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MARTIN'S MEDICINE
 By MARTIN HARMON

Dwight Tessner, a county commission candidate, called by Har-
 tin's Funeral Home while I was
 visiting there Wednesday. I asked
 him what he was for and he re-
 plied, "For lower taxes," which
 is a noble aim in anybody's book.
 His calling card did not detail,
 and I asked him what he does.
 He replied, "I milk cows."

I told him I'd just been talking
 to Lucius Hallman who had quit
 after 27 years of managing that
 twice-daily, seven-day weekly
 chore. Lucius said he doesn't in-
 tend to return to the business of
 arising at 4 o'clock in the morn-
 ing to feed and milk cows "with
 my rain in my face and handling
 cows in the mud". But he did
 last week, spelling his neighbor,
 William Lawrence Plonk, and en-
 abling Bill to make an REA con-
 vention trip to Las Vegas, Nev.

I logged 27 years at the Her-
 ald March 2, published the first
 issue on March 8.

City Clerk Joe McDaniel was
 laughing about his son's politics.
 "Believe he's gonna make one,"
 Joe said. The lad had come home
 from school recently with a "Tay-
 lor for Governor" label pasted on
 his bent instrument case. "What
 happened?" Joe asked. "I thought
 you were for Bowles."

"I am," his son explained. "But
 I didn't have a Bowles label, so
 I put on this one."

Bob Eblor, of Fort Wayne, Ind.,
 was with Bill Stinnett, the drive-
 in theatre, trailer court and real-
 ty dealer. I told Mr. Eblor I had
 lodged in his town in 1934 at the
 Anthony Wayne hotel on route
 from the World's Fair in Chicago.
 Alas, time and tide wait not for
 buildings as they tend to wait
 for no man. Bill's guest reported
 that the Anthony Wayne, one of
 the city's top hotels that earlier
 day, was offered for sale for prop-
 erty taxes but got no bidders,
 though standing on a principal
 street corner. Mr. Eblor said In-
 diana law provides the first sale
 must attract the tax bill to per-
 mit confirmation. If still not sold
 offered again and confirmed to
 after a year, the property may be
 offered again and confirmed to
 highest bidder.

Fort Wayne has grown to a
 burgeoning city 200,000. In Mr.
 Eblor's youth, going to Fort
 Wayne was going to the city, with
 shining stores with escalators.
 Television has spoiled the glam-
 our for youth, he fears. "When
 my kids were twelve, ten and five,
 we took a trip to the West Coast.
 A business matter cut the trip
 short and I informed them we
 were returning on a big prop-jet
 airplane. So what, they seemed
 to yawn," Bill's visitor related.

Bill had a television experience
 not pleasant, too. Tuesday, be-
 tween 9 and 11 a.m., unwelcome
 visitor or visitors visited Bill's
 house, gained entry and parted
 with the television and several
 items of movie camera and pro-
 jector equipment.

As 6 p.m. neared, Bill's three-
 year-old boy looked and where
 the television set wasn't and
 complained, "We won't be able
 to see the news and weather."

Next morning, he yearningly
 asked Bill, "You going to get a
 T-V set today?"

News note: Charlie Blanton
 has a spare ticket to the Atlantic
 Coast Conference opening games
 Thursday. He adds, "I got a
 feeling the Tar Heels may go all
 the way this time."

News note: Menzell Phifer,
 who's had a rough run with the
 surgeon, is due out of hospital
 Friday.

Adams, Jenkins On Honor Roll

DURHAM. — Caesar L. Adams
 of Route 1, Kings Mountain and
 Floyd J. Jenkins of 223 Watter-
 son St. are among North Caro-
 lina Central University under-
 graduates listed on the fall sem-
 ester honor roll of that institu-
 tion.

The two students maintained
 averages of B or above for the
 first semester of the academic
 year, according to Undergrad-
 uate Dean Cecil L. Patterson.

Viewpoints of Other Editors
ELEVEN MONTHS ARE PAST AND NO COUNTY MANAGER
MR. NIXON WARNS RUSSIA

Today is an anniversary of
 sorts. Exactly 11 months today,
 the Cleveland County Board of
 Commissioners was advised in a
 formal letter that County Man-
 ager Melvin Holmes would re-
 sign as of June 30. Exactly two
 months from today, voters will
 be casting their ballots for nom-
 inations for county commissioner.
 Today is thus a red-letter day in
 a double respect.

The county has been without
 centralized professional leader-
 ship for more than eight months
 without significant action by the
 commissioners to hire a "new
 manager. Mr. Holmes is playing
 his trade down East; no one is
 plying the trade in Cleveland
 County. It has been nearly a year
 in which the commissioners, as a
 whole, have shilly-shallied
 around on te issue.

It is no coincidence, in our
 view, that the election coming up
 in two months, in which three
 incumbent commissioners are in-
 volved, dovetails with the failure
 to hire a county manager. Despite
 the expressed view of two of the
 commissioners to hire a new
 manager and the agreement of a
 third, no action has been taken
 of any ramifications whatsoever.
 Indeed, the steps that have been
 taken have been worthless unless
 action follows rhetoric.

This is not to say that a new
 county manager couldn't have
 been hired; the votes are avail-
 able to do so. The vote would be
 3-2 or 4-1, depending on who's
 talking to whom when. But we
 are told at least one prime candi-
 date turned down an interview
 because he knew how divisive the
 commissioners have been. But
 there are 13 other applicants,
 only one of whom has been inter-
 viewed despite all the good ex-
 pressed intentions.

There are at least three, and
 possibly four factors at work to
 have slowed down the processes
 of government thus far: (1) the
 expressed or implied opposition
 of one or two commissioners;
 (2) the well-intended, but mis-
 guided, hope that a manager
 could be hired with a unanimous
 vote; (3) the self-serving mouth-
 ings and mutterings of a few, es-
 pecially to keep a political con-
 stituency happy; (4) the lack of
 any fire having been built under
 the commissioners.

Enough time has elapsed to
 hire a dozen county managers;
 finding quality doesn't take 11
 months. The primary is so close
 that the employment of a mana-
 ger at this point, before the cam-
 paign takes over fully, is a neces-
 sity now. Not tomorrow, now. We
 were pleased to note that several
 commissioner candidates expressed
 interest in hiring a manager;
 we are told there are others as
 well. If so, then the county man-
 ager system itself will be a
 prime election issue that should
 be discussed among the candi-
 dates. In any event, some civic-
 minded group should light the
 match that starts the fire under
 the commissioner, including those
 well-intentioned ones.

The county's miserable rep-
 utation as an employer will get no
 better until the county shows it
 is willing to be courageous and
 strong. A good county man-
 ager can be found; certainly suf-
 ficient time has elapsed to find
 one. In any event, every candi-
 date who has applied should be
 given the opportunity of an inter-
 view. Those who meet the test
 should then be further question-
 ed. If the commissioners are real-
 ly willing, then opportunity is
 knocking. — The Shelby Daily
 Star.

AN END TO VAGUE VAGRANCY LAWS
 The U. S. Supreme Court has
 wisely chopped down, as uncon-
 stitutional, vagrancy laws that
 are loosely worded and ill-de-
 fined.

Similar abuses in Jacksonville,
 Fla., led to a recent Supreme
 Court ruling. The court found
 that the Florida law—like most
 vagrancy laws—was deliberately
 vague. It failed to tell citizens
 what conduct is forbidden.

The ban likely will have lit-
 tle negative effect on law enforce-
 ment operations. These states
 and cities currently operating
 without such statutes apparently
 have experienced no loss of po-
 lice efficiency.

What the ruling will do is make
 it mandatory that police officers
 find more specific causes for ar-
 rest than a man's appearance
 and manner. Too often, vagran-
 cy laws have fostered arbitrary
 police action, a result of the catch-
 all nature of vagrancy charge.

One state that will be generally
 unaffected by the Supreme
 Court's ruling is North Carolina,
 whose vagrancy laws were de-
 clared unconstitutional in 1969.
 In that case, Charlotte police had
 been found arbitrarily using the
 law to harass a group of young
 people living in a "hippie house."

The ban on vague vagrancy
 laws extends citizens' protection
 against possible police abuse.
 That is good. — Charlotte Observer

Only a week before he left
 for Peking, President Nixon has
 delivered a remarkable foreign
 policy review which confirms that
 Russia is still a far greater pre-
 occupation for the United States
 than is China.

The 95,000-word State of the
 World message reflects the think-
 ing of the president's chief for-
 eign policy adviser, Henry Kis-
 singer, on the triangular balance
 of power between the three
 giants in the world today. In
 this balance, Russia sees threat
 No. 1 as coming from China, and
 for China it is the reverse. For
 the United States the main
 threat is still Russia.

President Nixon welcomed
 signs of improvement in Soviet-
 American relations. But uncer-
 tainty and concern as to the
 fundamental meaning of Soviet
 policies ran through much of his
 message. He named specifically
 Soviet weapons development and
 deployment, Soviet arms deliv-
 ery to Egypt, Soviet support to In-
 dia in the recent conflict with
 Pakistan, and expansionist Soviet
 naval activities. But his deep-
 est expression of concern came
 over the Russians' nuclear build-
 up.

The president reaffirmed his
 hope that the SALT (strategic
 arms limitation talks) with the
 Soviet Union would culminate in
 agreement to curtail the arms
 race. Then he delivered this warn-
 ing: "If the Soviet Union con-
 tinues to expand strategic forces,
 compensating U. S. programs will
 be mandatory. . . Under no cir-
 cumstances will I permit the
 further erosion of the strategic
 balance. . ."

Mr. Nixon has been seeking
 to hold the line of strategic
 weapons spending until the outcome
 of the SALT talks is known. He
 would like to keep a ceiling on
 defense spending if he is return-
 ed to the White House for an-
 other four-year term. But he has
 now spelled it out clearly that,
 if there is no SALT agreement,
 it will be "mandatory" on him
 to push ahead with some of the
 extremely costly projects cur-
 rently being kept in "gear."

Compared with the warning to
 Russia, the passages in the presi-
 dent's message referring to
 China seem relatively low key.
 He stressed that he had no illu-
 sions about the difficulties ahead
 in the process of seeking work-
 ing relations with Peking but re-
 affirmed his deep commitment to
 the new course he has charted
 for American foreign policy.

The other nations of the world,
 small and large, stand to ben-
 efit from a continuance of that
 course. In this matter the presi-
 dent deserves bipartisan support
 at home. As for Vietnam, we
 must welcome the tribute paid in
 his radio talk to the patriotism
 and sincerity of his critics, how-
 ever tardy that tribute may be.
 —Christian Science Monitor.

KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log
 VISITING HOURS
 Daily 10:30 to 11:30 A.M.
 3 to 4 P.M. and 7 to 8 P.M.

ADMITTED FRIDAY
 Bernice Stewart, Route 3, City
 John M. McGinnis, 811 Rhodes
 Ave., City

ADMITTED SATURDAY
 Mrs. James R. Meeks, Bessemer
 City, N. C.
 Annie Self, 118 Monte Vista Dr.,
 City
 Mrs. Grady Willis, Mooresboro,
 N. C.

ADMITTED SUNDAY
 Datha McDaniel, 705 Stone St.,
 City
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 Mrs. Raymond Short, Route 1,
 Bessemer City
 Bertie Thompson, 604 1/2 E.
 Church, Cherryville
 Elizabeth Mullins, Route 2, City
 Mrs. Allen Gene Potat, Route
 1, Bessemer City
 Lou Ann Blalock, Route 2, City

ADMITTED MONDAY
 Lottie Bostic, 305 S. Linwood
 Rd., Gastonia, N. C.
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 N. C.
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 St., City
 Edna Darlene Good, 103 E.
 Maryland Ave., Bessemer City
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 Bessemer City
 Leonard Lawing, 806 First St.,
 City
 Robert Lynn, 513 Cleveland
 Ave., City
 Mrs. Gerry Logan, 201 Cleve-
 land Ave., City
 Mrs. Larry White, Route 3, York,
 S. C.

STUDENT TEACHERS
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Robinson
 have arrived home from Appala-
 chian State University and are
 doing their practice teaching at
 Clay Street Elementary school in
 Gastonia. Mrs. Robinson is the
 former Carolyn Falls, daughter
 of Mr. and Mrs. Doyt Falls of
 Kings Mountain.

ADMITTED THURSDAY
 Emma Bowen, Route 2, City
 Ola Hayes, Route 3, City
 Sara Nance, 2601 Crescent La.,
 Gastonia, N. C.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE
 "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord." Romans 8:28.

Sanford Running

Terry Sanford, lawyer, ex-FBI man,
 World War II paratrooper, former gov-
 ernor of North Carolina, president of
 Duke University, is a candidate for the
 Democratic nomination for President of
 the United States.

He will enter North Carolina's first
 presidential primary on May 6.

His decision to offer followed a pe-
 tition movement led by college students
 to get the Sanford name on the ballot
 at which last count noted was over
 100,000 persons. This out-pouring of
 support undoubtedly was a factor in
 the state board of elections action in in-
 cluding Mr. Sanford in the list of nominees
 for the primary.

As of Wednesday-Friday being the
 deadline—four names will appear on the
 Democratic side of the ballot, Senator
 Edmund Muskie, of Maine, Representa-
 tive Shirley Chisholm of New York, Gov-
 ernor George Wallace of Alabama

Senator Hubert Humphrey's name
 will not be there, he having announced
 when the Sanford movement developed
 that he would not oppose the former
 Governor in his home state.

Senator Henry Jackson of Washing-
 ton and Senator George McGovern have
 not announced their decisions about the
 North Carolina race.

Mr. Sanford's announcement state-
 ment had the tone of a serious candi-
 date.

He did not indicate in what other
 states, if any, he might become a pri-
 mary candidate.

As of today Mr. Sanford, Senator
 Muskie and Governor Wallace would be
 the leaders. The petition out-pouring in-
 dicates that the Sanford visage has not
 lost its appeal either with old friends
 nor with new ones who will be voting
 for the first time come May.

The Muskie forces in the state have
 the support of Governor Bob Scott and
 former Governor Luther Hodges.

Governor Wallace ran second in
 North Carolina as the American Party
 candidate in the 1968 general election.

The Herald supported Terry San-
 ford for governor in 1960 and his per-
 formance pleased.

The Herald urged him to enter the
 North Carolina primary.

A few weeks ago, commenting on
 the possibility, the Herald noted that
 North Carolina had "borned" Presidents
 Andrew Jackson (South Carolina will
 argue about that), James Knox Polk and
 Andrew Johnson, but that only Polk had
 gone to the White House from the state,
 the others having been elected as Ten-
 nessee citizens.

Our friend Edward H. Smith begs
 to correct. President Polk had migrated
 to Tennessee, too, before going to the
 White House.

High time there for a Tar Heel.
 Well, yes.

Registration

All counties in North Carolina are
 now under the same rules regarding
 registration of voters, with a system
 formerly employed by the larger counties.

Registration books are maintained
 at the elections board office in the coun-
 ty courthouse, open daily Mondays
 through Fridays. The books close April
 7, a month before the May 6 primaries.

Cleveland County, under the sys-
 tem the first time, and as permitted, will
 employ the old method, too, with the
 registrars to be at the polling for three
 Saturdays before the books close, which
 means March 18, 25, and April 1. Pres-
 umably such practices will be aban-
 doned at some future time, as it has in
 neighboring Gaston.

At any rate, there should be no
 problem for unregistered citizens to do
 so for the forthcoming elections.

Fragmentation

The plethora of Democratic aspir-
 ants for the presidential nomination in-
 dicates considerable fragmentation,
 whether in the remaining 23 primaries
 or via state conventions before the July
 nominating convention in Miami.

Some may drop, though all may go
 the whole route. But enough should
 remain that no candidate for the nomi-
 nation will be able to stampede the
 convention as did Jack F. Kennedy in 1960,
 nor, on the other side of the aisle, Re-
 publican Barry Goldwater in 1964.

Some have suggested that the large
 number of candidates rather assure the
 Democratic candidates of defeat in the
 fall at the hands of President Richard
 Nixon.

Hardly.

In contrast, the activity of support-
 ers in behalf of their favorites gives
 vitality to the party and gears the party
 for consolidated effort in the general
 election.

Politics makes strange bedfellows,
 it is said, but smart politicians do get
 married.

Charles Garrett Dilling

His wife remonstrated a few weeks
 ago that her husband "wouldn't give
 up", as he caned down the postoffice
 steps, got under the wheel of his car
 and whisked away.

Charles Garrett Dilling, known to
 most as "Charlie", had suffered a stroke.
 But it didn't put him out of business,
 which typified the spirit of Charlie Dill-
 ing.

Mr. Dilling served the city for many
 years from 1923 as city clerk, later join-
 ing the county as auditor and similarly
 serving well.

He was blessed with a keen, inquir-
 ing mind, and friendly disposition.
 The many who knew him will miss
 his hearty laugh.

The situation at Kings Mountain
 high school where unpleasantness erupt-
 ed settled down quickly, with exception
 of the incident in which Teacher Hugh
 Putnam's tires were slashed. It is hard
 to understand vandalism, no matter how
 much one dislikes another.

Kings Mountain Little Theatre will
 present the final two performances of
 "Surprise", a comedy by Fred Carmichael,
 on Friday and Saturday evenings.
 Enjoyable entertainment awaits play-
 goers.

Took Long Time

Approval of the corridor for the US
 74-by-pass is the apparent first step in
 a project that has been on the drawing
 boards, either as thruway or by-pass
 for more than two decades.

Some items of history:
 1) One projection during the ad-
 ministration of Engineer Lewis B. Peck
 was a thruway, curving south of present
 74 west, underpassing the Southern
 Railway in the vicinity of the A & P
 (which wasn't there then), thence east
 and northeast to present 74 east.

2) Engineer Ed Kemper wanted to
 widen King street "to give Kings Moun-
 tain one decent city street" but the city
 didn't have the funds to pick up 20 per-
 cent of the right-of-way cost.

3) During Governor Luther Hodges
 administration (1957), a by-pass was
 projected to underpass the Southern at
 the vicinity of WKMT. The engineers
 ruled "not feasible", largely due to min-
 erals on Chestnut Ridge and at Kings
 Mountain Mica Company.

4) Public hearing was held in 1965,
 indeed, two of them, on what is now Al-
 ternate I in the highway planning de-
 partment, which subsequently came up
 with Alternate I and Alternate II last
 fall.

5) What its going to be is a combin-
 ation of both alternates.

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