county's non-tax funds, of course, are considerably limited. Meantime, hospitals are a function of county government, buildable and operable only on vote of the citizens.

In other words, "doing the impossible tomorrow" leaves very few tomorrows.

The improbable must be done today.

Our commendations to George Houser for his willingness to undertake an imperative task.

Should Be Resolved

Local folk attending the meeting of the Gaston county board of education Monday night, report the East Kings Mountain folk — citizens of the City of Kings Mountain and of the Gaston school district — filed a new petition for release from Gaston in order that their children can attend Kings Mountain schools.

These children, of course, have been attending Kings Mountain schools historically, though during the past two years via order of the Superior Court.

Key point in the business is that many of these children are in easy walking of Kings Mountain's East school, whereas they would Gaston county schools via bus transport.

This looks plain silly, particularly when the State of North Carolina is now paying probably 85 percent of all schools' operational bills.

During the past year, as a measure of fairness to district taxpayers, the sessed a fee of \$60 per pupil for out-of-Kings Mountain board of education as-district pupils — a hardship where several children in one family were school-goers.

Even so, via latest petition, the East Kings Mountain group offered to pay both Kings Mountain district and Gaston county school taxes.

The Gaston board's attorney opined that would be very questionable law and subject to interpretation by the courts.

Certainly, it's of questionable fairness.

The Gaston board convenes again the coming Monday, May 20, to further consider the plight of the East Kings Mountain residents.

It is time for the Kings Mountain community to rally to the cause of these East Kings Mountain citizens — non-citizens.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By MARTIN HARMON

Years ago it was that Harvey Bumgardner (he hadn't his doctorate then) was billed for a speech at the Kings Mountain Lions club on the subject of his specialty which was poultry science.

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I had helped nurse near-drowned chicks (my mother dried them in the kitchen oven), fed them (grain, kitchen scraps and oyster shell), and eaten them in quantity (fried, baked, fricaseed, etc.). I was quite familiar with the popular brands of my childhood, which were Dominecker, Rhode Island Red, Buff, and White Leghorn. The White Leghorn had not been regarded as "society" at my house, where white eggs were frowned upon. Black chickens were not to be desired either.

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In other words, I knew, I thought, right much about chickens.

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I frankly rather anticipated a rather boring evening at the Lions' gathering, maybe a cut above films, but not too much.

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It was, of course, one of THE interesting programs of the year. What I didn't know about poultry filled many, many books. Indeed, what the specialists like Harvey didn't know kept them working to find out. The results were already showing and have since burgeoned to help satisfy the nation and world appetite for chicken of all kinds and their eggs which move in all kinds of circles from cake to cocktails.

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I have recently learned a bit more about beef cattle from the Progressive Farmer, via Dr. John C. McGill, who spends off-hours on the farm watching his cattle grow.

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The March issue of Progressive Farmer features in four colors on its front cover a red barn, white fence, green verdure. But the dominant figure in the picture is Columbus of Wye, a stern-faced Aberdeen Angus bull owned by Wye plantation of Queenstown, Md.

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One of Columbus' off-spring, Merrit of Wye, provides the local angle to the story.

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John and Dr. Ted Westmoreland, the veterinarian (who breeds Boston Terriers as well as beef), bought Merrit for breeding purposes. Subsequently, John bought Ted's interest, now owns Merrit all by himself.

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Who also got his picture in the Progressive Farmer? Merrit did. John was more pleased than if it had been his own likeness.

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The tape on Merrit: " . . . Merrit of Wye is one of the bulls . . . believed to have an extra pair of ribs. He weighed at 591 pounds, gained 3.15 pounds a day on feed test, and weighed 1,032 pounds at a year old." Some bull.

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Impetus for the feature "What's an Extra Pair of Ribs Worth?" was just that. According to Bill Johnson, the author, cattle, sheep, hogs, and horses normally have 13 pairs of ribs. Over the years breeding work has made some changes. Land-ste hogs (new brand to me) normally have 14 pair. Horse breeders have worked it in reverse and have bred out a pair in a line of Arabian horses. The theory here is that less ribs enable the horse to turn in less space, an equine version of turning on a dime and throwing back a nickel change.

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According to Johnson, it is not that the Wye line is solid on the 14-rib business, but there are 30 suspects in the Wye herd. The bonus is up to six extra T-bone steaks. Writes Johnson, "It's this extra high priced meat that is rightfully creating the excitement among breeders and researchers."

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John's excited too, but allows it may prove costly. "I can't keep that bull with all that stray stuff I have. I'll have to upgrade the herd."

Scott: "I Wear No Man's Collar"



Viewpoints of Other Editors

WISDOM MUST BE ACQUIRED

It is a marvelously simple thing to destroy. Anyone can do it. You can demolish buildings, wax dolls, dignity and social institutions.

The young are particularly adept at destroying, or trying to. University students are traditionally the self-appointed destroyers. Having reached the age when they become aware of the injustices of the world, the shock of this realization galvanizes them to action without knowledge and understanding of historical background. One conclusion leaps to their eager minds . . . their elders have failed.

With the natural confidence of youth they then plunge in to make right that which they believe to be wrong . . . to make good that which they believe to be evil. Having learned to destroy, they feel that that's all it takes. Destroy! And like Phoenix rising out of the ashes, the good will arise.

Because of their youth you have not yet learned how to build. They haven't yet learned that this takes the best of the best men, that it is the stamp of greatness to contribute something of positive worth. This man we call genius. The students haven't yet learned a shockingly simple truth . . . so simple that, according to Robert Ruark, the Basutos, a primitive tribe of Africa, know:

If a man does away with his traditional way of living and throws away his good customs, he had better first make certain that he has something of value to replace them."

Something of value to replace them! That's the key!

Usually, there is belief that something of value is offered when, in fact, it is simply a time-worn formula long ago disproven and discarded. Social reforms do not take place in a vacuum. Their effects are far reaching into unexpected areas and often in undesirable ways. Sometimes these effects are downright injurious and the loss outweighs the gain. Prudence then demands caution, not speed, when making social reforms.

You have to admit the young should be commended for their zeal. They should be praised for their concern and their inquiry. This is a healthy, vigorous condition which should be encouraged and applauded, even though you may disapprove of their ideas. Only when they go beyond their mental gymnastics and begin undisciplined action should they be reined.

In time, hopefully, they will learn. But they won't learn unless they are taught and sometimes the lessons are harsh. This too they must learn. Much of this teaching must come from adults. We must not fail to offer sound guides. And we must not fail to punish when punishment is needed. To do less would be to commit a grave injustice. To make it too easy is not an act of love.

In time they will learn although the process is often exasperating. In time they will learn not to take the limited view. They will learn about relationships which exist in the world, in the mysteriously entity called "life." And in time, with enough learning, with enough experience and with enough thought and evaluation, they might, just might, mind you, acquire a touch of wisdom. T. N. Alexakis in the Berkeley (Calif.) Gazette.

THEY ALSO SERVE

It is all too easy for the casual observer to think of American young men today as sharply divided between those who bear their share of the country's burdens in the Vietnam fighting and those who protest the immorality or futility of our being there at all.

There are young men who manage to do both. One was Pfc. Johnathan M. Spicer, USMC Pfc. Spicer, son of a deceased Methodist minister, was a conscientious objector. In spite of that, he joined the Marines. He was assigned to a medical battalion near Khe Sanh.

On March 11, the Viet Cong opened fire on a helicopter engaged in evacuating the wounded from the beleaguered outpost. Ignoring an order to get into a bunker, Pfc. Spicer rushed forward to help the wounded into their airborne ambulance. Enemy shelling continued. The medic Marine was hit, and three days later he died.

Pfc. Spicer has been recommended for the silver star and the Navy cross for his heroism under fire and for his disregard of his own safety for the sake of his comrades' lives. As with all heroes, his real distinction is not expressed in medals but rather in the memory of his deed.

In a time of torment for many members of his generation, Pfc. Spicer fulfilled with honor his obligations to his conscience and to his country. — Washington Star.

CENTER FOR COMMUNITY

In the city of Atlanta, Georgia, a most unusual new "shopping center" shortly will arise. Actually, it will be a community center where a wide variety of welfare services and educational opportunities will be available to some 45,000 persons.

On this five-acre plot local citizens will find a junior high school, gymnasium, theater, playrooms, welfare offices. Services offered will include job training and counseling, surplus-food distribution, housing and relocation advice, community action programs, prekindergarten classes, vocational education, and welfare case work.

Similar concentrations of many activities in a single community development have been underway in Britain and other countries. In one or two instances, in Britain, the new community center area has become available because a large church with dwindling congregation has been redeveloped into a smaller church plus local educational and welfare agencies. The net result is that an oversized and outmoded church has been newly enlivened, and religious activity has been included as an essential element in the life of the community. — Christian Science Monitor.

NO SOUR GRAPES

Now here's something the British do skillfully. The Queen sends out greeting telegrams each year to anyone who has turned one hundred. And the Deciduous Fruit Board — yes, that's the name, and it includes grape-importers — sends 10-pound boxes of grapes to all British centenarians.

This year, in keeping with these inquisitive times, the board also sent a questionnaire to the 800 to 1,000 men and women who are 100 or over. It asked "what makes a centenarian?" It received all

SO THIS IS NEW YORK



By NORTH CALLAHAN

Too little attention it seems is given publicly to the letters from our men in Vietnam. Recently Sergeant Craig McDaniel of Lake Arrowhead, California, wrote back home the following:

"I used to be a Lake Arrowhead bum, with a weekly line of beer parties and young punk actions which usually led to a great relationship between me and the sheriff's department. I didn't have a cure in the world except my long hair and enough money to chip in for a case of beer. But it seems as though in the last three years, my attitude toward these subjects has changed. I must be very lucky to have witnessed the things I have, to curb the solid belief I had about the responsibilities of life. My mom and dad always preached to me about manners, appearance etc. Well, I didn't listen because I knew everything there was to know."

"The first time I came home to leave after entering the army, my parents found out they had raised a son instead of a vegetable. The true meaning of Communism and its effects have been opened before me. Right now it is about 108 degrees and it's only 10 a.m. About every ten minutes I have to pull blood-sucking leeches off my body. Last week, we engaged eight Viet Cong, killing five. It was the most horrifying scene to witness human bodies torn apart. Eight F-100 jets are dropping bombs about 1,000 meters away. We are fighting Communist indoctrinated troops who have infiltrated from the north. They fight effectively and are equipped with weapons equal to ours. At present we make a stand in the war in their backyard, not ours. Many say "pull out of Viet Nam". Well, the way these VC fight today, I'd hate to see them 10 years from now landing on some other free country like Japan or Australia. Communism is like cancer. If you don't stop it early, its cells attack healthy ones and overtake them. Boy, the GI's get so mad hearing about all the riots and love-ins. It's too bad these trouble-makers can't come over here and witness this stinking war. Then they'd realize the freedoms they have and would not disrupt them."

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"I had really taken every day life for granted, not remembering all those who died in previous wars earning it for us. Well I guess you could say that we are re-earning it. You'd be surprised at the things I miss most. The little things like real milk, a chance to brush my teeth and take a shower and even to smell fresh air without the odor of decaying flesh. When I get back I'll look forward to the privilege of taking my family to church all dressed up and clean, and to sleep on sheets and to get a haircut and to sleep calm without the worry of getting mortared or attacked at 3 a.m."

"I'll bet I've read more of the Bible over here than I have in my whole life at home—and in so doing, found out a lot of things I didn't know. Maybe what I am doing today will better the world situation for my son when he is my age. I am not about to fall back and not face this mess, leaving it for my kids to take care of. My brother is in the army now and he will probably be arriving here as I have. I've noticed a big change in him. I've lost a lot of buddies over here, including my cousin. It just gives me another reason to fight back at Communism. There is no difference between black and white over here. Both have red blood."

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