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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind. Ephesians 4:23.

Drug Problem Real

"You had better wake up in Cleveland County. After talking with some 3,500 students I am convinced you have more of a problem in Cleveland County right now than we do in Syracuse, New York where I work every day."

The speaker was Mrs. Vicki Jackson, here last week for a drug seminar sponsored by the Cleveland Organization for Drug Abuse Prevention who conducted rap sessions here and throughout the county.

Her appearance was sponsored by Alcan Aluminum Corporation who deserve such praise for spearheading the program locally and county-wide.

The seminars made many people aware of the drug problem. Alcan's education to the drug fight in industry nationwide is well known and Kings Mountain citizens appreciate their promotion of "Somebody Cares Week."

Congratulations to Robert Maner, a finalist in this year's competition for a Morehead Scholarship to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Exciting Event

Next Friday's Christmas parade proves to be an exciting event and will merit all our efforts to be along the parade line at 4 p.m.

Much effort and planning has gone into the event and the Merchants Association officers and directors deserve much credit for the work.

Officially opening the Christmas shopping season, it's good time to remind citizens of the bargains being offered by local merchants who are stocking their shelves with merchandise to suit their customers.

It's a good bet you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Hard Facts

"Death by Ounces" is the title of the 1972 edition of The Travelers Insurance Companies book on highway accident statistics. The 'ounces' are the 80 proof variety.

Consumption of such drinks by motorists in the United States in 1971 caused death for 27,000 men, women and children and injuries for 2,350,000 others, according to statistics in the book.

All studies undertaken so far point up that alcohol taken in any amount immediately before driving impairs the operator's ability to some degree. This has long been recognized in many foreign countries and is reflected in extremely stringent legislation, notably in the Scandinavian nations.

Finland, for instance, jails a person caught driving with any detectable trace of alcohol in his blood. Even with no accident involvement, he faces up to five months' imprisonment. Hard labor is added if the drunk driver injures or kills someone.

We in the United States are a long way from taking such unequivocal stands. Convictions of drunken drivers are extremely difficult to obtain. Of the 350 drunk-driver cases surveyed by The Charlotte (N. C.) News, only two ended in trials. In one, the defendant was found guilty. In the other, the jury could not reach a verdict.

The solution to this dilemma is obvious: There are laws against drunk driving. It's up to each of us to let our law enforcement officials know that we want the laws to work.

Hats Off

Hats off to Kings Mountain United Fund workers who have surpassed their 1973 goal by \$900 plus, first time the campaign goal has been exceeded since 1968.

Commendation is due all those who worked toward successful completion of the quota.

Sunshine State First

When North Carolinians travel by car, their number one destination is the Sunshine State, according to annual survey by the North Carolina State Motor Club.

The states were ranked according to the number of routing requests the motor club received from its members. Florida was a runaway winner for the second straight year with Georgia second.

Tar Heel travelers asked for information on their own state, too, and North Carolina ranked third in the poll. Virginia was fourth. The top four states ranked exactly the same as a year ago.

Thanksgiving Day, 1972

When the first settlers knelt to offer their thanks to the God who had protected them on the edge of a wilderness, they established anew on American shores a Thanksgiving tradition as old as western man himself. From Moses at the Red Sea to Jesus preparing to feed the multitudes, the Scriptures summon us to words and deeds of gratitude even before divine blessings are fully perceived. From Washington kneeling at Valley Forge to the prayer of our astronauts circling the moon, our own history repeats that summons and proves its practicality, that in an age of too much fashionable despair, the world more than ever needs to hear America's perennial harvest message:

"Take heart; give thanks; to seek clearly about us is to rejoice; and to rejoice is to worship the Father; and to worship Him is to receive more blessings still."

At this Thanksgiving time, our country can look back with special gratitude across the events of a year which has brought more progress toward lasting peace than any other year for a generation of people; and we can look forward with trust in Divine Providence toward opportunities which peace will bring.

Truly our cup runneth over with the bounty of God, our lives - our liberties and our loved ones, our worldly goods and our spiritual heritage; the beauty of our land, the breadth of our horizons and the promise of peace that crowns it all.

(President Nixon's Thanksgiving Day Proclamation).

Couldn't It Wait A Little Longer?

Quite frankly, we think things are being rushed this fall. Anyone with a sense of propriety knows that talk of snow should properly be delayed until after the first of December.

After all, who is ready for it? The trees know better. Even the maples have not dropped all their leaves (and maple owners we know haven't finished raking what's been dropped). The water oaks are still green in places, and more than half-clothed. Snow under such conditions means only that the snow is averaged by leaves poking through, and later leaf-raking is hindered by the snow's packing effect.

If the trees aren't ready, neither are the people. Who's had time to get chains, anti-freeze and windshield scrapers? Most folk we know haven't finished cleaning the car out from last summer's beach trip. And how can one get the car winterized when the credit card balance is still out of sight from vacation charges?

There's no point in moaning about the furnace (there's been no time to change last winter's filters), or the wardrobe (the weather's been so warm that most folks are just getting to wear their fall clothes; it will be weeks before winter clothes can be bought), or the hundreds of pre-winter errands (maybe the ice cream salt will do the job until a new snow shovel can be obtained). Obviously, snow in November is tacky. And a weatherman who predicts it deserves whatever he gets - especially if he's right.

(The Charlotte News)

Letter To The Editor

The student body at Central school conducted a survey to determine the feelings of students about certain existing conditions in the school. The conditions surveyed were: lunches, the water system, the dressing rooms in the gym, and the restrooms. A result of the survey showed that a majority of the students of Central wanted the following adjustments made: the lunches need to be improved. We also need a better heating system, better desks, a better water system, and better restrooms. The students feel that the lunches could be better if they had a letter menu, and better facilities, when we go in, in the mornings when its cold, its cold in the classrooms, and when its warm on the outside, its hot on the inside. Some of our desks are about to fall apart; therefore, we need better desks. The water fountains in the hall, half of them don't work, so we need them, and the restrooms are awful - the doors are off them and there is writing all over the place. The sinks don't work, so they need to be replaced. We really need a lot of changes!

This survey represents a random sample of 7th and 8th grade students. This survey may also help with the bond referendum in December. To summarize the following improvements that are definitely needed for an improved school facility are as follows:
(1) Water fountains
(2) Restrooms
(3) Lunchroom facilities
(4) Heating system
(5) Desks
The board of education tries to provide good schools for our own good, and for our education. Let's look at it this way - at least let's be comfortable in our schools!

In December citizens will have the opportunity to vote for the bond referendum which will provide a new school now. We may never get it because starting in January everything we vote on has to be carried jointly through Shelby. So in December vote yes! (Signed) Lynn Tate Nov. 21, 1972

Home Gardens

Using organic materials on garden soils is an old, old practice that seems to be enjoying some degree of renewed popularity.

A major foundation underlying organic gardening is the use of large amounts of organic materials such as animal manure, grass clippings, leaves, food scraps and so forth.

For maximum benefits, North Carolina State University horticulturists suggest that these materials be well rotted before applying to the garden.

The best way to bring about decay of the materials is to make a compost pile. This can be done by placing a layer of leaves, clippings or other material about 12 inches deep and follow with a layer of manure. Or, you can use commercial fertilizer over the surface.

Continue the layering process until the pile is as large as you need or all the leaves or other materials are used up.

Some of the benefits that may be realized from using organic materials for fertilization include the following:
- Nutrients are released slowly.
- The ability of the soil to hold water and nutrients is improved.
- The tilth and structure of the soil is improved - crusting is reduced.
- The growth of soil microflora (bacteria, fungi) is supported.

The many different types of materials that may be used in a compost pile vary widely in their plant food content. For example, cantaloupe rinds will contribute no nitrogen but are relatively high in their content of phosphorus (10 per cent) and potash (12 per cent).

Feathers have a 15 per cent nitrogen content but none of the other two elements.
Oak leaves which may be one of the most plentiful materials for a compost heap, are very low in plant food content, containing less than 1 per cent of each of the three elements, nitrogen, phosphorus and potash. Much the same is true for green crabgrass clippings.

Tea grounds have about 4 per cent nitrogen and small amounts of the other two elements, and coffee grounds have about 2 per cent nitrogen and only a trace of phosphorus and potash.

Some states disqualify for a specified period of weeks (4 to 11) a unemployed insurance claimants who refuse suitable work; others postpone benefits for a variable number of weeks, with the maximum ranging from 5 to 17. Almost half the states disqualify, for the duration of unemployment or longer, claimants who refuse suitable work. Most of these specify an amount that the claimant must earn, or a period of time he must work, to remove the disqualification.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

MIDEAST: HIGH PRIORITY

"The Middle East will have a very high priority because while the Mideast has been, over the past couple of years, in a period of uneasy truce or armistice, or whatever you want to call it, it can explode at any time."

These are President Nixon's words - in his remarkable interview with the Washington Star-News in which he revealingly set out the agenda for his second term in the White House. It is hardly surprising that Mr. Nixon intends to give the Middle East "very high priority." If the President gets this agreement with North Vietnam - admittedly still in the balance - the Middle East will remain the one major piece of business in foreign affairs left unfinished. There are in fact already signs that White House and State Department are moving to do something about the Middle East, now that the election is over, Secretary of State Rogers indicated this would be so in his pre-election appearance on the "Meet the Press" television program.

Small wonder then that Israel Defense Minister Moshe Dayan is as concerned to discover from the Nixon administration what it proposes to do in the Middle East as he is to raise funds for the United Jewish Appeal - the ostensible purpose for his current visit to the United States. He has already seen Secretary of State Rogers, and presidential adviser Henry Kissinger.

General Dayan said after meeting Secretary Rogers that in the Middle East "generally speaking, all things seem more peaceful today than before." This contrasts with President Nixon's remark that the area could "explode at any time." To a certain extent, both men are right. General Dayan's assessment is short-term, President Nixon's long-term. With Egypt's relations with the Soviet Union what they are at the moment, Cairo is hardly likely to let itself get involved in another round of major hostilities with Israel. This is probably what General Dayan was thinking of. But long term, the President is right to think that something needs to be done to head off a possible explosion.

Both from the point of view of peace as a whole and of the national interests of the United States, it is folly to let the Middle East situation fester on. Israel's may feel more secure than ever within the defensible borders which their conquests of 1967 have given them. But for how long? The Palestinians are still there, nursing explosive grievances - as the intermittent hijackings and acts of terrorism so savagely remind us. Further, the energy needs of the United States for the rest of this century dictate that American interests continue to have unhindered access to the oil reserves of the Arab Middle East. Renewed Arab-Israeli hostilities would immediately imperil this.

It is hard to see how the United States can facilitate moves toward a more tranquil Middle East without simultaneously showing greater concern for Arab grievances and urging Israel to be more flexible in word and deed. This does not mean abandoning Israel. But it does mean making a clear distinction between Israel and Israel's conquests of 1967. There is no need to rewrite the latter. If Egypt and the Arab state could be persuaded that the Nixon administration were not doing just that, the President and his aides might be able to get things moving in the right direction again in the Middle East - provided, of course, that the Palestinian guerrilla threat can be contained long enough to enable agreements to be negotiated and then put into effect. - Christian Science Monitor.

THE UNCERTAINTIES OF YOUTH

Presidents usually have a wary uncertainty about what course the Senate will take a major issues and that may be more than usually when the new Congress convenes in January.

Not only will there will be 13 new Senators but their average age will be 45, or 22 years younger than the average for the Senators they will replace. Joseph R. Biden Jr. (D, Del.) will be just barely old enough to meet the Senate's minimum age requirement, 30.

Interestingly, the proportion of new, youthful voters in the Senate will not be far from the proportion of new, youthful voters in the country at large. And Democrats predominate, 8 to 5, among the newcomers, just as they do, nominally at least, among young voters.

None of this would seem to be very encouraging to the President. But for a glimmer of hope, he might think back to the youth vote analyses that were being made before the election. If the new Senators prove to be no more predictable than all those youngsters who were supposed to elect George McGovern, the President may still have a chance to win a few close ones in the Senate. - Wall Street Journal.

THE TIRE-SHOOTING INCIDENT

In a paradox of sorts, the dubious FBI decision to shoot the tires of a hijacked Southern Airways jet has opened one new opportunity for discouraging air pirates, but there obviously is a long way yet to go.

The new opportunity stems from the proposal by Havana radio that the U. S. and Cuba negotiate a reciprocal agreement for dealing with air pirates. The proposal followed by a few days the landing of the damaged Southern plane in Havana, which seemingly aroused Fidel Castro's sympathy for the passengers and crew. A Cuban official promised that the three hijackers would spend the rest of their lives in four-by-four-by-four boxes.

If Cuba and other such havens make clear to hijackers that they cannot expect sanctuary, it might discourage some attempts. At least it is a hopeful prospect.

But since many hijackers are irrational, even that form of discouragement might not be a cure. Thus, it would seem that the airlines and the Air Line Pilots Association (ALPA) have a point in asking the federal government to take fuller responsibility for screening passengers at boarding gates of airports.

The airlines have attempted to operate security arrangements of their own. But they are not entirely to blame for their lack of vigor or success. They are not in the law enforcement business after all. The killing of an Eastern Airlines employe by skyjackers who seized a plane at Houston last month was grim evidence of how badly equipped the airlines are for the job.

Captain J. J. O'Donnell, president of ALPA, is threatening a nationwide strike of pilots unless the government takes more effective measures, including responsibility for passenger screening. He also called on the FBI to henceforth obtain approval from the captain of a hijacked airplane before agents make any attempt to immobilize the plane.

Capt. O'Donnell has a point there, too. Acting FBI Director Patrick Gray, 3rd, who made the tire-shooting decision, was in a sticky spot where any decision could easily have been the wrong one. He also apparently had the approval of Southern officials. And as it turned out, there was no tragedy beyond the wounding of the plane's copilot.

But the paramount role of the captain in matters affecting the safety of crew and passengers is well founded in maritime law and would seem to be applicable to the air as well. It does not seem either wise or fair for decision-makers on the ground to ignore the main in charge on the plane, who is directly responsible for its safety.

No one need argue that air piracy is a simple problem. But there also is no reason to despair of a solution. The events of recent weeks would only suggest that a stronger commitment to the task is needed, something going well beyond marksmen aiming at the tires of a plane loaded with passengers. - Wall Street Journal.

THE TOWERS WILL STAY

President Pompidou has come out in defense of the skyscrapers going up beyond the Arc de Triomphe.

In a long interview with Le Monde, he scolded those who said the towers will spoil the historic view from Les Tuileries up the Champs Elysees to the Arc, and said he thought high-rise towers are an asset of modern urban architecture, provided they are properly planned and suitably located. Paris, he declared, must not become a museum and "stay put in the past."

Since the President has the final word, it now seems that nothing more can be done to scale down the "forest of towers" being built beyond the Arc in the huge new complex of La Defense. But we wish it had been possible to preserve that magnificent view unscathed. - Christian Science Monitor.

Black Assigned To Lowry AFB

SAN ANTONIO. - Airman Kenneth M. Black, son of Mrs. Lilla G. Black of 216 E. Maryland Ave., Bessemer City, N. C., has been assigned to Lowry AFB, Colo., after completing Air Force basic training.

During his six weeks at the Air Training Command's Lackland AFB, Tex., he studied the Air Force's mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations.

The airman has been assigned to the Technical Training Center at Lowry for specialized training as an aerial photo system repairman.

Airman Black is a 1972 graduate of Bessemer City high school. His wife is the former Cecelia G. Holland.

Though representing only 22 per cent of all licensed drivers in the U. S. under 25 year old drivers were involved in more than one-third of traffic accidents resulting in death or injury, according to a report from the Travelers Insurance companies.

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.

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 Mrs. Essie L. Brooks
 Mrs. Hubert G. Clemmons
 Mack Lee Conner
 Mrs. Willie M. Dilling
 Frank W. Dunbar
 Mrs. John M. Gailey
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ADMITTED THURSDAY
 Mrs. William H. Carter, Sr. 2119 Lyon St., Gastonia
 Mrs. Bobby Gene Green, 6140 Midpines, City
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ADMITTED FRIDAY
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 Mrs. Ralph T. Quinn, 210-S. Vance St., Gastonia

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 Cecil Patterson, 626 Clyde St., Daniel Patterson, Rt. 2, Box 919B, Bessemer City
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 Mrs. Wayne E. Goode, P. O. Box 503, Bessemer City

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 Mrs. Ezekiel Clay, Rt. 2, Box 919G, Bessemer City
 Mrs. Ernest F. Hayes, P. O. Box 3, City
 Mrs. Gary M. Yandro, 122 Lackey Street, City
 Mrs. Ronnie M. Biddix, Rt. 2, Edgewood Acres, Bessemer City

Mrs. Leola F. Brown, 111 N. Clay St., Lowell
 Rufus George Kiser, 305 Phifer Road, City
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 Mrs. Verdine C. Kale, 203 Goforth St., City
 Mrs. Emma Jane Pearson, 493 Chestnut St., City
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 Mrs. Della E. McIntyre, 607 Floyd St., City
 Mrs. Bobby Lee Sealf, 105 Falls Street, City
 Edward T. Cook, 204 Parrish Drive, City
 Mrs. Earl M. Payne, 1617 Gum Street, Gastonia
 Mrs. Billy Nelson Tweed, 2517 Skyland Drive, Gastonia

Alcohol was involved in more than 27,000 traffic deaths in 1971, according to a survey by the Travelers Insurance companies. 54,000 died in traffic last year and 4.7 million were injured, many permanently.

Birth Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dean Wright, Route 1, Box 304, Blacksburg, S. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Wednesday, November 15, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Revels Jr., 317 Mountainview Street, Gastonia, announce the birth of a daughter, November 16, Thursday, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald C. Walker, 1714 Pope Avenue, Gastonia, announce the birth of a son, Thursday, November 16, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert White, Hyde-A Way Trailer Park, Lowell, N. C., announce the birth of a son, Friday, November 17, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Painter, 405 N. Boyd Street, Gastonia, announce the birth of a son, Saturday, November 18, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gilliam, Route 1, Grover, announce the birth of a son, Saturday, November 18, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Frizzell, 21 Walker Street, announce the birth of a son, Saturday, November 18, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Jr., 393 E. Virginia Avenue, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a son, Saturday, November 18, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Buddy E. Branch, 111 Inman Avenue, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, Saturday, November 18, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Goodey, West Georgia Avenue, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, Sunday, November 19, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. David Ray Southard, Route 4, Starling Subdivision, Gastonia, announce the birth of a daughter, Monday, November 20, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie M. Biddix, Route 2, Edgewood Acres, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a son, Monday, November 20, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis B. McAbee, 470c Stinnett Acres, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, Monday, November 20, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ezekiel Clay, Rt. 2, Box 919 G, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, Monday, November 20, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Lee Sealf, 105 Falls Street, announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, November 21, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips Scatter, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, November 21, Kings Mountain hospital.

H. F. Bridges' Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Horace Festus Bridges, 71, of Route Two, were conducted Monday morning at 11 o'clock from Allen Memorial Baptist church of which he was a member.

Rev. George H. Thornburg officiated at the final rites, and interment was in the church cemetery. Mr. Bridges died Saturday at his home.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Beulah W. Henson Bridges; two stepsons, Newton E. and William Plato Henson, both of Grover; one step-daughter, Mrs. George Moore of Hendersonville; two sisters, Mrs. Mallie Davis of Grover and Mrs. Thad Peters of Shelby; and six grandchildren.

Half the deaths, injuries and property damage occurring on U. S. highways every year stem from accidents in which alcohol is involved. The Travelers Insurance companies reports the 1971 traffic death toll topped 54,000.

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