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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Psalm 119:1.

Voting Post-Mortem

A lady asked Saturday, "Isn't really important that I vote?"

"Well, pretty important. Not many people are and the less the vote total the more important your vote."

The results of Saturday's Democratic run-off tend to prove the contention.

Only slightly more than half of the voters in Cleveland County's first primary May 4 returned to vote on June 1 (and the May 4 total was puny in comparison to registrations).

The run-off primary assures:

1) A three-to-two majority of new members on the county board of commissioners, and

2) A minimum of four members on county board of education.

Due to light vote or not, the May 4 leaders in both races became the June 1 trailers.

Certainly the supporters of the incumbents gardened, mowed lawns, or went fishing on the recent Saturday.

It is axiomatic that an administration which stays in long enough will eventually be pastured, sometimes due to situations beyond control, such as gymnasium roof cave-ins, sometimes because the voters are in the mood for a change, as seems to be the instance with the county commission.

Commiserations to the losers, congratulations to the winners and best wishes for success to these winners in discharge of their responsibilities.

Chairman Ware

Cameron Ware is the first Kings Mountain area Democrat elected county chairman in many years, if ever there was one.

This area has had a few state senators, state representatives, and county commissioners, but not a county Democratic chairman.

This is the memory of S. A. Crouse, age 80, and long interested in matters political in Cleveland County.

Local area Democrats not only are pleased at the honor to the area but feel that Chairman Ware will do an effective job in mobilizing Democratic forces.

He has the energy, the background, and the interest to manage the party well.

His allegiance to the party and its principles is legend.

His election, of course, reflects the spirit of harmony prevailing at the county convention, when the honors were divided between opposing forces of Bob Scott and Mel Broughton.

Mr. Ware supported Scott, had no difficulty communicating with the county's Broughton supporters, who failed to carry Cleveland for their candidate by a small margin.

Banned By Indirection?

Monday's ruling by the Supreme Court may have sounded the death knell to capital punishment in the United States.

Specifically, ruled the Court in a five-to-four split decision, a prospective juror cannot be challenged in a capital case simply because he tells the court of jurisdiction that he opposes capital punishment.

There is a growing movement to ban capital punishment at state level. North Carolina's General Assembly rejected such a proposal in the recent session, but the vote was close.

Nominally, prosecuting and defense attorneys have a specific number of pre-emptory challenges via which they can refuse to seat a juror for not liking the way he parts his hair. But it is likely many persons will be seated on juries in capital cases who oppose capital punishment and will produce hung juries in these cases.

151 Job Candidates

A total of 151 high school and college students have filed applications for summer jobs.

Now the gonfalon is thrown to commerce and industry.

For some businesses, where skills are less important, summer applicants are welcome, to spell regular employees during vacation season and for peak business periods.

In skilled job situations, the problem is greater. Overseers and superintendents naturally lean to a prospective employee, including a trainee, who, if he learns, gives promise of staying with his job.

However, with the currently tight labor market, it would seem that industry would jump at the chance to start industrial job applicants on the learning process. Turnover, one superintendent reports, is worse than he's ever seen it, including the labor-short days of World War II.

Long Cold Winter

City natural gas sales are now estimated for the year ending June 30 at \$541,531 — just \$119,118 more than the city expected to sell for the current fiscal year.

Of course, the estimate is quite firm as the estimate was compiled after 11 months worth of natural gas business was on the books.

The increased sales are attributable to 1) more gas customers, 2) increased industrial usage, and 3) the long cold winter.

Since a great amount of city gas sales are attributable to heating customers, the heavy increase reflects the temperatures prevailing during the previous winter.

On basis of amended budget estimates, the city will gross this fiscal year \$1,927,955.

Since ad valorem taxes provide only some \$200,000 of the total it can be seen that Mayor John Henry Moss' contention, "We're utility salesmen not tax collectors," is more poetry than verse.

It was happy foresight the Kings Mountain forefathers of 1903-08 had when they put the city in the power selling business.

And it was happy foresight when the administrations of 1951-55 put the city in the natural gas selling business.

These profit-making city enterprises are responsible for many city improvements and a low ad valorem tax rate.

A best bow to Avery (Mack) Murray, Woodman of the Year.

Other congratulations to: Beverly Willis, elected president of Women's House Government at Western Carolina; Reg Alexander, elected editor of the student newspaper at Gardner-Webb college; and Billy Miles Williams, recipient of a valuable scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Expensive Votes

Mecklenburg County had a lone run-off Saturday — between Robert V. Somers, the winner, and Larry Zimmerman, losing challenger, for the Republican nomination for United States Senate.

The Charlotte Observer did some penciling and found that each vote cost Mecklenburg's treasury approximately \$8.

Same situation occurred in all the 100 counties where other run-offs were not.

The Observer suggests many Republicans felt they were voting to choose a lamb for Senator Sam Ervin's November slaughter.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By MARTIN HARMON

The many voters who stayed home in Saturday's run-off primaries may have done themselves a disservice in not exercising their privilege of the ballot, the candidates they would have supported a disservice by lowering their favorites' vote total, but they did the election officials a considerable service by easing the chore of vote tabulations.

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In the two Kings Mountain precincts, 1566 voted on May 4. On June 1, only 315 returned to the polls in the two large precincts where more than 3400 are registered. Returned may be an improper word. My father didn't vote on May 4 but dropped one in on Saturday.

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The difference was considerable. On May 1, West Kings Mountain officials and counting aides completed the work exactly at the stroke of midnight. Last Saturday, with short tickets and light vote, close-up time was a mere 7:20.

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The Kings Mountain record, of course, remains the general election of 1960, when it was ruled that all persons in line to vote at 6:30 p.m. deadline would be permitted to vote, kept the voting going an extra three hours or more before the counting could begin. It was an all-night chore, Mrs. J. H. Arthur, the registrar recalls, which meant something more than an eight-hour day.

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The improved registration system will assure in the future that there will be no long queues, but it doesn't solve the counting problem when the ballots are loaded with candidates.

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I helped with the tallying at West Kings Mountain at both primaries, and don't think either team could have been improved. On the first balloting, Mrs. Gerry Werner and I were tallies, Mrs. George Thomasson the caller. Last Saturday, Mrs. Paul Patterson and I tallied, Mrs. Thomasson and Mrs. Orangel Jolly divided caller duties.

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The Republican counting was short and sweet on both occasions, particularly at Primary No. 2. In the West box, a Mr. Spicer and Bob Maner joined Judge Dorus Littlejohn in casting GOP ballots. In the East box, Judge Janice Glass was joined in the GOP action by Husband Harold and the father-son team of Ed A. and Ed H. Smith. Now who was the outlander voting for Somers?

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At the West box, Mrs. Thomasson voted first and Woodrow Strickland was the last. At East, Mrs. Ruth Thomasson voted first and Mr. and Mrs. Plato Heaven posted the last minute back-breakers.

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With puny business, Ruth Thomasson, a next-door neighbor when I was a youngster, was reminiscing about a birthday party of mine (was it age four?). She had dressed her eldest son, Charles, Jr., handsomely in a white linen suit and charged him firmly to keep clean. She passed by the kid-filled yard once, noticed Charles standing beside a tree. When the party was over, she asked him if he'd had a good time. "No, I didn't," was the reply. "You told me not to get dirty." He hadn't.

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With 20 of 28 precincts in, the result was fairly well apparent. There would not be sufficient votes in the remaining eight for the trailers to make up the difference.

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Bobby Cabiness, the county board of education member, must be a candidate along with Mrs. Cline Borders and Mrs. Mary Lou Barrier for the stars of the Cleveland primaries.

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Cabiness is the lone incumbent of eight to win renomination. Mrs. Borders showed her heels to all other candidates for county office in the first primary and Mrs. Barrier did the same in the second.

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Can one safely wager on more voter interest come November?

WESTERN SHOOT-OUT



Viewpoints of Other Editors

REAL (ESTATE) VALUE

The Taos Pueblo Indians of New Mexico are in touch with the times. They have just received 48,000 acres of land in the Carson National Forest. They did so through turning down an offer for money instead. Although one of the Indians' reasons for their decision was that the land was religiously holy to them, they did no more than millions of Americans are doing today when they buy a beautiful bit of land along the shore, in the hills, over-looking a lake, or in the woods.

An outstanding social phenomenon in the United States today is the widespread wish and determination to own land with a lovely view. To get this, people are now paying prices for land which would have seemed astronomical a decade ago.

Yet, as one person put it: If a man is willing to pay a huge sum for a painting which he can sit down and enjoy looking at, why should he not be willing to do the same for a lot which can give him equal pleasure?

Why not, indeed? The Taos Indians recognize that there are values which cannot be measured in mere money. One of these is an exquisite piece of nature. In this an increasing number of Americans agree with them.

—Christian Science Monitor

HOLIDAY HUMOR ON CAPITOL HILL

A bill that would move three national holidays to Monday and would create a new one—Columbus Day—has been passed by the House after a florid debate that filled 27 pages of the Congressional Record. And inspired some attempts at humor which were rather weak even by Congressional standards.

For instance, Rep. Roman Pucinski, a supporter of the Monday holiday bill in general and of a Monday Columbus Day in particular, said that he wanted the House to know that when Columbus arrived and was greeted by the Indians "he was very overcome when the Indian chief told Columbus that he was the first white man to come here to settle permanently."

"Columbus," continued the Illinois Democrat, "was deeply moved and said, 'Thank you very much. But I am somewhat puzzled, because if I am the first white man to settle here... who are those white people up there against the mountain?' The Indian looked back and said, 'Oh, those are our good Polish friends who come here every year to pick mushrooms.'"

After a lot more of that the bill—which would affect only the District of Columbia and Federal employees, but would probably be followed by the states if it becomes law—was passed. The Senate, for its part, may agree with Rep. Thomas Meskill of Connecticut that the bill is "a legislative rarity: It will improve the lot of all our citizens, smooth the paths of commerce, benefit the working man... and will not cost the Government a penny." Or it may agree with Florida's Rep. James Haley that "it is one of the most ridiculous bills that has ever been brought before the Congress."

Certainly a lot of working people like the idea of regular and fixed three-day holidays, especially if they do not mind risking their necks on the highways. And if the Monday holiday bill is the forerunner of a reform of our untidy calendar, maybe all that Congressional long-windedness

HEARING FROM THE CONSTITUENTS

Almost everybody is against an increase in Federal taxes, right? Well, it depends on which Congressman's latest poll of his constituents you read. And it also depends on how the poll's questions on taxes are worded.

A number of Congressmen have been inserting in the Congressional Record the results of their springtime polls of their constituents and for the most part the reaction to any proposed tax increase is about what you would expect: Most voters are against it.

"Do you support the Administration's proposed increase in taxes?" asked Rep. Clarence Brown Jr. (D., Ohio). And a fat 71.1% replied, "No." Of those constituents polled by Rep. Dan Kuykendall (R., Tenn.), 58% are opposed to a 10% income tax surcharge "if there is a corresponding cut in spending," and 88.3% are opposed without a cut in Federal spending.

However, when Rep. Florence Dwyer (R., N.J.) asked in her poll, "Do you believe a Federal tax will be needed in 1968?" 45.6% voted "Yes" and only 37.7% voted "No." And this from a strongly Republican Congressional district.

Now plainly Rep. Dwyer's question is not the same as asking, "Do you favor a tax increase in 1968?" Had her question been phrased differently the negative response might well have moved into the 0% to 67% area of most other Congressional questionnaires.

As is evident, not only are questions on the same subject worded differently from poll to poll, but not all polls touch on the same issues. For instance, Reps. Dwyer and Brown were among the few legislators who asked if their constituents would support Federal wage and price controls as a means of controlling inflation. Here 5.5% of Rep. Dwyer's constituents, and 52.8% of Rep. Brown's, voted "Yes." If that is a national, and not just local, sentiment it suggests that a lot of constituents could benefit from some education in the economic perils of controls.

Given the changeability of human beings, any polls are of limited significance. But the Congressional poll-taking might be more useful if the law-makers got together on their questions — no matter how unsettling some of the responses might be.

—Wall Street Journal

TOUR DE COEUR

Much is gratifying about the retrospective showing given Dame Barbara Hepworth's sculpture at the Tate Gallery in London. Not only is she still carving impressive works (she was already well known in the '30s), but she is still generating a simple but intense dedication to sculpture that continues to draw young artists to her studio at St. Ives on the coast of Cornwall.

In this age of violent angularities, Dame Barbara's work reflects the smooth harmony of natural forms. The impulse for her sculpture comes from the small objects of nature such as the rattings of shells, the knobs and planes of bones; and from large objects—the abstract shapes of hills and shorelines, water corrugated by waves.

Her abstract sculpture is serene, thoughtful, but strong. She works in bronze, wood, stone. The most and those feeble jests will have been worth while.

—Wall Street Journal

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 high school presented diplomas to 104 seniors Monday night. It was a record sized graduation class and first time in history Kings Mountain high school has ever graduated a class of 100 members.

Sue Jean Wright was presented the coveted Plunk Scholarship medal at Awards Day ceremonies at Central school June 2.

J. Broadus Ellis was still incommunicado Wednesday afternoon concerning his decision on calling a run-off for the District II county commission nomination. Mr. Ellis trailed Carl P. Finger by 149 votes in last Saturday's Democratic Primary.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Eleven Kings Mountain girls will be among the Sub-Debutantes presented to society at the Junior Charity League's 13th annual ball in Shelby Saturday night. They are Becky Thornburg, Rebecca Rollins, Polly Page, Ruth McCurdy, Georganna Moss, Sherry Kelley, Anne Falls, Phyllis Dean, Judy Cooper, Diane Cansler and Mikie White.

familiar trademark of a Hepworth is that it is often pierced by holes—much like her countryman Henry Moore's sculptures, though his are of human forms. How does this fragile chip of a woman (she doesn't weigh a hundred pounds) keep up the daylong exertion of whanging at stone? The energy seems to come from an inner-outter agreement between what she thinks and does.

"It's not strength," she was quoted recently in Newsweek. "It's rhythm. The strokes of the hammer on the chisel have to be in time with your heartbeat or pulse, and it was sung at the wedding of his daughter of the same name.

SO THIS IS NEW YORK
By NORTH CALLAHAN

There are still plenty of distinguished people here but sometimes it seems that they are not as original and funny and daring with it as some of the old-timers. Take the late Robert Benchley, for example. Staid bankers were often baffled by the gay little messages the humorist wrote when he endorsed the back of a check. Such as "Dear Banker's Trust, I love you, Bob." Or "Having wonderful time, wish you were here. Robert Rabbit Benchley." Once when living in a suburb, he asked a local bank for a loan and it was given to him without question. After thinking about it overnight, he withdrew all his savings from the bank the next morning. "I don't trust a bank," he explained, "that would lend money to such a poor risk."

Riding on a bus down 5th Avenue, I noticed on one of the advertisement spaces, the following wise words from Henry David Thoreau's fine book "Walden Pond." "When a man has obtained those things which are necessary to life, there is another alternative than to obtain the superfluities, and that is, to adventure on life now. Why has man rooted himself thus firmly in the earth, but that he may rise in the same proportion into the heavens above."

Irving Stone, the noted author, is often complimented on his large vocabulary. In his novels which depict life from Italy to the American Revolution, he expresses himself so vividly that even the casual reader is sometimes aware of the beauty and variety of the words which have been selected to convey the writer's meaning. When asked not long ago how he acquired such a command of the English language, Stone replied, "I hardly know. I suppose it is from reading."

Before the turn of the century, many European immigrants came to this country, poor and inexperienced except for common laboring, and expected to find here the foot of the rainbow. Such were the parents of Sam Levenson, apparently, for he has stated, "My folks were immigrants and they fell under the spell of the American legend that the streets of America were paved with gold. When Pop got here, though, he found out three things: the streets were not paved with gold; the streets were not even paved. He was supposed to do the paving."

Hearing again the hauntingly beautiful song, "My Wonderful One", I was reminded of its composer, the late Paul Whiteman who in the younger days of my generation was aptly known as the "King of Jazz". A roband, genial individual with thin, dark hair that swept back from his forehead and a little slender black mustache which became a trademark, Whiteman for years almost dominated the world of American popular music. Bing Crosby sang with him as a member of a trio. George Gershwin played the piano and composed his memorable melodies, especially the ambitious "Rhapsody in Blue" which Whiteman played with a huge orchestra and thus helped to make the composer and himself more famous. The piece, "My Wonderful One" was written for Whiteman's first wife, Julie, and it was sung at the wedding of his daughter of the same name.

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