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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. I Corinthians 1:19.

## Nut At The Wheel

The traffic safety program the Lions club enjoyed at its recent meeting was a good one. The speakers knew whereof they spoke and gave some interesting information concerning the combatting of traffic accidents.

But the final statement in the discourse of each of them concerned that old bugaboo "the nut at the wheel". Patrolman C. D. Fortune says there should be some way to replace, or to tighten, that nut but he hasn't found it.

Generally speaking, one crop of nuts doesn't get cured until another crop comes along. The result has been higher insurance rates for cars driven by folk under 25, not to mention the increasing accident rate. In Cleveland County, more traffic fatalities have already occurred in 1953 than in all of 1952.

Driver education courses, tightened laws, more hard-boiled officers, improved safety efforts by the highway engineers will help. But parents, if they could bring themselves to be tough with their loved ones, could do more than

anyone to tighten the nut at the wheel. The chief of police, recently talking to a youthful driver with a reckless reputation, said, "Son, I'm telling you in advance, I'm going to see your father."

The lad liked that prospect least of any.

The city treasury pulled up into better shape during the last six weeks of the fiscal year ending June 30 due to better than customary tax collections, City Clerk Joe Hendrick said in commenting on the city's 1952-53 operations. The city slowed spending during that period, too, which also helped. Full collection efforts should be utilized to collect city tax bills, both real and personal, for it is not fair to require some to pay and to allow others to get by. Nor did the auditor's statement that some old tax bills and street assessments are deemed uncollectible make good reading to the vast majority of folk who had paid theirs. Congratulations to the new administration on their attention to these

matters of collection.

Announcement of Rowell Lane, high school principal, of the possibility of expanding high school elective courses, is a mere sample of one of the advantages awaiting the future school pupils of Number 4 Township if the citizens effect a high school consolidation program. The Kings Mountain expansion is being made possible through the addition of one teacher. Since teachers are alloted on a numerical formula, it is easy to see that a larger school population would result in a larger faculty and that a larger faculty would enable further broadening of the courses to be offered. Many pupils will be quick to take advantage of the opportunity for these new courses, our guess is,

Hearty congratulations to C. D. Blanton, who has been elected a vice-president of the North Carolina Pharmacy association for the year beginning next May. Recognition by others throughout the state is not only a signal personal honor, but an honor to his business partnership and to the community, too.

Cutting costs and improving service at the same time sometimes is an unusual combination, but Western Union is doing just that in its plan to change location to the Bus Station. If the change is approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission, as it most likely will be, service will be available 12 hours daily.

## **Industrial Expansion**

In naming a three-man industrial diversification committee, the city board of commissioners recognizes the advantages of expanding payroll opportunities in a growing community.

There is an old saying that standing still means that one is sliding backward, for he is not keeping pace with others who are going forward. The statement applies to communities as well.

Kings Mountain has numerous advantages it can brag about and, of course, some deficiencies it needs to correct, if it is to attract new worthwhile industry to its environs. Some fly-by-night operators are not to be desired.

Actually, there is a middle ground on the industrial expansion business between the approach of some southern states in giving the incoming citizen everything from free water to surcease from property tax bills for ten years, to the other extreme of obstructing the influx of new industry.

Good business citizens expect to pay their own way. What they are looking for is a good climate, non-excessive tax structure, the physical facilities they require in transportation, water, and power, and available labor, of the skills demanded.

Several neighboring cities have been quite successful in attracting new enterprises, including Gastonia, eight miles distant, and Rock Hill, home of Celanese and other major enterprises.

Kings Mountain's expansion has not been phenomenal in the past decade, and has been limited principally to mining or expansion of facilities of old industrial citizens. Incidentally, however, the last-mentioned is just as important and just as desirable as getting new citi-

The Herald congratulates Messrs. Osborne, Marlowe and Grantham on their appointment, and wishes them well in their task.

## **GOP Call To Arms**

It had been many a moon since the Kings Mountain Herald had handled a headline similar to "Republicans Issue Call to Arms...." which appeared in its edition last week.

Through disinterest, a long drought nationally, and a longer one state-wise, all the rank-and-file elements of the Republican party and many of the patriarchs had switched allegiance to the hated Democrats. Of course, the switch was nominal in many instances, and didn't carry through to the November general elections, but it did mean that the GOP, for all intents and purposes, was dead at the local level. It even stopped going through the motions of putting out a ticket for county offices. At times, the state ticket was hard to

Nothing succeeds like success, it is said, and the national victory of the party in November has ambition surging in the breasts of Republicans the nation over. Kings Mountain is no exception and a combine of older and younger me.nbers of the party is at work to form an organization that will return the GOP to its former pre-1900 potency in Number 4 Townsh p and Cleveland County.

Some Democrats are inclined to scoff at the efforts and remind of the Hoover. victory in 1928 and subsequent return to the Democratic fold.

But a younger member of the newly revitalized GOP says, "It is a fact that Number 4 Township, on the basis of the vote last fall, is Republican.'

He's right, by 15 votes. It's an old Herald cliche, by now, but, truly, the results of the GOP revitaliza-

tion effort here will be interesting to

## YEARS AGO Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events WEEK taken from the 1943 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

open Wednesday morning, Sept. Cheshire, Jr., in a ceremony of Claude Rhyne and Mrs. Marvin 1st at 8:30, according to Supt. B. beautiful simplicity, last Saturday Houser. N. Barnes.

Holders of gas B and C Ration o'clock. books number R527-A and R528-A must turn them into the local Ration Board before Sept. 1st. Social And Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Covington Bowling of Shelby, announce the engagement of their daughter, Marjorie Lee to S/Sgt, Robert Ce- children have returned from a cil Crook of Kings Mountain and visit with relatives in Houston,

afternoon, August 14th at 5:30 Pvt. Ben Bridges was home

from Camp Croft for the week- Latta, Pvts, Otto Payne and Ted Ramey were home for the weekend.

Mrs. Philip G. Padgett and Texas.

Miss Phyllis Patterson became Mrs. Elizabeth Heavner

Kings Mountain schools will the bride of Cadet John Allyn Long Island, N. Y. is visiting Mrs. Misses Betty Lynch and Betsy

Tolleson have returned home after spending a week at Camp Cpl. Robert E. Gault returned Tuesday to Westover Field. Mass, after visiting his parents,

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gault. Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Sanders and Mrs. Yates Connor spent the weekend in Wilmington with Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Saunders.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

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

In a conversation with Sage Fulton, the city commissioner, Hubert Aderholdt, Ed Tutor and Don Blanton the other night, the conversation turned to sugar. Mr. Fulton sells Dixie Crystal brand, and Ed remarked that he had kinfolk in Florida who live near a sugar plant, adding that the kinfolk, in the auto business, always said, don't say sugar, say "Dixie Crystal".

This brought on a story by Mr. Fulton concerning a trip he took through a Florida sugar plant a few years back. He has never ceased to be amazed, he remarked, about the compactness, completeness and complete efficiency of the modern sugar plant, and he went on to relate how the rail cars of sugar cane were rolled into the plant, the cane dumped on conveyors, run to shredders, etc., and all through the pro-

"You didn't see any rattlesnakes along with the cane?" Mr. Aderholdt inquired.

Hubert spent several seasons as a sugar chemist in Louisiana and Florida and recalled a time when he was conducting a visiting couple on a tour of the plant, As a car of cane was dumped on the conveyor, a big five-foot rattlesnake raised its head and sought means of escape. But it was too late. The conveyors rolled on to the shredders and Mr. Rattler, which Hubert says was about as big as a man's arm, was shortly a series of hand-size rattlesnake filets.

The female part of the visiting couple looked sharply at Hubert and demanded, "When do they get the snake out?"

"Actually they don't," Hubert replied, to which the lady excitedly cried, "I'll never taste sugar again!'

In spite of his efforts to console the visitor and to explain that the several chemical processes involved eliminated all debris, Mr. Rattler included, Hubert is pretty sure the world sugar market lost one customer that day.

The big "highway of steel" being erected by R. H. Bouligny & Company for Duke Power Company is going up quickly and, when completed, will be a mainline power artery between Duke's River Bend plant and its Tiger station at Duncan, S. C. The span is 77 miles. The line uses the right-of-way obtained by the P. & N. Railroad a quarter century ago and never used for the new P. & N. extension because it was denied by the Interstate Commerce commission,

Many owners of the property along the right-of-way had forgot about granting it. One fellow remarked it won't be long until his farm will be completely covered up with rights-ofway, with a couple of power lines, gas line, and roads already crossing it. But highways of all kinds are essential to

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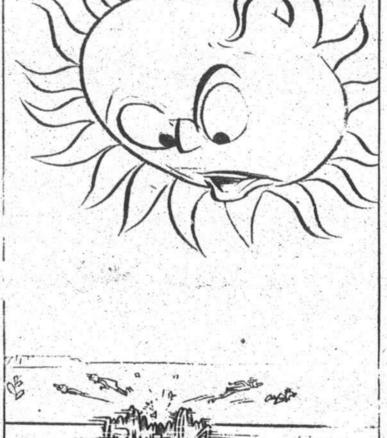
Looking after the big construction job is a Gastonia electrical construction veteran who spent years on the West Coast and officially retired two years ago, after stringing big wire all over that area, around Boulder Dam and elsewhere.

"I tried two years of retirement," Vivian Rankin says, "but that was all I could stand. You know, a lifetime of getting up at the bust of dawn or earlier leaves its mark."

Mr. Rankin says the historic reason for the early starting day for construction folk is to "build a dry" before the sun gets too hot, or afternoon showers force a stoppage. "Of course," he adds, "after we knock off we always stand around and build towers for the rest of the afternoon, That's part of the job."

The Country Club's Friday night Stag Night party hits on my wedding anniversary..... as I told Charlie Neisler, it is plain to see I won't be present. .....the city will be rolling in money, what with the Powell Bill money hitting \$2,500 more than anticipated, the intangibles tax up \$1,000, and tax-

payers rushing to pay up..... and ask Jim Rollins to tell you the story about the reluctant wooer which Police Chief Wiley told at the Lions meeting last



The Travelers Safety Service

by Robert Osborn

Three out of four accidents in 1952 happened in clear weather on dry roads. Only YOU can prevent traffic accidents!

## Viewpoints of Other Editors

### DEFINITION FOR LOTTERIES

Because of two court decisions, he Post Office Department has sideration" in a lottery.

Now this word "consideration" strict in not permitting the mailered a lottery and violation of automatic jump in the income a newspaper its second class mail. under social security. ing privileges and subjects the mailer of such literature to a

In view of the prevalence of so definition should be of interest ments and expenses.

ture of substantial effort or time. basis. On the other hand, if it is required merely that one's name be registered at a store in order to be eligible for the prize, consideration is not deemed to be pre-

In addition to the above reguation by the Post Office Department, the operation of lotteries not promoted by the use of mail from the Attorney General on there is any doubt whatever in City Courier. the mind of the promoter. -Shelby Daily Star.

## HONESTY

One of the great virtues of the true Christian is honesty. This is shown in many phases of our lives. This virtue is one of the neglected virtues in our age, it seems. We rarely hear now, as we did in our younger days, the statement about a person that, 'His word is as good as his bond." This is still true about many people, and it should be true about all of us Christians.

Honesty in speech we call truth fulness. Anything that varies from the truth is not honest. It is likely to cause harm to some one Honesty in our thoughts and in our dealings with others we some imes call sincerity. Honesty in business dealings is sometimes termed integrity. It is sometimes called righteousness.

It is a sad spectacle to see men in any position who practice dishonesty, who for the sake of friendship, bribe, or personal gain, whether it be for the sake of holding an office, or for a mink coat or a deep freeze, or for any other such questionable gain, will give a special favor to another, conniving or excusing taxes due or awarding a contract which honestly would go to another. Yet our papers are full of that kind of thing in these days. Those who break into a bank and steal a large sum of money — or a small um - if caught are sent to prison. But those who "beat the rac-ket" are allowed to go free; they profited at the expense of the axpayers. This is not honest, Disnonesty should be made unprofit able insofar as possible, and honest men should be held in high esteem. - Associate Reformed resbyterian

The decrease in numbers of horses and mules the United States since World War I has eleused about 70,000,000 acres from raising feed for work ani

### FREEZE THE SOCIAL SECURITY TAX

The President, in his budget message, said that the increase reversed its position in part with in the social security levy, which respect to what constitutes "con- under the present law will go into effect on the first of next year, should be postponed. The increase s also somthing to ponder. The would raise the rate on both em-Post Office Department is very ployers and employees from oneand-one-half to two per cent. It ng of literature which is consid. would, therefore, amount to an he lottery regulation denies to taxes of all the millions of people

The case for freezing the tax rate is a very strong one. Social security reserves are enormous - some \$18,000,000,000, And anmany promotions of sales, charity nual collections are running drives and the like, the following greatly in excess of benefit pay-

Moreover, few believe that the "In order for a prize scheme to present social security set-up is be held in violation of this sec- sound and equitable. The House tion (36.6, P. L. & R., 1948), it is Ways and Means Committee has necessary to show (in addition to established a sub-committee to the fact that the prizes are a make an exhaustive study of the warded by means of lot, or entire social security system — a hance) that the 'consideration' matter which will take consider involves, for example, the pay- able time. Other authoritative ment of money for the purchase non - governmental studies have of merchandise, chance on admis- been started, including at least sion ticket, or as payment on an one which seeks ways for putting account, or requires an expendi- social security on a pay-as-we-go

In the light of all this - to say nothing of the fact that the Administration is pledged to eventual tax reduction, not tax increases — the levy should be frozen. The danger lies in the fact that, simply through inaction on the part of Congress, the automatic provision of the present law will be allowed to beis in violation of the laws of the come operative and all of us will State of North Carolina. It is suffer another tax bite, Here's a well, therefore, to obtain a ruling case where only specific Conwhat constitutes a lottery if law can do a needed job. —Forest gressional action to change the



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