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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Proverbs 4:23.

"No Fault" Gains Favor

"It's been one year since Massachusetts pioneered auto-insurance reform by instituting a limited form of the controversial "no-fault" system. State officials marked the anniversary by:

* Ordering a 27.6 per cent reduction in 1972 premium costs for compulsory bodily-injury and loss-of-earnings coverage. The rates already had been cut 15 per cent when the plan was begun in January 1971.

* Proposing that insurers make a further 27.6 per cent cut in 1972.

* Announcing that the number of bodily-injury claims has dropped 30 per cent and the average payment is 60 per cent in the volume of small "nuisance" claims that insurers often pay without argument to avoid litigation.

* Indicating that collision and property-damage insurance will be put on a no-fault basis in 1972.

So reported Harris Smith (from Boston) in the current issue of The National Observer.

The insurance carriers, those companies which pay the claims bills, are joining the forces in support of "not fault". The Herald has commented previously on the American Fore group's appeal to North Carolinians to urge their legislators to make North Carolina a "no-fault" state. (Five other states went to some form of "no-fault" on Jan. 1).

Another big carrier is promoting "no-fault".
Wednesday morning's mail, the received a brochure entitled "Case for No-Fault" from big Aetna Casualty.

Nursing Home

will disagree with Mayor John Cross on his contention that Mountain's Number 1 community center is a nursing and convalescent home.

certainly almost all, know of citizens patients at nursing homes in the city.

A Kings Mountain doctor told me over a year ago, "I alone patients candidates for admission to a facility of this type today, and the other physicians can tell me the story."

of Kings Mountain's Nursing Home are taking steps to take the Kings Mountain facility off the drawing boards and to translate the plans into brick, steel and mortar, and, more important, staff and treatment.

Gentleman Retires

Lindsay W. Dail has been selling advertising for the Shelby Daily Star for 42 years and has officially retired.

Happily, he'll still be about in an advisory capacity.

Mr. Dail, through the years, has been an advertising man's advertising man and an advertiser's advertising man, in the latter role disdaining high pressure sales methods and conscientiously seeking to aid his customers in getting the absolute most return from their advertising dollar. He has been very successful.

To his confreres in the trade, whether in the Star shop or abroad, he has been continually the soul of helpfulness. "Missing mat?" "Sure," was his quick answer, "you can use ours. Shall I send it or do you want to pick it up?" This the Herald knows from direct experience.

In his retirement, or semi-retirement as the case may be, the Herald has a legion of friends in hearty good wishes for health and happiness.

It's time to list taxes and buy auto

With a pair of dice in the snake-eyes, crapped out position for graphic illustration, Aetna states, "Every time a driver gets behind the wheel, he is gambling that if he has an accident, it will not be his fault. He is gambling he can prove the other driver was at fault and that the other driver has insurance or can otherwise be made responsible for the accident."

Under the sub-title "No-Fault and You", Aetna concludes:

The present automobile insurance system, by selecting "winners" and "losers" among accident victims falls far short of the universal protection required for users of a mass carrier, which is what the auto has become.

No-fault insurance meets society's obligation to accident victims and their families. By automatically paying medical, hospital and rehabilitation costs and compensating lost income, no-fault insurance provides universal protection for those using a universal means of transportation.

Instead of paying premiums to protect yourself against a claim on a lawsuit, you pay premiums to cover expenses incurred by you and others in your car should you have an accident.

No-fault works. It is working in Massachusetts. It can work in your state, too.

If you agree, let your state legislators or other government officials know that you want an auto insurance system that protects everyone—No-Fault auto insurance.

Amen.

A Big Year

It's been well-known all along that 1972 is a BIG election year.

Those who may have been doubters can take a look at events of the past week and realize that 1972, a BIG election year, has arrived.

In recent days: Senators Ed Muskie, George McGovern, and Vance Hartke made it official, as did Mayor John Lindsay, that they want to be the Democratic standard-bearer of '72.

President Richard Nixon all but made it official that he likes the White House, and rather likes his sometime maligned Number 2, Vice-President Spiro Agnew.

A presidential election year is always a big political year in North Carolina for the added reason that North Carolina elects, at the same time, its governor, lieutenant - governor, and members of the council of state.

Adding more zest in Tar Heel country this year is: 1) a United States Senator is to be elected and 2) North Carolina will hold presidential primaries for the first time.

On the Tar Heel scene, a couple more Democratic candidates for governor would equal the modern day record of 1940 when seven Democrats vied for the Democratic flag, and, whatta-ya-know, it appears the GOP Tar Heels will have a primary race for governor for the second consecutive quadrennium.

And there's the ninth congressional district business. State Representative Jim Beatty has made it official. He is a Democratic candidate in the Mecklenburg-Iredell-Lincoln district. In three elections in Mecklenburg, Genial Jim Beatty has shown he is as adept at running for public office as at running the mile on the United States Olympic team. The likelihood is that Mr. Beatty will return this district to the Democrats after a 20-year drought, retiring Representative Charles R. Jonas being the fellow who cut off the Democratic water supply.

Interesting spring upcoming, yes?

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

Post New Year's Day pick-ups...

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At Edwin Moore's tax listing desk, a little boy was awaiting his mother who was listing her taxes with Betty Ballard. He teased the little boy, asking if he were old enough to list. He allowed he had a cat. C. P. Barry, who was nearby vending city auto tags for the Lions Club, heard the talk. It reminded C. P. of a call he made at a farm home on an insurance matter and the young fellow there proudly informed he was the owner of a call and a pig. C. P. congratulated the lad.

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Then the youth turned to C. P. and asked, "You gotta calf?" No. "You gotta pig?" No. "You gotta pony?" No. "You gotta lamb?" No. "You gotta dog?" No. "You gotta cat?" No.

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Then the youth addressed C. P. with sadness and piny in his voice, saying, "Mister, you ain't got nothin'."

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Dan Weiss and I were talking about the big heist at the vintage 600-room hotel in New York, where highly professional thieves, posing as guests arriving in the early hours of morning shortly after 4 a.m. literally made them selves at home. According to news reports, the "guests" methodically punched 47 safety deposit boxes where guests had put valuables for safe-keeping. The list was scanned for those of lady-folk, where it was presumed the jewelry would be.

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The presumption was correct apparently, as the last press report on loss estimate was a cool \$2,000,000 in cash and jewelry.

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The Hotel Pierre is an old one, has many guests the trade refers to as "regulars" and many of whom were away on holiday vacations.

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Evidence of the thorough casing the Pierre had received by the thieves was the fact that time of entry was when the auditor had shut off the burglar alarm system to, of all things, audit the vault. At any rate, the thieves casually entered the limousine in which they had arrived and zoomed away.

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Ex-New Yorker Weiss recalls the Hotel Pierre well. His brother's wedding party was at this hotel in 1947.

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A person who deals with the public, as almost everyone does, and be he doctor, lawyer or Indian chief, meets interesting people and interesting situations.

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So it was last weekend a young holiday season clerk in a Kings Mountain store found it when her would-be customer said he was looking for a dress for his wife. The young saleslady showed him every dress in the racks in the size asked.

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The man objected, "Now, they're all too long." The saleslady guessed they could be hemmed. "Could they be hemmed that much?" the customer asked, slapping his hand on his leg about halfway from the knee. She guessed they could, then suggested he might want to switch to lingerie. "We have some lovely gowns," said the saleslady.

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"Don't want no gowns," replied the man. "She don't sleep in nothin'." The young lady's mouth dropped open and her complexion crimsoned. But it didn't stop her, and the man bought a dress to be hemmed to the stratosphere. She confided after he left, "I know I'm young, but I just don't understand these young folk."

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Frances McGill broke a toe during the holidays while gambling bare-footed in the kitchen with her brother. Alas, a cobbler's children goes without shoes. Dr. John C. Frances related, had a couple of births impending and some other must-do patches to do and "scripts" to write. Sometime later, she found his shoe with a broken digit.

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Undaunted, Frances left Wednesday for a European cultural tour with other students. The palliative for the wounded toe: a pair of over-sized walking shoes.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

LIGHTS OF CIVILIZATION

Two press items—one from The New York Times and the other from the Augusta, Georgia, Chronicle Herald, graphically portray the difference between a nation with little electric energy and nation where electric power is taken for granted.

The New York Times piece reports what seems to be a virtual collapse of the state-run electric power industry of Cuba. "Programmed blackouts" are the current designation for the rising power failures that threaten to turn Castro's paradise into the equivalent of a dark closet. By contrast, Chronicle Herald columnist Louis C. Harris writes of the "miracle" that may be seen from almost any elevated position in practically any metropolitan city in the United States. He says, "If the time is after dark, you can see the miracle of America. . . . It is reflected in the lights of the city, millions of tiny, glowing orbs, each a symbol of American genius and American affluence."

He refers specifically to the panorama of brilliance he witnessed from a rotating hotel lounge high above the business district of Atlanta, Georgia. He was doubly impressed since he had just attended a roundtable meeting of utility representatives from all over the U. S. which made him realize how far the United States is ahead of other countries in the world in every phase of living. "In lighting alone," he writes, "there is no comparison. A hundred-watt bulb, in most other countries of the world, is as unobtainable as a whale sandwich in the Sahara. . . . Where electric appliances are concerned, there can scarcely be a comparison from the standpoint of beauty or efficiency. Nor can any country compare with the U. S. on the cost of electricity or the availability of it."

Those who like to find fault with the U. S. system at least have plenty of light on their subject. Both symbolically and literally, the lights of civilization have a way of going out in countries where freedom has been crushed—and the state has taken over basic enterprises such as electric power.—Transylvania Times.

BEARING UP TO REALITY

The Raleigh news & Observer

The Duke University telephone directory man not be so enthralled as the old mail-order catalogues, but it has creative flourishes absent from most directories.

Under "C" is found with instruction to "see appropriate department," and under "Parking" is the subhead, "See Impossible Missions Force." "Kong," first name "King," comes under "Faculty Listing." His address is "Primate Facility." His chief occupation is "curator," but his subsidiary job title is "Special Consultant, Athletic Department." The address of "Freud, Sigmund," is "Student Mental Health Center."

This undergraduate horsing around may reflect, in part, T. S. Eliot's dictum, from "Burnt Norton": "Human kind cannot bear very much reality." Whether or not we admit it, many of us escape reality occasionally by trying to make the habitually inconceivable sort of conceivable. As an undergraduate, Thomas Wolfe liked to sign hotel registers as "Thomas Chatterton" or "Ben Johnson." The same adult who cease to "play like" (or "plack," as it used to come out in Eastern Carolina) he is David Balfour really turns on being fireman, engineer, conductor and crew of his own motor train.

The great Thomas Hardy asked Robert Graves, a World War I captain, why he didn't continue to call himself "Captain Hardy"...

And there is the old story of ex-governor Robert Glenn's comment when some leading citizens in Winston-Salem met to select a captain for a newly-formed military company. Glenn suggested that he be made captain. The chairman, aghast, stammered: "Well, frankly, governor, considering all of your great honors, we just didn't think of you in terms of captain of a military company."

"Maybe not," Glenn answered, "but you see, I have never been the captain of a military company."

One of the best aliases occurred in the old days when a wealthy but illiterate Tar Heel went swinging bender at a plucky Virginia water-hole. When he put his X on the register, he made a circle around it so that he would be incoGNITO.

In a word, Walter Mitty is very much alive, not just among the college students, but in any crowd of adults, whether they are buying or selling or blowing horns and flinging confetti.

AS THE CROW CALLS

Scientist, we read, have identified 350 crow calls—more than the total vocabulary of one small South American tribe of humans.

Japanese farmers have reported being "cursed" by crows. And not long ago, a flock of the birds attacked a Swiss mountain guide who went to the aid of a besieged woodchuck, leaving him—the man, we mean—lacerated and bleeding.

There must be a lesson in all this, if we can just find it. Some ethnologists have predicted that the adoptable rat will inherit the earth, once man has so laid it to waste that he can no longer live in it.

Perhaps the wily crows have sent spies to peruse Daphne du Maurier's short story "The Birds" or see the Alfred Hitchcock movie based on it (or, if there are classicists among them, have studied the Aristophanes comedy of like title), and concluded that they are man's proper heirs.

Indeed, it may be that they have decided in cautious that they need not await atomic devastation or the last stages of environmental pollution, and are getting ready to take over now. Let's watch it.

THE URGENCY OF COMMITTEES

The Boston Herald Traveler

Old committees never expire, they just get misplaced. The mission, for example, created to National Sew Thread Comdeal with a "temporary" problem in 1918, abolished in 1934 and reactivated in 1939, is still around somewhere, along with the Tea Tasters' Board and a mind-boggling assortment of advisory, regulatory and ad hoc groups whose urgency is open to question.

A congressional report "estimates"—apparently Congress can't even locate them all—that two years ago there were 1800 advisory commissions and committees, which manage to spend \$74 million a year doing whatever they were commissioned to do. Some of the presidential-level advisory commissions hadn't met in three years and, judging from some of the reports ad hoc commissions have published, Presidents might just as soon they hadn't met at all.

Be that as it may, the White House and Congress should win now the accumulation of committees every now and then on the assumption that they may discover and discard a Commission on Biplane Safety Standards or an Ad Hoc Committee on the Rutabaga Crisis.

FAITH IN THE INDIVIDUAL

Federal food stamp users now can get their change in cash, up to a maximum of 49 cents. This is a convenience for everyone, since the smallest-denomination food stamp is 50 cents; if supermarket clerks couldn't make change in cash, they would have to hold up checkout lines while they wrote credit slips for a few cents.

Beginning next March 1, however, that's exactly what the clerks will be doing. In passing new food stamp legislation last summer, Congress urged elimination of the cash-change procedure. Otherwise, the lawmakers said, stamp users might blow the change on beer, cigarettes and other forbidden forms of high living.

Even though the Agriculture Department has found that stamp users are more responsible than the legislators appear to think, it decided to implement the congressional suggestion. Not many governmental programs, after all, are founded on faith in the individual. — The Wall Street Journal.

Birth Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard A. Smith, 99 Myers St., announce the birth of a son, Wednesday, December 29, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Eugene Philbeck, P. O. Box 281, Grover, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday, December 29, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Michael Marlowe, Dudley Trailer Park, Bessemer City, N. C., announce the birth of a son, Thursday, December 30, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Taylor, 318 Webb St., Gastonia, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Friday, December 31, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Adams, 103 N. Carpenter St., announce the birth of a daughter, Saturday, January 1, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Warren, Rt. 1 Box 413, announce the birth of a son, Monday, January 3, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie L. Seigler, 4414 Union Rd., Gastonia, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Monday, January 3, Kings Mountain hospital.

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.

Mrs. Mattie Davis
Perry Ellis
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Mrs. V. Jerome Garrett
L. P. Gordon
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Geo. Helms
Henry Ray Henderson
Mrs. Della Huffstickler
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Chas. Lackey
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Jas. Mayes
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Mrs. Pearl McNeely
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Mrs. Marie Ramsey
Mrs. Pearl Styers
Mrs. Edgle Treadway
A. K. Walker
Bratton Walker
Mrs. Lillie Ware
Bobby Gore
Wm. H. Hager
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Mrs. Dorothy Lowery
Mrs. Johnny Sisk
Mrs. Geo. M. Strouse
ADMITTED THURSDAY
Clarence Grayson, Jr., P. O. Box 221, Bess. City
Barlus Lamar Ross Rt. 1, Grover
ADMITTED FRIDAY
Mrs. John Caveny Rt. 1, City
Charlie Flowers 201 Fairview St. City
T. J. McAbee Rt. 1, Clover
Davis Winstead 508 E. 6th St. Gastonia
ADMITTED SATURDAY
Wm. O. Hudson Rt. 1, York
Mrs. Minnie McClain Rt. 3, City
Leonard Addison Smith Jr. 99 Myers St., City

ADMITTED MONDAY
Mrs. Bennie Seigler, 4414 Union Rd., Gastonia
Mrs. Edward Mintz Rt. 1, City
Cecil F. Williams, 205 Dilling St., City
Edward Montgomery P. O. Box 128, Sharon
Mrs. Cleveland Mackey, 420 Belvedere Cr., City
Mrs. Wm. S. Hudson, Rt. 1, York, S. C.
Gregory Scott Guster, 110 E. Texas Ave. Bess., City
Mrs. Bobby Gene Martin Rt. 2, City
Mrs. Freddie Warren, Rt. 1, City
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Lillie Mae Miller, 204 Walker St., City
Freida Mae Adams, 548 Baltimore Dr., Crateron
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Norwood Milton Farr, 608 E. Ridge St., City
Mrs. Edward G. Campbell, 503 Allison Ct., City
Mrs. John Paul Jordan, Route 3, City
Mrs. Florence R. Sheppard, 717 Gantt St., City

During the past nine years, \$872,922 has been given to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro through the Alumni Annual Giving Program. This year, the goal is to push the total past the \$1 million mark for the 10-year period.

NOTICE

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