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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.

## The Greatest Danger

What is the greatest threat to the survival of young Americans? The war in Viet Nam? Drugs? VD? Malnutrition?

The correct answer, says Psychologist Leon Goldstein of the National Safety Transportation Board, is riding in an automobile.

A Safety Board study reveals that youths are especially likely to have fatal car accidents between the ages of 16 and 19 and while driving at night, when driving conditions are most hazardous. Goldstein said he was also amazed to discover that "measurable alcohol" had been a contributing factor in up to 60 percent of auto deaths involving youth between 16 and 24. That means, he says, that at least one-tenth of one percent alcoholic content in the driver's blood—the equivalent for a 160-pound male of five shots of 100 proof whiskey guzzled on an empty stomach within a hour.

Some other interesting facts from "Death By Ounces," 1972 book of highway accident statistics by the Travelers Insurance Companies:

Those of us who drive today are survivors. Every day, thousands of other drivers who take to the highways aren't so lucky. They wind up victims of the motor car which, in its brief life, has already claimed more lives than all the wars in our history.

Half the deaths, injuries and property damage occurring on our highways every year stem from accidents in which alcohol is involved. For a long while, the effects of alcohol on accident rates lay buried in the very statistics of accidents. Alcohol was rarely listed as the "cause" of an accident. When, for instance, a drunk driver smashed into a tree at 80 m.p.h., only "excessive speed" was likely to be entered as the cause on the official accident report.

The book points out that new research techniques and investigation procedures have exposed the drunk driver as the greatest menace on the highways.

"Death by Ounces" notes that the drunk driver killed 27,000 men, women and children — almost double the number killed as the result of violent criminal acts during 1971. He injured 2,350,000 others, many permanently. This represents an average of more injuries in one month than were sustained through crimes of violence for the entire year. He was responsible for a daily economic loss amounting to nearly \$20 million. He caused suffering and grief that no one can begin to measure.

Research, surveys, new legislation, and action programs are all signs that we are at last moving to meet the problem of the drinking driver head on — before it meets us on the road.

Congratulations to James Ronald Layton who has received his Doctorate in education from the University of Southern Mississippi.

Hats off to Home Savings & Loan Association on its grand opening of a new branch office Tuesday in Bessemer City.

Two percent discount on 1972 city taxes is available during August only — with no discounts thereafter.

Hearty welcome to the community to Rev. Boyd C. Kistler, new pastor of First Wesleyan church, and his family.

## 200th Birthday

Four years from now, the United States will observe the Bicentennial of the American Revolution — and founding of the country.

Largely unheralded, planning has been underway since 1966 to prepare an appropriate response on our nation's 200th birthday.

The Reader's Digest tells of these preparations in a feature story, "Ring Out, Liberty Bell," by Robert O'Brien.

Theme of the observance for not only a Bicentennial Day but a Bicentennial Year and Era as well is "A Past To Remember—A Future To Mold."

President Nixon has remarked, "We must put our minds to it, we must put our hearts to it, America is 50 states, America is big cities, small cities and small towns. It is all the homes and all the hopes of 208 million people."

O'Brien describes the master plan for the Bicentennial observance. It consists of three interrelated programs in which all states and communities are called upon to participate. He continues, "The first—Heritage 76—is an on-going commemoration of great moments of lasting legacies from the nation's past. A second program—Festival USA—encourages us to travel, to discover America for ourselves, and to open our hearts and homes to people of other lands. The third, Horizons 76—challenges us, in the President's words, "to dedicate effort for the fulfillment to improve the quality of American life."

The Bicentennial Era provides an unparalleled opportunity to affirm our faith in the United States.

## Bethware Fair

Work is already underway on the 1972 Bethware Community Fair, a No. 4 Township event, to be presented the weekend of September 15-16, for the 25th year.

On Wednesday evening, the Bethware Progressive club entertained fair exhibitors, sponsors and patrons at a pre-fair barbecue, always a delightful outing, at Bethware school.

The Bethware Fair has met the test of getting bigger and better each year, and the good work undoubtedly will continue for 1972.

## New School Term

Schools open again for the 1972-73 Term on Thursday, August 24th, with another record enrollment predicted, including a bumper crop of beginners. Friday, August 25th, will be the first full day of school in the new term.

Principals and vocational instructors are already on duty making ready for opening day, which, the children will confide, comes around all too quickly. They really can't believe that the care-free days of summer are about over.

## Paragraphics . . .

Forget yesterday: It's how you manage your life today that will affect tomorrow.

A plutocrat is a guy who can get a haircut the day before payday.

One thing we know about the speed of light—it gets here too early in the morning.

Two can live as cheaply as one what?

—Transylvania Times

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON  
Sunday's reunion was the fortieth for McGills of Gaston.

The first as held at the home of J. Boyce McGill in 1932 and the speaker was Dr. J. M. Garrison, in his second pastorate at Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and also the pastor of Bethel ARP Church.

The Clan has met annually since, with the exception of 1944, when the restrictions of travel during World War II dictated the surcease that year.

The most joyful reunion would have to be the gathering of 1945 held just one day after J-V Day signifying the end of that massive conflict.

The Clan gathered at Bethel Church from 1933-36, met in 1937 at Lake Montonia. The secretary noted in the minutes that the Montonia gathering was poorly attended. Whether attendance was the reason or not, the Clan returned to Bethel Arbor thereafter, the exception of the reunion held at the home of Mrs. Isaac A. McGill, Sr. in 1938.

The strong religious bent of the Clan is indicated by the fact that ministers of the gospel, more often than not, graced the platform at Clan gatherings.

Among the speakers through the years, in addition to Dr. Garrison, were Dr. T. H. McGill (2), Dr. Laura Plonk (2), Dr. W. M. Boyce, Rev. G. L. Kerr, Mrs. A. F. Whitesides, Dr. R. N. Baird (2), Rev. Carl Herman (a clan member from Pennsylvania), Rev. Harris Blair, Rev. J. G. Winkler, Rev. L. C. Pinnix, Rev. W. H. Stender, Mrs. Nancy Plonk Sutton, Rev. J. H. Brendall, Dr. Robert A. Ryer, Dr. W. P. Gerberding (2), Dr. T. L. Cashwell, Jr., Dr. W. L. Pressly, Rev. E. S. Elliott, Rev. George Moore, Rev. Marion DuBose, Rev. Tom Ritchie, Rev. Charles Easley, John Henry Moss, Martin Harmon, Mrs. M. A. Ware, Col. Roy Wolfe, J. Ollie Harris, and Donald D. Jones.

Among the funnier reunion incidents was the day the cat munched his four feet in the middle of the well-laid table, eliciting a remark from Ned McGill, "Another one of those hungry McGills!"

The most inclement weather, perhaps, was the day an early afternoon rain caused the temperature to drop from the 90-range to the forties. That day the McGills had a shivering good time.

The late Ralph McGill, editor and publisher of the Atlanta Constitution, said the McGill Clans sailed from Ireland, where they had fled from Scotland because of religious persecution, in two ships. The ships were traveling in convoy, so to speak, but foul weather hit and the ships were separated.

Editor McGill said the ship bearing his branch of the McGills made port in Newfoundland. The family later migrated to Pennsylvania, then moved to Western Pennsylvania, then down the mountains to Tennessee. "I got born at Chattanooga," Mr. McGill commented.

The other ship was never seen again. Initially, I understood that he had said the second ship made port in North Carolina. However, when Editor McGill confirmed the other facts by letter in 1964, he did not confirm that fact.

Whether the McGills of Gaston are from the Newfoundland branch is not firmly established, though quite possible. Were the McGills in the "lost" ship, it is likely the second ship made port in Pennsylvania, Philadelphia perhaps, which had a thriving port at the time the McGills made their voyage. It is firmly established that the McGills of Gaston and William McGill Clan of York County migrated to this area from Pennsylvania.

The act of the storm which separated the ships is also documented.

Editor McGill wrote that an elderly aunt had the family Bible which had been used as the ship's log and the fact of the storm and separation of the ships is entered. Ralph McGill, Jr., was unable to add any other information to that given by his father.

## Viewpoints of Other Editors

### ANDERSON OWES US ALL

A good newspaper should be guided in the publication of all material by a concern for truth, the hallmark of freedom, and by a concern for human decency and human betterment.

It is a constant challenge to newsmen, publishers, printers and everyone concerned with the newspaper business, to build the newspaper they put together on truth and justice.

We sometimes fail in our efforts to present every issue from all angles. However, when we fail, having given it our best, we may be vindicated. Having failed because we did not try or did not care is unforgivable.

Jack Anderson is a big-time, big-name columnist, yet whatever action he might take reflects on all of us—every newsmen on every news beat in the nation. If he loses credibility, we all lose a measure of credibility. It is my opinion, and that of most newsmen I have heard from, that Jack Anderson lost credibility in the Sen. Thomas Eagleton affair to such a degree that he will no longer be believable. This is sad since many Anderson's exposures were useful.

Jack Anderson heard a story about the vice presidential nominee; he did not fully check it out; he did not know if it was true; and he did not give Sen. Eagleton the benefit of denying the story before he printed it. Anderson said Eagleton had a record of drinking driving. He later said there had been no convictions. He later said he should not have printed it without checking it more fully, but he couldn't retract the story completely because "his conscience wouldn't let him." He, or his "conscience," later relented and he disclaimed the whole story.

But Anderson had planted the seed without finding out the truth, and he did it because he was afraid "the competition" might beat him to the story. Anderson thus went from a good newspaperman to an irresponsible smut peddler. There is nothing worse than a rumor spreader, a truth-dodger or an irresponsible newsmen.

Jack Anderson apologized to Thomas Eagleton. He also owes an apology to the American people and to all the newsmen who, even though they may diligently seek the truth in every situation, have had their credibility damaged by his irresponsibility.

It is never easy to criticize one of your own, but in this case, Jack Anderson has merely given more ammunition to those who are already attacking the news media, blaming us for everything bad and accusing us of suppressing everything good.

If Anderson's "conscience" wouldn't let him retract a story he still hadn't checked out, then it must be strong enough to force him to a public apology to the American people, to the Democratic Party, to the newspapers which carry his columns, and to the newsmen whose fraternity he has used to attain success and whose good name he has uncompromisingly violated.

(Reprinted from The Gaffney Ledger.)

## Employment Survey Set

A number of households in this area will take part in a nationwide survey on employment and unemployment being conducted this week by the Bureau of the Census, Joseph R. Norwood, director of the Bureau's Data Collection Center in Charlotte, has announced.

The survey is taken monthly by the Bureau for the U. S. Department of Labor. The households interviewed are scientifically selected to represent a cross section of all households.

Statistics on conditions in the labor force from month to month provide a continuing measure of the economic health of the country. In June, for example, the nation's unemployment rate dropped to 5.5 per cent. The decline, from 5.9 per cent in May, brought the jobless rate to its lowest level in more than a year and a half.

Information supplied by individuals participating in the survey is held confidential by law and is used only to compile statistical totals.

Interviewers who will visit households in this area are: Mrs. Jacqueline H. Goforth, 1301 Montrose Drive Shelby and Mrs. Ethel S. Rockett, 908 South Street, Gastonia.

## Legionnaires To Convention

Four Legionnaires representing Otis D. Green Post 155 will fly to Chicago, Illinois Friday to attend the national convention of the American Legion.

They will return home Wednesday. Making the trip will be Carl F. Wilson, John W. Gladden, District 23 Commander Bob Davies and Post Adjutant Joe H. McDaniel, Jr.

### ANOTHER DISAPPEARING WILDERNESS

An incredible variety of flowers, trees and plants abounds in the Big Thicket area of East Texas. This much is conceded by the out-of-state timber industry giants, who devour the irreplaceable wilderness at the rate of 50 acres per day.

The history of the Big Thicket also would suggest that among the plants growing there is the Alice-in-Wonderland mushroom, which when eaten, causes things to shrink. The forest which once spread its rare vegetation and animals over 3.5 million acres now covers one-tenth of that area.

Congressional efforts to set aside this unique region as a national park have shrunk, too. Texas Representative Bob Eckhardt and others originally wanted to ban the bulldozers from 151,000 of the area's over 300,000 acres, but the timber interests and subdividers wouldn't buy that. A fallback plan for 100,000 acres now is being pushed by Mr. Eckhardt, and it deserves the support of his colleagues.

The timber people say they are replanting, but their version of reforestation is like that of Kentucky's strip miners. In the Big Thicket and on the Kentucky spoil banks, the magnificent hardwoods are taken down, and the fast-growing pines are put in their place. This will do much to change the character of the Big Thicket forest, which has been described as the "biological crossroads of America," boasting a list does some species of the Appalachians, the coastal plains, the open woodlands and the Everglades.

Unfortunately, the urgency of preventing such changes has not moved the National Park Service. The sympathies of the park people, like the on the disappearing Cheshire cat, are difficult to locate. Yet without strong support from those who run the parks, the effort to save Big Thicket must fail.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## High Rise In Venereal Disease Seen

The Cleveland County Health department announced today that the high incidence of venereal disease continues. The two most common venereal diseases are gonorrhea and syphilis. They are transmitted from an infected person to other people by either sexual relations or close body contact. In July 52 people were treated for active or suspected VD. This compares to approximately 15 people treated during the same period last year. In June more people with VD or suspected VD (55) were treated than in any recent year in Cleveland county. Looking back we see that 3 were treated in May, 19 in April, 36 in March, 51 in February and 43 in January. The majority of the patients are in the age group 15-24 years with over 50 per cent of them being females.

The Cleveland County Health department has diagnostic and treatment facilities open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. to anyone who suspects they have a venereal disease. If there are questions regarding venereal disease call 487-8511, and ask to speak with our VD representative.

In order to curb the increase in venereal disease the Cleveland County Health department has taken several steps. It has trained one member of the staff in contact interviewing and epidemiological follow up of contacts and is performing routine cultures on most of the female patients it examines. They are also encouraging private physicians in the community to be more aware of the current VD epidemic and follow their infected patients epidemiologically.

It is felt, after talking with several physicians in the county, that the number of venereal diseases the health department only represents the tip of the iceberg. Although venereal diseases are reportable diseases to the Public Health authorities, a major part of it is never reported. The North Carolina State Board of Health has just received one-half million dollars to assist its counties in the development of gonorrhea screening programs. It is anticipated that within the next several months the local health department will be able to provide culture media to local physicians so that more routine screening can be done for gonorrhea.

### QIANA VELVET

Velvet made from Qiana nylon fiber will soon be available in fabric shops and in ready-to-wear. The new fabric consists of a Qiana face on a silk organza backing, says Harriet Tutterow, extension clothing specialist, North Carolina State University. Currently Qiana velvet comes in six colors, all with an anti-static treatment.

## 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.

Mary Lee Williams  
Mrs. Marie S. Withers  
Mrs. Marlin F. Neal  
Wayne Edward Bivens  
Mrs. Joe L. Cobb  
Mamie Hamrick  
Mrs. Essie Pearl Goforth  
Mrs. Ervin Griffin  
Mrs. Ella Mae Harrelson  
George Moore, Jr.  
Manuel A. Moss  
Mrs. Minnie Lee McClain  
Mrs. Chalmer McIntosh  
James Andrew Padgett  
Marion Clay Poston  
Clark J. Rushing  
Paul R. Sanders  
Mrs. J. H. Thomson  
Thomas Frank Ballard  
James Franklin Clinton  
Warren E. Duell  
Walter M. Moorhead  
Mr. William A. Russell  
Mrs. Stella Hope Jackson  
Mrs. Coleman D. McDaniel  
Mr. Cary McKinney

### ADMITTED THURSDAY

James Marvin Cochran, Gastonia  
Mrs. Andrew Lawter, Bessemer City

### ADMITTED FRIDAY

Clyde W. Kerns, City

### ADMITTED SATURDAY

William D. Clinton, Cherryville  
Hoyt C. Patton, Sr., City  
Mrs. Steve Jackson, Gastonia  
Celia Corrine Hamrick, City  
Mrs. James L. Owens, Bessemer City  
Joseph Eugene Parker, City  
Ricky Dean Hall, Bessemer City  
James A. Lutz, Bessemer City  
Wideman Christopher Robinson, Stanley, N. C.  
Mrs. Roy Lee Smith, Bessemer City

### ADMITTED MONDAY

Mrs. Bessie C. Adams, City  
Mrs. Harold E. Ross, City  
William Marshall Costner, Jr., Bessemer City  
Wanda Gail Walker, Gastonia  
Sidney Emmett Heavner, City  
Deborah Ann Mills, Gastonia  
Mrs. Kathleen Coleman Blake, Gastonia

Mrs. Steve C. Phillips, City  
Edward O. Gore, City  
Mrs. William A. Wells, Bessemer City

### ADMITTED TUESDAY

Mrs. James Burris, Jr., City  
Clarence Carmel Honeycutt, Grover  
Mrs. James L. McNelly, City  
Mrs. W. Thomas Rucker, City  
Mrs. Robert Lee McFee, Shelby  
Miss Margaret Shields, Bessemer City

Linda Gail Allen, Grover  
Mrs. Hazel Arlene Wright, Grover  
Paul Edward Carpenter, City  
Mrs. Mary H. Barnes, Shelby  
Mrs. Charles K. Rexrodt, Bessemer City  
Alvin Wray Casby, City  
Robert E. Allen, City  
Mrs. Bobby J. McAbee, Bessemer City  
Mrs. Clyde E. Goin, City  
Mrs. Herman Marlowe, Bessemer City

## Birth Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy J. Neal, Route 2, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, August 8, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen R. Williamson, Route 3, announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, August 8, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lee Watson, 101 Carpenter Street, announce the birth of a daughter, Friday, August 11, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Webb, 43 Gray Street Apt. B, announce the birth of a daughter, Friday, August 11, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby E. Henson, 121 Tuckaseegee Rd., Mount Holy, announce the birth of a son, Saturday, August 12, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Dale Best, Route 1, Box 177, Dallas, announce the birth of a daughter, Saturday, August 12, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry D. Waters, 805 Southwood Drive, announce the birth of a son, Monday, August 14, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Danny W. Arrowood, 512 E. Pa. Avenue, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, Monday, August 14, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles K. Texrode, Box 937, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, August 15, Kings Mountain hospital.

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

Mr. and Mrs. James S. Burris, Jr. Route 1, Box 404, announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, August 15, Kings Mountain hospital.

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

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