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## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

Turkey Day . . .  
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And hard on the turkey.  
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Once upon a time, turkey was seldom more than a twice yearly table entree at Thanksgiving and Christmas, meeting as a turkey does the twin demands of tender meat and quantity for large family gatherings. Today turkey is a common place, both at home and in restaurants.

Several years ago I was talking via phone with Attorney J. R. Davis about a news item. It was the day before Thanksgiving and I asked him if he were ready for Thanksgiving turkey. He replied, "Old hen is good enough for me." I agreed. I have observed over the years that cooking a turkey properly is one of the culinary arts. Unlike a good steak, Concoisseur Jim Anthony contends, the sorriest cook can't spoil a good piece of beef unless he burns it. Jim, incidentally, is a "very rare" man, thinks the red should be running out.

I have less outstanding memories of prior Thanksgivings than some, but several stand out. Among the earliest, when I was in high school, was the then traditional Thanksgiving Day football game between Wake Forest and Davidson. Lawrence Sovell carried me along, Wake Forest won, but I don't remember the score.

In 1938, I was playing clarinet with the University of North Carolina band. On a secluded but quite warm Wednesday afternoon, we boarded to special buses for the trip to Charlottesville and the then traditional Turkey Day game with Virginia. Our uniforms were made of not-too-warm gabardine. Our buses arrived in Charlottesville amid rapidly falling snow. I was more fortunate than most, having packed along a heavy topcoat. We were billeted at Charlottesville's Hotel Albemarle, invested in a few drams of Rittenhouse Square rye, ate and caught a movie. Next morning, we had an interesting side trip to Montecello, home of President Thomas Jefferson. I remember the beautiful rotunda at the entrance and the beautiful brunette guide.

It was cold as blue blazes and the poorly clad band members felt no compunction about borrowing liberally from the Hotel's blanket supply. Indeed, the loan was continued next day for the return trip to Chapel Hill. The horncoopers showed presence in this instance too for the heaters on both buses, inadequate any way, were defective, too. The either/or situation was heat with smoke or cold. We were hairy, however, with the hotel's blankets and a 28-0 win, the late George Strimweiss starring, to end the season.

The next week the University Band received a sizable bill for blankets from Hotel Albemarle. On call, the blankets were gathered in, dry cleaned, and shipped back to the owner, who charged no rental.

Three years later, Virginia turned the tables on UNC for the first time in many years. I had been home for the holiday. The peace time draft had been operative for a year and I paid call at the Charlotte navy recruiting office. The recruiting officer had obviously celebrated Thanksgiving night abundantly as reflected by his physical appearance and surly manner. To his question about my schooling and the "Carolina" reply, he turned on the sarcasm full blast. Math background? "Differential calculus," I replied. "Nothing but college algebra," he charged. "You damned Carolina people are always putting on airs." Yes, he was a Virginia graduate. I told him he could go you-know-where and he then remembered his job was recruiting and became a bit more civil. I didn't get to swear in, however, and was told to gain some weight and come back. I was in the navy and chanced into the guy on the elevator of New York's Piccadilly Hotel. He was on duty aboard those aged four-stack World War I destroyers. His lousy assignment gave me a moment of vicarious pleasure.

Thanksgiving afternoon 1942, a year after the encounter with the Virginia recruiter, destroyer Maddox picked her way through sunken ships of Casablanca harbor to a vacant spot at the side and we passengers off wounded Almaack disembarked for what proved to be the most pleasant duty I had in Uncle Sam's service.

In 1943, as a two-veteran news editor of Albemarle's Stanly News & Press, I put out my first edition of that fine newspaper, First of 128.

For Thanksgiving eating, a high spot of many years at Boyce Memorial AARP church has been the early morning service followed by breakfast prepared by a force of all-male cooks. Some of our cooks like Marvin Goforth and Lindsay McMackin are no longer with us and Gurney Gran-

## Two Wrongs Don't Make A Right



## Viewpoints of Other Editors

### NEW PRONOUN NEEDED

One of the many things the woman's liberation movement objects to is the use of "man" or "mankind" to denote the whole human race, female and male. It just goes to show, they say, that women don't get a fair deal anywhere along the line.

"Humankind" is an acceptable substitute. The scientific term "homo sapiens" presumably is not, because "homo" means man. This designation is open to question also because "sapiens" means wise and man — pardon, the human race — has proved itself to be not very sapient.

We now come to the problem of pronouns. Usually, unless one is referring to females only, one uses "he" as the pronoun for such general terms as "person" or "individual." This obviously is discriminatory. But "she" alone would be equally so. Therefore, the need for a new pronoun is obvious. "Hesh" and "shesh," if used alternately and in equal number, might do the trick. The possessive presents problems. "Hisher" and "herhis" look extremely awkward and no doubt would sound that way if one could pronounce them.

### The Oregonian

### BRIDGES TO AND FROM YOUTH

The United States — and, indeed, much of the advanced world — faces a situation almost without parallel in history. It is a situation which can hold forth immense hope for mankind or can turn into a grave threat to mankind's peace and progress. We are speaking of the forces of idealism, activism, hope, disorientation and discontent which are sweeping through and over youth today.

Stemming in part from youth's determination that society raise its standards and perfect itself, and from youth's grave concern over mankind's very survival, there has arisen a deep gap between the thinking of the generations. No single task is more urgent than to bridge this gap and to enlist humanity's undivided strength in the battle to solve the vast problems confronting us all.

As a contribution to this understanding, The Christian Science Monitor is now running an eight-article series on "Campus crisis." The purpose of this series is to help clarify the requisite steps for meeting this crisis. And an indispensable aspect of this effort is to help make clear just what it is that agitating youth on and

### GOOD OR BAD

LANGUAGE, which linguist S. I. Hayakawa called the "extremely complicated systems of sputtering, hissing, gurgling, clucking and cooing noises" with which human beings "express and report what goes on in their nervous systems," is at once a great blessing and a great curse.

Language is a great blessing when it is used properly — that is, accurately. It is a great curse when it is used improperly — that is, inaccurately.

I would probably be safe to say that most of the strife in the modern world has grown out of the deliberate misuse of language.

### INDIAN OCEAN: SOVIET LAKE?

World strategists are not surprised to see the Soviet Union expanding its naval forces in the Indian Ocean. With some 40 ships, large and small, in the Mediterranean, it has only a dozen in that broad ocean which borders India, the Persian Gulf and East Africa. But it is indeed "showing the flag" there.

Why this interest? Here is something of a military vacuum. The Soviets have a big new Navy. The British are moving out, although the Conservative government in London is reconsidering its projected (1971) Persian Gulf pullout. The vacuum attracts.

Here are strategic lands from Moscow's view: India, where the Soviets have big military and economic investments. China, which Moscow would like to check-mate in its Pakistan, East African, and Persian Gulf influence. The oil-rich gulf itself, from which Moscow needs oil.

The United States Navy has lobbied in Washington for an Indian Ocean force. It currently maintains one seaplane tender and two destroyers in the region. But the budget is tight and the public is tired of new foreign commitments.

### Christian Science Monitor

afro-hippie dove. You must be all the way one or all the way the other, they insist, and whichever one you are, you have to hate the other.

All this is, of course, gobbledegook, but it's the same kind of dangerous, generalized gobbledegook that Hitler used so well. It gets people mad and makes them believe it, and draws them or drives them to join up, on one side or the other. And then you have your strife.

Only the man who knows and

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—Nuggets

## TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

O give thanks unto the Lord; call upon his name: make known his deeds among the people.  
Psalm 105:1

### Rate Hike Timing Poor

The decision of the Federal Power Commission to grant Duke Power Company an interim raise in its wholesale rates of 20.2 percent effective December 14, is untimely, particularly as it affects city distributors like Kings Mountain, Gastonia, Shelby among others, and the Rural Electric Coops.

Like the FPC, these agencies operate on a fiscal year ending June 30. A whopping 20.2 percent raise at mid-year cannot help but throw budgets out of kilter.

The amount of increase, many feel, and it may subsequently ruled, is too high, though few would argue no rate increase is necessary. Coal for steam plants is in short supply — much of coal output going to Japan — and at its highest price in history. Its transportation costs more, too. Equipment costs are astronomical, and Duke must stay ahead of demand for power if it is to avoid rationing of power, or worse, blackouts as have occurred in the power-short East. And, when Duke has to pay eight percent interest on bonds to finance expansion, as Duke is doing, it is another plus in Duke's request for higher rates.

Conversely, 20 percent translates to one-fifth, a quite healthy "sock" in the pocketbooks of Duke's big family of industrial and municipal customers.

Mayors of Shelby and Gastonia have indicated their cities will have to pass the increase to their retail customers.

Hopefully, Kings Mountain will find sufficient budget slack to defer any rate changes, at least until the beginning of the next fiscal year and preferably until the FPC edicts the exact amount of the increase.

### Roberta Miller Davis

Miss Roberta Miller, of Franklin County, Georgia, came to Kings Mountain in the teens to visit her aunts, the Misses Agnes and Emma Norris, owners of the well-known and popular Mountain View Hotel. She married one of the "regular" guests, bachelor lawyer J. Roan Davis, transferring her citizenship here for the remainder of her life.

Mrs. Davis was a fine and accomplished person. She reared two adopted children, was prominent in a variety of civic and community activities and gave her major attention to the work of Central Methodist church.

She was an impeccable housekeeper, wizard with the skillet, and a woman of constant sympathy and charitable spirit.

Congratulations to Mayor John Henry Moss, appointed to a two-year term on the Advisory Committee for Urban Studies and Community Service of University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Bill Bates has shown in his 13 years as a Kings Mountain high school football coach, nine of these years as athletic director and head football coach, that he is admirably qualified for the new public relations assignment he is assuming. Coach Bates stepped into the head coaching task at a difficult time — finding his material willing but hardly hefty. He did not flag, fielding creditable teams and compiling in his final year a record of seven victories against three defeats. Best wishes to him in his new assignment and to the board of education in obtaining his successor.

Congratulations to Rev. Edgar M. Cooper, son of Mrs. E. C. Cooper of Kings Mountain and the late Dr. Cooper, on the anniversary of his 25th year as pastor of America's oldest German Lutheran church, New Hanover Lutheran church in Hanover, Pa.

### ESC News Good

The busy Kings Mountain branch of the Employment Security Commission was closed during the Eisenhower administration as an economy measure of dubious economy — actually amounting to \$1200 per year office rent.

Efforts since to get the office reopened have been abortive. On scene activities of the ESC have been limited to Thursday claim service visits at the Army and spot point service at industries where there were as many as 20 layoffs. Happily, there have been few.

Effective November 30, ESC service in Kings Mountain will be increased to three days weekly, the office to be located in the new community center on Cleveland Avenue. Mondays and Tuesdays will be devoted essentially to marriages of citizens seeking work with employers who need help. Thursdays will remain essentially claims-filing day.

The effectiveness of the employment service in Kings Mountain will be enhanced materially by the expansion and there will be great savings to individuals in time and money as they handle their ESC business as at home, where they should.

### Le General

Leaders of government are often not appreciated — or disappreciated — during their tenures in office. It is the long-term result of their administrations which determine the category.

Recent shining examples in this country are Presidents Harry Truman and Herbert Hoover, both rillified during their terms of office. Mr. Truman, in the light of history, has already reached the designation "near-great." Mr. Hoover has not. Yet most now acknowledge that Mr. Hoover paid the debts of the scandal-ridden Harding and do-nothing Coolidge administrations.

Hitler was good for Germany when he first came to power, bolstering the German economy and putting bread into starving mouths. Likewise Mussolini in Italy, who got the trains running on time. Their later, final and fatal performances consign them to national and international ignominy.

What judgment will history accord General Charles de Gaulle, prescient, brilliant, stubborn, arrogant?

Three times he was the modern version of Jeanne d'Arc. In Britain after France's fall to the Boche in 1940, he organized the Free French and sought to keep French colonies out of the menage of the puppet, Vichy government. When France was liberated, DeGaulle headed the provisional government until was end. After the French people finally got satiated with division among themselves and governments which lasted hardly long enough for the ministers to warm their seats, DeGaulle again took the helm of government, after dictating the terms which assured both executive power and a seven-year tenure. He was great for France, history already indicates.

And who can forget his erect figure as he marched with military bearing in the funeral cortege of President John F. Kennedy?

Internally, judgment must await the passage of time. He was roundly despised by Roosevelt and Churchill. Indeed, they did not intend that he should be the symbol of France and sought to promote General Giraud to this important role. Geraud did not jell.

The test of success in life is performance — good or bad — and none is perfect.

Perhaps time will prove Le General DeGaulle deserves the accolade-in-title most French already accord him:  
Charles le Grand.  
Charles the Great.

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

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