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MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

Shelby Chamber of Commerce directed a nice party on Wednesday evening in a tribute to Cleveland County industry.

As mentioned in a column near numbers 40 industries, a rather by it was somewhat surprising that Kings Mountain township fair percentage of the 133 numbered in Cleveland County.

Gary Stewart and I attended the very excellent dinner at the BPOE Club near Shelby and at which Kings Mountain was well represented.

I have ferreted out sometime ago the 16 Kings Mountain area industries listed on either the New York or American Stock Exchange, a mark of excellence as these industries are required to have minimal assets and gross sales and must meet other standards as required by not only the exchange themselves but of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

There are the retail establishments, Sterchi's, A&P, Winn-Dixie; There are the industrial establishments, United States Gypsum, Martin-Marble Company, DeRose Industries, Burlington Industries, FVD Corporation (Craftspun Yarns, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary), Focite Mineral Company, and others.

Omitted from the prior list the American Telephone & Telegraph Company of which Southern Bell is a controlled subsidiary. President of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce, guiding spirit in the Wednesday night function is Bob Suggins who manages the Southern Bell office of Shelby.

Master of Ceremonies was Richard E. Maxey, former Kings Mountain citizen now a Shelby banker.

Chairman of the arrangements committee was Mrs. Grace Rutledge Hamrick, who doubles in brass as wife, mother and civic leader. In Cleveland County and occasional help-out at the Kings Mountain Herald and well known to Kings Mountain citizens.

Mr. Taylor (Oil distributor) put the speaker on his feet with wit and in short order. Indeed, one of the high compliments of the evening's festivities was that there were moved with dispatch, including the principal address by Roy Sowers, top man in the North Carolina Department of Development and Conservation.

As Mr. Taylor delineated Mr. Sowers is an announced, unannounced candidate for Lieutenant Governor.

He quickly came to the point. His theme was, "We can't forget the people." He delineated quite well North Carolina's ethnic background of white, black and Indian.

He gave some interesting figures. The year AD 1971 will see North Carolina exceed its prior record year of 1969 in industrial expansion. For nine months the figure exceeds that record year.

He closed with considerable compliment to Cleveland County; "You in Cleveland County are doing a tremendous job."

GAMES PEOPLE PLAY

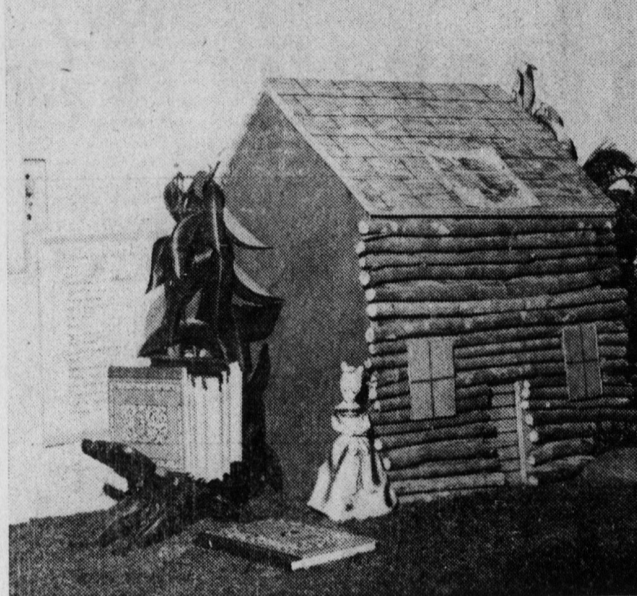
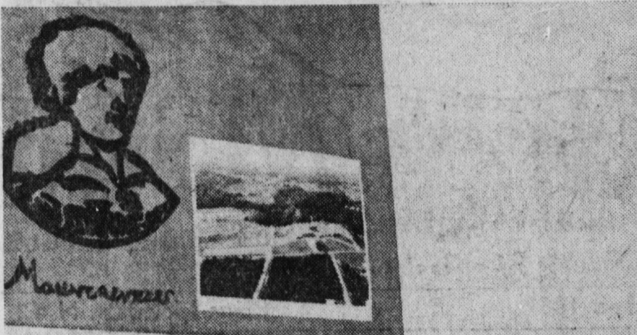
One aim of the Olympic games has always been to foster international goodwill, but it may be that the real key to improved harmony lies in less Olympian sports of the type played by everyday people.

The Chinese invited some Americans to come play ping-pong in April and a momentous change in the diplomatic climate already has been cured. In Havana, another group of Americans got a friendly reception from Cubans as they demonstrated their skills in volleyball.

We now hear, by way of The Christian Science Monitor, that the Russians are getting interested in that popular American pastime, bowling. Two automated, computerized bowling alleys set up by the Brunswick Corp. at an exhibit in Moscow's Gorky Park have made a big hit. The Ministry of Culture, which has been promising Russians more entertainment facilities, may decide to build permanent lanes in Moscow and Leningrad.

Bowling may offer the best possibilities yet for storing some rapport between peoples of countries that distrust each other. A Russian might develop some warmth towards the United States if his favorite bowling ball comes from Chicago, for instance. And there probably are few better roads to empathy than through the shared agony of seeing one pin still standing when a spart would have saved the day.—Wall Street Journal.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK



This exhibit on display at the Women's Club Community Festival depicted "Education Today and Yesterday." This is American Education Week and schools are holding open house. (Isaac Alexander Photo)

Viewpoints of Other Editors

IN KEEPING WITH TRADITION

The naming of two new buildings which were dedicated Sunday at the North Carolina School for the Deaf was so obviously appropriate that it's to gild the lily to commend the Board of Directors for their selection of titles.

In designating one as Jeter Hall, however, points to two factors of the strength of the School for the Deaf during the more than three-quarters of a century it has been operating.

Jeter Hall was so named for the members of the Dr. I. P. Jeter family who established what is perhaps an unexcelled record of service to the institution—for 75 consecutive years—members of that family were directly connected with N.C.S.D. Briefly, it began when the late Mrs. Jeter, then Miss Nanie Fleming, came here as a teacher with the opening of the school in 1911. Later she married Dr. Jeter, a Morganton dentist. When she ceased teaching there, he accepted appointment to the board. His wife succeeded him on the board and served until a daughter joined the teaching staff. The two Jeter daughters, Miss Nanie Jeter and Mrs. T. Ker Jeter Walker, are now retired after long records of service on the faculty.

In a unique way, this symbolizes something of the community's affiliation and association with the School for the Deaf. The school has peculiarly been an integral part of this community, and we have observed several times before that its contribution to Morganton has been great in many ways, especially in bringing instructors here who have become some of the most talented and gracious wives and mothers the community has had. The Jeter family helped to establish and maintain this tradition of togetherness between N.C.S.D. and Morganton.

The other building, Henderson Hall, was named for Charles L. (Rance) Henderson, the fourth superintendent at the School for the Deaf. The dedicatory plaque identifies him as "Friend of the Deaf, Educator, and Fourth Superintendent of This School." And mention was made of the "dynamic leadership" which he has provided since coming to the school in July 1970. Although just beginning his second year, Mr. Henderson has so identified himself with the school and the community that he has lost all semblance of being a "newcomer"—a label usually applied to recent arrivals for 10 to 15 years or more—and has come to be regarded in the light of an "old-timer"—in years of residence but not of age. His dynamism is camouflaged by a friendly, down-to-earth, easy-going manner which helps to win friends for himself and the school.

Thus he represents an infusion of new administrative talent in the affairs of the noble school. It's a rare infusion since he is only the fourth to occupy the top position, the others having been Dr. E. McK. Goodwin, Dr. Carl E. Rankin and Dr. Ben E. Hoffmeyer. He is a worthy worthy successor to those dedicated men.

The two buildings therefore combine recognition of new talent which the school fortunately has been able to attract at all levels as shown by the present staff and recognition of long service as a matter of family tradition. And that, we think, is part of the great tradition of the North Carolina School for the Deaf itself.—Morganton News-Herald.

AGE OF REFUGEES

The US Committee for Refugees estimates that at the end of 1970 there were 17,587,405 refugees in the world. That was 25% more than in 1959 and 150% more than in 1964. Add the latest batch—six million East Pakistanis who have fled to India—and the total soars.

Asia leads the world in refugees. Its total, without the latest millions who fled to India, was 11,722,249. Africa's 1970 count was 1,743,750. Europe's 628,457. The Middle East's 1,809,674 and the Western Hemisphere's 1,607,315.

These cold statistics do not include the millions who have fled from rural areas to cities, where they live in squalor and poverty. They do not include thousands of refugees in Indochina who have lost their homes and moved on because of the war, but are not classified or registered.

The reasons for flight differ with each group—political or religious oppression, war, starvation. Each is the "tragic result" of the violent pace and ferment that characterize our time," according to the committee. They are symbols of rootless, bloody, oppression and the unconcern of man for his fellow man.—Milwaukee Journal.

A SITTER'S LESSON

Rep. Wright Patman, chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee and grady to the Federal Reserve Board, thinks a New York Fed official was wasteful of public money in paying a baby-sitter.

A catalog of alleged examples of Fed waste was read into the Congressional Record recently by the Texas Congressman. The baby-sitting fee, which the New York official had put on his expense account, came to \$20.90, covering two occasions when the official and his wife had to attend job-related dinners.

Well, \$20.90 does seem like a lot for two baby-sitting stints and Federal Reserve officials have no right to get over-generous with one's own money.

BLUE-CHIPPERS

If the "blue-chip" football players—referred to by coaches at their press luncheons and during post-game interviews, by sports writers in their columns and pre-game and game stories, by sports publicity writers in their handouts, and by jocks everywhere—were stacked atop one another, Las Vegas would be green with envy.—Chapel Hill Weekly.

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TOWARD AWARENESS

This is, sadly, not the best of weeks to join the world's most publicized mutual admiration society in singing praises to the press. Last week was a tough act to follow.

Among minor embarrassments were switched headlines of a couple of side-by-side stories. And you have to pick of any number of typos. It seems the harder we look the less we see.

But the most glaring boo-boo last week was our report in no uncertain terms that the builder of the Mooresville post office under construction had not been issued a building permit as of October 6.

This simply wasn't and isn't true. The contractor's shack on the job on Institute at Church has a valid and fully authorized building permit tacked to a wall. The permit, dated September 13, is signed by J. L. Alexander, Mooresville building inspector, and it is authentic in every way.

All we can say is that Alexander told a reporter for this newspaper October 5 that he had not issued a building permit for the post office job. City Manager Fate Mills and Mayor Joe Knox are among those who say Alexander told them last week he had not issued the permit.

Whatever accounts for the building inspectors rather incredible lapse of memory, the hard fact is, the Tribune said the project did not have a building permit when, in truth, it did have a permit.

But we can turn this obvious example of inaccurate reporting to our advantage, at least for our purposes here: It proves a newspaper is human, made up of vulnerable flesh and blood people who are subject to all the difficulties in gathering and communicating information that beset the least of us.

And if we want to make a point during National Newspaper Week, which is this week, it is that we are human, but that we keep trying to reduce the built-in odds that being human extends to everyone.

We could go into our historic responsibilities and your historic rights to know what goes on. We could remind you that we accept our obligations, and that we can meet them only so long as you demand your rights.

A newspaper isn't free; the people are free. We are only as free as you are. We cannot mouth platitudes about the press as the ultimate bulwark of First Amendment guarantees, or about newspapers as our nation's most effective defense against crooked government and every other sort of public predator.

We can't claim all this because we would be just as wrong as that building permit on the wall made us wrong last week.

But it is true that this newspaper and every newspaper performs a valuable public service. Newspapers inform. If you know, you can take it from there.

Frankly, we never have been impressed by newspapers' touted "power to mold minds." We don't believe it. In the days when newspapers enjoyed—or suffered—a communication monopoly, there was considerable influence vested in the press.

Today, influence of every sort—the press, the pulpit, the bench, the paycheck and you name it—has been watered down severely by upgraded awareness of the individual. We question everything, and we find reason to in most cases.

We submit only that this newspaper and others have played a part in this healthy awareness. You have been informed, and you have been exercising your intelligence in sifting, weighing, accepting and dismissing information to become your own best influence.

We like it that way.—Mooresville Tribune.

GLORIOUS DEATH

Autumn has been called a time of dying; death should be so glorious. And who's to say it isn't?

Perhaps it is possible to be morbid about fall, but we don't think so. Fall conforms to the Christian concept of death as a metamorphosis, but it goes beyond that.

With the passing of human life, there has to be a sense of loss, because there is, regardless of compensating beliefs, a separation from the living.

But the arrival and duration of fall contain no negative to accentuate. The exquisite beauty of nature's undressing of flora and dressing of fauna can be enjoyed without hesitation. This is so because we trust the orderliness of nature. We are confident winter will follow that spring and summer will come—and then we can enjoy fall's superlative show in living color all over again.

Enjoy, enjoy.—Mooresville Tribune.

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- Mrs. Virginia Parton
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- Estimate R. Norman
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- C. M. Lovelace
- Mable Montgomery
- Mrs. Josephine Oakes
- Edward Reynolds

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- Earl Hicks
- Rita R. Hodges
- Roger Parker
- Charles Plunk
- Charles Sweezy
- Mrs. Mary F. Webster

ADMITTED TUESDAY

- Rosa Lee Bell
- Mrs. Sallie F. Martin
- Mrs. Carol N. Sneed
- Clarence McGinnis, Jr.
- Mrs. Nellie M. Williams

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