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MARTIN'S MEDICINE
 By MARTIN HARMON

There was a major celebration in New York Sunday as the New York Yankees celebrated the golden anniversary of the opening of Yankee Stadium, advertised on April 18, 1923, as the greatest stadium in the nation. Though now wearing 50 years of tarnish, it remains one of the nation's greatest. The baseball Yankees will forsake their 74 and '75 seasons, the "House that Ruth built" while construction crews bring the 80,000 seat arena up-to-date.

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The Yankees will share space with the Giants at Shea Stadium, temporarily renewing an arrangement with the National League Giants, who literally threw them out of the Polo Grounds, forcing the Yankees to build their own. It was in the days of the Little Napoleon John J. McGraw, and everything was fine until the Yankees got that fella Ruth from the Red Sox, and the Yankees started winning pennants, creating a couple of Polo Grounds World Series. McGraw ordered the owner (think of that!) to get the Yankees out.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

WATERGATE: NATIONAL DISGRACE THAT NEEDS FULL INVESTIGATION

Those Americans voters who refuse to see anything more in Watergate than partisan politics either haven't examined the disclosures carefully or they aren't much concerned about keeping government honest.

"Watergate" is the label we apply to the unfolding story of political espionage, political sabotage, and political fund-raising shenanigans in the 1972 campaign to re-elect President Nixon. The story began to unfold last summer when news media reported that political agents working in the Nixon campaign used eavesdropping equipment and resorted to burglary in an effort to extract secrets from Democratic headquarters in Washington's Watergate building.

Although seven persons have been convicted on charges growing out of Watergate (five pleaded guilty), the whole story isn't yet unfolded. But Americans who believe that democratic processes must not be profaned already know enough reliable information to realize that Watergate is a national disgrace of major proportions.

What makes this scandal even worse is the lack of any White House will to have a thorough investigation.

Some Republican leaders urged President Nixon to appoint an independent, but ribbon committee to dig up all the facts and lay them before the public—unvarnished. The President was unresponsive to this idea.

The leader of the Republicans in the U. S. Senate, Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, a few days ago urged the President to get before the public and make a definitive statement about Watergate. But President Nixon saw no need to do that. He said repeatedly to Senator Scott: "I have nothing to hide."

If President has nothing to hide (and no evidence has come to light so far that he had any prior knowledge of what the Watergate spies, saboteurs, and money dealers were up to), would his own best interest as well as that of the country not be served by a White House-sponsored investigation and a full presentational accounting of this latest mess in Washington?

The White House's early response to Watergate was to ask the FBI to conduct an investigation. But that policy became less than an honest method of handling Watergate. We know now that the acting director of the FBI fed secret FBI reports on Watergate to John Dean III, presidential counselor in the White House.

President Nixon has invoked "executive privilege" to keep White House aides from testifying in congressional inquiries into Watergate. Executive privilege is justified in instances where internal White House discussions of public policy ought to be kept confidential. But executive privilege is abused when it is invoked to prevent presidential advisers from telling what they know about public wrongdoing.

The attitude of the White House—in turning its back on an independent investigation of the scandal and in trying to keep a tight lid on evidence that edges closer and closer to involvement to top personnel in the Nixon administration—leaves investigation to the Democratic Congress.

To some American voters—perhaps many—congressional investigation of Watergate under Democratic auspices is suspect even when led by North Carolina's Senator Sam Ervin, whose integrity is unimpeachable. But, given President Nixon's attitude, the alternative to investigation of a Republican scandal by a Democratic Congress is no meaningful investigation at all. And that would be as scandalous as the Watergate wrongdoing itself—in a country that professes belief in honesty in government, respect for law and order, and necessity for keeping democratic processes free from impurities.—Smithfield Herald.

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Just outside the walls of the old city of Jerusalem is an eroded hill that bears a resemblance to a skull, and is called Golgotha. It is said that upon this hill stood three crosses the day that Jesus was crucified. That agonizing day that Christ died is referred to today as "Good Friday".

EASTER APRIL 22, 1973

Matthew 28:1-9 & Mark 16:1-20 from The LIVING BIBLE

Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to Jesus' tomb.

Suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and rolled aside the stone and sat on it. His face shone like lightning and his clothing was a brilliant white. The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and fell into a dead faint.

Then the angel spoke to the women. "Don't be frightened!" he said, "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified, but he isn't here! For he has come back to life again, just as he said he would. Come in and see where his body was lying . . . And now go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and that he is going to Galilee to meet them there. That is my message to them."

The women ran from the tomb, badly frightened, but also filled with joy, and rushed to find the disciples to give them the angel's message. And as they were running, suddenly Jesus was there in front of them!

"Good morning!" he said. And they fell to the ground before him, holding his feet and worshipping him.

Still later he appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating together. He rebuked them for their unbelief—their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen him alive from the dead.

And then he told them, "You are to go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere. Those who believe and are baptized will be saved. But those who refuse to believe will be condemned."

When the Lord Jesus had finished talking with them, he was taken up into heaven and sat down at God's right hand.

And the disciples went everywhere preaching, and the Lord was with them and confirmed what they said by the miracles that followed their messages.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE
 He is not here; for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. St. Mark 28:6

Our Bet: No Cuts

In spite of the fact that, come June 30, North Carolina will end the current fiscal year and biennium with its greatest surplus in history, it is a good bet that there will be few if any successful measures for tax relief.

The best may be: there will be NO tax cuts.

This is in spite of the fact that there are more tax relief bills in the hopper than an adroit fencer could shake a sword at.

Indeed, the likelihood is therein lies the seat of the trouble.

One, now relegated to limbo, would have repealed the one-cent crown tax on bottled soda pop; another would take the two-cent per pack excise off cigarettes; another would repeal the sales tax on food and prescription drugs; another would abolish the sales tax altogether. Another one cropped up this week which would allow payers of intangible tax to take the amount as a credit on income tax. There are others.

There's another side of the coin, too. There are more than the usual number of administrative agencies needing more funds and plying their plight to the appropriations committees.

It's an old, old saying that too many cooks spoil the broth.

Down at Raleigh there is no want for cooks, all, to use navy parlance, bucking for chef.

Congratulations to Mrs. Princess Pressley Swofford, who has been inducted into membership in the North Carolina State University chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, national academic honor society.

Easter 1973

For many, Easter 1973, the season of hope and promise, is happier than any in recent years.

Prisoners of war have been repatriated from enemy prisons. The draft has been suspended.

Vast majority of United States fighting men have been moved out from Vietnam.

All of the clouds are not blue.

There is the Cambodia business. Are we about to get into yet another one?

Another and serious question: will the North Vietnamese honor their cease-fire commitments?

Wars and rumors of war, the Good Book says.

Yet it would be much amiss not to appreciate and to thank God for the great changes which have occurred since the resurrection of the Prince of Peace was celebrated just one year ago.

Man's inhumanity to man remains the implacable problem of man.

The Easter season is a time of celebration, a time of rededication.

Conversation at the super market meat counter: "Cutting down on meat?" Yes, but a man's gotta have some meat if he's going to work. He continued, "You know, we're stupid. The kids drink 45 cents worth of soda pop a day, add some other knick-knacks. Cut these out, and you'd have enough to buy a good piece of beef." And the fish was cut.

Jedeth Roan Davis

A Herald feature in February, 1957, commemorating the 50th anniversary of Kings Mountain Savings & Loan association, notes that Director J. Roan Davis, a fledgling attorney, opened his law office here shortly after the association was chartered.

The Herald's unsubstantiated memory box would place the date 1909.

At any rate, Mr. Davis spent all of his adult life as a Kings Mountain citizen, both valuable and valued.

He was one of the city's most affable citizens, a cordial host, devoted churchman.

Mr. Davis was an able city attorney, first assuming the role when Kings Mountain, due to population, was still officially a "town". In conversation, Mr. Davis never graduated to the "city" class—attained by Kings Mountain in the 1930 census. He continued to refer to himself as town attorney.

One of his principal attributes was his ability both to laugh at himself and to enjoy it. He was a one-term member of the North Carolina House of Representatives, defeating his cousin, the late Judge Peyton McSwain, in a very close Democratic primary. He regarded his chief accomplishment the passage of his bill to disincorporate the Town of East Kings Mountain, the same bill incorporating into the Town of Kings Mountain that area east of Piedmont Avenue and the Lincoln-York Highway which, up to the bitter county line election of 1915, had been Gaston County territory. "No," he commented laughingly, "no use for me to run again. I thought they were going to run me out of town anyway." Then, seriously, he continued, "I did the right thing. If I had it to do over again, I'd do it."

He liked to relate the story of his representing the late Dr. J. E. Anthony in a damage action against the state highway commission when the present eight-mile stretch to Gastonia was being built. The highway had bisected the Anthony farm. "We were going good," he recalled, "and I felt we had the case won. Then a fool juror suggested to the Judge the jury should look over the alleged damage at the site. I knew then the jig was up. They looked. And we didn't get a dime."

It is a remembrance of the Herald that today's building occupies a lot purchased from Mr. Davis. He was proud of his World War I naval service as a reserve ensign and proud to be a Democratic party loyalist. Before his health failed, among his last public appearances was at the open house dedicating the new Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association building. This was an institution he served loyally and well, becoming a director in 1938, president in 1961, and, at his retirement, in 1971, president emeritus.

Mrs. Iva Harris McGinnis

Mrs. Iva Harris McGinnis was an unusual lady.

A son recalled that Mrs. McGinnis' mother died when her daughter was quite young and that Mrs. McGinnis had a minimum of formal education in the classroom.

"But," he added, "she was smart, smart enough to teach herself." One of the girls was a piano student beginner. When the child labored through her selection, Mrs. McGinnis remarked, "Let me play that." She did.

She was the mother of 13 children. No better example of her strong character was her giving birth to a daughter one day, knowing her three-year-old boy victim of pneumonia, would be buried the next.

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A two-season trip away isn't too bad, since the Yankees were returning to Yankee Stadium.

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The stadium opener found Ruth the great star. With the score between the Yanks and visiting Red Sox tied at 1-1, and two men on base, Ruth slammed a 2-2 pitch from Howard Emkhe ten rows up into the right field bleachers. That's the way the ball game ended, Yankees 4, Red Sox 1. Six years later Emkhe redeemed himself, though with Connie Mack's Athletics. Near the end of his career, Emkhe was Mr. Mack's dark horse in the opening game of the World Series. He had scouted the Cardinals in every game during the final two weeks of the season, fooled the Redbirds handily, getting the A's off on the right foot to win the Series.

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For Sunday's game, Bob Shawkey, opening day pitcher in 1923 for the Yankees, took the mound to pitch to fellow Yankee Whitey Witt, first Yankee to glean a hit in the new Stadium. Shawkey, incidentally, shared a room with John Henry Moss at Jamestown, N. Y., when the Mayor was general manager and Shawkey field boss of the Jamestown club.

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The Times re-printed interesting photos from the files in an historical kaleidoscope of the intervening stadium years: 1) Don Larsen (1956), pitching the only perfect game in World Series history; 2) Lou Gehrig, dying with multiple sclerosis, making his farewell talk (1939), tears in his eyes and declaring himself the "luckiest man on the face of the earth"; 3) Joe DiMaggio (1951) in the midst of his 56 consecutive game hitting streak; and 4) Mickey Mantle (1967) completing the swing which sent his 500th career home run into the bleachers.

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The Babe hit his 60th record-setting homer (to beat his own record of 59 dating to 1921) on September 30, 1927. The score was tied between the Yankees and Senators, Mark Koenig had tripled. The Babe took a called strike and the next pitch was wild. Pitch No. 3 was long gone. Unhappily, the victim of that mighty blast was one Tom Zachary, a pretty fair country pitcher from Eastern North Carolina.

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At times, the stadium became an arena. One of the pictures shows Joe Louis hovering over a prostrate Max Schmeling, first round knockout victim. Two years earlier, at the same spot, Schmeling had socked the boxing world by KO'ing Louis in the 12th. The Times reporter of 1938 wrote: "For Joe Louis, it is two year later. Two years, two minutes and four seconds later."

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Football, too. Indeed, my first of many visits to Yankee Stadium was in 1936, and the stadium field fought over by New York U. and North Carolina was a sea of mud. Carolina won it by a touch-down.

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A lot of folk soured on the Yankees during the DiMaggio-Mantle eras for the unlikely reason that they won too much, seemingly about all the time. Not me. In the summer of 1942, I spent many a happy Saturday and Sunday afternoon watching Bill Dickey, DiMaggio, Henrich, Spud Chandler, Joe Gordon, and company win ball games. I (as many others) was a serviceman guest, always ushered to one of the best seats in the house.

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Missing Person Report Issued

Cleveland County Sheriff's Department has issued a missing person report for Juanita Curry Gladden, 29, who was last seen Dec. 27, 1972 in the Bethware community.

According to the sheriff's department, she lived in the Bethware Community and was described as a white female, five feet in height and weighing 170 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes.

Anyone having information as to the whereabouts of the Gladden woman is requested to contact the county sheriff's department.

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Our heartfelt thanks to all friends and neighbors who extended comforting sympathy during our recent sorrow. For the beautiful service, floral offerings and extended kindnesses we are deeply grateful.
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