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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. Psalm 19:1

Off and Running

With the passing of the filing deadline Monday, the die is now cast for the biennial city and board of education elections.

If registration activity is an indication, as is usual, there should be a good turnout of voters on May 11.

Citizens have a residual interest in the government closest to them and city and education agencies are the closest.

There is a good field of candidates.

Meantime, congratulations are in order to City Commissioners W. Seimore Biddix and James J. Dickey and to board of education member P. A. Francis who are unopposed for re-election.

Each has proved worthy members of their respective boards.

Commissioner Biddix will be beginning his fourth term, Commissioner Dickey his second. Mr. Francis was appointed when the late Holmes Harry resigned to ill health and is on the ballot for the first time.

Saturday is the last day to register for the May 11 voting and unregistered citizens should avail themselves of the opportunity to get their names on the pollbooks.

School Tuition

In a way it seems wrong to charge parents or youngsters to attend the public schools, but as usual there are two sides to the coin.

In-district parents pay their tuition in the form of a 20 cents per \$100 valuation ad valorem tax supplement, while, if no tuition were charged out-of-district pupils, they would be receiving favored treatment.

The tax supplement and tuition fees provide the extras not included in the austere state funds received and makes better schools. These funds enable the board of education to employ extra teachers over state allotment, support athletic programs, and provide other benefits.

It still takes money to make the mare go.

Samuel Ralph Davidson

The death of Samuel Ralph (Pop) Davidson removed a former Kings Mountain police chief.

When Officer Davidson was elevated to the chief's position, he realized the shortcomings in his education.

Witful, he served well, and had the reputation of being impeccably honest.

Heartily congratulations to Miss Debbie Timms, Kings Mountain's new beauty queen, who is as gracious as she is pretty, to Miss Deborah Burns, Miss Congeniality and second runner-up, and to Miss Laura Ann Hudson, first runner-up and Miss Katherine Ervin, Miss Congeniality.

Insurance Clean-up

The Governor has endorsed a legislative study committee's report that would scrap the state's compulsory auto liability insurance plan and permit insurance companies to compete for business in that field.

Hailed as a panacea for requiring every motorist in accident to be equipped to pay the other fellow, the compulsory factor apparently has created as many ills, maybe more, than it was supposed to cure.

As the cost of automobiles and repairs have escalated so have insurance rates. Worse perhaps is the increasing practice of insurance companies cancelling policies and forcing motorists into the assigned risk category, with resulting increased cost and, worse, with minimal coverage.

It has been acknowledged for several years that something needed to be done, but what was more difficult to assess.

The legislative study commission has done a good job in compiling its report.

While the legislature seldom adopts legislation without change, it would do well to implement the major features of the report into law.

The report has one omission that many feel should be considered — the concept of "no fault" insurance, particularly for minor claims.

The race for Ward 5 city commissioner wound up a little crowded with five candidates. The honor for crowding usually goes to Ward 3. Commissioner Tommy Ellison, opposed by Wilburn Hamrick and Bob Smith, avers he is not jealous and that Ward 5 is welcome to the honor of having most candidates.

Social Security Costs

Gone or the days when the bite on pay checks for social security was small.

When the program was initiated in 1937 the tax on both employees and employers was a mild one percent each. Not so today.

The tax on each is now 5.2 percent and already built into the law are further escalations.

The benefits, of course, are increasing too.

The initial social security concept was social security payments as a supplement to the savings — cash, home, etc. — a person had compiled during his working years.

Since through the years the policy has evolved to provide retired persons a major portion of their retirement income.

Perhaps the evolution is right. Some people are good savers, others poor savers.

Larger benefits should cut the bill for public welfare.

The Big Spool

Holy Niblick! Have You Golfers Heard About Rep. Day's Bill?

That headline is over a recent feature in the Wall Street Journal by W. Stewart Pinkerton, Jr.

It all began on April 3, when the Saturday Review printed a letter to the editor by K. Jason Sitewell criticizing a bill by Congressman A. F. Day which would abolish all privately owned parks of more than 50 acres and all public recreation areas of more than 150 acres that are used by fewer than 150 persons a day.

The effect: to abolish the nation's golf courses, public and private.

The letter created quite a storm among the nation's golfers, brought scathing editorials from sports writers, increased the mail of Congressmen, and excited many.

The facts, when finally unraveled, revealed that Saturday Review editor Noman Cousins was merely playing a giant hoax as a joke. There was no K. Jason Sitewell, no Congressman A. F. Day. Editor Cousins wrote the letter himself and when he confessed to the prank said after all A. F. Day should have been interpreted as April Fool's Day.

Editor Cousins' judgment in the matter is questionable.

Journals charged with the duty of distributing light and learning should do just that.

Every journalist knows it is easy enough to botch the facts when he's trying to get the story right.

At any rate, the golfers can now breathe more easily — until they hook or slice or miss a putt on the links.

Congratulations to David Carl Smith on his honor for scholastics in the Firestone Tire and Rubber company competition.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

C. V. Henkel, Jr., of Statesville, who died recently, was a former boss of mine.

A summer resident of Blowing Rock, C. V. and a partner founded the Blowing Rocket in the early thirties. Later, when his business duties became too pressing it was his practice to employ a couple of University of North Carolina embryo journalists to operate the paper from mid-June through Labor Day.

The summer of 1938, prior to my stint in 1939, the team was Will Arey, Jr., of Shelby, and Oliver Crawley, of Mt. Airy, and it was on Will's recommendation that I joined George Laycock at Blowing Rock. I worked for Arey on the Daily Tar Heel and George had done a year's work in journalism after finding himself embargoed from going to Japan to teach at the University of Tokyo the summer of 1938.

While the pay was meager, the experience was quite valuable. C. V. reminded me a lot of Fred Plonk. Their statute was comparable and both, at the time, were auto and farm equipment dealers. C. V. supplied us a car which George nicknamed Aunt Cora because "she was so balky". It was a 1932 Dodge sedan and used more oil than gas. But she ran and navigated the curves to Boone where we had the paper printed at Bob Rivers' Watauga Democrat plant.

George, my elder by ten years, had been a district salesman for Folger Buick in Charlotte before going abroad in 1937 and his business experience taught me a lot. In turn, I was more experienced in news work so we made a good team and set a record for the Rocket in both advertising lineage and net profit.

Not yet married, C. V. resided with his mother in a lovely home overlooking the John's River valley, a couple of homes up-street from the home now owned by the Carl Mayes.

C. V.'s mother at our first visit told me she had a very dear friend in Statesville, Mrs. Katherine Frazier, who had formerly lived in Kings Mountain and she felt sure I knew her. She continued to inquire about "dear Katherine." For about two weeks I was a complete blank until light finally dawned. I had perhaps met Mr. Frazier only once. "Oh," I said, "that's Aunt Katie!" My regard at the Henkel home went up accordingly.

C. V. was partner in a ridge with Wynn Harper from Lenoir and a Mr. Finley from North Wilkesboro which they offered at auction. The Penney Brothers from Greensboro were the auctioneers and there was the usual auction hoopla, with a brass band, cash prizes and country ham. Aunt Katie was up for the week-end and won one of the \$50 cash prizes. I was left the sale before it was over but saw Aunt Katie that evening at the Green Park hotel club. "Did you buy any real estate?" I asked. "Law, no," Aunt Katie replied. "I don't want any of their worthless mountain real estate. Besides, Mr. Frazier doesn't like high climate."

Aunt Katie had a reputation as a good business woman, but in that instance she made a mistake. At the time there was only one frame house in Norwood Park. Today the only way to get a residence in Norwood Park is to buy it. There are no vacant lots. The Billy Mauneys did that and have what I consider among the most choice locations. The home sits high on a bluff overlooking US 321 with a full view of the river valley and Grandfather Mountain looming to the west.

C. V. served in both branches of the General Assembly and ran second in the race for the governor in 1934, losing to the electoral brown-bagging legislation through the Senate.

C. V. was a good man to work for, seldom pulled on the reins concerning operation of the Blowing Rocket.

His passing at 62 is a matter of regret for me.

WRITTEN IN RED ON OUR PAVEMENTS

TIP TO MOTORISTS

DRIVE SLOWLY ENOUGH SO YOU CAN SEE THE SCENIC BEAUTY OF THE WORLD. TOO MUCH SPEED OFTEN HELPS YOU SEE THE NEXT.

TOUGHER ENFORCEMENT OF TRAFFIC LAWS? HIGH POWERED MOTORS? LOWER SPEED LIMIT?

Viewpoints of Other Editors

WHO RUNS THE NATION?

Lives there a man who has never condemned some action of the President, the Congress or the Supreme Court? Probably not, but there are far too many who fail to notice, much less condemn, the far more extensive actions of the Fourth Branch of Government.

Federal regulatory agencies in effect, do more legislating, more administration, and more judging of their own administration, and more judging of their own legislation than the traditional branches of government. Despite the constitutional doctrine prescribing the separation of powers of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches of the federal government, Americans today live under the thumb of agencies which have usurped all of these powers in some degree — often with the blessing of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches.

Suppose you run a railroad. You must obey the restrictions laid down by the Interstate Commerce Commission. Much of what the ICC (or any other federal agency) dictates has not been devised by the elected representatives of the people, nor passed up on by the courts—but it has the force of law. Thus, the ICC makes the rules, issues the complaint against those who break its rules, and then cast as prosecutor, judge and jury.

The ICC was picked for this example because it owns one of the better records among regulatory agencies. Fantastic examples of flouting the public weal can be found in the files of every federal agency.

The United States Government organization manual lists 47 independent federal agencies, almost all of which perform regulatory functions. There is a Big Seven, however, and this group has the bulk of the power. The ICC was formed in 1887 and has been joined by the Federal Trade Commission, Federal Power Commission, Federal Communications Commission, Securities and Exchange Commission, National Labor Relations Board and Civil Aeronautics Board.

Each of these performs a worthy function and the establishment of each fulfilled a great need at the time. The drawback, however, is that each has built a tower of power over the years. This power all too often translates into dictatorial actions from which there is little or no recourse.

Plainly, the constitutional branches of government, especially Congress, have allowed their constitutional power to be eroded. Presidential edict and influence can sometimes affect actions of the agencies. The courts occasionally overrule agency decisions. But Congress is very reluctant to ever do anything about agencies except give them more power.

Every President from Woodrow Wilson to Richard M. Nixon has tried in one way or another to cut some of the responsibility that erroneously been given to the agencies back in the hands of the proper branch of government. The late John F. Kennedy made the most ambitious attempt to reshape the regulatory agencies shortly after he became president in 1961, but Congress negated most of his plans.

The Nixon administration has met with even more frustrations on this score. Not only has the President had to deal with a Congress dominated by the other party, but most of the regulatory agencies have been filled with

THE ESTABLISHMENT GAP

"Corresponding to the growing alienation of our students is a growing creative effort in painting, music, and theater. There is also a great surge of interest in medicine and law because these professions offer opportunities for participation in social change for the youth." I hope society is ready for this artistic and professional ferment.

So said Columbia University president William McGill to the Economic Club of Detroit.

But if society is ready for the artistic and professional and the rest of the ferment welling up within youth? Or will youths truly have to create their own institutions as alternatives or additions to established society, as many say they must?

Surely on the political front, youth seems to be letting its ties to the established parties wither. The latest Gallup survey shows that 52 percent of college students now label themselves independents, compared with 39 percent five years ago. The percentage calling themselves Democrats fell from 35 percent to 30 percent. The Republican count fell from 26 percent to 18 percent.

By and large most adults think youth will one day "come around." There was some support for youth's inclination to do so in a recent survey taken for John D. Rockefeller III and the Task Force on Youth. The survey showed that beneath youth's mistrust of the establishment, and the establishment's anger toward youth, lay a broad base of agreement on social issues and goals. Indeed, beneath the surface, students and establishment leaders very much want to combine forces and work things out together, the Rockefeller survey found.

Other findings in the Gallup survey showed that the largest portion (41 percent) of youth, like those who purportedly represent the establishment, are already moderate in their views. True, college youth's views are weighted to the left by a margin of two to one. But those considering themselves far left or far right account for less than 10 percent of the total.

Given the essential moderateness of youth's and the establishment's thought, and the underlying desire of both to work together for the general welfare, one can but wonder at the agony society has been going through to reach an accommodation.

The truth is, of course, that both institutions and the expectations of youth will have to give. Nonetheless, that nearly half of all young educated persons cannot find it in themselves as Democrat or Republican, is a sure sign that the "establishment gap" for youth is far, far wider than it can be allowed to remain.

—Christian Science Monitor

KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log

VISITING HOURS
 Daily 10:30 to 11:30 A.M.
 3 to 4 P.M. and 7 to 8 P.M.

Joseph T. Altman
 Mrs. Claude Arrowwood
 Robt. Barnett
 Mrs. Otus Boone
 Rita Brooks
 Mrs. Roy Broome
 Burman Bryant
 W. K. Carroll
 Willis Carter
 Lisa Clay
 Hubert Clemmons
 Mrs. Mattie Davis
 Mrs. Floyd Dover
 Mrs. Elise Ford
 Mrs. Leola Gilmore
 Mrs. Willard Glance
 Floyd Herndon
 Mrs. O. O. Jackson
 Mrs. Wilhelmina Jennings
 Mrs. Virginia Johnson
 Mrs. Leroy Kale
 Mrs. Lva Latham

SHORTER WEEK?

Wouldn't it be wonderful to work only three days a week? There would be time for the book lying half-read on the bedside table, for an extra game of golf, for trips to the country, Freedom, Leisure, Luxury.

These are the prospects that can be visualized in experiments with a shorter work week. Many workers are enthusiastic, says a report from New York. Management has found it improves efficiency.

But a nagging doubt stirs among ecstatic reveries.

Didn't the wife say as you left for work this morning, "I wish you could find time to fix the roof, read the yard and take us to see my mother for a few days."

One can imagine a variety of such conversations: "Since you only have to work three days now, I don't see why you can't take care of the kids while I go shopping?"

Maybe the best place for a man is at work after all.

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 408 S. Canlier St., City
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 26 Elm St., City
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 319 Chestnut St., City
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METER RECEIPTS

Parking meter receipts for the week ending Wednesday noon totaled \$118.85, including \$105.10 from on-street meters and \$13.75 from off-street meters. City Clerk Joe McDaniel reported.

ROTARY PROGRAM

A program about the CH24 helicopter will feature the program of the Rotary club Thursday at 12:15 at the County Club. Bob Cox, retired army lieutenant colonel, will be speaker.