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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools. ECCLESIASTES 9:17.

### Polio Vaccination?

Many newspapers gave much space last weekend to a news account of the seeming progress made by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis and its researchers in the continuing fight against polio.

According to the news story, the scientists have been experimenting quite successfully with monkeys. They have found that a particular vaccination immunizes the monkeys against polio, even when heavy doses of polio virus are fed to them.

The appeal of the Foundation is to parents to use the immunization on their children, or, at least, some of them in order to make the final required tests.

Most parents will be reluctant to do this testing, and none could blame them.

However, it is a strong indication that dread polio, a nightmare for parents, may be licked in the near future. Science has minimized the danger and incidence of tuberculosis, of pneumonia, small pox, and many other diseases. Perhaps infantile paralysis is next on the list for virtual elimination.

It's a reminder that research pays big dividends, and a reminder, too, that the fund drive for cancer, currently underway, aims to eliminate another dread disease.

Giving to these organizations can be considered comparable to buying an insurance policy.

### Driver Education

The note that Kings Mountain high school hopes to inaugurate a driver education course sounds like good sense.

The increased automobile population means that a great many more teenagers are getting the opportunity to get under the wheel and speed down the boulevards and highways.

And speed they do. There seems to be some innate requirement in a teen-ager to get the last ounce of speed out of the four-wheeled carriage, regardless of vintage, and without any thought to the unpleasant and dangerous possibilities which can and do occur.

The safety experts report that driver education courses have proved of some benefit in lowering the accident rate among youthful drivers.

If a life is saved thereby, the course in auto handling would quickly pay for itself.

Our congratulations to Miss Marie Cobb, high school junior, who won the Cleveland County Schoolmasters reading contest and thereby joins a long list of previous winners from Kings Mountain high school.

Senator Douglas has a point in his criticism of service pay regulations which provide extra pay for flyers and no extra pay for infantrymen being shot at.

The American Legion requires more money in hand, if it is to field a baseball entry this summer. Baseball fans should make a donation at once, in order to assure continuance of the program.

Nero fiddled while Rome burned. The bus companies fiddle while passengers burn, sun variety, or while they get soaked, or freeze, according to the dictates of the weather.

### 10 YEARS AGO Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events THIS WEEK taken from the 1942 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

A field of 29 candidates for the 17 county offices squared off last Saturday as filing lists closed for the spring primary to be held Saturday, May 30.

T. V. Hill began his duties as a member of the Kings Mountain Police Department Tuesday night, according to Chief Jimmy Burns.

Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney left Tuesday to attend the State Convention of the N. C. Federation of Woman's Clubs to be held at the George Vanderbilt Hotel in Asheville.

Mrs. O. P. Lewis and Mrs. J. C. Williams recent bride were honor guests at a most delightful bridge party at the Woman's Club Saturday afternoon when Mrs. Hugh Ormand and Miss Mary Mitchell entertained guests making up ten tables.

Mrs. Grady Patterson was hostess to members of the Study club entertaining at her home on Gold street Tuesday.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Mary Dean Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Allen of Kings Mountain, and Mr. Runne Swannson of Shelby. The marriage took place April 12.

Mrs. Paul McGinnis spent several days in Shelby visiting her sister.

Wendell Phifer, who has been in training at Albuquerque, New Mexico, has been on a visit to his wife and parents in Kings Mountain.

Corporal Clyde L. Rhea of Fort Benning, Ga., spent an eight day furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Rhea.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

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

### Gum Battle

The title above should not read "Gum Battle", and therefore is not a typographical error. Nor does it refer to a verbal joust with friends or otherwise, such as will be practiced right much during the forthcoming months, as candidates argue with one another in an effort to get the biggest portion of votes.

g-m

It refers to a little private war I had the other night with a discarded piece of "Blow-It" or some other brand of the bubble gum the youngsters delight to masticate.

g-m

I slipped off to the movies to see the Fred Astaire show "Royal Wedding" and settled comfortably in my seat. The shorts were on and everything was going nicely until the better half missed her pocketbook, which reminds that ladyfolk haven't learned, as men have, the benefits of hip and inside coat pockets for carrying regular necessities of life. Maybe they do recognize the practicalities of these pockets, but even the few pockets in ladies' frocks and suits are only ornamental. A woman would never think of putting anything in these pockets for the carrying would get the suit out-of-shape.

g-m

Anyway, I did an on-the-double trot, found the purse o. k., then learned there wasn't anything in it but a couple of pieces of Kleenex, and the usual beautifiers sold by the cosmetic houses.

g-m

So I settled again, in the same seat, but this time I settled in a different position. Perhaps it was the invigorating night air I'd been trotting in. Instead of reclining comfortably in the seat, I sat up straight and true, like the physical ed teachers say one should for best health. This time, it wasn't too healthy. I felt a little lump under me, moved a little, and the lump "gave". Shortly, I discovered that I was wallowing in a nice big blob of used bubble stuff. Needless to say, the removal operation would have been interesting to watch, and I was glad to be at the last showing and that the customers behind me had already departed. I have no complaints against Claude Webb, but I would like to discover the youngster who was playing April Fool jokes out-of-season.

g-m

How does one get bubble gum off trouser seats anyway? It's hard enough to scrape a blob off a shoe sole.

g-m

It was my second major joust in 30-plus years with the children's delight. I think I've told the tale before, but when I was a youngster I lost another gum battle.

g-m

Youngsters love to experiment with any and everything, and chewing gum is no exception, particularly after the sugar has been chewed down to dry elastic. Thus, it happened that I was experimenting in a very unorthodox manner which would have been deplored by all my ciders. What effect I expected to get by rolling the gum up the side of my face I hardly know, but that's what I was doing.

g-m

Needless to say, I rolled too far one time, and it wouldn't roll back. It was plainly stuck in the hair. There was heck to pay. The removal process, as I recall hard rubbing with a kerosene accompaniment, was bad enough. Then there was the maternal ire to handle.

g-m

I don't recall that I immediately forsook the chewing gum cult, but the experience must have had some lasting effect. I never mess with the stuff anymore.

g-m

Chewing gum still delights the youngsters of today just as much as it ever did. The little one-cent-requisite gum ball machines spotted about the city do a nice business, and a youngster doesn't have to be much past the crawling stage to get excited over the colorful gum menagerie which meets his eyes. The corner grocer still keeps a good supply of bubble stuff around, and Beech-Nut and Wrigley still are large names in the chewing field.

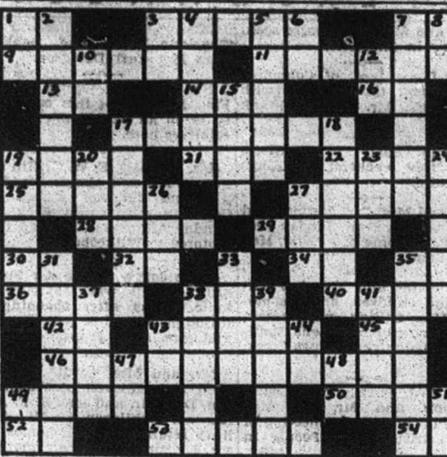
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New on the list is chlorophyll gum, an effort by the gum makers to capitalize on the new "discovery" by the toothpaste boys, which, according to reports, is getting a wide play from the tooth-brushing public.

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I might try the toothpaste, but I believe I'll leave off the chewing gum. I might lose another battle.

### CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon



- ACROSS
- 1—Kind of electric current
  - 2—European city
  - 3—Roman 800
  - 4—Pacific island paradise
  - 5—Scene of the 1952 Olympics
  - 6—Compass direction
  - 7—Turf
  - 8—Aerial train
  - 9—North European sea (two words)
  - 10—Greek letter
  - 11—Flower
  - 12—Polite
  - 13—To let
  - 14—The self (poss.)
  - 15—Bold
  - 16—Musical note
  - 17—Proposition
  - 18—Either
  - 19—Geographical Nomenclature (abbrev.)
  - 20—Shout
  - 21—Simpleton
  - 22—Measure of area
- DOWN
- 1—Exclamation of satisfaction
  - 2—Country of the Western Hemisphere
  - 3—Greek letter
  - 4—Passageway
  - 5—Asiatic country
  - 6—Thus
  - 7—French city on Strait of Dover
  - 8—Possessive pronoun
  - 9—Pronoun
  - 10—Pronoun
  - 11—Man's name
  - 12—Bay in the Indian Ocean
  - 13—Spanish for mountains
  - 14—European country
  - 15—Prevention
  - 16—Rodent
  - 17—French river
  - 18—Small child
  - 19—Sign of the Zodiac
  - 20—Sea near Greece
  - 21—Lament
  - 22—South European country
  - 23—Flexible
  - 24—River in Kansas
  - 25—Lost brilliance
  - 26—Cabbage
  - 27—Unit of measure
  - 28—Chemical symbol for nickel
  - 29—College degree
  - 30—Shortened "standard"
  - 31—Towards
  - 32—Unit of precious stone weight (abbrev.)

See The Want Ad Section For This Week's Completed Puzzle

### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### HOW MANY PARTIES? (SMITHFIELD HERALD)

There once was an old lady who glued her postage stamps on upside down to show her Southern defiance of the Union whose postage service carried her mail. Just such a spirit is showed by voters in the South who insist upon voting Democratic year after year, whether they approve of the party's principles or not, says Alexander Heard in his new book "A Two-Party South?", recently published by the University of North Carolina Press.

Author Heard believes that the one-party system of the South "is the wayward child of American politics" and that the South "has much greater influence in the nation if it had a strong two-party system, with both Democrats and Republicans making promises to the South in return for votes. With the present one-party system, the Democrats think they can get the Southern bloc of votes without promising anything. Republicans feel they have no chance at the polls even if they promised everything."

In 1948 there were so many Southern "Democrats" who refused to go along with Truman and the Democratic platform that they formed the splinter Dixiecrat Party primarily in hopes of throwing the Presidential election into the House of Representatives. Based upon sectional prejudices and race fears, their campaign drew a large number of votes through the Deep South but had little effect upon national politics.

If the Southern conservatives whose social and economic beliefs are much nearer in line with the Republican Party than with the Democratic Party could overcome their reluctance to admit they are Republicans at heart and discard the frustrating attempt to build up a Third Party, they might put their influence, their money and their votes where they would really count. Let them join the Republican Party, vote their convictions, and do a real service to their states by giving the South a genuine two-party system.

#### SPRING FEVER (ELKIN TRIBUNE)

This is the time of year when the red corpuscles in the average citizen's veins begin to cruise around a bit faster and he feels the urge to get out and dig in the earth, dreaming of a bountiful supply of fresh vegetables as a reward for his labor.

In other words, this is spring, and what if a few mornings are frosty, what if the rains come. They cannot last forever. Unfortunately, the urge to garden is not always as permanent as needs be for best results. For instance, the businessman who acquires a garden plot will spend more money on garden tools, equipment, seed and fertilizer in one week than the results of his gardening would be worth in five years. And in too many cases, once the ground is dug and the seed are planted, that is about the end of that. For after the first glow of interest when the seed sprout and send up their first tiny shoots, the fishing season, and the baseball season, and the season of just plain laziness comes along, and if the good wife doesn't come to the rescue, what started out to be a prize vegetable garden will turn out to be an area of exceptionally large and well-pleased weeds.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

Dear Sirs:  
It has been called to my attention that a statement appeared in the Thursday issue of your paper to the effect that a Frank Cooke had been charged with drunkenness and ordered to remain out of Cleveland County except in Court matters. There are several Frank Cookes, including myself, and it has caused me some embarrassment inasmuch as I am an attorney, and the article inferred that it might have been me, and that the party was ordered to stay out of the county except in Court matters.  
I would appreciate it very much if you would publish a statement that it is not the Frank P. Cooke, Attorney, of Gastonia, North Carolina.  
Yours very truly,  
Frank P. Cooke,  
Attorney at Law,  
Gastonia, N. C.

(Ed. Note: Lawyer Cooke is not the Frank Cooke ordered out of Cleveland County by Judge E. A. Harrill in City Recorder's court on April 7. The Herald is glad to make this clarification.)

Dear Mr. Harmon,  
Dr. D. F. Hord has been kind enough to forward the several issues of "The Herald" in which you published a series of articles on fluoridation and then your March 20th column "Martin's Medicine".  
I am sure that the articles will help your readers to understand more fully what fluoridation is all about. As for your "Medicine" column — it was done with the pen of a master columnist. I'd like to send some copies of it around

to folks in dental public health and would appreciate your sending half a dozen clippings of it. In the column you stated that "37,000,000 people in the U. S. are drinking fluoridated water". The real figure is something on the following order:  
a. People receiving natural fluoride-bearing water (0.50 ppm or more) 4,000,000; b. People receiving fluoride-treated water 6,000,000; Total 10,000,000.  
Enclosed are some items of interest: Fluoridation — North America III, and an excerpt from a paper on "Better Dental Health Through Water Fluoridation". Developments in the field are quite rapid, so that figures are out-of-date almost as soon as they leave the press or typewriter. St. Louis has approved fluoridation and Detroit has gone through a "first reading" with an affirmative vote.  
When we can combine a well-rounded program of water fluoridation for communities with distribution systems, topical fluoride application in school areas where there are no distribution systems, establishment of the practice of brushing or thoroughly rinsing the teeth after eating, moderation in the use of sweets, and early and regular dental care from the age of two, then we will be on the way to control of the dental health problem.  
Insofar as fluoridation is concerned, the only thing we have to lose is time. And however hacked-negged—the more the delay, the more the decay.  
Best wishes and regards.  
Sincerely,  
Zachary M. Stadt, D. M. D.,  
Dental Health Officer.

There were 162,000 more persons injured in U. S. motor vehicle accidents last year than in 1950.

Ninety-seven per cent of drivers involved in 1951 accidents had at least one year of experience behind the wheel.

There were 92 per cent more fatal accidents on icy roads last year than in 1950.

The fewer fatal highway accidents last year in North Carolina occurred on Tuesday and Thursday

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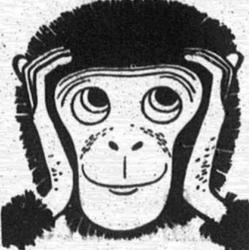
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