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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

## Traffic Accidents Costly

his editorial across the nation at least his many drivers under 20 will be in solved in traffic accidents, according to

The youth of today are exposed to he traffic problems of our highways to a greater extent than

Drivers under 20 years of age mak up only 10 percent of the driver popula
ion in the United States, however, they tion in the United States, however, they
were involved in 16 percent of the fatal accidents in 1967. In North Carolina alone, 36.4 percent of the total drivers
involved in fatal traffic accidents for the irst half of 1968 ranged in age from 15 Cleveland County is not in any bet Carolina. Many people have the opinion that most traffic fatalities occur in the large metropolitan areas. Nearly seven out of 10 traffic deaths for 1967 occurre

Twenty-three people were killed in
Cleveland County in 1968. Statistics show that each child born today will b either injured or killed in a traffic mishap during a lifetime. The birth rade and the crash rate are running just abou rate for the Unitew. The mileage death number of deaths per 100 million miles of travel, has dropped from 5.7 percen o 5.47 percent while North Carolina
death rate has climbed to a high of 7 percent, way above the national average

Young people in Cleveland County are being taught through a 4-H Automo to make a change in attitude toward driving habits. Besides helping the youth discover and learn the many safe driv ing techniques which they need, the functions as a learn about how the car Unlike the driver education program in the schools, this program does not teach the youth how to
aspect of driving.

## Number One

The Herald adds its congratulations along with the community to leaders in for conducting the most perfect drive in North Carolina during the year. A sec
ond trophy was also given in the cate gory of under $\$ 500,000$ solicitations and both handsome awards are on display Hats off to President John Cheshire
and Campaign Chairman Shuford Peeler
who superintended the drive. From a who superintended the drive. From
possible score of 10 points on the year's drive, Kings Mountain scored 9.7, showing a gain in per capita giving and in

Hats off to John A. Cheshire, Jr and Paul Ham who became members of donors at Monday's visit of the Blood Theor sood in that 134 persons visited the regional blood co lecting unit to give a pint of blood and 119 were replacement donations, 56 for little Vickie Williams who was to under
go open heart surgery this week.

## Inscrutable English

An original approach to the pere hial American problem of "why Johnny professor's analysis of why Johnny' Japanese counterpart an read Prof Kiyoshi Makita of Tokyo's Keio Univer sity found that fewer than 1 percent 10,000 Japanese children he studied ha that they benefit from ideographs, while American children suffer from a too "ab stract" alphabet

Roman-alphabet users, for who Chinese and Japanese character-writing is a legendary puzzlement, may find this reverse-view unexpected, but the profes
sor clearly has something. He example, that our letters are design that mean nothing, change sounds with their position or offer a bewildering
riety of spellings for the same sound are visually confusing

We have no report of Prof. Kiyoshi's recommendations, if any, but we doub whether he would suggest adapting ideographs to English. What his analysis English anter all, is what American and concluded: English spelling and the Eng lish alphabet are a mess.

## Generation Gap

Much has been written about the new morality among youth. Many of the modern beliefs and standards being emdenounced. Indoung people are ween told that our youth are so alienated from adult society that the two groups ar unable to communicate effectively

The supposed estrangement between youth and adults is labeled the "genera world that has changed far more be tween generations than at any othe time in history. The results of the change have been felt in the home, community and nation

Increasingly, young people are find ing within their peer group the love, se curity and values that onee were derive

The local Optimist club joined recently in the nation - wide observance purpose to "builă a bridge to better understanding between generations.

Too often they point out that we do malign our youth rather than recognize and capabilities. We tend to classify and categorize them as rash and irresponsible because we are so aware of
the alienated few who make banner headlines in the news.

Time is running out for the buying of city auto tags by the due date, which is February 15th. Sales are continuing and the total increases, but a last-minute rush appears in the making. The law says tags must be pur
played on the vehicle.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE
by elizabeth stewart


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