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MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

Lloyd Davis' vintage picture may have proved a good luck charm, for which the Herald has received some kidding. It was the picture Lloyd used 22 years ago in his first winning campaign for Ward 2 Commissioner. It wasn't meant to be that way. Lloyd had his beauty struck shortly after filing. But the take was pretty bad. Lloyd hadn't worn his glasses and even Lloyd had to look twice to realize that the likeness was, indeed, his. The more he looked at the old model, the better he liked it. "Aw," he decided, "we'll just use that."

I told him I was going to rename him Bulwinkle Davis. The late Mayor A. L. Bulwinkle had a picture made when he ran for the House of Representatives shortly after World War I. He never had another made, at least not for public consumption. He used the same picture in campaign after campaign (all winning ones except in the 1928 Hoover-Smith debacle) and it was the picture newspapers used at his death in 1950.

Anybody know of a John Hancock who lives in Kings Mountain? Humes Houston, when John got a write-in vote for mayor, posed the question. Not I, I replied. The only John Hancock I ever knew signed the Declaration of Independence nearly 200 years ago. 'Twas same with Humes, W. O. Hancock, Alexander surname listed in the telephone book, is the lone person of same back.

Roly Brown was another given a write-in vote for mayor. Wouldnt that be Raleigh Brown, who lives on North Watterson street.

The Ward 3 election officials were comparing parental discipline to which they were subjected to parental discipline today. All agreed there is little comparison. Rachel Conner remembered a Sunday morning when he was rocking away on the porch. Papa Conner asked if he were not going to church. Rachel "didn't say." If he didn't, Mr. Conner told him, he could prepare for a licking. Rachel preferred church.

The Hugh Logan write-in campaign produced a teaser for the elections board. What was a proper and legal write-in and what defaced, thereby voiding, a ballot? The old (and tight) rule of thumb was dusted off. It is valid when the three election officials understand the clear intention of the voter.

Two ballots were voided in Ward 2 (of 152). One was mis-marked. The other was a campaign piece, with an "X" printed by the names on an indicated ticket.

Indicative of the light vote, Mrs. Mary Wade Smith, a judge in Ward 5 (biggest and customarily busier), had sufficient time to navigate a couple chapters in a novel she is reading.

Taking the city books from the county voting scrolls caused the only reported difficulty of the day. Many voter slips appeared in the wrong ward. The problem created necessity for many telephone calls to the county elections board for a check of the master record. In this the Ward 4 took were at a disadvantage. The other five wards had a telephone handy.

In this election, voting in the wrong ward posed no problem for everyone votes (or has privilege to vote) for candidates in every ward as well as for mayor.

I learned groundwork politics in college. We thought we were pretty close to handling elections like the real stuff outside. But there were two differences: money meant nothing as there was no "pro-essional" voter transportation, i.e., paid drivers to haul voters to the polls. What little money was spent went for cigars and a box of cigars, whether the candidate was driving his father's Buick around the campus, or walking with the "pore juks," made no difference. The other was in fielding candidates. The common complaint of both Democrats and Republicans is: "You can't get qualified candidates to run."

Not so in college. The problem of the party leaders is one of too many would-be candidates. The management artist is able to tell John Jones he won't get the party backing — and still retain Jones as a loyal supporter. Any number of worthy college lads quickly become entranced with the prospect of sending the college paper, bearing his picture as a winner, home to mother and, perhaps, more importantly, to that beautiful damsel he's courting at Woman's College, Duke or Meredith.

Viewpoints of Other Editors
EXPRESSIONS OF A TURBULENT PAST

The American Presidency
 In February 1969, 167 George Washington University students signed up for "The Negro in American History." This fall, 24 students are enrolled in the course. Also in 1969, 339 students signed up for American University's "The Sociology of the Afro-American." This semester only 12 are taking the course. And whereas 64 students were attracted to Georgetown University's "The Negro in American History" when it was offered in the fall of 1969, the course was dropped two years ago after only nine students enrolled.

These examples, cited in a recent survey by The Washington Post, a coincidence with similar findings elsewhere. Enrollment in black studies courses is way down, and fewer still are majoring in the subject.

One reason for this is that the black studies movement caused existing disciplines to take a closer look at Negro historical, intellectual and cultural contributions, and to incorporate them into traditional curriculums. Furthermore, the Post notes, the virtually every political activist on campus crowded into the classroom when black studies were first offered at George Washington. But radicals are as passe today as most campuses as parietals and crewcuts.

Saunders Redding, black author and professor of American Studies and Humane Letters at Cornell University, told the Post that a major defect of black studies was that white schools were often pressured into acting swiftly. For example, the George Washington history department approved a course in Negro culture only one day after some 200 students marched on the administration building and demanded that the school do so. Consequently, unqualified faculty members gave courses that were inspirational but often devoid of scholarly content.

Black studies programs were hardly unique at Multiversity in often lacking content. And they did help to correct an existing oversight. There is probably content and students for a few specialized programs. But generally a major or minor in Afro-American studies is obviously a waste of time for anyone wanting to cash in his academic credentials for a good job.

A recent study revealed that the median salary for black political scientists is \$21,298, and that the typical black Ph.D. who teaches in a university receives 16 new job offers a year. There are probably fewer than 3,000 black Ph.D.s in the entire country. But demand for their services, at a time when demand for Ph.D.s generally is down from earlier years, is almost certain to grow under combined pressure from civil rights groups and HEW that colleges integrate their faculties.

But the demand will be for those who exhibit scholarship within traditional disciplines, not for people who are certified in the latest fads. And it is hard to escape the conclusion that a good many minority studies programs, particularly those that emphasized currency and commitment rather than content, were little more than expressions of our turbulent past.

Wall Street Journal

WILL AUTUMN EVER BE THE SAME?

It is autumn in these parts, and the sight of a maple tree gives the whole world a glow. The first whiff of wood smoke in the neighborhood air makes pollution seem benign. The boys passing a football in the street declare the end of the baseball season in a judgment too definitive for even a president to ignore.

Yes, the fan is still recognizable. But will it ever be the same again? Shine on, harvest moon... but the harvest that farmers were once paid to reduce will need to be multiplied.

The frost is on the pumpkin... but the pumpkin is 12 cents a pound. Next, the \$1 hot dog at the stadium.

And that touch of wood smoke... it may become a cloud as the wood-stove business reportedly booms among people hedging against shortages of other fuel. Americans go into this fall under instructions to turn their thermostats down.

As for the schoolboy with his satchel and shining morning face, creeping like snail unwillingly to school... it never used to occur to him that his teacher might be on strike.

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness... but you'd never think so from the fall crop of TV series.

But if one swallow doesn't make a spring, neither does any of the changes really unmake an autumn.
Christian Science Monitor

My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of his correction. Proverbs 3:11

Election Analysis

It's a political axiom that, in politics, one learns more by losing than by winning.

The axiom may apply in other areas as well — from business to marriage.

The reasoning is that a winner has won and, heady with victory, has no impetus nor need to examine "why".

The loser does have impetus and need to examine "why".

For incumbents, four of whom were defeated, the generic answer is "sins" which fall in at least three categories:

- 1) Sins not of their own making, but by fact of presence, for which they were blamed.

- 2) Sins charged, but for which they were not guilty.

- 3) Sins of longevity in office.

Item 1 could be translated "inflation". When Transco raised rates and Duke Power Company raised rates, the city had little choice but to pass the increases on to the customer.

Item 2 would include the charge, from which challengers got much mileage, that the commission is "a rubber stamp board", much-too-much subservient to the dictation, even whims, of Mayor John Henry Moss. On face the charge was valid, as only one dissenting vote has been cast by a commissioner during the four Moss Administrations.

Fact is: the Mayor keeps his commissioners informed, agenda are distributed to board members in advance, with questions invited to be answered immediately. By meeting time the questions have been resolved.

Fact is: a very small percentage of city business is subject to argument, any commission being bound by state law, precedent, and policy.

Item 3 can't be helped. Voters in a democratic society simply tire at looking at the faces of their public officials (and the closer home, it seems, the more so). In the recent instance, only Jonas Bridges was a one-term. As an "in", he went down to defeat with the others.

Winner Lloyd E. Davis, in Ward 2, will understand most graphically of the winning challengers, the inflation business.

Serving as commissioner in 1951-53, Mr. Davis helped adopt a first-year budget of less than \$400,000. Today's current budget ten times that one Mr. Davis helped adopt 22 years ago — \$3,945,000.

The Herald congratulates the retiring incumbents on their good service.

Winner James E. Amos, who "led the ticket" in Tuesday's election says his creed in thumbnail is, "I am interested in services for we the people, services which must be provided in a way satisfactory to we the people."

The Herald suggests the retiring commissioners shared that creed and practiced it.

The Herald further assumes the other newly elected commissioners share that creed and will do their best to practice its principles.

Mr. Agnew Resigns

Though well aware of his troubles, was surprised Wednesday when Vice-President Spiro Agnew resigned.

The accomplished politician was an acknowledged fighter who seemed to perform best when the going was hardest.

Now that he has resigned, one television commentator suggested, that national mood is one of regret at the passing from the scene of a colorful character — reminiscent somewhat of the late Mayor Curley of Boston who won election to Congress while lodged in a jail cell.

Good Foresight

While hindsight is consistently superior, there are times when foresight is happily prescient too.

Thus, with the resignation of Vice-President Spiro Agnew, the nation will make first use of the 25th amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The amendment deals with such problems. Prior to the amendment's passage the nation would have been without a vice-president until January 1977 or more than three years, as it was when President Roosevelt died early in his fourth term and Vice-President Harry S. Truman became President Truman.

Prior to passage, replacement of vice-presidents and presidents had been succinctly spelled.

Poor Foresight

The General Assembly, with all good intentions, did a poor day's work when it made the county voter registration books the one and only.

Inconvenience to a multitude of voters in Tuesday's city election was a result of this change. And some who should have been able to vote couldn't.

Registration books should be in the province of the agency conducting the election.

Optimists hope the new system will improve with age.

The Herald sees no likelihood thereof.

The General Assembly should rectify this error at earliest convenience, which will be in the session resuming in January.

It's another example of everything looking good on paper ain't.

This complaint should be corrected in no way as a complaint against either the county elections board, nor the city elections board. Both worked with exceptional diligence to assure the privilege of the ballot to all qualified citizens.

Burgon Falls

Burgon Falls was a master mason in the truest sense of the word, an artist with mortar and trowel who could build a wall with speed without sacrificing quality.

He was a man of wit and good humor, who could tell his tale and make his point in down-to-earth language anyone could grasp.

On one occasion, Mr. Falls, long after his official retirement, was building the fountain in memorial park of Mountain Rest cemetery. The Mayor was pushing him to speed it to finish. "We've a program here on Memorial Day and we want this fountain ready," the Mayor said. Mr. Falls assured him, "It'll be ready." Four days prior to the Memorial Day rite, the fountain was far from finished, and the Mayor was chiding Mr. Falls about his promise. "Sure," Mr. Falls replied grinning, "I said it'd be finished by Memorial Day. But I didn't tell you which Memorial Day."

MACK'S

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