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MARTIN'S

MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon

ngredients: bits of news,

visdom, humor, and comment. Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid overdosage.

**TV** Convention It's Ike, for better or for

worse, and both categories apply to a sight of folk. "Better" designations, of course, apply

to the early-bird supporters of General Eisenhower, to the

Pennsylvania and Michigan

delegations who came aboard Ike's train "in time", and of course, to Harold Stassen and Minnesota, which made Ballot 2 completely unneccessary. t-v-c

"Worse" designations go to the big, but not-big-enough-Taft delegation, Taft himself, no

longer "Mr, Republican" after

his third loss in as many blds

for a chance to succeed his father in the White House, and to the last-ditch-stand Taft sup-

t-V-C

hints that Ike will be bad for

the Democrats who have enjoy-

ed two decades of political pros-

perity. It may be, though there

have been some interesting

stirrings in Democratic lay

circles of late, not to mention

the pros. I've even heard one fellow, who has threatened to

vote GOP in '52 ever since vot-

ing for Truman in 1948, hope

that Harry gets the nomination

again. Of course, he wouldn't

t-v-c

If there is any lesson to be

learned and advantage to be

taken from convening last, the

Democrats might well give at-

tention to advance hatchet-

buryings. The bitter Taft-Ike

struggle got aired to the 50,000,

000 television screens of the

nation, and what the average

voter saw he didn't like. The

only question seemed to be:

Which GOP side gets to the

t-v-c

If the Southern Demos and

Yankee Demos hold a love-

feast in front of the T-V cam-

eras, it could be mighty impres-

It was the first T.V conven-

tion and I, like many another

Kings Mountain friend, went

trough?

sive.

vote for him, he says.

There have been some broad

porters.

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I rejoice therefore that I have confidence in you in all things. II Corinthians 7:16.

## The City's Budget

In case it had not been noted, the Washington government folk are not the only persons doing a considerable job of spending.

Tentative adoption of the city budget for the coming year is usually a prelude to final adoption with only minor changes and the financial plan for the coming year maps for spending nearly a half-million dollars. It's a new record in city budgets here, about \$97,000 up from last year.

Still, and as is customary, there wasn't enough money to do all that needs to be done during the year, nor many things that would be desirable.

One example of a desired item cut outwas the fluoridation of the city's water supply, supposed to cut decay in teeth. The cost was not too much, but the city administrator suggested that chlorinators, long-needed at the city water plant, were much more important at the moment. Thus, fluoridation of water awaits another season.

About one-fifth of the budget is earmarked for street work, including items of capital equipment which will be used in the street department. The word of the city department heads is that recapping of some streets is absolutely mandatory if the whole original outlay is not to be lost. Virtually all the hardsurfaced streets need re-capping.

· Actually, the budget gets its biggest jump through the sale of power. New rates, now in effect, are designed to return the same revenue as before, but the increased income estimate is based on anticipated increased consumption. both by new customers and by old customers who will be adding during the year electric hot water heaters, television sets, air-conditioning units, washing machines, stoves and the other labor -saving inventions. In spite of being a record amount of money, the 1952-53 city budget is still in the conservative category, considering the fact that the city is at least a million dollars behind on basic capital needs, represented first by a defective, completely inadequate sewage disposal system, estimated to require \$600,000. It's nice to see the city's bonded debt falling. But the city's capital assets are not too great either, and it remains a concurrent fact that people in the city limits paying city taxes and not getting the basic city services of sewage and water service are hardly being treated right. The Herald would rather see government money spent on the local level than at Washington or Raleigh, believing that a greater return is received on the tax dollar when it is spent closer home.

## . Ike And Nixon The struggle is over in the Republican party and Tom Dewey, of New York, has proved that he, in fact, is the head

of his party. Dewey won the nomination for president in 1944 and 1948 but lost in the main events. Always, during the intervening years, his leadership has been challenged by old line Republican conservatives, led by Senator Taft, the Grundy machine of Pennsylvania, and other segments of Old Guard Republicanism.

The victory of Eisenhower on the first ballot, means that the last vestiges of Old Guard Republicanism are dead. The big names now are Dewey, Lodge, Duff, Driscoll, Morse, and men of like mind, who, in North Carolina, would be classed as Frank Graham liberals. In truth, they are not Republicans in the old sense of the word, merely Liberals wearing the Republican tag. In New York, Governor Dewey has out-dealed the New Deal

It means that the Republican party, out of power for most of 20 years, has embarked on a new course.

There is no question but that the Republican party nominated the leading candidate with the best chance of winning the November fight. As a newcomer to politics, the General is not burdened with old sores left over from former political battles.

Senator Nixon, of California, makes to bed several evenings with bloodshot eyes. I cannot be an interesting running mate. A young categorized as a real television man, he impressed his television audienfan for other than special event ce Friday night with his speaking abilistuff like conventions, bowl y, his obvious vim and vigor, and a defgames, etc., I still prefer seeing inite indicated ability at capturing a movie, first-run, at the Joy, votes. Imperial or Diane, After gluing the eye to the screen for a It is a strong (icket, unquestionably three-hour hitch, I have decided loaded with the strongest appeal to vothat the eye doctors of the naters the GOP has offered in 20 years. tion can count on much future There is no Dewey moustache, no raspbusiness.



## **Viewpoints of Other Editors**

#### **CARS AND DRIVERS** SALISBURY POST

Of the 60,000,000 motor vehicle operators in the United States, the 15,000,000 women drivers lersey, reported in a recent issue. with less skill than men, but acwith more care. In a general study of the na-

tion's driving tastes and habits, based on statistics supplied by the Automobile Manufacturers Association and Brookings publications, The Lamp notes that of every 100 American car-owning homes, eight have two or more cars. The average motorist puts 500 hours a year behind the wheel Half of the nation's workers

go to their jobs in private cars, and most of the things they produce go at least part of the way in the country's 8,000,000 trucks. Some items, like vegetables and **CONTROLS CAN** COME OFF CHATHAM NEWS

From this vantage point it would appear that very little is to have been found to be less skill be gained by retention of price ful but more careful than men controls except on those drivers. The Lamp, publication of that are in short supply or are Standard Oil Company of New in danger of being rationed. The law of supply and demand has Driver aptitude tests indicate been operative for several months women maneuver on the highway and there seems to be little prospect that, with the exception of cident records show they drive steel, any commodities are apt to e short as a result of heavy con-

sumer purchasing. As we look about this immediate area we wind countless items on sale at prices less than the authorized ceilings. Mrs. Housewife has managed to effect a check-rein on zooming prices through her refusal to buy over priced merchandise. In the durable goods fields there have been no shortages except in customers.

People with needs for such things as television sets, refrigerators, stoves, washing machines and other appliances have had little difficulty in meeting these needs We doubt the existence of dan-Some items, like vegetables and milk, generally go all the way by the field of consumer goods. The



# "I see the O'Malleys bought that house on Melrose Street."

Although Mr. and Mrs. Reader are glad to know about the O'Malleys, they have a lot of other things on their minds, problems right in their own home: Is this a good time to trade in the old car? Are we carrying enough insurance on the house? What shall we have for Sunday dinner?

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Local area distributors and dealers report a heavy demand for the several dusts and sprays designed to kill the boll weevil and, in turn, to insure the harvesting of a successful cotton crop. Those taking a chance with the boll weevil and other pests may be lucky. On the other hand, they may lose a cotton crop. Again, a stitch in time saves nine.

The legal action filed by a local family against Foote Mineral Company alleging blast damage, reminds that Superior . Stone Company, which also must use dynamite to extract its product, took steps several years ago to cut their charges of dynamite and thereby to minimize blast damage. In their efforts, Superior proved highly successful.

Semi-annual dividend payments on savings accounts by Kings Mountain financial institutions continue to escalate with each new payment period. It shows the city is blessed with many wise citizens, regularly putting away a portion of their income for future purchases and needs.

ing voice like Willkie had, nor the flat twang of a voice which burdened Alf. Landon to alienate the voters.

"Regular" party men of both parties will shed a tear for Senator Taft; for loyalty in politics is a jewel the more shining because it is sometimes difficult to find. If anyone has stuck to his party and its principle, it has been Senator Taft.

The Democrats have a job cut out for themselves in Chicago next week. It remains to be seen whether their fear of the strong enemy ticket will result in the compromising of their differences and the presentation of a strong ticket that can retain the party in its position of national control.

A best bow to Ollie Harris, Jr., voted by his 'teammates at the most valuable player on the 1952 Legion squad, and to Don McCarter, the runner-up. Just a few runs at the right time would have put Kings Mountain's entry into second round play. The most disastrous sequence of games was a five-game group in the hottest week of the year. Fans are already looking forward to next season, and the American Legion would do well to begin laying the groundwork for 1953 at the earliest moment.

Only 30-odd folk and firms had contributed to the Lottie Goforth Portrait fund through last week's accounting period. It's a small number, considering that the late Miss Goforth benefitted every citizen in Number 4 Township through her gift for the building of a hospital. The gifts need not be large, but they should be made.

Hearty congratulations to C. T. Cornwell, honored Monday night for his halfcentury of Masonic membership.

operation.

Editor Haywood E. Lynch is

Mrs. John Mauney and Miss

Sargeant George Blalock has

## YEARS AGO Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events THIS WEEK taken from the 1942 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Fifty percent of the Kings Social and Personal Mountain doctors will soon be in Mrs. O. O. Jackson was hostess back on the job after being out the U. S. Army as Dr. Padgett to Adelphian members at her for two weeks with an appendix has received orders to report for home on Gold Street last Thursactive duty to the Stark hospital day afternoon, in Charleston, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Keeter en- Nell Mauney left Saturday night On account of the labor short- tertained at an outdoor supper for Baltimore, Md. where they age in Cleveland County WPA Tuesday evening having as their visited Mrs. Mauney's son, Roy officials were forced to suspend guests Mr. and Mrs. Dalton and Mauney. work on the Kings Mountain children of Forest City. School Stadium which had been

months.

Miss Sara Henry Summitt has returned to his post in Missourri. progressing for the past several been spending several days in He was accompanied by Mrs. Bla-Greenville, S. C. lock who will visit him for awhile. 1-V-C

It is natural that radio folk, who got their first crack at a convention job in 1928 I believe it was, would be more experienced, but I must vote the radio commentators more praise for the convention coverage job than the T-V broadcasters. Part of the difference probably can never be overcome for, when the set is on, the looker just HAS TO LOOK, and the commentators have to report what's on the screen, even during the dull moments. Radio, without benefit of looker vision, can crisscross all over the scene, fill in with background information, sidelights and other interesting data. Principal complaint against the T-V reporters was that they seemed to assume that every listener had been looking since the start of the convention, without benefit of pause for food or exercise. t.v.c

Some of the looking was worth it though. My chief memories include: 1) The look on Tom Dewey's face after Sen. Dirksen had lowered the boom on him. I have a feeling Dewey looked something like that after Roosevelt's "Fala" speech in 1944, 2) The "explosion" of Governor Fine, of Pennsylvania, when the recess motion was defeated. 3) The lanky lady in the gallery who follow. ed a regular cut-time 1ythm pattern in her hand-clapping for Taft, 4) The little elderly gent who contributed to the fanfare by quietly waving two handkerchiefs, I. missed him after the first day and Don Blanton guessed that his wife had sent for him to come home.

t.v.c Ike's biggest fight was supposed to be at Chicago. He will still have to fight hard to win, for the Democrats have large blocs of solid support and talked-of healing of the South-North cleavage would make the odds against him heighten. But Ike could have been completely cut out at Chicago, and any loyal Democrat will confide that he'd rather face Taft than Ike.

t-v-c Next comes the Democratic get-together, beginning Monday. If it lasts as long as the GOP number, I fully expect to join the specs brigade, but I'll have to look. Will the Demos be able to harmonize their differences? And will the chairman be able to clear the aisles?

and of all the pigs that go shortages of steel products could to market, nine out of 10 prefer well be curbed if the steel strike to drive. could be brought to an end. If The Lamp also mentions that the strike is seriously impeding there are twice as many convertidefense production there is the bles on the road today as there Taft-Hartley law that President were before the war and four Truman could have invoked some times as many station wagons. months ago instead of playing Drivers enjoy entertainment, as practical politics with labor.

more than 15,000,000 have radios On the broader expanse of the in their cars. nation's economy there may be Half of the motorists today of controls-but only in the more drive cars purchased as used continuing need for the retention cars. Seventy of every 100 drivers ter of goods and materials in cribought their cars within the past tical supply.

two years, but two of every 100. The buyer's market seems to have owned cars 14 years or more. have arrived in full force, And One-third of a million vehicles when such a market is in exison the road today are surplus tence there is sufficient consumer military equipment - jeeps pressure to keep prices in line.

trucks, and passenger cars sold for civilian use since the war. Of the 8,000,000 trucks, 2,250, 000 are owned by farmers. The Lamp reports. There are more than 100,000 tank-type trucks carrying petroleum products.

The description, a "nation on wheels," has been applied to the United States so often it has become hackneyed, but it is more accurate today than ever.

In 1951, agricultural exports accounted for 14 per cent of the eash farm income in this country. Every third bale of cotton, every third bushel of wheat, and every third pound of tobacco produced on U. S. farms was grown for a foreign market.

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