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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28.

Harassment

Sometimes, it seems, the harder one tries the more frequently he falls on his face.

The Kings Mountain board of education, from the time of the 1954 court decision striking down segregation in the schools was never die-hardly averse to implementing that decision.

Several years ago, the department of Health, Education and Welfare approved the plan submitted by Kings Mountain. Moreover, the department was charitable in honoring the Kings Mountain plea for a half-semester stay of judgment, asked because the North school addition was a half-semester behind schedule on completion.

Kings Mountain kept good faith and HEW - Kings Mountain correspondence has been comparatively brief since. Then another federal judge on recent date names Kings Mountain as its list of bad boys.

Not only school superintendent Don Jones, the board of education, and other officials were shocked. So were the district school patrons, white and negro.

Julius Chambers, a Charlotte lawyer for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, apparently instigated the litigation.

Mr. Chambers has visited us before. He is apparently quite intelligent and able.

The Negro teachers organization recently complained the Negro principals are under discrimination, pointing to a decline in numbers to 80-odd, from more than a hundred.

The Herald has not inquired, but suspects some decline has been occasioned by the continuing trend to close out the small, sub-marginal plants, and move the students into larger, newer and more modern plants.

One school still rates just one principal, though, if large enough an assistant principal.

One wonders what the tally would show in the assistant principal category.

A Recipe For Living

George W. Miller, a Negro, principal of Hunter Huss High School in Gaston County, spoke on the topic "A Recipe for Living" at the Tuesday night meeting of the Kings Mountain Lions club.

His recipe is down-to-earth:

- 1) "In the beginning God", well-discovered by the blind poet Milton in his "Paradise Lost", "Paradise Regained", and "Samson Agonistes".
- 2) Recognize life — "There is a difference between living and life. Everybody lives, but many do not know life."
- 3) Life must have direction: "Train up a child in the way he should go and he will not depart from it."
- 4) Recognize that one must work: Jesus said, "Let your life so shine before men."
- 5) One must help others: From St. John, "I am the good shepherd who giveth the good life for his sheep" and "Love ye one another as I have loved you."
- 6) Recognition that we come to an end. "Some men live, others have life. Methuselah lived over 900 years, Jesus lived 33. Who had life?"

Mr. Miller's conclusions:

- 1) You can do something about Jesus.
- 2) It's your judgment. Are you going to heaven or hell?

Paul Mauney Neisler, Sr.

As was his late brother Gene, Paul Mauney Neisler, Sr. was a veritable fountain of information on area history, both of institutions and individuals.

Credit it to the simple fact that he practiced the Biblical dictum of "love thy neighbor".

He had legions of friends. He rejoiced in their successes, figuratively wept at their tribulations. On the latter he did what he could to help, quietly and unobtrusively.

Many adults today remember that his Mountain Street home and its tennis court was a regular gathering place. His wife shared his interest.

On the community level, Mrs. Neisler was identified with any and all efforts designed to upgrade. On one occasion, the Jaycees were seeking funds to purchase a mobile X-Ray unit to mass ferret out incipient tuberculosis. The Jaycees asked business and industry to contribute a dollar per employee. Mr. Neisler wrote the Neisler Mills check for that amount.

Later a solicitor approached another industrialist. The dollar-per-employee was mentioned. "I see," he replied, then asked, "What are my neighbors doing." The solicitor mentioned the Neisler gift. "They did it," he said. "I'll mail you a check." His, too, was equal to requested quota.

Business-wise, Mr. Neisler was a "pro" in mathematics, served as treasurer of his family firm, then after sale of Neisler Mills with his sons organized Dicey Fabrics, which has enjoyed success. He was an able bank director, and, at one time or another, an integral partner in numerous firms.

His loyalty to the Presbyterian church and its institutions is legend.

The area and its citizens have lost a good and great friend.

Play Ball!

Happily, the major league baseball players organization and the club owners have compromised their differences sufficiently to let the spring training season, and therefore, the regular season, open on schedule.

'Twas not the way it was last year, when the players struck to attain their demands.

As the way with strikes, everybody involved at the time loses.

The 1972 season opened two weeks late, costing the owners revenue from gate receipts and sales of peanuts and crackerjacks, the players two weeks pay, the hotels at the training spas in Florida, Arizona and California much revenue, the sports fans too long a hiatus between basketball and baseball, the airlines passenger revenue, etc., etc.

The late great major league baseball pitcher and University of North Carolina baseball coach frequently voiced his philosophy, expressing it in baseball lingo. "You win some, and lose some, and sometimes you get rained out."

Happily, in 1973, everybody wins some.

For White Sox star Richie Allen, a torrid \$125,000 per year through 1975.

Little Goes A Long Way

From a few pounds of seed come bushels of grain.

In the instance of Kings Mountain Business Development Corporation, the hard-earned \$22,800 basket of seed has been instrumental in bringing to the city and area five job-providing industries.

And the \$22,800 has grown to \$46,868.

Congratulations are in order to Wilson Crawford, president, Fred Plonk, vice-president, Tom Tate and the late Ben H. Bridges, secretary-treasurers, for an excellent job of work.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

The guest editorial "The Mind of a Murderer" from John Anderson's *Transylvania Times* was clipped for re-print by Elizabeth Stewart, but it stirred some childhood memories for me.

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When I was in the sixth grade I was prevailed upon to enter the school declamation contest. What did I choose? Daniel Webster's "Murder Will Out". In retrospect, I wonder why a sixth grader would pick such a macabre declamation. As many times as I said it in practice and at the contest, I should remember every word. But all I remember is that the title was the closing punch line used by the Senator: "Murder will out!"

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I do remember the Massachusetts senator's theme. It dealt with the conscience of the murderer and the contention that he could not live with himself after the dastardly deed.

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I got a bit of a tickle, rightly or wrongly, at Monday night's city commission meeting, when the commission passed the resolution making it possible for home owners to purchase a flood damage clause in their fire-extended coverage policies. As I recall the results of the last big gully-washer, there were some basement problems here, but the bust-out of the Buffalo Creek dam, then incomplete, indicates the city itself might be a candidate for this type of insurance coverage.

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Flood damage, of course, is a very real and imminent danger in the flatlands of eastern North and South Carolina and in coastal areas. Hurricane Hazel left great damage. When the damages presented claims, the carriers posed the question: Did the loss come from wind damage (covered) or water damage (not covered)? Many property owners found themselves having to sue to collect anything.

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My wife's late uncle John Ratterree was head of a large insurance carrier. He was discussing Hazel and remarked casually that the hurricane had cost his company a cool million dollars. When I wheeled "WHEW", he grinned and remarked, "Aw, that wasn't so bad. We grossed \$12 million on that type policy that year." Then he philosophized, "You know, if we never paid any claims for losses, you wouldn't buy our insurance."

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John's company had not been to court and had already settled all but four claims. He declared, "And we're going to settle them without going to court." The policy of the Ratterree Company was much more liberal than most carriers. It decided that in cases where there was question as to cause of loss, the company would pay two-thirds of the loss.

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Some time later I was talking to John after the blow which wrecked havoc in the Florida Keys. An agent had filed claim for a total loss on a \$75,000 motel loss. Like the insurance man's correct contention that there is no such animal as a fireproof building, John didn't believe there was such an animal as a total loss. He thus hopped a plane and flew to Key West. He was now a believer. He hadn't found a single brick.

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Again I learned something about the insurance business. He said, "Well, it didn't cost us but \$50,000. We'd reinsured the other \$25,000."

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"You mean," I asked, "the insurance man buys insurance?"

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"You bet your life he does," John replied. "All over \$50,000 we reinsure with Lloyds of London or that Reinsurance Company out of Kansas City."

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It was Helen Hay who told me about the no such animal as a fireproof building. "It's category drops to fire-resistant as quickly as any contents are moved into it," Helen pointed out. She could have added that "contents" could include people. After all, clothes can burn.

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Insurance is indeed a quite fascinating field.

Birth Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Scott, 220 Thornburg Drive, announce the birth of a daughter, Tuesday, February 20, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene W. Gray, Jr. 104 Westover Street, Lowell, announce the birth of a son Wednesday, February 21, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy W. Biggerstaff, Route 2, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a son, Wednesday, February 21, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Ray Glenn, 312 Ridge Street, announce the birth of a son, Friday, February 23, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve T. Proctor, 214 Brice Street, announce the birth of a son, Friday, February 23, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dean Hale, Rt. 2, P. O. Box 952, announce the birth of a son, Saturday 21, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll A. Hendrix, 311 North Marietta Street, Gastonia, announce the birth of a son, Monday, February 26, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Steven R. Conrad, 1410 Cedar Street, Gastonia, announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, February 27, Kings Mountain hospital.

A PRINCIPLE

It is rare enough when an elected public official says a kind word about the news media these days, something worthy of note. Yet we take note in this case of some comments by New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, not so much in the longing for a kind word but because of the issue itself: freedom of the press.

Rockefeller took a firm stand on one of the controversial issues involving the news media, the right of a reporter to protect a confidential source. Serious investigative reporting will simply dry up, said Rockefeller, unless reporters have the right to protect such confidential sources.

"Government has an obligation not to inhibit the collection and dissemination of news," said the governor, adding, "Freedom of the press is a fundamental principle on which this nation was founded. I'm convinced that if reporters should ever lose the right to protect the confidentiality of their sources then serious investigative reporting will simply dry up. The kind of resourceful probing journalism that first exposed most of the serious scandals, corruption and injustices in our nation's history would simply disappear."

Gov. Rockefeller phrased it well—Atlanta Constitution.

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10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1963 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

J. E. (Zip) Rhea, Ward 5 Commissioner, became the first incumbent city official to seek reelection Wednesday when he formally filed for re-election. Robert (Bob) Southwell has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association for the coming year.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
Dianna Neal, Kings Mountain Junior at Appalachian State University, has been elected president of the college Home Economics club.

Mrs. Harlan Stoterau was named president of the Women's Golf Association of Kings Mountain at a luncheon meeting Tuesday at Kings Mountain Country club.

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