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MARTIN'S MEDICINE

Ingredients: bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comments
Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid overdosage.

By MARTIN HARMON

I had heard, shortly after Christmas Day, that John O. Plonk II had received a Honda motor scooter as Christmas gift, but I guessed the report was wrong and that the motor scooter perhaps was a gift to his oldest daughter.

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Not so, Johnny said, "It was to me from Santa Claus", Santa Claus in this instance being his wife Pat.

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"Yes," he continued, "I've got it with me now, except I parked it up street out of the light. Don't much want anybody to see me riding it until I brush up on my bicycle riding experience."

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As of that date it was the most unusual gift of the season.

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Now I've learned of another.

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Gladiator Against the Klan



SO THIS IS NEW YORK

By NORTH CALLAHAN

Some 75 years ago, Times Square was about 30 blocks south of where it is now—or at least the heart of the musical, theatrical, literary and political life of New York was around 14th Street. And there Luchow's Restaurant was the center of relaxation and more. Victor Herbert wrote many of his operettas there and the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) was founded there partly because Herbert found that people were using his music without permission or pay. At this restaurant were also seen such theatrical figures as E. H. Southern, Julia Marlowe, John Barrymore, Weber and Fields and Lillian Russell who was acquired by Diamond Jim Brady, and their autographs can still be seen on the restaurant's walls. Writers who have frequented the place were O. Henry, O. O. McIntyre, Arthur Brisbane, Thomas Wolfe, Edgar Lee Masters and Ludwig Bemelmans.

When I first came to New York, the name of Albert Dorne was given to me by a friend. After phoning him, I was in his office in 15 minutes and found Mr. Dorne to be one of the liveliest persons I had ever met. He was an artist and successful enough to do covers for the big magazines. "Do you want to meet Walter Winchell?" he asked. I replied that I had no special reason to do so. Then Al Dorne cut loose with a rapid flow of suggestions on what to do when visiting this big town until I was almost overcome and was hardly able to follow through on any of them. But this was a dynamic man who reached the top in his field, rising from a newspaper boy to eminent commercial artist. Al Dorne died the other day at the age of 61. Even New York will miss him.

Here and There: Caskie Stinnett, magazine executive, just back from the Far East says that Tokyo contains all the charm of Jersey City, only it's bigger. He states that the best airport in the world is at Rome, the worst at London. That the most beautiful hotel in the world is in Taipei and is owned by Madame Chiang Kai-Shek. Caskie further points out that a prison newspaper in Atlanta reminded its readers that there were only "12 shopping days 'til Christmas" then there was the Texas millionaire who returned the Rembrandt painting for which he had paid 2 1/2 millions, saying it was too large for the maid's room and would not fit in the garage. Bert Garner, hermit of the Smoky Mountains, writes, "Where were you when the lights went out. Better move to the sticks and use an oil lamp like mine". Nathaniel Hawthorne once wrote, "Happiness is a butterfly which, when pursued, is always just beyond your grasp, but which, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you". It is said that a young writer approached the late Somerset Maugham with a novel and asked him for a suggestion for a title for it. Maugham inquired if it had drums in it. The answer was no. Did it have bugles in it. No. "Then," said the older one, "call it 'No Drums, No Bugles'."

During the Golden Age of Babylon, King Hammurabi used astronomy to figure out the best time for his subjects to pay taxes. Today taxpayers look up Yonder for assistance on how to pay needlessly, heedlessly, compoundly.

Christian Science Monitor

Surest way to succeed is work.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32.

Must Be Approved

Normally, in endorsing bond issue elections, the Herald is content to suggest that the particular issue should be approved.

In the instance of the upcoming \$1,300,000 sanitary sewage system bonds on March 15, the language is stronger. This bond issue must be approved.

For many times over the years, state sanitation authorities have condemned as overloaded Kings Mountain's sewage disposal system. In earlier days, the condemnation meant little more than a matter of embarrassment, as the state did not have the authority to force compliance with its orders.

That situation was changed several years ago, as the General Assembly put teeth into law and condemnation became fact as well as moral suasion.

The city, several years ago, contracted with the State Stream Sanitation committee to modernize its facilities by 1) doubling capacity of the McGill Creek plant, built in 1954-55, and 2) by building a new plant to serve the western areas of the city.

Already the city has been embarrassed, as it missed the initial deadline of last April 1 for having plans complete. When the city realized its error, it immediately took steps to demonstrate the error was of the mind and not of the heart and the state committee graciously granted a year's moratorium.

Most comments the Herald has gleaned have been favorable, as citizens realize the facilities are not only needed but that meeting contractual terms is a point of honor.

Some have indicated incredulity at the optimistic statement of Mayor John Henry Moss that the city can amortize its present bonded debt, plus another million dollars or more, without escalating city tax bills. However, a perusal of the facts shows Mayor Moss' optimism is justified.

He points to growing sales of profit-producing natural gas and electric power as a prime factor which will enable the commission to retain the present bargain rate of 85 cents per \$100 valuation. Meantime, tax valuations are increasing as the community grows. The other bright factor is that the city's current bonds outstanding, which will be reduced to \$430,000 by June 30, are low-interest bearing. None bear interest at more than 2.5 percent and some bear only 2.25 percent interest.

While voting \$1,300,000 in bonds, the city anticipates it will qualify for federal grants which could be as much as \$360,000, thereby reducing the net cost to the city to \$923,000.

Sewage disposal is one of the chief reasons for being an incorporated city.

The improvements are designed to serve the city for two decades and both plants will be expandable.

Mrs. Lona White McGill

Death claimed, shortly before her ninety-fourth birthday, Mrs. Lona White McGill, a longtime Kings Mountain citizen and a Christian woman of high courage, and strength of character.

Widowed since 1910, her husband having been a victim of pneumonia, Mrs. McGill was left at 38 with five children, the oldest only ten years old. A person of less character would have shattered.

She moved back to Kings Mountain, where she had lived before marriage, reared and educated her five children, and lived to be a nonagenarian.

Mrs. McGill was one of Kings Mountain's top Bible students and many Associate Reformed Presbyterians were benefited by her long years as a Sabbath School teacher.

Mrs. McGill lived a long life and a most useful one.

It's time to buy city tags.

Congratulations to Hilton L. (Jack) Ruth, Jr., who recently assumed his new duties as manager of the Fayetteville branch of Southern National Bank. Mr. Ruth is well-remembered here as a stellar person. His new work is a considerable promotion and a tribute to his ability and hard work.

No Sale

Piedmont Carolina legislators are again learning the facts of life that the Far East and Far West legislators are better than average country politicians.

Senator Jack White's facetious statement that he had returned from Raleigh with his bag and lucky to do that well—following the committee action of the previous week—proved to contain more fact than fiction.

Governor Dan K. Moore put his prestige on the line to aid his Rutherford county friends, as well as Congressman Basil L. Whitener, in efforts to keep Rutherford in the tenth Congressional district, all to no avail as of 2 p.m. Wednesday.

The substitute amendment by White of Cleveland and Moore of Mecklenburg to keep Rutherford, in exchange for Avery and Alexander counties, was defeated Wednesday morning by vote of 31 to 18. Subsequently, the two offered an amendment which would keep Rutherford but put Lincoln, home of GOP Representative Charles R. Jonas, in the tenth. This amendment also failed.

On the initial substitute, Senator White told the Herald, he thought he had more support. He added, "Some of them left us over-night."

At 2 p.m., Senator White said it appeared he and others of the minority had little chance of effecting changes except by opposing the whole bill and he added he did not know whether they would be successful.

Should Senator White's estimate of the situation prove correct, Rep. Whitener's tenth district would include Gaston, Cleveland, Avery, Burke, Catawba, Iredell and Alexander—with Gaston and Cleveland the only counties consistently recording majorities for Democratic candidates.

Meantime, however, Senator White said the bills to re-district the two branches of the state legislature are expected to pass in present form. That means that Cleveland will be in a three-county House district with Polk and Rutherford, and in a two-county Senate district with Gaston.

With the Piedmont gaining representation in the General Assembly, it is conceivable re-districting following the 1970 census will be more equitable for the populous Piedmont.

Industrial Park

Several years ago, as city industry-seekers were working unsuccessfully to obtain a prospect, Conservation and Development officials told the local folk, in effect, that much industrial growth was around the corner for the Kings Mountain area and the whole Piedmont.

One of the chief factors they pointed to was the availability of natural gas. Another was rail and road transportation.

This prediction, in some measure, has already been borne out.

Four Gastonia citizens have announced they either have acquired, or are acquiring, some 130 acres on Interstate 85, which they intend to develop as an industrial park.

Though no industry has yet decided on location in this park, a spokesman said, there have already been several "lookers". He further added that the group will not be interested in companies which would not make good citizens, which the Herald presumes to mean those from which obnoxious odors emanate, or who otherwise would not be desirable neighbors.

"Our neighbors have been good to us and we mean to protect them," Plato Pearson, Jr., commented.

Congratulations to Bennett Masters, who is serving as chairman of the March of Dimes fund campaign in the Kings Mountain area.

While tax listing officials estimate the pace of listing is good, they are also aware that much more work remains. There was a lull Wednesday—unfortunate for all concerned for the prospect of long queues near the February 1 deadline looms.

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Viewpoints of Other Editors

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It has been quite a while since people with good incomes have gone around with cash jingling in their pockets. The checkbook and the credit card have made unnecessary all but a few coins. (You still can't tip with a credit card or start the laundromat washer with a check.)

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