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MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By MARTIN HARMON

I have been going to gear-up meetings for community-wide "clean-up, paint-up, fix-up" meetings periodically since I was age 20 (a few moons ago), but I never attended one in which as much enthusiasm and sometime tart though friendly remarks were passed as Monday's here at City Hall.

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At least 220 persons, some representing civic groups, some those as interested citizens, joined the city commission and department chiefs for the clean-up mapping session.

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Mrs. Haywood Lynch, for instance, had some caustic remarks concerning her neighboring section of East Ridge street long known as "Hord Row", urged the commission to put some force behind existing ordinances with the admonition, "Don't be sissies," and added she had in mind some forceful attention to her husband, former editor of the Herald.

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Will Adams, who has a next-door problem, seconded Mrs. Lynch's remarks by saying to the commission, "Back when you were winning, we were shaking your hands. Now we want to shake ours."

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Mrs. Frank Sincow, terming herself a comparative newcomer, said she had two problems. 1) she did not know who to summon to dispose of heavy waste debris; 2) she hoped the city would make a list of specific chores for specific groups, such as the garden club, to discharge.

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Mayor John Henry Moss surprised many when he reported that a check revealed there are 574 vacant lots in Kings Mountain, plus vacant tracts (two or more lots).

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Grady Yelton, public works superintendent, who oversees this year's spending of more than \$77,000 in the sanitation department for garbage removal, tree waste service, six-day weekly pickup of mercantile debris, street-sweeping and washing and other public sanitation services, reported sadly that many citizens have not yet discovered the benefits of investing a few dollars in COVERED garbage cans.

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But the star of the meeting had to be Clavon Kelly, now with the United States Public Health Service, who proved himself 1) a good photographer, 2) a good commentator, and 3) a man who knows how to use both plain language and wit to intrude to sometimes thick crania.

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While vast majority of his color slides spoke for themselves, some were made more graphic by his explanation of certain pinpoint details.

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He made the trip on East Ridge, traveling due west. Across the corner neighbor to the handsome befloored residence of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Mayes is a derelict dwelling, or what once was one. It's old, type flush-tank water closet open to air and everybody and examination showed, occasionally being used. The Kelly shocker by diagram: this type toilet releases refuse into the water system you and I drink!

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The trip continued, verified Mrs. Lynch and Will Adams' point, and finally reached the corner of Ridge and Gaston with a relieving frontal photo of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neisler, Jr. Now isn't it bad, Clavon asked, to have such trash in the backyard of this beautiful, well-kept home? The shocker: "By the way, that little black speck you see to the right of the entrance walkway isn't dirt, it's a rat. I don't mean a little mouse, either, but a real, live king-size, cat-size rat. He turned around and stared at me and I decided to take his picture."

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Clavon kept making these points: rats just love to get nesting materials from the upholstery of derelict cars; rats and snakes thrive in underbrush; old refrigerators with doors are death traps for children; mosquitoes which produce malaria, sleeping sickness and other diseases thrive in lush undergrowth and have added succor when an old tire is around to hold water; derelict houses are death traps for playing children and fire hazards to large areas.

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Impressed? I am.

Mother's Day

M-M— WHAT GOOD BISCUITS THAT COOK CAN MAKE!

AND WHEN I HAD TH' FLU... YOU COULDN'T GET BETTER SERVICE!

— AND BESIDES, SHE'S A WONDERFUL MOTHER!

Henry McCarm

SO THIS IS NEW YORK

By NORTH CALLAHAN

Attracted by anything which pertains to our Founding Fathers, I went down to the Seaman's Church Institute at 25 South Street to see a display entitled "The Spirit of 1776." Not only was this interesting but the institute itself turned out to be one of the most colorful and beneficial organizations I have seen in this city. Housed in a huge 13-story building with a Titanic Memorial Lighthouse on top and a lighted cross which is visible for five miles at sea, this haven for the sailor makes one realize there are many good things here which do not ordinarily make the headlines. A genial Mrs. Dorothy Sheldon took me around the place and we even went out on the "highest bridge in the world", nautically speaking, and were soundly blown by the wind. Obviously neither of us were good sailors.

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The patriotic display was sponsored by the American Legion and consisted of documents about law, business and military affairs. One document indicated that in the 18th century, men had to stand in the stockade two hours for drunkenness; another was a commitment to jail for a bad debt, signed by Mayor Richard Varick in 1799. He was an aide to George Washington and a founder of the American Bible Society, a local street being named after him. On the wall hung an ornate certificate of membership in the Society of the Cincinnati signed by Washington as president and Henry Knox, its founder, as secretary. Nearby is the large and quiet chapel where seamen from all over the world can gather and worship—or just meditate if they prefer. These men who go down to the sea in ships and land here, find 759 clean rooms at reasonable rates in the Seaman's Church Institute. Also available are a laundry, tailor shop, barber shop, tobacco stand and baggage checking. For those who have need of them, there are a medical and dental clinic. In the evenings, movies are available as well as classes in such subjects as welding, French, drawing and painting, music and religion. A fine penthouse gymnasium is available for sailors and others too.

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A useful library with 8,000 books and magazines, fittingly named the Joseph Conrad Library, is staffed by qualified personnel from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. so there is always something for the men to do. Looking at the menu of the dining room, it was obvious that here was good food served inexpensively, something rare today. Many people from outside, trying to find adequate meals at reasonable prices, frequent this good restaurant. If the incoming ship is a foreign one — no problem. The Institute has linguists who can handle the situation. The postoffice inside the building is equipped to serve a city of 30,000 people and has all types of regular postal services. For many a seaman, his P. O. Box here is his only address. And thousands who may not remember otherwise are reminded on each Christmas when they receive the gift boxes sent out by the Institute containing handy items such as warm wool sweaters knit by volunteer ladies who have the interests of lonely men at heart.

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Over by the Episcopalian chapel, I met John C. Pemberton III who is a member of the Institute. One of the leaflets there was entitled "The Poor Atheist." Noting the first paragraph, it was easy to tell that such is not in good standing here.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire and not to be compared unto her. Proverbs 3:15.

Civil Disobedience

The Presbyterians (U. S.) convoked at Montreat and adopted many proposals great numbers of the members abhor.

One of the adopted proposals all should abhor: the approval of civil disobedience, if and when, etc.

The right of free speech, the right of free assembly, the right to worship as one pleases, or not to worship, all these are guaranteed in the Constitution of the United States.

The right to disobey duly constituted civil authorities is specifically not granted.

There is one correct recourse to objectors and that is the ballot.

If a person or group disagrees with a duly elected and qualified official, or if a person disagrees with the laws the duly elected and qualified official upholds and administers, that person has the recourse of the ballot.

He should change the identity of the elected official via the ballot and replace him with the official who will change the disagreeable law or laws.

What if the person cannot muster enough support to generate the desired changes?

That's tough.

He has no choice but to live therein, or find himself another haven without the continental limits of these fitly United States.

Registration books for the May 28 primaries will be open for the second of three Saturdays May 7. With 59 Democrats in the field and Number 4 Township citizens taking part in the nomination of most of the candidates, last Saturday's township registration total of six was regarded as very puny. The use of the plural of primary is also correct. Republicans will nominate a Congressional candidate from a trio of candidates.

Center in Cleveland

(Editor's Note: The Herald reprints with appreciation the following editorial from Monday's Gastonia Gazette.)

Of the three cities and one county vying for one of two alcoholic rehabilitation centers in North Carolina, it would seem that Cleveland County might be the most likely spot for such an institution.

Representatives from Cleveland County, Charlotte, Asheville and Winston-Salem appeared at a hearing in Raleigh recently, each extending an invitation to the state to build the center in their respective area.

The 1965 General Assembly voted to build two rehabilitation centers — one in the east and one in the west. Each center would employ a staff of five physicians, nurses, aides, etc., and would contain from 100 to 200 beds. The cost is estimated at \$1 million.

Since Gaston County is not interested in securing the center, we would think the governor's site selection committee would do well to place the building in Cleveland County.

Certainly we hold nothing against either of the three other areas trying for the center. Each of the cities no doubt have a long list of attributes which would recommend that particular city for such an institution.

It is true that Cleveland is not a "wet" county; but is this any reason why an alcoholic center should not be built there? Gaston County is not "wet" either, but who can deny that there are many more alcoholics per thousand population than any wet county in the state?

Arnold Kiser

The last winter of his life was a tough one for L. Arnold Kiser.

Twice hospitalized with pneumonia, he did not regain his customary energy and gnawing discomfort persisted. In February, he underwent a thorough physical check-up, but no major problem was detected.

Last week, Arnold Kiser left us. It would be remiss not to repeat testimony appearing in these columns fifteen years ago.

The impetus for busy, very often overpopulated Kings Mountain hospital was Miss Lottie Goforth, who bequeathed her entire estate for the building of a hospital here.

L. Arnold Kiser was the instrument which brought her dream to fruition.

There were numerous roadblocks. A Duke Foundation official warned that Kings Mountain could not support a hospital and some citizens felt a hospital here would be too small to offer much in the way of expert medical attention. Some other county citizens felt that all funds should be channeled into one medical unit within Cleveland's bounds. Some even persisted in that thinking after the citizens had voted \$160,000 in bonds for building a hospital here. It was a happy day for Arnold Kiser and many others when Kings Mountain opened its 24-bed facility April 2, 1951.

Mr. Kiser's judgment and foresight proved even better than he might have expected. Four additions have provided 75 beds and a nurse's home. The facilities are now badly over-taxed, as the current occupancy report is 92-plus percent.

A friend remarked that Arnold Kiser was responsible for much good about which few knew. "He was never self-seeking for personal glory," the friend added, a motion The Herald is quick to second.

Mr. Kiser was a loyalist, give-and-take, he was an able and successful textile producer; he was continuingly dutiful of his church, his home, his employees and his many friends. Another friend regards as his outstanding trait and abiding respect and concern for the welfare of his elders.

It was in Cleveland County, we recall, that the first Alcoholics Anonymous chapter below the Mason-Dixon Line was organized many years ago. And, as The Shelby Star Pointed out, "there also is and has been a compassionate and levelheaded concern through the years over drinking and the human horrors it can produce when engaged in excessively."

It was noted, also, that legislation under which the new centers will be constructed was co-sponsored in the General Assembly by State Sen. Jack White of Kings Mountain.

These centers are going to be assets for the entire state. We hope that Cleveland County next door lands one of them.

Inconsistencies

The 1964 civil rights act makes illegal the desegregation of citizens because of race, creed, color, national origin or sex. However, under guidelines issued by agencies, the law is being violated 1) by the agencies, and 2) by reporting officials.

Some samples:

1) In reporting compliance with the school desegregation provisions, school superintendents must provide figures on the plant populations on a White-Black basis.

2) Kings Mountain hospital, ordered to assign semi-private and ward beds biracially, was NOT ordered to observe the "sex" requirement of the act. Indeed, the surgeon-general's guidelines nowhere mention the word "sex", a very important one indeed to hospitals which could otherwise be much smaller and eventually would not be.

3) North Carolina's poll tax, levied on males 21-50, was always discriminatory, has been definitely illegal since the civil rights act was passed. It should be repealed to apply to the ladyfolk, too. Undoubtedly, there are many more of these inconsistencies, but these few quickly come to mind.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

ALL THIS AND HEAVEN TOO

It was a reasoned and persuasive defense of the U. S. involvement in Vietnam that Vice President Humphrey made this week to the nation's publishers assembled in New York.

Speaking at the annual luncheon of the Associated Press, the Vice President may have overworked his stock of cliches ("freedom cannot be divided"), but he took up point by point the arguments of the objectors and gave them thoughtful rebuttals.

On one point he was especially interesting. Commenting on the disorderly aspects of the struggle for power within the South Vietnamese government, Mr. Humphrey suggested that this could be a sign not of failure but of the success of the military resistance to North Vietnamese aggression.

"A year ago," he observed, "there was no struggle for power because a year ago it was very doubtful that there would be a South Vietnam. Today both North Vietnam and South Vietnam know there will be a South Vietnam. The power groups are positioning themselves to see who is going to run the country. . . . This is the best, evidence we can find today that considerable progress has been made in defeating the enemy."

All in all, at the end of his first quarter-hour Vice President had left a good impression of himself in his new role as spokesman for the Administration and had succeeded in making an impressive case for the Administration's controversial policy in Southeast Asia.

Then the Vice President turned to the subject of foreign aid.

If Mr. Humphrey marshalled the best arguments available for the extensive foreign aid program, the thing that struck you most was that foreign aid was equated in every respect with the active battlefield. He suggested that to cut a dollar of foreign aid would be as nefarious as cutting a dollar from the ammunition budget.

Next, three-quarters of an hour along in his luncheon speech, the Vice President turned to the domestic economy.

He vigorously opposed inflation, expressing hope we wouldn't have to have either higher taxes or wage and price controls. But he spoke equally vigorously in favor of the domestic spending program, all parts of it. And again he equated this spending with all the other spending.

"It is not a matter of guns or butter, foreign aid or domestic education," he said. "You cannot separate them."

So it went until an hour was passed, and until those in the audience not nodding were glassy-eyed. Not only was everything important to everything else, and all at the same time.

The result in the end was a speech that lost its sharpness, diluting the effectiveness of the many separately good arguments the Vice President presented along the way, because it tried to cover too much.

That made it also, in the end, a revealing speech. For how could the spokesman for the Government discipline his argument, suggest any proportions of relative importance among his proposals, if those proposals themselves have not been subjected to any discipline of relative importance?

Mr. Humphrey also said that "leadership today requires understanding the problems we face." But if the leadership

GORILLA WARFARE ON TV

The ages at which human beings learn to control television sets fall within an interestingly wide bracket. At one extreme a child of five (and a girl at that) was detected the other day by her father, not only switching on but turning with precision to the program of her choice and adjusting for sound and vision. Some new entrants to the universal indoor game may start even younger.

The other extreme is to be observed in clubs which have been carried kicking and screaming into the present day—at least to the extent of seeing TV trundled, like a Trojan horse of the welfare state, into a smoking room. The frustration of older members, who have vowed they would never go near the thing, can be painful to watch as they try, ineffectively, to twiddle the right knobs.

Now, somewhere between the nursery and St. James's Street, come the gorillas of the Bronx Zoo in New York. For then TV was installed a year ago. It was expected to soothe their savage breasts and to reduce the volume of bad temper to which these apes are, it seems, prone. For a while all went well. Thanks to the pop groups, not a cross word was uttered or a rude gesture made.

Alas, the benign influence of the pops did not last. As a curator has just remarked, "The Smarter animals are, the easier it is for them to get fed up." Sympathy for the mutineers will be tinged with envy. For the stand they took has been crowned with success. There is no longer TV in their house.

How many Englishmen—whose homes long since ceased to be their castles—can claim a victory like this one, gained in gorilla warfare? The victors have brought what many people long in vain to do. Rosalind, if she were speaking to Orlando today, would have to put her comparison into reverse. More newfangled than an ape, more giddy in desires than a monkey, are jeers that most gorillas can now throw back on our faces. They have proved themselves to be a missing link between the serious-minded and the suckers. They sampled the drug, and conquered the addiction. Darwin would be proud of them.

The Times (London)

teaches that all tasks are of equal moment, then none can be the lesser. Who then should be surprised if some would dodge the hell of a distant battlefield for pleasure comes here at home? — Wall Street Journal.

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about King Mountain area people an events taken from the 195 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Mrs. Aubrey Mauney was elected president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs at the annual state convention in Durham last weekend.

J. Ollie Harris, Kings Mountain mortician, was elected Wednesday to serve as president of the North Carolina Funeral Directors and Embalming Examining Board.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL
Bessemer City Garden Club honored its first president and area women who have served the club as flower judges at a tea Friday night at the home of Mrs. R. Lee Lewis.

BLINKERS

We know about the Diamond Horseshoe, most of us have seen a diamond tiara (in pictures at least), we've heard of the sporty days of Diamond Jim Brady, but today—according to the newspapers (complete with photo)—any gal with \$1,500 she doesn't know what to do with can have her own diamond lashes!

Much has been written about the diamond, "like a diamond in the sky"; "It is the pure white diamond Dante brought to Beatrice"; "Diamonds are a girl's best friend." Indeed diamonds have always been used to bring a sparkle to my lady's eye. But now it's easier, all you do is paste them on. One can't help wondering, however, if a lady won't have to scurry about and find a salon giving eye exercise courses, for with one-carat weight (12 diamonds, evenly divided) to drag about how would she be able to see enough to flaunt her glitter among her less-affluent friends?

Seriously, though, in these days blatant with wars, suffering, famine, and wholesale misery can anyone really afford such stars for her eyes?

Christian Science Monitor

A FARMER'S LIFE

"As a Chinese Communist soldier arms himself with a rifle and the writings of Mao Tse-tung, the farmer must go to the fields with a hoe and 'The Selected Works of Mao Tse-tung,' under a new indoctrination campaign being waged by Peking."

This will probably work out all right if the farmer doesn't try to make a hundred flowers bloom. A pastoral mood steals upon us. If Omar will permit:

A book of doctrine underneath the bough,
A water jug, a bowl of rice and Mao
Beside me, teaching wisdom in the shade.
Ah, wait, great sage. I now must catch my cow.

New York Post

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