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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.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

As many North Carolina residents rush to catch the last days of summer and take to the highways in a last ditch effort to enjoy the Labor Day weekend, too often safe driving tends to be the last thing on their minds. The very last thing, says the Insurance Information Institute.

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 If trends of the past few Labor Day weekends hold true, approximately 35 people will be killed in North Carolina auto crashes during the coming three-day holiday. Moreover, approximately 700 will suffer injuries in the expected 1,200 or more holiday period smashups.

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 Warnings seem to do little good in stemming the state's holiday death rate, the Institute points out. Despite cautions, last year 35 people died in Labor Day weekend crash-ups. Another 674 were injured as a total of 1,227 accidents were reported.

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 The blame for such appalling statistics is quite often just plain drivers errors, the Institute states. The chance for these errors is greatly magnified though, by alcohol, speeding, and lack of sufficient rest, causing driver fatigue.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

A CASE OF SOUR GRAPES
 "It shall be unlawful for any person growing crops, either wild or cultivated, of grapes, fruits or berries to make therefrom light domestic wines or wines having only such alcoholic content as natural fermentation may produce, for the use of his family and guests."

At the law. When the General Assembly enacted the above paragraph back in 1935, the apparent intent was to let Granny make a little medicinal wine from the blackberries and scuppernons that grew around the farm. And if papa chose to take the medicine even when he wasn't sick, well, then, the law didn't say anything about that.

But times changed. And if the laws don't keep up, what started out to be a permissive exception to stringent beverage laws can be turned into a prohibition. In this case, the 1935 law — reworded last year but not substantially reworked — now operates to ban 1972's equivalent of Granny's homemade wine.

To wit, in conjunction with other laws it makes technically illegal the booming interest of city folk in the new art of making homemade wines from commercially prepared fruit concentrates. Not having a lower 40 available to grow grapes, today's apartment dweller in search of a little homemade medication simply buys his fruit from the local winemaking shop and thus breaks the law when the fermentation begins.

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.

Mrs. Bessie C. Adams
 Thomas Frank Ballard
 Wayne Edward Blain
 Mrs. Clyde Blacklock
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 Clarence F. Flowers
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 Thomas Bridges
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 Mrs. Marion D. Houston

Birth Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Dean Borders, Route 9, Shelby, announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, August 22, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. William Griffis, Box 12362, Gastonia, announce the birth of a son, Wednesday, August 23, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry L. Smith, Route 4, Gastonia, announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday, August 23, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ray Mauney, 1917 Front Street, Gastonia, announce the birth of a daughter, Thursday, August 24, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur R. Fails, Box 2121 Pihkney Station, Gastonia, announce the birth of a son, Saturday, August 26, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon S. Mayberry, Rt. 1, Gastonia, announce the birth of a son, Saturday, August 26, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry L. Paysour, 22 Kings Mountain - Bessemer City Trailer Park, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a son, Saturday, August 26, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Welch, Gastonia, announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, August 29, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry T. Dellinger, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, August 29, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Neely, 200 Linwood Road, City.
 Brenda Kay Owens, Route 1, Gastonia.
 Mrs. Addie G. Turner, 800 Linwood Drive, City.
 Mrs. Alpha F. Whisnant, Route 2, City.

Revealing Poll

George Gallup's most recent poll among youth of the country is a most revealing study in the September issue of "Reader's Digest".

American youth like Billy Graham more than any other of 11 prominent figures and dislike Fidel Castro the worst.

Another eye-opener: the FBI won highest praise from well over half the youth interviewed. And the police fared well among young non-whites.

Subtle Hazards

Each year 26,500 people die and another 4,000,000 are injured in a sometimes surprisingly hazardous place. Can you guess where?

It is the American home.

The cost of such annual tragedy is modestly estimated at \$1,800,000,000, and that does not include damage to property (of which fire loss alone would represent about \$700,000,000).

What is a person to do?

Liberty Mutual Insurance Company suggests some specific check points:

- 1) Falls are the largest single cause for accidental death in the home (9,600 deaths). The Boston-based insurance firm advises that all rugs should be securely fastened, especially in areas where young children or the elderly are likely to be.

Young people generally oppose the War in Viet Nam, like the United States, think the defense budget should be cut and the nation should remain strong militarily. Both college and non-college young decisively express their desire to keep the United States militarily as strong as Russia.

Stair landings inside and outside the house can be especially dangerous. Be certain that any necessary repairs to construction are made right away and that step surfaces are not slippery. A good handrail could also prevent your downfall. In the bathroom, a rubber mat or hand hold should be used to help keep you on your feet.

- 2) Check your medicine cabinet and remove all over-age medicine to prevent a cure that could be worse than the original malady. You should also be sure that all potentially hazardous medicines are properly sealed and removed from children's reach. Aspirin and sleeping tablets have become prime poisoners of youngsters. While you are in a cleaning mood, get rid of all of those old cans of paint and thinner. Always check labels and any special instructions on cleansers or other materials used around the house which might contain toxic chemicals. Some of these items are too often in cabinets kept under the kitchen sink where a roving youngster is likely to find them—and trouble.

Interestingly, majorities of those interviewed, says "Digest", including those of differing political views, college and non-college, white and non-white, would approve a law requiring every man to spend one year in some form of service to the nation—either in the armed forces or in such public service areas as conservation, hospital work, VISTA, the Peace Corps. Most surprising, when men were presented with these alternatives, nearly four of ten preferred military service. Under such a law, it would appear that the armed services could fill their requirements without the draft.

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- 3) Inventory all children's toys occasionally. Many toys, when broken, become dangerous playthings in the hands of a fun-seeking youngster. More important, closely examine toys for hidden hazards before you buy them.

Ralph Nader placed fourth on the individual poll, behind Billy Graham, Senator Kennedy and President Nixon, in that order.

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And my waking-up time seems to get earlier and earlier.

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My only consolation is that maybe, finally, I'll amount to something.

Bill Stauber in Chapel Hill Weekly

Good News

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Drive Safely

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Even though the fatality rate may be high, it would represent a decrease from last year when 36 people were killed.

The state will count its holiday toll over a 78-hour period from 6 p.m. Friday until midnight Monday, Sept. 4.

The motor club also estimated 650 injuries and 1,250 accidents during this weekend. These figures are lower than last year.

This week there's a good deal of "good news" and one story, in particular, is announcement that Cleveland-Gaston-Lincoln Health Planning Council, Inc. will recommend to the State Board of Health granting of certificate of need of Kings Mountain Convalescent & Nursing Home, Inc. to build a much-needed facility here.

Many of us are aware on a personal basis of the need for a nursing home here.

Case in point: Housing Authority Director Tom Harper at Tuesday's public hearing before the Planning Council said a check of his records that day revealed that 78 elderly persons with an average age of 77 live in public housing in the city and he has applications for another 61 couples or individuals awaiting housing. We could fill 25 percent of the 60 beds applied for now and we don't have to go outside the city limits to justify the fact," he said.

Club President Thomas Watkins is hopeful that such programs as "Safety Sabbath" sponsored by several Citizens Safety Associations throughout the state will help cut down motor vehicle accidents over Labor Day.

Each clergyman is asked to devote a portion of his sermon on highway safety.

"If even one life is saved we will be grateful."

Pavlov Who Art in Washington

Johnston County, we know the feeling.

The Smithfield Herald commented recently on the federal government's refusal to fund the Johnston County Transportation Company for another year. What the Herald said was that failure to renew a grant for the transportation cooperative doesn't make sense.

We agree. We felt the same way about federal "assistance" we received to establish a media center to serve Mooresville schools. A few years ago, we were given some sizable amount, \$60,000 or so to purchase expensive offset printing equipment and an assortment of sophisticated visual aids. We hired people to staff the center.

Everything was copacetic. Local teachers applauded the center. It turned out flip charts and beautiful overlays, it printed examinations, produced all manner of graphic art that proved an educational boon.

Then the money stopped. We were left holding \$40,000 worth of equipment. It was wasteful to simply abandon the center, so we are continuing it as a locally-financed adjunct to our instructional facilities. We don't have the money to do what the center was established to do.

Now we have a Creative Arts Center in our schools. This, too, is a child born of federal subsidy. We are operating under a \$50,400 grant to be appropriated over the next three years. This does not mean it will be given to us necessarily, and it certainly doesn't mean we can expect the center to be federally financed after three years. The center seems to be serving a worthwhile purpose, which means we will be obligated to continue it with or without outside money.

After a while, you see, local governments and local school systems come to enjoy more federal "assistance" than they can stand.

That's what happened in Johnston County. Johnston Community Action (probably the equivalent to our I CARE) used the initial grant to buy buses for use in transporting the county's underprivileged.

Four months after the program began, the money stopped. Now Johnston has four buses and no funds to run them. The county and local governments in Johnston apparently cannot or will not assume support of the program, and their thinking in terms of prudent use of tax funds is sound.

The point is, everyone concerned would have been better off in 1970 without the "assist." This pattern of extending the helping hand and then withdrawing it can be devastating. Like Pavlov's dogs, we can salivate ourselves into

UP SO EARLY IN THE MORNING

When I was a kid I could never understand how or why my Dad always got up so early in the morning.

"You're missing the greatest time of day," he would say. I honestly felt guilty about it.

"People who sleep late in the morning never amount to anything," he would add. That bothered me quite a little bit, too.

Now that I have reached about that same stage in life, I can appreciate what was bugging him. I sit down to read or watch television at night and fifteen minutes later I'm out like a light. For weeks I thought Cannon was a character on Hawaii 5.0.

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THE SMUGS PLAYED A LARGE ROLE

The SMGS played a large role in promulgating the "New Math" which now is part of school curriculums throughout the country. A new generation of students can thank the group for aiding their understanding of a subject usually regarded as "difficult."

The trick was turned partly by injecting more of the "why" of mathematics into early training in place of rote and drill. A grounding in theory offered a better understanding of the numerical relationships mathematics describes.

But some of the early efforts in the New Math leaned too far towards theory, some of the pioneers now concede. As curriculums made greater use of materials that discussed "set theory" and other concepts, educators discovered that in some schools students were not learning the basic computational skills that they would need later in life, say, filling out their income tax forms.

To the credit of the educators, they struck a balance between the new "why" and the old "how" of mathematics. As a result, most school youngsters today probably are better grounded in mathematics than were the school youngsters of 20 years ago. They have some understanding of such abstractions as points in space and they also can make change from a dollar bill if they need arises.

There may be a broader lesson to be learned in the New Math experience by those same political officials we're talking about earlier. We seem to hear a lot of ideas these days that are expressed in abstract terms—about income redistributions, tax reform and the like. This is an era of social ferment, of course, and theories and abstractions are the parents of substantive change.

But somewhere along the line, we all will have to learn the lesson the mathematicians learned. Questions of "why" improve interest and understanding of a subject, but it has not been fully grasped until there is also a concept of "how." We would like to see a bit more discussions of "how" in the programs politics put forward this political year.—Wall Street Journal.

LESSONS OF THE NEW MATH

Stanford University's School Mathematics Study Group (SMSG) will soon dish out after a successful, although often controversial, 14-year effort to make math a better understood language.

The final lesson offered by the SMSG professors is that it is possible to end a program after it has served its purpose—something many government officials seemingly haven't discovered. But the professors also learned a lesson or two themselves.

SMGS was one of the products of America's post-Sputnik drive to broaden and improve elementary and secondary education, particularly in math and the sciences. The drive, spearheaded by a number of forward-looking university professors, received federal backing through the National Science Foundation.

Bunch Finishes Pilot's Course

FT. WOLTERS, Tex. — Army First Lieutenant Phillip S. Bunch, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly A. Bunch, 3900 Margrace Ave., Kings Mountain, N. C., recently completed a 16-week helicopter pilot course at the U. S. Army Primary Helicopter School, Ft. Wolters.

During the course, he was trained to fly army helicopters and learned to use them in tactical maneuvers.

He next will undergo advanced flight training at the U. S. Army Aviation School, Ft. Rucker, Ala.

Lt. Bunch was last stationed at Ft. Hood, Tex.

The lieutenant is a 1966 graduate of Kings Mountain high school. He received his B. S. degree in 1970 from the U. S. Military Academy, West Point, N. Y. His wife, Dianne, lived in Mineral Wells, Tex., during his training.

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ADMITTED FRIDAY

Mrs. Roy L. Cooper, 529 New Hope Road, Gastonia.
 Mrs. Robert William Moses, 407 East Maryland St., Bessemer City.
 Mrs. Jesse L. Shipman, 904 Rhodes Ave., City.
 Myra Katherine Ware, 600 Meadowbrook Road, City.

ADMITTED SATURDAY

John T. Beam, 209 Maner Road, City.
 Mrs. Jena G. Biddix, 209 Blanton St., City.

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