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**TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE**  
 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. Romans 8:28.

**Post Mortem**

With a few pockets of exceptions, principally Connecticut and Tennessee, Tuesday's election on a nationwide basis was a Democratic victory, bearing out much of prior history which shows the party in the White House loses strength in non-presidential years.

The Democrats won 12 governorships they had not held and lost only two.

In turn, the Democrats also retained control of both the House of Representatives and of the Senate.

In the North Carolina tenth district, the election results proved a virtual repeat of those in 1968, when Representative Jim Broyhill defeated then-Representative Basil Whitener by slightly over 15,000 votes. With 225 of 230 precincts reported, Broyhill had 62,607 to Whitener's 47,451.

One of this state's major surprises was not that Earl Ruth won re-election in the eighth district race for the House, but by the margin of nearly 11,000 votes in an election which had been predicted to be a cliff-hanger.

Ollie Harris won handily for the state senate seat being vacated by Jack White and feels highly gratified by the vote accorded him by his Cleveland County homefolk and the 97-vote margin by which he won Gaston. Though Mr. Whitener did not carry his home county of Gaston, it was the fact of his candidacy which proved of considerable benefit to Mr. Harris.

Representative W. K. Mauney, Jr. led all three counties in piling up a 2 to 1 victory over A. Hobart Greene.

Another candidate who feels good is a non-winner. But Bob Maner, Republican candidate for county commissioner was the victor in the two Kings Mountain precincts, no mean feat in these normally Democratic precincts.

On the national scene it would appear that the voters have dis-endorsed the economic policies of the Nixon Administration, which have had the effect of producing a recession without the hoped-for commensurate benefit of lower prices for goods and services.

Mr. Nixon is probably the only president in history who planned and worked for an economic downturn. Others, most notably in this century President Herbert Hoover, had to suffer depression, but they weren't contriving it. The message of the voters is clear.

**"Tax" Still Dirty Word**

As this is written, the \$850,000 bond issue for Cleveland Technical Institute is dead by 31 votes out of 11,239 cast.

Jim Petty, who runs the institute, indicated Wednesday he would ask the elections board for a recount, which may or may not be granted.

The issue of the permissive five-cents operational tax was decided in clear-cut fashion, the voters turning down the tax by 892 votes.

It's a reminder that most folk still regard "tax" as a dirty word.

The voters had rejected a similar issue when they declined to approve the extra supplemental tax for public schools.

The result, the Herald feels, is unfortunate, for Cleveland Technical Institute provides instruction in a wide variety of skills — needed by individual citizens, as well as by commerce and industry.

But in a democracy the voice of the people is boss, and the people have spoken. Once again.

Tuesday's election provided more evidence of the need to split the county's six largest precincts. West Kings Mountain, for instance, where 1217 persons voted created an election counting chere—that lasted until nearly midnight.

Cleveland County elections, happily, are managed in businesslike fashion. Final totals in Polk County were still not available at noon Wednesday.

**Capt. Meek Ormand**

Batie Meek Ormand, affectionately called "Captain Meek" by all who knew him, was Kings Mountain's beloved centenarian whose passing on Saturday will leave a void in the community.

Capt. Ormand got much out of living because he put much into it... and he left a positive imprint on his community. In his 101 years of living, a goal seldom aspired by the average man, he lived life to the hilt during 50 years of service with the Southern Railroad, watching the rails in their most exciting days. He knew travel, too, by horse and buggy, progressing with the times to automation and then into the Space Age of the 20th Century.

What a long and glorious span of years.

Folks who knew him well before his retirement in 1939 remember that he took great pride in his dress and he was known for his neat conductor's uniform. He did not wear his acceptable inexpensive cap like that of his cohorts... rather he paid \$5 for the more tailored conductor's hat that added to his dignity. It was such a reputation that allowed him and his train to be chosen back in 1916 to deliver Woodrow Wilson on his campaign trail in this section. Of this he was proud.

And, being election time, we are reminded that he also boasted that he had never broken the Democratic ticket. He was a true party man.

Showing their affection for Capt. Ormand, the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club honored him at a dinner when he was marking his 100th birthday... remembering that he had not missed a meeting in his 27 years of membership. The First Presbyterian Church, where he had held a perfect attendance Sunday School record for 23 years, also honored him when he reached that important 100th milestone, feting him at a covered dish luncheon. Many of his friends called with warm wishes and greetings when his family honored him at open house on the same anniversary.

A man of sincerity, a man with a Christian mind and heart, he was a booster for Kings Mountain and its citizens. He lived a full and useful life and was a man to be trusted and admired.

He will have a special place in the hearts of all who knew and loved this colorful but gentle, good man.

**Broughton Deflection**

Many persons muttered this week they had voted for the wrong man when they cast a ballot for Mel Broughton, Jr., when he opposed Bob Scott for governor.

The muttering stemmed from Broughton's endorsement of the Republican candidate for Congress in the fourth district, and amid other indications that Broughton shortly will change his label to Republican.

Any person should be what he wants to be, but Broughton has enjoyed many honors from the Democratic party — chairman of the highway commission, chairman of the Democratic party, and once a resident of the Governor's Mansion when his father was governor.

For a person of that background to switch labels smacks of political opportunism at which, if he does switch, likely will prove unsuccessful.

Political parties, like churches, welcome all comers, but many regular Republicans will look askance at a Broughton switch.

"Barefoot in the Park", the Neil Simon comedy opens for a four-night run Friday at the Woman's Club. If previous productions by the Kings Mountain are a sample, play-goers can expect a delightful evening.

**MEDICINE MARTIN'S**

Death of Captain Batie Meek Ormand last weekend at more than 191 years of age removed from Kings Mountain one of its strong characters.

The retired rail conductor, who spent 50 years with Southern Railways, had an earlier career as a merchant in Baden, where he was a partner in a non-prescription type drug store in the days when the soft drink Bevo was a household word.

When the French launched the project that is today Alcoa Aluminum Company at Baden, Captain Ormand was their mule buyer — dams were built mule-powered drag pans — art he purchased some 200 head for the French.

One of his prized memories was serving as conductor on the Atlanta-Charlotte train in 1916 which numbered among its cars the special one of President Woodrow Wilson. The Captain was President Wilson's guest at dinner. What made it even more enjoyable for both was the fact they were both ardent Democrats. Captain Ormand walked through muck and mire to cast his first vote in 1890 — Democratic and the only way he ever voted.

Captain Ormand quit driving of his own volition. He told me he was going to quit when his license expired. I suggested he take the examination. There would be nothing to lose. He replied, "To tell the truth, I can't see well enough to drive."

Ollie Harris had suggested I check the spelling of Captain Meek's first name and I dropped by Mrs. Troy Carpenter's. She said she wasn't exactly sure. When she was to be married the wedding invitations used one spelling and when her sister Sara Kate was to be married she used another. We settled for the spelling in the Ormand family bible.

A stock listing I check frequently, though do not own, is Lykes-Youngstown. My interest stems from the fact that I knew the Fred Lykes family who lived on a farm at Arden, between Asheville and Hendersonville. Recently I thought the Charlotte Observer dividend listing on the preferred was a misprint. It was selling for \$20 or a little better and the dividend was listed at \$2.50 quite a handsome return. I called Mrs. Devore Smith and she explained the why. Just the day before the company directors had omitted the common dividend and deferred the preferred. The Youngstown Sheet & Tube division is developing an iron ore reserve and the directors apparently elected to spread the earnings rather than finance the project by loans.

The late Fred Lykes was one of six brothers who owned Lykes Steamship Lines, which not only owned a fleet of freighters, but a large cattle ranch in Texas, sugar plantations in Cuba, and banana trees in South America. Mr. Lykes, a Republican, could have passed as the twin brother of Alf Landon, former governor of Kansas and 1936 candidate for president.

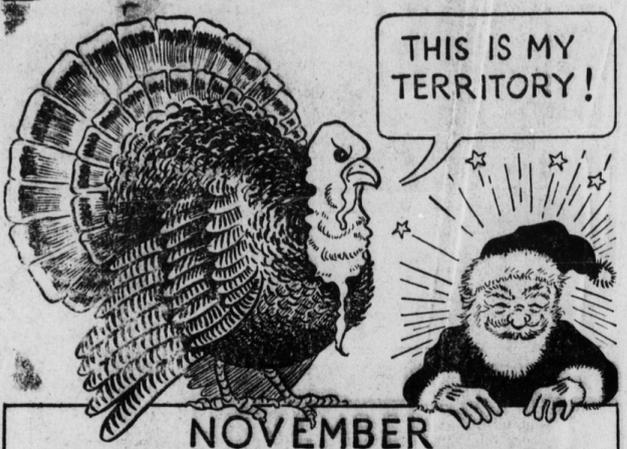
The elder son was a dwarf, but he was one of the most personable lads I ever knew. In spite of his stature he drove an auto and did about everything anybody else did. He studied naval engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and went to work in the Lykes offices at Philadelphia. After a few years there was a vacancy up the ladder and Gene was qualified for the promotion — but it was vetoed due to his stature. It was too much to bear and he shot and killed himself.

Bob Davis of Salisbury, who challenged Jim Broyhill in 1964, was asked when he spoke here three years ago if he had any regrets about offering and losing. "Oh, no," he philosophized. "I lost by 15,000 votes but 76,000 people voted for me. I met people and made lifelong friends during the campaign, people I would never have known had I not run."

Bob also laughed about what his grandfather told him. "Son," he said during the campaign, "you may not want to advertise this too much, but you and Jim Broyhill are distant cousins. Both families emigrated from a very early time."

Earl Ruth who won re-election to a second term in Congress is the nephew of Hilton Ruth and is a former Kings Mountain recreation director. He was a basketball star at the University of Chapel Hill, later coached at Catawba then became Catawba's dean of students. My memory is that Earl wore size 12 shoes. From his 11,000 victory margin, his big Number 12's found the right highways and byways in the eighth district.

**Up Popo Santa Claus**



**NOVEMBER**

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Henry McCoarn

**Viewpoints of Other Editors**

**NO NEED TO MOW**

It could be that one of the burdens of homeowners will be lessened by science before too long.

The delightful possibility of grass that never needs mowing arises out of experiments being conducted by two scientists at Rutgers University. They're collecting grass seeds in an effort to develop a variety which won't grow long enough to be mowed.

The work is being done for the New Jersey Highway Department which spend about three-fourths of a million dollars a year to mow the grass.

But if success is reached at Rutgers we expect the reverberations will be felt far beyond the boundaries of New Jersey. It is not likely that such a product could be limited to one state in the face of almost unanimous demand by homeowners.

The effects would be far reaching and it is probable that the whole life-style of suburbia would be changed. In the first place, existence would be more peaceful without the staccato roars of the power mowers. In the second place, father could play golf or go fishing more often, and in the third place, Junior would not have to think up excuses for not mowing.

It is to be presumed that in developing a stunted grass the scientists would see to it that it would be a variety to crowd out crab grass. In that case an important subject for suburban neighborhood conversation would be eliminated.

Many scientific experiments are beyond our understanding. But here is one for which we wish complete success.

Indianapolis News

**SKYLINE AMERICA**

On a clear day, the New Jersey haze is all the more visible upon New York City. Uphrushed through it is the New York skyline. Together, the haze and skyscrapers are symbols of urban America. They must have a tremendous impact on the visitor to America, approaching for the first time by air.

This past week, there was a change in the skyline. A section of steel was added to one of the two World Trade Center towers now going up in Manhattan. And the tower became the world's tallest structure, surpassing the 1,250 feet height of the Empire State Building by four feet.

That's the way it goes in New York, one might say. The audacity of the towering structure, topping the city world, somehow befits the New York scale of things, even in this day of widespread reaction against the display and deployment of material power and assets.

Of course, the New Yorkers themselves will be out one before long by Chicagoans. In the lake-side city, Sears, Roebuck & Co. will soon build a 1,450-foot structure — about 100 feet higher than the World Trade Center towers.

Urban America. Out of the heat of her slums and prosperity, great phoenixes rise.

—Christian Science Monitor

**LITTERAL JUSTICE**

One of man's basic instincts — in addition to seeking food, shelter and relative comfort — seems to be to litter. You don't have to be an Indian to spot where people have been — if you are too nearsighted to see the trail of refuse, you'll know it when you walk into it.

Oregon has come up with a solution that strikes us as sensible. Convicted litterers there face fines of up to \$250 and six months in jail and — the big and — they spend most of their jail time picking litter off state highways. Now that is real justice.

Chicago Daily News

**MORE LEISURE PER WEEK?**

When forecasters write concerning the year 2000, they predict that people will be working a three-day, even a two-day week. Machines and computers will make this possible. But the experts aren't waiting for 2000 to talk up the four-day week.

A few companies have gone to the four-day schedule already. Some unions, even the American Federation of Teachers, include it as a bargaining point. (Schools wouldn't reduce to four days — teacher aides would carry the instructional burden on the fifth day.)

Most workers admire the idea of a three-day weekend. Surprisingly, some employers who have tried the four-day arrangement say that, overall, it maintains productivity, even increases it. Some of them, of course, boost the daily hours to nine. Instead of eight.

Not everyone thinks this departure is an unmixed blessing. Some wives say they couldn't stand having the wage earner a three-day weekend. Social scientists wonder if man is prepared for so much leisure. Some labor leaders say the four-day week encourages moonlighting, thus taking jobs from somebody else.

If it becomes general, the four-day week will require adjustments in thought and habit. Surely it could free individuals for wide-horizoned elevating avocations, for thought and study. We could benefit by a more leisured, civilized life pace — providing mankind was ready to make constructive use of its "free time."

Christian Science Monitor

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**Letter To Editor**

The Young Adult Class of Kings Mountain Baptist Church thanks you for the coverage of our adult and young people meetings at the Community Center Saturday and Sunday. The young speakers were great and spoke to a crowd of 300 young people.

Thank you for being so cooperative and helpful.

Sincerely,  
 Becky Plonk

**Shehan Services Held On Sunday**

Funeral services for Robert Lee Shehan of Mocksville were conducted at Sisk Funeral Home Sunday at 5 p.m. with the Rev. Frank Shirley officiating.

Native of Rutherford County, he was 53 years old and was the son of the late James and Mary Miller Shehan.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. W. W. Morehead of Kings Mountain and one brother, Henry T. Shehan of Charlotte.

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