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### TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding. Proverbs 3:13

## Secession To Gaston?

The Gastonia Gazette's Tom McIntyre published a story in a recent edition in which he reported that numerous Kings Mountain citizens would like to see Kings Mountain secede from Cleveland County and join Gaston.

Reporter McIntyre quoted no sources.

Fact is, of course, a small piece of the corporate limits of the City of Kings Mountain is located in Gaston County, result of a comparatively recent annexation at request of property owners.

Talk of secession to Gaston stems from older citizens who remember the torrid county line election of 1915, when Kings Mountain citizens voted to cast their lot with Cleveland. The county line of that day was the Lincoln-York highway, splitting the city between counties. In turn, the conversation increases when it appears Eastern Cleveland has difficulty getting just dues (services) in county matters.

As one citizen remarked recently, "It appears when Kings Mountain wants its share of a project it must fight tooth and toenail to get it, and I just can't bring myself around to thinking that that is right."

It's another way of stating the red-headed stepchild charge, of which there are several chapters and verses, covering many years and in several areas.

There isn't a great amount of seriousness to the secession conversation, and the problems of arranging such an election would be considerable. There is the matter of general obligation Cleveland bonds covering many future years, which, with a piece of the tax base may be about to take wings, would have to be assumed by Gaston County.

Among many these days are conversations in another direction, specifically the desirability of consolidating some of North Carolina's one hundred counties for cheaper operation. These thinkers note that North Carolina's county lines were carved in the day before the horseless carriage made a joint to the county seat a 15-minute journey rather than an all-day business. Efforts in this direction will be a long time in fruition. There is the intangible matter of local pride involved, the rather tangible one of economics relating to county personnel, and the other intangible one of political control.

Kings Mountain would welcome most, of course, a consolidation of Gaston and Cleveland counties, provided it were agreed that Kings Mountain would become the county seat with all the buildings, agency offices, and other benefits such a change would entail for Kings Mountain.

No second of the motion is anticipated from our municipal neighbors to east or west.

## All-American

Gastonia is getting deserved congratulations on its selection, among eleven, as an All-American city.

Several years ago Gastonia embarked on a program to expand and diversify its industry and has been eminently successful.

Its willingness to pay in advance has assured a continuing expansion of school facilities, minus a heavy interest cost for bonded debt.

Yet it was willing to take on debt to establish a community college.

These are just a few of the pluses which made Gastonia All-American.

The Herald regrets very much the sudden and untimely death of Boyce (Dutch) Goins. Mr. Goins was a regular press night visitor to the Herald office, never failed to tease when the press rolled late. He was always friendly, good-humored, and interested in the welfare of others.

The Lincoln Academy Kings Mountain Improvement association has some very worthy aims, from a well-functioning volunteer fire department to an upgraded community where all homes have bathrooms and refuse is well-contained. Best wishes to this group and to this community.

## Precinct Lines

Concurrently with ordering a new county registration, which Chairman Ralph Gilbert of the county elections board assures is definite, the board hopes to establish definitive boundary lines for the 28 county voting precincts, spell out the boundaries in legal language and, for the layman, to detail these boundaries via maps.

It's a worthy aim. In this area, for instance, there is no definitive boundary line between East Kings Mountain and Grover precincts. Chairman Gilbert also notes that some Number 5 township citizens are included in the Bethware precinct, carved out in 1950, and questions whether Number 5 citizens should be helping to decide nominees and electees to Number 4 township offices of constable and magistrate.

His comment on this situation has upset some of the Number 5 citizens who vote at Bethware. They reason that their juxtaposition to Number 4 township in practice makes Constable Rocky Ford their constable and, indeed, in police matters, they call Constable Ford.

This problem poses the legal question, perhaps, of how to alter slightly township lines, which, the Herald guesses, would be the prerogative of the General Assembly.

There may be similar problems in other areas of the county. There is a desire, meantime of some Bethware citizens to expand the bounds of this precinct in order to pare the heavily-laden West Kings Mountain precinct. Here some agreement should be reached between the several political precinct committees.

Meantime, it is hoped the elections board will not be deterred in its plans to order a new registration prior to the May 30 primaries.

The registration books need cleaning. Kings Mountain finally accomplished the chore for city elections last year and fears that many would be disfranchised by failing to register anew proved quite groundless.

## Gubernatorial Geography

Dr. I. Beverly Lake recently pooh-poohed as long out-of-date the thesis that North Carolina should elect a governor alternately from east and west. The point is: what candidate would make the best executive, he contends.

It's a logical point, though not necessarily one that will be approved particularly in Eastern North Carolina, in which Wake Forest, Dr. Lake's home diggings is considered to be located.

The informal agreement (among Democrats, who have elected governors continually since 1900 in Tar Heelia) was a political contrivance which has generally appealed to the populace and is one of the leading battle cries of the home-folk in Candidate Dan Moore's area. More important though is that the informal agreement is a boon to the less populous East. The populous Piedmont has the bulk of the people and therefore the bulk of the votes.

There have been times, of course, when a leading candidate came out of the central "no man's land", when there was no clear-cut way to differentiate.

Kerr Scott was from the Central area and present Candidate Rich Preyer isn't far removed.

Dr. Lake, in the present instance, realizes that Governor Terry Sanford is quite definitely East, coming from Cumberland county. On basis of the old agreement, it's the West's time.

Candidate Preyer certainly will make capital of the fact, certainly to the home-folk in Guilford, that this leading county hasn't sent a governor to Raleigh since 1841.

Candidate Moore can note that never has a governor been elected from Jackson county, his longtime residence, nor from Buncombe, where he was born, since Locke Craig in 1913.

Dr. Lake can hark to Governor Broughton, elected in 1940.

Congratulations to Ray and Eugene White who have been awarded silver palms for continued work in Scouting over and above the high mark of Eagle Scout.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

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

First Union National received its initial shipment of the new half-dollar with the Kennedy likeness last Thursday morning, and numerous folk were obtaining one or more to salt away. The new coin was getting much attention, even though no less than nine million are contained in the initial mintage, and, according to the T-V newsmen, the average design life of half-dollar is about 25 years.

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The first coin Vice-President Dick Lenoza took out of the shipment rated a special-delivery delivery. Some weeks ago, apparently, third-grader Scott Neisler's teacher at West school had been telling her class about the forthcoming Kennedy half-dollar. Scott averred he believed he could get the first one arriving in Kings Mountain. How could he manage that, the teacher wanted to know.

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Scott replied, "Because I live next door to the banker."

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Dick telephoned Father Charlie, who made the delivery to West school before Thursday's school day ended.

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Dick had less success with Scott's uncle, Bob Maner, who is perhaps 179.5 degrees from the political philosophy of the late President Kennedy. "No," Bob had replied to Dick's proffer of coins, "I don't want to be caught in public with any of them." Indeed, when I mentioned Scott's interest in the new coin to Charlie, Charlie said, "I didn't want that to get noised abroad too much. Scott's liable to find Uncle Bob isn't speaking to him."

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Other coin interest of current moment concerns the silver dollar, also known as the "cartwheel". The Treasury Department has clamped a "no sale" sign over its silver dollar window, following a speculative run by coin collectors which threatened to exhaust the supply. Congress declined to authorize the cash for more minting of silver dollars and the run began. As is said about stocks sold after healthy advances, there has already been some profit-taking. Policeman Jackie Barrett read that one coin enthusiast went to the Treasury Building in an armored car to get \$50,000 silver dollars, and that yet another, who had intended investing \$3,000 in cartwheels never reached the window. He sold his place in line for \$3,000.

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Friend Lenoza says there are no silver dollars at the Charlotte Federal Reserve branch. He is informed that the cartwheels will be shoveled into the particular Federal Reserve areas where silver dollars are important to the economy. It can be assumed that this means Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada, where dollar variety one-armed bandits operate around the clock.

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People who delve heavily in the numismatic hobby need a private bank vault to protect their investment. There is the problem of value to protect, as well as the physical ones of weight and bulk. Dick's brother is a collector, specializing in dimes and pennies. On one occasion when he was visiting here, Dick inquired where he'd cached his coin collection, guessing he's locked the loot in his bedroom closet. "No," his brother replied, "It's in the trunk of the car." He meant to do some swapping while visiting his banker brother, Dick learned.

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Dick doesn't collect coins, his principal hobby being fishing. However, from the carbon of a letter Dick snatched me, he's going fishing in the future for a different type of catch. With Ed Goter supplying the source, Dick has written a firm in Denver, Colorado, to ship him three gold-mining pans. Dick guesses this sport will prove entertaining to his brother on future visits. The spare pan was ordered at the instance of Don W. Blanton, husband of the bank's assistant cashier.

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Metals of many kinds are found in the Lincoln-Gaffney mineral belt, and gold is among them. The water-logged gold mine off York Road was operated for a number of years.

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When Dick and friends go gold-panning they won't be the first. A number of unemployed folk during the depression spent their time profitably by panning for gold in creeks of the area. None struck it rich, but a little nugget of gold at that time was very valuable indeed.



He's Our Man!

## Viewpoints of Other Editors

### A BEATLE IS A BEATLE...

There is in the English language the time-honored word beadle. Webster's Big Book defines beadle variously as one who proclaims, a crier, one whose office it is to walk before dignitaries.

Another Anglo Saxon word of equally impeccable heritage is beetle. The Big Book differentiates between two types of beetles: one is defined as "any coleopterous insect having four wings, the outer pair being stiff cases which cover the others when they are folded"; the other is defined as "a heavy hammering or ramming instrument, usually with a wooden head."

Now a new word has insinuated itself into the language. It is Beadle, an obviously capital word which is a phonetic cousin of beadle and beetle but which seems to have no etymological relationship to the older words.

The word Beadle (which usually appears in the plural) is apparently based on the word beat, a quaint mid-20th century expression of so recent vintage that the Bib Book is of no help in determining its meaning.

On the basis of what we do know, however, about the meaning of beadle and beetle, we can attempt the following definition of beades:

It apparently comes in four parts (although we doubt it is winged), and is something like a wooden-headed bug that functions as a heavy hammering instrument. It proclaims loudly and abundantly (through its 17 press agents; another 20th century curiosity), and is certainly a crier. And while it generally walks before teenagers, it has in its native habitat—walked before dignitaries (at command performances).

The word Beades has been used in the formation of the word Beademan, a malady which has severely blighted Great Britain, which (has swept) the East Coast and which (if all the nation's picture tubes don't go out) bids fair to sear the entire United States.

In light of all this, we would like to suggest a new word based on Beades. The word is Beadeophobia. We have it.

And we have had it!—The Denver Post

### A MEXICAN VIEW

School youngsters were partly to blame for the Canal Zone flare-up, but by no means can they be made to carry all the blame. Their pukka-sahib complex was instilled in them by their elders....

In a letter to the editor of Time magazine, Mrs. Barbara J. Landsfield says: "With the evidence of the Balboa (Panama Canal Zone) High School flag 'razing' I wonder how anyone in the United States can now seriously favor giving 18-year-olds the vote."

If 18-year-olds are considered mature enough to fight and die for their country, we fail to understand why they should not be mature enough to vote. If they lack the needful maturity, we insist on laying most of the blame on their elders—parents and educators.

Teach youngsters the true and just meaning of patriotism and civic-mindedness... thus they will refrain from hysterical flag-waving every time their self-confidence wavers

Excelsior (Mexico City)

### CHALLENGE TO DE GAULLE

Until now, almost all opposition to President de Gaulle has suffered under the fatal handicap of seeming to point backwards to the discredited Fourth Republic. M. Gaston Defferre, whom the French Socialists have chosen to be their candidate at the next presidential election, escapes this incubus. The keynote of his campaign might well be something like, "Forward from De Gaulle." He accepts the constitution of 1958—indeed, he was one of the few Socialists to support the vote of special powers to the General. What M. Defferre now challenges is the personal rule which President de Gaulle has erected for himself on that foundation. In recognizing the need for a stabilizing presidential power, while desiring the rehabilitation of democratic parliamentary government, the Socialist contender reflects a widespread feeling among Frenchmen of all parties. He has, moreover, maintained his freedom to appeal to them by resisting attempts by some of his colleagues to bind him to a strictly party line. M. Defferre is plainly going to seek broad national support beyond the Socialist ranks, in a spectrum from Left to Center.

Although M. Defferre's vigorous personality and proven ability as Mayor of Marseilles make him a strong candidate Gen. de Gaulle will probably be unbeatable if he decides to stand again. So far, he has revealed neither his intention nor the date of the election. It must be held before the end of next year, but could take place at any earlier date which the President may decide to be opportune. M. Defferre's prospects of becoming the next President of the French Republic must seem dubious. Meanwhile, he will be doing his country a valuable service if he achieves his immediate aim of "creating a dialogue instead of a Gaullist monologue."

Daily Telegraph (London)

### THE WOMAN'S TOUCH

Railroad men, barge line operators, truckers and indeed the Interstate Commerce Commission itself must have been shaken up just a little bit by news that President Johnson had named a woman to sit on the commission. Never before has the ICC had a Madame Commissioner.

Doubtless the appointment of Mrs. Virginia Mae Brown has been marked by the sort of jokes such an occasion usually inspires. Such as the necessity for cleaning up all those dirty old barges or orders to decorate cabooses with window-boxes of geraniums.

Yet when the head-shaking and chucking have ended, it may turn out that the choice of Mrs. Brown, West Virginia's insurance commissioner, was a happy one. With all of the ICC's dust-covered cases and old-fashioned regulations, maybe it's time for the woman's touch.

The Wall Street Journal

### 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1954 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Coroner J. Ollie Harris, Kings Mountain mortician, announced Wednesday he would seek re-nomination in the May 29 Democratic primary.

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**Reinhardt Aboard Carrier Midway**  
USS MIDWAY (Fleet) — Coman E. Reinhardt, seaman apprentice, U.S.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Reinhardt of 521 Cleveland Ave., Kings Mountain, N. C., is serving aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Midway which visited Yokosuka, Japan, March 23 while operating in the Far East with the Seventh Fleet.

The Seventh Fleet is the world's largest operating naval force and patrol over half of the earth's surface.

Midway, in essence a floating airport, is capable of launching propeller and jet propelled aircraft from her flight deck.

Midway's crewmembers have had an opportunity to visit ports in Japan, Hawaii, the Philippines, and Hong Kong.

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