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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.
1 Timothy 2:5

Rating The Movies

As of November 1, motion picture advertising in billboards and otherwise carried one of these ratings "G", "M", "R" or "X".

The new rating policy is designed to indicate the type of entertainment movie-goers are paying to see.

"G" means general, Joy Theatre Manager Eugene McSwain says, which means it's a safe and desirable film for the whole family.

"M" stands for mature, indicating the film might not be interesting for the very young.

"R" stands for restricted, meaning that children under 16 will be admitted only when accompanied by their parents or guardian.

"X" means the film is strictly off limits to children under 16, who will not be admitted.

The motion picture industry is often criticized for the type of entertainment it offers and the new policy of ratings has been evolved to help the customer.

Nixon Has Right Idea

"My first job," president-elect Richard M. Nixon said shortly after noon Wednesday, "is to get the country together."

He prefaced his remarks by noting that during the campaign he saw a lot of campaign signs, "some of them not very nice, some of them very nice".

He referred, of course, to a modern phenomenon in United States politics, which advanced the ranting heckler to prominence as a political instrument.

It should not be.

"What has become of freedom of speech?" an Asheville youth inquired, after he had been ejected bodily from George Wallace's Asheville rally.

The answer might well have been that freedom of speech is not license.

Any freedom for one implies that all others be accorded the same, a practice not followed during the 1968 campaign.

Mr. Nixon should make an effective president.

He is as well trained for this demanding task as any who has come to the office, with his background of service as California representative and senator and as vice-president.

Eight years ago, this newspaper would have felt the need of draping in black crepe had Mr. Nixon been the successful candidate.

The Herald does not feel that way today, as stated editorially three weeks ago.

Mr. Nixon's defeat for California governor in 1962 was a blessing in disguise, for Mr. Nixon came of age, so to speak, as a statesman, rather than as a mere politician.

He faces the prospect of trying to unify the nation with the opposition party in control of both branches of the Congress.

Hopefully, the Democratic leadership, as it did with President Eisenhower, will eschew peanut politics and support the president for the good of the nation.

All should pray that, as president, Mr. Nixon will be guided by the Higher Power.

Glad It's Scott

For reasons aforementioned, the Herald is quite glad that Lieutenant-Governor Robert W. Scott was the successful candidate for governor.

Neither as U. S. Representative or candidate, nor as delegate to the Republican national convention, did James Gardner provide evidence he is equipped for the governor's role in this state.

On the record, Mr. Scott has shown a fitness for the office held two decades ago by his father W. Kerr Scott.

Bob Scott is a different type from his plain-speaking, tobacco-chewing father. Some may think happily so.

Scott, when he edged Clifton Blue for lieutenant-governor, was not considered to be on Governor Dan Moore's team. However, the record of Moore-Scott cooperation during the past four years has been one of cooperation.

Congratulations to William Lawrence Plonk, recently elected vice-president of the Cleveland County Farm Bureau, and to Tom Z. Hord, re-elected president.

Cordial best bows to Neil McCarter, elected to membership in Omicron Delta Kappa, Erskine college honor fraternity, and to Phillip Carl Warlick, Appalachian State university student, named to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities".

Sincere sympathy goes to the families of Sergeant Robert Larry Dellinger, killed in action in Vietnam, and of Police Officer Don Henderson, who lost his life in an automobile accident, also in line of duty.

A cordial welcome to Joe M. Laney, Jr., who will serve as director of Kings Mountain's urban renewal program. Ex-Marine Laney has impressive credentials in his work history and these credentials are buttressed by a frank, friendly and open personality.

The best news in highway toll statistics is that degree of personal injury seems to be improving. The automobile, indispensable to modern living, remains a lethal weapon.

With politics now a matter of record, folk can return to their regular fare on the television tube. Just about everyone is tired: candidates, news reporters, and John Q. Public.

The Broyhill Victory

United States Representative James Broyhill's victory over Representative Basil L. Whitener must be termed "smashing".

Most political observers figured the contest as close, including Mr. Whitener himself, who reasoned in late 1967 that he could squeeze out a victory by about 5000 votes.

The results show a variance in that opinion of nearly 20,000, as Mr. Broyhill's winning margin approximates 15,000 votes.

Mr. Broyhill thus proved again he is an able vote-getter.

Several "why's" are apparent in Mr. Whitener's loss.

One observer opines that Mr. Whitener was a victim of backlash occasioned by the candidacy of George Wallace for president. The thinking is that those protesting in behalf of Wallace let their "against" spirit cross over to other races.

Nor did Mr. Whitener fare as well in his home county of Gaston as he normally does.

This is hard to understand, though Gaston has shown a pattern in recent years of moving in the direction of the Republican party.

Many commented during the campaign that neither Whitener nor Broyhill deserved to lose, both having served their constituents well.

Our congratulations to Mr. Broyhill and our commiserations to Mr. Whitener.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

Last December I met Representative Jim Broyhill for the first time. As I asked him about his ranking on the several House committees, he noted he was on the select committee on small business and "next session I will rank third."

At that time, I felt Mr. Broyhill might be confident to the point of over-confidence. According to the vote total, my judgment could not have been worse. He defeated six-term veteran Basil Whitener by nearly 15,000 votes—about the same margin he trounced Robert Davis, of Salisbury, in 1964.

He also serves on the postoffice and civil service committee (sixth ranking Republican) and the interstate and foreign commerce committee (seventh ranking Republican).

It was a record vote at both Kings Mountain precincts. A total of 1867 voted at West Kings Mountain, or 285 more than in the general election of 1964. A total of 1337 balloted at East Kings Mountain, for an aggregate Kings Mountain figure of 3224.

Last voter at West Kings Mountain was Dorus G. Littlejohn, the veteran Republican judge. Mrs. J. H. Arthur said Mr. Littlejohn had been busy to the point he almost forgot to vote himself. Republicans had the honor therefore of opening and closing the voting at the Armory, as Bobby F. Maner was the first voter recorded.

At City Hall, Tillman Pearson was the first voter recorded, while William C. Kelly (that would be Clavon, wouldn't it?) was the last voter.

East Kings Mountain, with less registrants than West Kings Mountain, edged West in one category: absentee ballots. Mrs. Neil Cranford, registrar, logged 39 absentees, including 29 from military personnel and ten from civilians. Mrs. Arthur had 31, including 22 from men in service and nine from civilians.

As this is written, Bob Scott is the apparent winner for governor, thus keeping unbroken a continuing skein of Democrats in the Governor's Mansion which dates to the turn of the century. Last Republican to win for governor was D. L. Russell, of Brunswick County, who won the election in 1896. It reminds that Wray Williams, leading Kings Mountain Republican, recalls working in that election as a lad of 15. Russell's victory was a fusion or Populist victory, as the farmers in great numbers joined with Republicans to win.

Brunswick County, incidentally, is a coastal county, on the border of South Carolina and south of New Hanover (county seat Wilmington).

West Kings Mountain had a smoothly functioning team of election officials, and lines of voters had already formed before the polls opened. Mrs. Arthur thinks something akin to a modern speed record was set as some 80 voters were processed in a 15-minute period.

The C. F. Thomasson family was well-represented in the election day work. Mrs. Thomasson was a judge at West Kings Mountain. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. George Thomasson, worked at West Kings Mountain and another member of the West election team was Karen Goins Moss, on loan for the day from George, whom she serves as secretary.

Counting was virtually completed at the West box at midnight. Mrs. Cranford got home about 1:20 a.m.

Work of the registrars did not end with the counting. Both Mrs. Cranford and Mrs. Arthur were busy Wednesday, putting permanent record cards in their registration books. The new registrations exceeded the estimates of the county elections board and several precincts, including the two here, had to use make-shift registration cards.

Kind Of Freedom Needed



Viewpoints of Other Editors

SMILES THROUGH THE TEARS

Czechoslovakia's fiftieth anniversary of independence is marred and saddened by the presence of Soviet tanks and jackboots along the Vltava and in the High Tatra. Twenty-five years ago, what should have been a silver jubilee was likewise spoiled by tanks and jackboots—only those were the tanks of the Nazi, not the Soviet oppressor. But just as the music of Dvorak and Smetana bespeaks, alongside the heartache, the unquenchable spirit of their countrymen, so this week's muted celebrations in Prague and Bratislava are revealing subtly how hard it is completely to cow them.

First there were the tributes at the weekend from the Government in Prague to the two founders and the only democratic presidents in the history of Czechoslovak independence: Thomas Masaryk and Eduard Benes. This was all the more remarkable because throughout its efforts to keep Prague in line, Moscow has done its utmost to discredit these two national heroes.

And second, at the weekend, came the approval of the National Assembly in Prague of the principle of a federal system of government which would give Czechs and Slovaks a greater measure of autonomy within the whole than they have enjoyed hitherto. This move—which had a place in the overall program of liberalizing reforms which the Russians are trying to kill—is intended to guarantee for the Slovaks within the republic a full equality which they felt the Czechs sometimes denied them.

What is awaited now is the Russian reaction to this earnest of the Czechoslovaks' intent to proceed with the federal plan. They are known to view it with misgiving because: (1) it weakens centralized party control, without which they feel communism cannot stand; and (2) it lessens the openings which rivalry between Czechs and Slovaks might give them for dividing and conquering, the favorite tactic of imperialists throughout the ages.

Christian Science Monitor

NONPARTISAN JUDICIARY

Judicature invites presidential and senatorial candidates to announce their support of the principle of merit selection of federal judges.

Every newspaper reader knows that politics plays too big a part in federal judicial appointments, and there is widespread public sentiment against it. Under the present system this is almost inevitable. The President is the political leader of his party; the judgeships are political plums, and the dispensing of them constitutes a considerable part of senatorial and administration politics. At the same time, there is justifiable concern about the role of the Department of Justice in judicial appointments in view of the fact that the Department is the leading litigant in the federal courts.

Selection of judges on the basis of character, educational attainments, legal competence and judicial aptitude is greatly aided by the merit plan, under which appointments are made from names submitted by a non-partisan nominating commission. This system is in successful operation in more than a dozen states, and a movement for its wider adoption is sweeping the country.

A constitutional amendment for a non-partisan nominating commission for federal judicial appointments should be a long-range objective for the attainment of a high-quality federal judiciary. Meanwhile, the benefits of the merit plan may be had at once by establishment of a commission in aid of the President's constitutional appointing authority. This could be by act of Congress, by a bill originating in the Senate, which has the constitutional power of advice and consent.

It is not necessary, however, to wait even for Congress. Any President can establish a non-partisan nominating commission at any time by his own executive order, following the successful example of both Democratic and Republican mayors of New York City and governors of several states.

The administration of justice should be above politics. This requires that the judicial office itself be above politics. The merit plan is a proven means of attaining this desirable goal. What President will be the first not only to make a non-political judiciary a policy of his administration but also to pledge himself in advance to that end?

Judicature (Chicago)

Ten Years Ago

Items of interest which occurred approximately ten years ago

Majority of Kings Mountain area citizens ignored the polling booths Tuesday in the biennial general election but those who did vote returned majorities which coincided in result with those of the county and state.

A Kings Mountain Rotary club has been organized, it was announced by Haywood E. Lynch, who has been elected president.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Jackie Barrett and Miss Rita Falls honored Mrs. Carl Dean Barrett at a shower Thursday night at the Barrett home.

Mrs. Paul Mauney was hostess Thursday night to the regular meeting of the Margrace Woman's club.

PLEASE DON'T, MAURICE

We don't believe it. Or, rather, we don't want to believe it. We cannot imagine a worse blow to French-American relations.

The report which we do not wish to believe is that of the retirement of Maurice Chevalier. True, we have not seen him as much of late as was the case—with those of us who remember back that far—before World War II. But it was reassuring to know that he was still about, still wearing his straw hat inimitably tipped to one side, still speaking the most outrageous, yet irresistible, parody of English with a French accent.

We know that France and Paris will stand, even when Chevalier has retired (after 68 years on stage). But we are not sure that any of us, at least in America, will feel that we understand either France or Paris so well when not looked at through the aura of Chevalier's songs and patter.

The hope which buoys us up is that this retirement, like the one announced in 1947, will be more than Chevalier can bear, and that he will emulate so many doughty troopers of the past who

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor,

The United Fund Campaign Committee wishes to thank the Herald and its staff for the support given to this year's drive. The many articles concerning the agencies participating in the United Fund, the general publicity given to the drive in the October 24th edition of the Herald, the co-op advertisement in the same edition—all contributed to the success of our 1969 United Fund.

Again, thank you and we look forward to your continued support in the future.

Sincerely,
Shuford K. Peeler
Campaign Chairman

Veterans Administration physicians have performed about 350 of about 1,000 kidney transplants made in the United States since the first such operation was performed in 1952.

KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log

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 - Mrs. Clarence A. Stamey, P. O. Box 357, Bessemer City
- ADMITTED WEDNESDAY**
- Phillip Anthony Moss, 106 Center street
- Dear Editor:
- The United Fund of Kings Mountain would like to express their appreciation to the remarkable people that make up this community. It takes this type of people to make a success of a United Fund Drive which is directed at helping others rather than self. With this type of people, the community can never fear the future.
- John A. Cheshire
President
Kings Mountain United Fund

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