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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, 1 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 allotted 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.

## 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

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

Kings Mountain schools will open Wednesday morning, Sept. 1st at 8:30, according to Supt. B. N. Barnes.

Holders of gas B and C Ration 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 Cecil Crook of Kings Mountain and Columbus, Ohio.

Miss Phyllis Patterson became the bride of Cadet John Allyn Cheshire, Jr., in a ceremony of beautiful simplicity, last Saturday afternoon, August 14th at 5:30 o'clock.

Pvt. Ben Bridges was home from Camp Croft for the weekend.

Pvts. Otto Payne and Ted Ramsey were home for the weekend.

Mrs. Philip G. Padgett and children have returned from a visit with relatives in Houston, Texas.

Mrs. Elizabeth Heavner of Long Island, N. Y. is visiting Mrs. Claude Rhyne and Mrs. Marvin Houser.

Misses Betty Lynch and Betsy Tolleson have returned home after spending a week at Camp Latta.

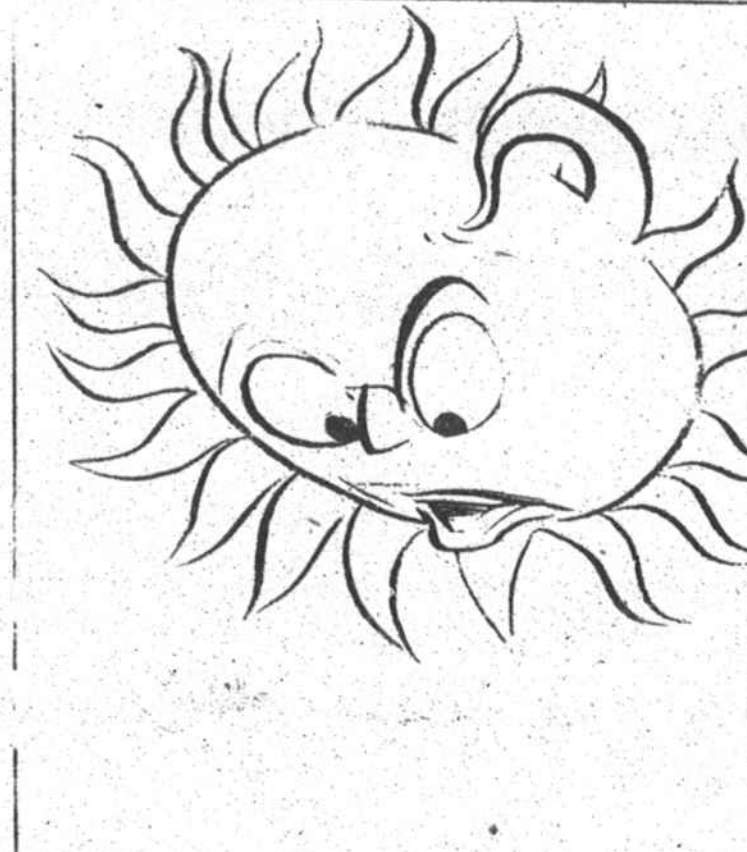
Cpl. Robert E. Gault returned Tuesday to Westover Field, Mass. after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gault.

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 overdoses.



The Travelers Safety Service

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".

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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 process.

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

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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.

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

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

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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.

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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.

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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-of-way, with a couple of power lines, gas line, and roads already crossing it. But highways of all kinds are essential to progress.

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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.

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"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."

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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."

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

### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### DEFINITION FOR LOTTERIES

Because of two court decisions, the Post Office Department has reversed its position in part with respect to what constitutes "consideration" in a lottery.

Now this word "consideration" is also something to ponder. The Post Office Department is very strict in not permitting the mailing of literature which is considered a lottery and violation of the lottery regulation denies the mailing of such literature to a heavy fine.

In view of the prevalence of so many promotions of sales, charity drives and the like, the following definition should be of interest generally:

"In order for a prize scheme to be held in violation of this section (36.6, P. L. & R., 1948), it is necessary to show (in addition to the fact that the prizes are awarded by means of lot or chance) that the 'consideration' involves, for example, the payment of money for the purchase of merchandise, chance on admission ticket, or as payment on an account, or requires an expenditure of substantial effort or time. 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 present."

In addition to the above regulation by the Post Office Department, the operation of lotteries not promoted by the use of mail is in violation of the laws of the State of North Carolina. It is well, therefore, to obtain a ruling from the Attorney General on what constitutes a lottery if there is any doubt whatever in 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 truthfulness. 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 sometimes call sincerity. Honesty in business dealings is sometimes termed integrity. It is sometimes called righteousness.

It is a sad spectacle to see men in high places in government or 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 sum — if caught are sent to prison. But those who "beat the racket" are allowed to go free; they profited at the expense of the taxpayers. This is not honest. Dishonesty should be made unprofitable insofar as possible, and honest men should be held in high esteem. — *Associate Reformed Presbyterian*.

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