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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

If ye love me, Keep my commandments. St. John 14:15.

### Middle-of-the-Road

About the best headline General Eisenhower has yet received, this newspaper believes, was the one of last week-end when the General indicated that he, as president, would endeavor to follow a middle-of-the-road policy.

The reporting was not too complete, leaving something to be desired on detail, but it appeared that the General would try to adopt the policies of those who are in a frame of mind to compromise the extreme differences of the ultra-right and ultra-left philosophies.

Unfortunately, the extremists seldom know how to handle power when they achieve it. Thus, in the early thirties there was need for rather drastic action. As a businessman remarked the other day, "We were all starving, working man, business man or industrialist." Following the election of President Roosevelt, the pendulum started swinging to the other side and continued to swing left until the passage of the Taft-Hartley act, the first major legislative halt to the leftward movement.

Successful political action customarily depends on timing. President Hoover did not fit his time in the White House, President Roosevelt did. Now many people feel the time has come for a middle-of-the-road or coasting policy in domestic affairs, to give a test, at least, to the so-called social gains of the past two decades and see how they work out unaccompanied by more moves left.

Most folk would like to see the budget balanced and the debt denied a little each year, even though few would want to throw out social security, unemployment compensation and many of the other programs inherited from the Roosevelt era.

If General Eisenhower makes the middle-of-the-road policy his principal campaign theme, he will be hitting a responsive chord with many an American citizen.

### Containment Needed

Any number of complaints from individuals have come to the Herald concerning reckless driving on city streets, principally they say, with youths at the wheel.

The older folk recognize the dangers of fast, reckless driving in residential areas, for they know that children might jump in front of speeding autos.

Containing youthful motorists is a constant and continuing problem, for there is something in the make-up of youth which seems to require that an automobile be driven at the fastest possible speed in all places and on all occasions.

The insurance companies, who are quite expert at the business of figures, figured out that more of their claims come from accidents involving youthful drivers, and thus they have compensated by charging fathers more for insurance if they have children who drive the family bus.

Particular complaints have come locally on Mountain street traffic and East Kings Mountain traffic, some suggesting that these areas seem to be the current "speedways".

City policemen would do well to give particular attention to patrolling these areas and, if necessary, in halting to court the youthful offenders. While none of them intend any harm, their intentions are not a guarantee against collisions and fatal accidents.

Our congratulations to David Mauney, who has attained the highest rank in the Boy Scout program. It is also unique that each of the five boys in this family attained the Eagle rank.

## 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1942 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

The Kings Mountain Band was invited to participate in the U. S. Marine Day Rally to be held in Charlotte today.

Miss Agnes Norris and Mrs. Florence Mims of the Norris House donated a number of books to the Kings Mountain Library this week.

Social and Personal  
Miss Maud Plonk was hostess at a shower on last Monday afternoon at her home on Gold Street, complimenting Miss Mary Julia

### School Opening

Next week will be a busy time at the several schools of the Kings Mountain area and it will also be a busy time in homes, as families transfer from the summer routine to the school-days routine.

Though it is an old theme, it is never amiss at this time of year to remind young people that they'll be missing much if they don't finish high school.

While the compulsory attendance law has done much to give almost all a minimum of schooling, there are still a number of young people who forsake the books and classrooms as quickly as they pass their sixteenth birthday.

Parents should encourage their children to continue their schooling, for, more and more, a high school diploma is becoming pre-requisite to consideration for almost any type of work. The trend will continue and accelerate as the years pass.

It is also customary to remind at this season that the schools and faculties can't do it all, that benefits to school pupils increase directly with the interest of parents in seeing that the pupils give some occasional attention to their lesson assignments, as well as to the social adjuncts of the educational process.

While many sports-minded citizens would like to see Kings Mountain blessed with a well-fitted stadium in a new site, a lesser number is willing to shell out for the cost. Given a prosperous economy, it seems reasonable to believe that ardent work toward building a complete recreational plant can result in achievement of the dream over a period of years. However, the present stadium, now in best physical condition it has ever been, is a usable fact. It is our guess that development of a recreational plant would be more attractive to potential donors if facilities other than a stadium are on the top priority list.

Numerous surveys have been made over the years looking toward an eventual Highway 29 by-pass which would free Kings Mountain from the very heavy traffic going north and south on this busy highway artery. New surveys are now being made and the evidences of possible fruition are greater than they have been in the past. South Carolina is laying a new No. 29 to Grover, and all along the North Carolina portion, No. 29 is becoming a four-lane highway. In addition, traffic continues to increase over the route. While none can foresee the future with complete accuracy, indications are that a new road south of the city is a more immediate prospect than at any time in the past.

Opening night for "Sword of Gideon" is nearing. Little Theatre officials report considerable inquiries for information concerning the drama and are already filling ticket orders. Indications are that, given good weather, the drama will attract large throngs to Kings Mountain, as did "The Conquer We Must" last year.

For the past several years, the civic clubs of the city have taken time-out on handling the annual appeal for funds for the Kings Mountain city schools band. This year the Kiwanis Club is handling the drive and expects to conduct it about two weeks hence. The community is aware of the good work of the band, and it is easy to guess that the efforts of the Kiwanians, under the chairmanship of L. E. Abbott, will be met with success.

Pollock, bride-elect of the week. Mr. and Mrs. George F. Lattimore have moved from Mountain Street to their residence on Piedmont Ave.  
Mrs. Harold Hinnicutt entertained members of her club Thursday afternoon. An ice cream course was served at the beginning of the games.  
Mrs. S. A. Lowery was hostess to members of the Thursday Afternoon Book Club entertaining at the home of Mrs. Arthur Hay

on Gaston street last week. Postmaster W. E. Blakely is taking his vacation this week.  
Mrs. Paul Peterson is spending the week in Charlotte with relatives.  
Mrs. Pinkney Stokes and little daughter of Ruffin, are guests of Mrs. M. L. Houser.  
Miss Eunice Hord will return to Asheville Friday after a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. J. B. Falls.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon  
Ingredients: bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment.  
Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid over dosage.

### Exit August

It won't be long now, August is retiring, which means that two-thirds of the current year is over and done and fit subject principally for the historians.

After the heat of the current summer, most folk are not likely to be sorry and will welcome September with its even cooler nights, football games, and other fall-opening activities. Mothers will take up the books again, helping the youngsters with the three "R's", and fathers will begin thinking about outfitting the youngsters and paying the fuel man. The youngsters, of course, will think about the forthcoming rides on the thrill devices at the Bethware and Cleveland County fairs. To my knowledge, about the only deficiency in the ride department at the county fair over the years has been a roller-coaster. I suppose they're too expensive to erect and dismantle for a one-week stand and are limited to the all-season runs at Coney Island and other playgrounds. But a person who's never ridden a roller-coaster has missed the scare of a lifetime. I rode one with George Plonk (now Dr. Plonk, Raleigh surgeon) at the Chicago World's Fair when both of us were much younger. George accused me of looking white as a ghost when we got off.

Reference last week's medicinal note about the guy who feels he's chosen correctly in all his principal decisions, there was a good follow-up on the discussion at the Joy Theatre last Thursday night. The motion picture "We're Not Married" was a very interesting tickler and the author of this fantasy leaned heavily toward the same theory as my friend.

According to the script, it turned out that a marryin' justice of the peace had started to work a week before his commission date which had the effect of nullifying six marriages he had performed. The subsequent flashes into the lives and activities of the six couples were most interesting. In five of the six instances, the first reaction to the we're-not-married news was happiness on both sides, male and female. Then second thoughts started working, and most wound up right where they started. The several partnerships had their benefits, too.

My best tickle came from the initial thought of Paul Douglas, playing a busy New York businessman who daily brought his business cares home from the office. Conversation between him and the wife was giggible and the general appearance was one of a take-it-for-granted marriage. Actor Douglas, reading the you're-not-married letter, immediately envisioned himself at the haunts of his old Lochinvarish self, dancing with a different beauty every evening and having himself a time. Suddenly, he was jarred back to realism. An imaginary bill from a nightclub reared its ugly head with a neat black figure reading \$77.20. He shuddered and dedicated the letter to ashes.

Most of us would do what we've done, romantically, commercially, otherwise, just as we've done it — mistakes included. That the wife and I saw such a movie on a wedding anniversary was purely coincidental.

This year September opens on Monday which is Labor Day, meaning a long weekend holiday for a number of people. According to the reference department, the holiday was set up by Congress to commemorate the dignity of work.

I had never thought much about the Labor Day holiday business, but I suppose the "dignity of work" is as good excuse for a holiday as any, be it George Washington's birthday, Memorial Day or any other. The business of work has always been one of dignity with most persons, for good reasons. Few of us can eat well if the work factor is short. There are always exceptions to the rule, and some few people work hard to avoid work, but not many. Most folk, too, would be miserable without working, as desirable as a success from labor might appear. Usually, toward the end of a vacation period, all members of the family begin to long for the familiar back-yard, home table and bed. I've never heard of the comforts of a swank hotel comparing with the comforts of home for more than a brief period.

We'll say "Amen" to August Sunday, Happy Labor Day!

### Lucky You

by Dick Shaw



Lucky you—you cheated the undertaker with your broken down car

### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### INSURANCE GROWTH

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The insurance agents of the nation have done an outstanding job in the last half century, for at the end of 1951, 75 per cent of the families in the United States owned life insurance of some kind. There were 210,000,000 policies in effect, totaling \$253,000,000,000 in protection.

The Life Insurance Handbook which has just come to the editor's desk reports, among many other facts, that life insurance protection in this country averages \$5,500.00 per family. While, in some respects, this can be regarded as a high average, we believe that any energetic life insurance salesman will agree that the opportunities for more sales are will-nigh unlimited.

North Carolina has fourteen of the 884 life insurance companies operating in this country, and among the fourteen are several that have had a tremendous growth in the past quarter of a century.

Life insurance companies employ 345,000 persons, which is another indication that this is a big business. Let it also be said that the efforts of these persons are of tremendous value to the economy of this country.

The companies had an income of \$12,100,000,000 in 1951, and they paid out in death claims \$1,700,410,000, with a grand total in benefits of \$3,730,665,000, or approximately 25 per cent of their income.

Of course, it would be possible for claims to run much higher than they did in 1951, but the law of averages usually takes care of insurance companies. However, they must remain strong in order to inspire and maintain the high degree of confidence in which the American public hold these institutions.

At the same time, insurance company officials will be wise if they keep the spread between what is taken in and what is paid out in benefits at the minimum. In a world that has witnessed the development of socialistic trends in more recent years, a spread of 75 per cent will look mighty inviting to social planners and advocates of government ownership and operation of industry and business.

#### Avondale Resident Rites Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. B. D. Hicks of the Ellenboro section, Avondale, S. C., were conducted Friday afternoon from High Shoals Baptist church in Rutherford county, of which she was a member.  
Death occurred suddenly Wednesday afternoon.  
Mrs. Hicks is the mother of Archie and Walter Hicks, former be held at the Boyce Memorial

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### Doctors Says Home Care For Infantile Paralysis Patient Best In Some Cases

CHICAGO — Home care in selected cases of poliomyelitis, rather than hospitalization, was suggested by Dr. Philip M. Stimson, of the department of pediatrics, New York Hospital-Cornell Medical Center, New York.

Writing in the Journal of the American Medical Association, Dr. Stimson said most patients with suspected polio, nonparalytic forms of polio, and many of the mild forms of the disease "might better be cared for at home." This is particularly true, he added, if local health authorities can aid the family physician to differentiate poliomyelitis from other conditions and can provide the family physician with visiting nursing and physical therapy to care for the patients in the home.

"First and foremost among the advantages of home care is the important fact that the patient is saved the fatigue, excitement and nervous tension of the trip to the hospital, and the excessive handling that is usually incident to the first days in a hospital," Dr. Stimson pointed out. "There is wide agreement today that fatigue and exhaustion at the onset of poliomyelitis seem to aggravate the ravages of the oncoming disease."

Among other reasons given by the physician for home care, if possible, were: (1) many parents prefer to keep their child home; (2) there is far less emotional disturbance; (3) the financial costs are less; (4) the family physician can remain in touch with his patient, and (5) home care releases many hospital beds and nurses for the care of more serious cases.

### Most Accidents Occur During Rain

CHICAGO — You can't blame it on the weather! In 84 per cent of the 32,500 fatal motor vehicle accidents last year, the weather was clear or merely cloudy. It was rainy, snowy or foggy in only one out of six fatal accidents.

According to "Accident Facts," the National Safety Council's statistical yearbook, which is just off the press, rain was the condition reported most frequently under bad weather conditions. Unfavorable weather conditions were reported more frequently for all accidents (including property damage only) than for fatal accidents. Rainy, snowy or foggy weather was reported for 21 per cent of all accidents and clear or cloudy weather for 79 per cent.

Ten per cent of national forest earnings are set aside for use by the Forest Service in building and maintaining forest roads and trails within states containing such forests.

### Tolleson In Korea After Japan Leave

WITH THE 25TH INFANTRY DIV. IN KOREA — First Lt. George R. Tolleson, whose wife, Elizabeth, lives at 507 Ridge st., Kings Mountain, N. C., recently returned to the 25th Division in Korea after a five-day rest and recuperation leave in Japan.

He and hundreds of soldiers from other divisions in Korea, stayed in the finest hotels in Japan and enjoyed many luxuries unobtainable in Korea. The leaves are part of the Army's policy to give the fighting soldier a rest from the rigors of combat.

Lieutenant Tolleson is a platoon leader in Company C of the 85th Engineer Combat Battalion.

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