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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. Proverbs 9/9.

Wrong-Side Parking

Is the city police department starting drive to enforce the traffic ordinance against wrong-side parking?

Drive or not, at least one motorist collected a ticket Wednesday morning for that infraction. She was quite unhappy, muttered that the officers should enforce the ordinance on their "own", citing a member of the force "who does it all the time."

Many months ago, Chief of Police Tom McDevitt warned the ordinance would be enforced.

He commented, "We think we're doing the motorists a favor. Entering traffic from the wrong side of the street is dangerous."

It is.

The pull-out is against near-side approaching traffic.

Mrs. Fairy Long Patterson

Mrs. Fairy Long Patterson was a quite unusual lady, of many and varied talents.

She reared a family of four fine girls and still found time and energy to devote to about every civic and religious enterprise worthy of the name. An accomplished musician, she directed for many years the choir of Central Methodist Church, played the organ or piano for church services, weddings and other events, was a charter member and organizer of what is today's Kings Mountain Woman's Club and became the first lady member of the Kings Mountain Board of Education.

That was not all. Mrs. Patterson worked for many years with her husband, Arthur Hunter Patterson, as assistant secretary-treasurer of Home Savings & Loan Association.

Mrs. Patterson also was blessed with a facile pen, serving for a number of years as society editor of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Personally, Mrs. Patterson was quite modish.

She liked hats. On one occasion at a social event, someone complimented her on the stylish hat she was wearing.

Laughing, she confided, "It's thirty years old."

Continuing, Mrs. Patterson added she had almost all the hats she'd ever bought. When one of her favorites of prior years struck her fancy again, it was re-millinered with new veil and other accoutrements and became a brand new hat again.

A very unusual, talented and energetic lady was Mrs. Fairy Long Patterson.

Tradition Continued

From now-older days when Lacy C. Parsons was the City of Kings Mountain's superintendent of everything (literally) the city's electrical department has drawn high marks for prompt and efficient service.

The tradition was continued under the long tenure of Electrical Superintendent Hunter Allen.

And the tradition is quite apparently being continued under Electrical Superintendent Earl Turbyfill.

In recent weeks, the department has been plagued with felled telephone poles, yet restore service in blacked-out areas "on the double". Most recent instance occurred Monday night, when a felled pole forced blacking out several areas in the west portion of the city, while repairs were being made.

One citizen complimented, "The juice was back on in exactly an hour. My watch said my electric clock was exactly an hour slow."

The men of the electrical department deserve commendations.

One Lady's Idea

Old line "never-busted-a-ticket" Democrats, particularly germane to the South, have yet to warm to the candidacy of Senator George McGovern, the party standard-bearer for president.

The hopeful are hoping the unfolding campaign will find Senator McGovern's promised policy "clarifications" providing good and sufficient reason not only to support the party nominee but to support him ardently.

Some of the old-liners have already given up: they fear what they term "socialist-all-the-way" McGovern promises and they don't like his ideas on Vietnam, which were tried by Lyndon Johnson and failed. Mr. Johnson halted bombing and the North Vietnamese said "thanks", using the respite to move men and materiel into the fray. The reasoning: to err, as did LBJ, is human, but to repeat the error is stupid.

The old liners are equally determined not to vote for President Nixon, not being able to forget the smaltzy "Checkers" speech of 1952, nor the hearts-and-flowers treatment he throws out in virtually every pronouncement to the people.

What'll they do? Stay home? Take a walk?

A young lady lawyer in Charlotte has her answer.

She told her senior partner, "I've made up my mind. I'm writing one in for Terry Sanford."

A lot of old liners wish they'd have got more excited about Sanford-for-president in the May primary than they did.

As Predicted

Wednesday news reports indicated that the seconds of gubernatorial candidates Skipper Bowles, Democrat, and Jim Holshouser, Republican, are finding some difficulties in agreeing on ground rules to govern a limit on campaign expenditures.

The seconds find it hard to answer several questions, among them:

Who will be the umpire?
What will be the ground rules?
What about cheating, such as the spitball pitch in baseball? And can the ump throw the guy out of the game?

Who would have little enough sense to serve as umpire anyway?

These comments are in no wise an effort to cast aspersions on good faith and intent of the candidates themselves, should any agreement be reached. But candidates always find occasion for applying to themselves that old prayer: "please protect me from my friends; I can take care of my enemies myself."

In the heat of battle, supporters tend to get more "gung ho" than the candidates themselves.

Funds for campaigning, raised and expended at the local level, are impossible of accounting at state headquarters.

Mr. Holshouser made the suggestion, a thinly-veiled political ploy to "sight the pot."

Republican Johnny Walker, candidate for lieutenant-governor, was most frank and his suggestion still tickles. Mr. Walker is quite agreeable to a limit, but, considering the fact of much heavier Democrat registrations, his limit, he says, should be five times greater than that of Jim Hunt, the Democrat seeker of the Number 2 slot in state government.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

Fun and redundancies...

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Funeral directors enjoy teasing each other and often-times lapses by reporters and/or proof-readers provide the ammunition.

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So it was recently that Ollie Harris telephoned Lutz-Austell to inform that he expected to attend a particular funeral. Seriously, his friend asked, if there were any personal friendship connection between Ollie and the deceased.

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"No," Ollie drawled. "The story in the paper said the man was 84 and survived by his parents. I want to see those parents."

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Ollie remembers being called by a funeral director friend in Charlotte a few years ago. The Charlotte caller said, "Say, Ollie, looks like you're needing a new funeral home over there." Ollie asked why. "Well," said the Charlotte man, "The obituary said you're holding the funeral at 2 A.M., and if you've got so much work you must hold funerals at 2 A.M., you must need help."

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Jokes of this vein aren't all contrived out of newspapers.

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Ollie was scanning the city directory recently, which lists a person's name, his type of employment, address, etc.

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Ollie's friend Gene Steffy's employment was abbreviated to "red". The next time Ollie saw Gene Ollie said quite seriously, "Gene, if I were you, I'd sue that city directory outfit."

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Gene read his entry and found nothing amiss as he interpreted, "Gene Steffy, (Juanita) retired, S. Gaston." He queried, "What you mean I should sue 'em?"

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Ollie chortled, "I sure wouldn't let 'em get by with printing I was retarded."

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On redundancies, I got a tickle from the last paragraph of Kays Gary's Tuesday column in the Charlotte Observer, which was entitled "Pet Peeve Post Script" and read:

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"Like fingernails shrieking down a blackboard, redundancies still stream from prominent speakers, writers, radio and TV announcers. Days ago we listed "end result," "true fact" and "most unique" as expressions constantly sending us up the wall. Charlotte's Frederick Temple adds another — "planning a head." Inasmuch as we can neither plan behind nor to either side, it rips him up, especially from the mouths of professional people. Greensboro's Mrs. William M. Branham is shattered by common use of "the reason why..." Other nominations of redundant horrors included: "Completely destroyed" and "The biggest majority are in favor of..."

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In fact, most "mosts" are perhaps redundant. In the above example, something may be more unique, but "unique" speaks superlatively for itself, as does "complete" and a host of others.

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Kays might have added the unvarnished redundancy of the late C. J. Coffin, Kays' and my journalism professor, who took particular umbrage to "general public", perhaps one of the most-used of all. Professor Coffin would snort and ask his wayward pupil, "Who in hell commissioned Mr. Public a general in the armed forces?" "Public", indeed, is everyone. Seldom did the pupil repeat the error, nor forget to note it, in speech or print, from thence on case in point; from a lawyer the same morning a variance: "public generally."

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It's not a redundancy, but everytime I hear Walter Cronkite (or many others) use "different than", the fingernails shriek down my personal black board. The correct usage is "different from", implying what it means, such as "Smith is different from Jones," "boy is different from girl", etc. etc. "Than" is used to imply degree of difference, rather than "difference" itself; e.g., I like jam more than jelly, or I love John less than Jim.

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It is said that usage, over a period of time, makes right, certainly true of new words coined and some old colloquialisms exalted.

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"AIN'T it so!"

Viewpoints of Other Editors

BACK-TO-SCHOOL IMPLIES EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

It's difficult, especially for students and sharply for us parents, to realize that it's time for school to begin again. Yet, here it was, in yesterday's Daily Star, a back-to-school edition. Teachers, after all, have less than two weeks in some instances before they begin work, and students have barely two weeks themselves before they stop swimming and start swinging to the ABCs, etc., once again.

But there's a difference this year; perhaps unlike any year in recent memory. For one thing, the emphasis in this pre-school season is on buildings, and programs and education, instead of on social issues such as integration. Not that human relations and racial relations won't continue to be an eggshell-type problem for some time, but the educators are talking more like educators than social scientists for perhaps the first time since 1954.

There's talk of bond issues in all three Cleveland county school districts, designed to upgrade buildings and, assuredly, to upgrade educational opportunity. There's talk of expanding educational programs into such areas as health careers and outdoor recreation and applied ecology, as well as computers and all the rest of the late 20th Century's concerns. There's talk of class size, and there's talk of fewer transfers from county schools to city, apparently meaning that a degree of equalization is being reached. And, yet, there are continuing school board concerns with the newest-arriving problem of teacher militancy and intervention.

Oh, no, all the problems aren't solved, not by a long shot. But what we hear in school board meetings is not talk of racial balance nor of riot control; rather, there is school board concern with an emphasis on educational issues. The school bonds, if all are approved, won't solve all the problems, but they would go a long way toward solving the bricks - and - mortar problems. There's still the matter of a teacher-instructional supply supplement in county schools, and let's not forget, still the matter of consolidation of the school districts.

All the bond issues could fail, although we fervently hope they will not since they offer so much promise. All heck could break loose in all four county high school on opening day, but we hope not. But, let's be optimistic for a change. It's been a short summer.—The Shelby Daily Star.

BY THE BEAUTIFUL SHE-SHORE

Among the millions who flock to the beach each summer in search of sun and surf, no one stands out more than lifeguards, these Poseidons who rule their aquatic domains with studied resolution.

But visitors to Atlantic City beaches will be in for a surprise, particularly if some lifeguards insist on keeping their long hair. For the chief of that resort town's beach patrol recently announced that long-haired guards must wear bathing caps in order to keep the hair out of the eyes when they swim or row.

Some guards have already announced their intention to cut their hair to acceptable length, and we suppose others will eventually do the same.

But bathers who can remember when lifeguards were the closest thing to a Greek hero will be in for a shock if from a distance they have trouble discerning whether they're being watched over by Adonis or Aphrodite.—Christian Science Monitor.

WOMEN AT SEA

Admiral Zumwalt's recent announcement that Navy women may get sea duty sends that age-old superstition of no women on Navy ships to Davey Jones' locker where it belongs.

With our services about to become volunteer we need all the people we can get—and, believe it or not—women ARE people (and perfectly capable of running a tight ship). It's time to grow up and admit it.

As for the women at sea—why, they've been at sea for aeons trying to plow through the deep channels of bias, resentment and fear they have had to meet at every turn.

So, to paraphrase the only song, may the girls in blue find the Atlantic's plenty gigantic, and the Pacific's pretty terrific. Monitor.

Abay, Maidies!—The Christian

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.

Thomas Frank Ballard, Wayne Edward Bivins, James Marvin Cochran, Mamie H. Gibbons, James E. Griffin, Mrs. Ella Mae Harrelson, Clyde W. Kerns, James A. Lutz, George Moore,

MORE ABOUT

School District

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opinion on the situation.

Students in the Linwood section, which lies inside Gaston county, in the past have had to pay a \$69 tuition to attend school in Kings Mountain.

At the April meeting of the school board, Chairman George Mauney read a paragraph from a booklet published by the N. C. Institute of Government which stated that all territories embodying the corporate limits of the city shall be considered the Kings Mountain graded school district.

Supt. Jones earlier receiving a ruling from Robert E. Faye of the Institute of Government stating that the Gaston county area is indeed a part of the KM school district. But, since that time, the board has been awaiting an interpretation from the attorney general's office.

According to Jones, what the situation boils down to is this:

If the attorney general's office declares the Linwood section a part of the KM school district, the students living in that area would no longer have to pay the \$60 tuition fee. Furthermore, the Kings Mountain schools would receive some share of tax monies from the Gaston County Board of Education for each child. That, Jones said, would have to be worked out from a "legal standpoint."

Jones said that Venoy had earlier indicated that "basically he felt the decision we already had is what he'd go by."

In other Monday night action, the board:

1) Heard a report from Supt. Jones on the American Management Association workshop held in Charlotte Aug. 9-11. Jones said that seven members of the school staff attended. Jones noted that Kings Mountain was among 60 school systems selected for a follow-up study in connection with the workshop and had been assigned a consultant, Bruce Merritt, who would work with the system to map out a program of attack for the total school program. Jones said a three or four day meeting with from 12 to 15 members of the school system personnel will be held sometime during the Thanksgiving holidays.

Jones told the board that Merritt's services as a consultant are paid for through the State Department of Public Instruction, but that the meeting would be at the school system's expense.

2) Approved the following teacher elections: Tracy C. Trammell, West; Danny McDowell, Central; Patsy Dale Smith and William F. Young, Kings Mountain high school; Mrs. Nan P. Ormand, Early Childhood Education Center.

3) Approved the new school organization program. Supt. Jones told the board that the 1972-73 staff is complete;

4) Authorized a special committee made up of Jones and board members Alex Owens and Tippy Francis to continue negotiations for the purchase of land adjacent to Kings Mountain high school;

5) Heard a report on the Aug. 16 Substitute Teacher Workshop, which Jones termed as a success;

6) Authorized purchase of newspapers by high school students in a new semester course on an elective basis. The course, Print, Signs and Sounds, is to be an examination of newspaper, television and information media in general. Subscription to a newspaper on an elective basis, according to Principal Jake Atkinson, would amount to about \$4.50.

7) Gave tentative approval to the following student reassignments: Sammy Wolf, West to North; LaBrene Hord, North to West; DeWayne Hord, North to West; Debbie Hord, North to West; Valerie A. Turner, West to North; Marvin Caldwell, West to North; Patricia Smith, West to North; Jan Lora Finger, West to West; Eric Myers, Grover to West; Lawrence Hamrick, North to West; Leslie Hamrick, North to West; Sha Ross, West to East; Pamela Jo Morrow, West to Bethware; Sharon Dilling, West to North; Christopher Burke, West to North; James Burke, West to North; Jennifer Burke, West to North; Bryant Scott Baker, North to West; Steven A. Baker, North to West; Mark Ross, East to Bethware; Barry Ross, East to Bethware.

Manuel A. Moss, Mrs. Minnie McClain, Mrs. Colean D. McDaniel, Mrs. Chalmers McIntosh, Mrs. Marlin F. Neal, James Andrew Padgett, Joseph E. Parker, Mrs. Ray Lee Smith, Mrs. J. H. Thomson, Mary Lee Williams, Mrs. Marie S. Withers, Mrs. Bessie Caldwell, Edward O. Gore, Sidney E. Heavner, Robert Eugene Allen, Mrs. Mary H. Barnes, Alvin Wray Causby, Mrs. Clyde E. Goins, Mrs. James L. McNelly, Mrs. W. Thomas Rucker, Mrs. Albert E. Smith, Mrs. Arlene Wright, Mrs. Rose P. Queen.

ADMITTED THURSDAY

William George Haskett, 1716 Pope Ave., Gastonia.
Mrs. Ronnie Ledford, Rt. 6, Shelby, N. C.
Joe Rufus Whitehurst, Rt. 1, Box 146A, City.
Tom Wright, Rt. 1, Box 221, City.

ADMITTED FRIDAY

Hugh J. Adams, 308 W. Ridge St., City.
Mrs. Jessie Ledford, 610 N. Gantt St., City.
Broder E. Merck, 808 Second St., City.

ADMITTED SATURDAY

Mrs. Clyde Blalock, Rt. 9, Box 34, Shelby.
Mrs. Maggie Schenck, Rt. 3, Box 255, City.
Mrs. Hunter Wylie, 107 Elm St., Gastonia.
Hardy E. Franklin, E. Lee St., B. C.

ADMITTED SUNDAY

Thomas Wade Berry, 111 W. Pennsylvania Ave., B. C.
Mrs. James C. Boheler, 319 Faulkner St., Clover, S. C.
W. G. Bowen, 1201 Gold St., Ext. City.
Charles A. Neisler, Jr., 700 Lee St., City.

ADMITTED MONDAY

Mrs. Boyd H. Dean, 1764 Garrison Blvd., Gastonia.
Clarence F. Flowers, P. O. Box 468, City.
Clarence W. Fox, Jr., Gastonia, S. C.

ADMITTED TUESDAY

ser Rd., Dallas.
Johnny Thomas Frazier, 12 Kinterfield Ct., City.
Mrs. William C. Hefner, 506 Broad St., City.
Donna Lee Myers, 905 Rhodes Ave., City.

Birth Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. Steve C. Phillips, 805 Cleveland Avenue, announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, August 15, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee McFee, 1012 Groves Street, Shelby, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter, August 15, Tuesday, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Burris, Jr. Route 1, Box 404, announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, August 1, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Arthur Floyd, Gastonia, announce the birth of a daughter Wednesday, August 16, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby J. Mae Abee, Route 1, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a son, Wednesday, August 16, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Brown, Route 1, 409, announce the birth of a son, Thursday, August 17, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Norris, Silver Dollar Trailer Park announce the birth of a daughter, Thursday, August 17, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Wade Mayes, Route 1, Box 149, announce the birth of a daughter, August 17, Thursday, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian H. Pervine, 112 E. Fourth Ave., Gastonia, announce the birth of a daughter, Thursday, August 17, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Allen, Route 1, Grover, announce the birth of a daughter, Saturday, August 19, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Aldrich, Route 1, Box 88, announce the birth of a daughter, Sunday, August 20, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Ellis, Route 1, Grover, announce the birth of a daughter, Sunday, August 20, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd H. Dean, 1764 Garrison Blvd., Gastonia, announce the birth of a son, Monday, August 21, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mrs. Fulton Roberts, 40 Chesterfield Ct., City.
Mrs. Carl T. Truelove, 1110 E. Franklin Avenue, Gastonia.

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