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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE
A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. Proverbs 15:1.

MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By Martin Harmon
Ingredients: bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment.
Directions: Take weekly, if possible, but avoid overdosage.

Auctions

For who knows how long, the auction has been an interesting selling device to dispose of property of one kind or another, and virtually every kind of property, from fine silks to real estate, have changed hands through this interesting selling method.

Auctions have long been a favorite method of disposing of livestock, such as horses, cows, prize bulls, etc., and it will be remembered that only a short time ago Neisler Mills auctioned its fine registered herd of Guernseys.

A growth of another type auction, typical of the age, is the automobile auction, usually limited to dealers. It seems like a pretty good stunt, if a dealer has an auto which has been hanging around the lot too long, he can put it on the block and find himself a different model that might move better.

The attraction of auctions to buyers is, of course, the hope of the buyer of obtaining a bargain, which sometimes occurs and sometimes doesn't. About the only time a buyer can be sure of a chance at a bargain is when the auction is "absolute", when the property is sold under court order and sure to be knocked down, regardless of the bid.

Usually, a bid of this kind can be raised within a given period of time, necessitating another auction, but, eventually, somebody gets it.

Non-absolute auctions, unless the bids go high enough to suit the owner, can be "bid in" by the owner and the sale ended.

Some people I know find it quite dangerous to go to auctions. The excitement of the bidding pervades them and they lose all sense of restraint. Women, especially, are noted for this falling at auctions, particularly where the articles offered are gleaming silver, big diamond rings and other similar stuff. It also helps if the lady-folk operate out of a joint bank account. The success of this type of auction, customarily using the come-on give-away gimmick, can be judged from the fact that it has swept all the resort areas in the past few seasons. Once upon a time, the auctions of this type of goods weren't too plentiful.

The dictionary notes that the word "auction" originates from the Latin "auctio", which means "an increasing". That ties in very well and indicates that the auction business had its beginning in Old Italy.

But I learned of a new type of auction by examining the dictionary, and this is a "Dutch auction". The pattern here is vice versa. An auctioneer, or seller, puts a price on an article offered for sale. It is obviously too high. Then the auctioneer lowers the price. The first peep or nod of the head gets it.

The best auction held around here recently was conducted at the Lions club last week. Carl Mauney agreed to contribute \$50 to the March of Dimes provided other members of the club would tally up \$150. Dr. Nathan Reed, the spec man, was doing the auctioneering and at first it wasn't going too well. Gradually, attention was spotlighted on Dave L. Saunders, well-known and self-advertised as a man who never delights in parting with coin. Frame-up or not, this guy and that guy kept extricating bills and conditioning their gifts on a matching bill by Dave. Among the chief cheerleaders in this business was Dr. D. M. Morrison, another spec man, also a well-known and self-advertised penny-pincher and nickle-squeezzer. Slowly but surely Dave's blood began to boil. His hand went to his wallet pocket, and, as the "encouragement" of many mounted, Dave seemed to take exception to Doc Morrison's blandishments, and addressed him with a challenge. "I'll match you dollar for dollar," Dave said. Dr. Morrison slowed up and winced perceptibly but only for a minute. "That suits me," he replied, "get out your money." With that Dr. Morrison extricated a bill which turned out to be a twenty. Dave, who is somewhat balding, turned sickly pale all over, including his head, until Doc muttered, "You give me your ten, WE'LL give the twenty together."

The club had a lot of fun and the March of Dimes was \$204 nearer its quota, after the "auction".

CROSSWORD By A. C. Gordon

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- ACROSS**
- 1—Parental nickname
 - 3—Skill
 - 5—Kind of bean
 - 7—Exclamation
 - 9—Estate
 - 10—Hired
 - 11—Smooth
 - 12—Compass direction
 - 14—Journalistic reviewers
 - 17—Registered Statutes (abbrev.)
 - 18—Tavern
 - 20—Mythic Sanskrit word
 - 21—Either
 - 22—To seed
 - 23—Everyone individually (abbrev.)
 - 25—Tut
 - 27—Parental nickname
 - 28—Prises
 - 31—Fruit drink
 - 33—Pronoun
 - 34—A point in debate
 - 35—Perform
 - 36—Miscue
 - 38—Occurrence
 - 41—Indefinite article
- DOWN**
- 1—Subservient
 - 2—So be it!
 - 3—Diad
 - 4—Puts in order
 - 5—Hair net
 - 6—Affirmative
 - 7—Beloved of Leader
 - 8—Response
 - 11—Preposition
 - 15—Perform
 - 16—Public conveyance (abbrev.)
 - 19—Indifferent
 - 22—Affects with grief
 - 23—Casual element
 - 26—An attack
 - 27—Greek letter
 - 28—Casual element
 - 30—Title of respect
 - 31—C-shaped
 - 32—Division of geological time
 - 36—Unimpaired
 - 37—Preposition
 - 39—Chemical symbol for virginium
 - 40—Muscle connector
 - 42—Dinner course
 - 43—Mountain singing style
 - 45—Tosses
 - 47—Fromish
 - 49—Spanish affirmative
 - 51—Portlet
 - 53—Males
 - 54—Either
 - 55—Resting place

Viewpoints of Other Editors

STILL THE WELFARE STATE

NEWS OF ORANGE COUNTY
Americans are characteristically humanitarian. They are known the world over for this trait. Friends and enemies alike take advantage of it. It has been a complicating element in our relations with the Communists — they confuse it with softness. And right here in our own country our humanitarian instincts often lead us astray.

An excellent recent example involves the report of the President's Commission on the Health Needs of the Nation. Not long ago when the report was released many of the country's leading publications, after a cursory glance, headlined it as a boon to the country. The introduction to the report is a masterly appeal to the humanitarian. But in between the lines is another story, an old story.

The report recommends the expenditure of more than two billion dollars of tax money. The answer proposed for the solution to almost every problem is additional federal funds. Aside from the question of how these funds are to be raised, in the background of all these endeavors lurks the shadow of federal control.

Health is conditioned by food, housing and education, so the report advances the old argument that control of all these factors as well as health measures per se should come under the direction of an all-wise federal government. In other words, without naming it the report has described the welfare state.

We are all interested in the steady improvement of health and medical care. However, the experience of other nations, especially Great Britain, has shown that good medical care and health cannot necessarily be bought at a given price. Here in our own country, ever since the founding of the nation, we had continuous and in late years spectacular growth in both living standards and medical achievements. These great advances have been a normal development in a land where people are free to pursue their chosen occupations and live their lives without interference from government. Whenever government interferes, progress stops.

And in the last analysis, every health proposal that has so far been submitted for federal legislative action would mean abandoning the way of freedom and adopting the old world philosophy that government can do for us better than we can do for ourselves.

This philosophy is a dead end road at the end of which lies servitude. When confronted with such a philosophy, no matter how attractively presented, the American people must not let their humanitarian instincts betray them.

Kenneth L. Hamrick Returning To U. S.

WITH THE 43RD INFANTRY DIV. IN GERMANY. — Pvt. Kenneth L. Hamrick, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hamrick, Grover, N. C., is returning to the U. S. after a tour of duty with the 43rd Infantry Division in Germany. A former New England National Guard outfit, the division came to Europe in October 1951 and joined the NATO Army. Private Hamrick, who was a rifleman in Heavy Mortar Company, 172nd Infantry Regiment, arrived in Europe last August. He entered the Army in March 1951.

Joseph Hullender Gets European Duty

TAMPA, FLA. — Airman Third Class Joseph A. Hullender, United States Air Force, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Hullender, Route 2, Kings Mountain, has been transferred overseas for duty in the European Theatre.

Young Hullender attended Kings Mountain High School and received his diploma through the Air Force educational program. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1951 and attended electricians school in 1952.

Prior to his transfer the Kings Mountain native was stationed at MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, where he was assigned to the 1928th AACS Squadron, one part

of the far flung airways and air communications service that maintain and operate navigational aids for Air Force planes all over the world. As an electrician he performs maintenance work on electrical power units.

The young airman expects to spend several days at home visiting relatives and friends before departing for his overseas assignment.


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Expanding Business
Governor William B. Umstead has told the legislature he wants the State highway system, through both normal split up into 15, rather than ten, divisions, and the recommendation has brought forth much comment, some pro, some con.

At first thought, it might appear that the Governor is out-of-order in recommending this half-again-as-much expansion of the State Highway Department. There would be five more commissioners, five more division engineers, five more offices, five more of office staffs, etc., etc. It looks like a big bill is going to be added to the administrative set-up.

Actually, the addition probably wouldn't be as large as it seems. Generally speaking, it must be assumed that the highway commission now employs almost enough folk to do the job. The split-up would mean addition of engineers, principally, and would cut the load of the present over-worked, hard-pressed division staffs.

The argument of Governor Umstead is that the great expansion of the state highway system, through both normal growth and the \$200 million bond issue, has increased the workload sufficiently to require the expanded set-up.

An opponent says it might have been all right to expand it when the road bonds issue was passed, not now, a statement which assumes that the state's major road-building job is done. The statement is hardly correct. Between building and re-building, to accommodate the increasing number of cars and trucks, it can be safely said that the state's road-building program is little more than well-started.

Governor Umstead's suggestion is a provocative one. The soundest reasoning is that an expanding business must have increased personnel, executive as well as operative. And North Carolina's highway business is certainly expanding.

Battle Lines Form
"It's starting mighty early," has been an average comment on announcements for city political office. May does seem a considerable distance away, but the way time moves off like a jet propelled plant, maybe it isn't.

Usually, most folk are ready for the spring political wars, after a momentary cessation, but during the past two years, there has been a steady political diet here.

With considerable disagreement emanating from City Hall during the past 20 months, plus the regular county, state and national elections, there has been little surcease from matters political.

Thus the battle lines are forming now for the May voting, whereby various citizens will contest for the right to both regular and special municipal headaches, of which there will be no small amount of each.

Who will inherit the city's defective, inadequate sewage plant? Who will be victorious, the endorers of the city manager system, or the endorers of the long-used council-mayor system? Who will get the duty of carving up the near half-million dollars which comes into city coffers annually, but which never is enough to meet all needs?

All these questions are to be answered, come May, and they are already making a leading topic of conversation among almost all citizens of the community.

Our congratulations to Boyd Harrelson, who will serve as president of the Bethware Progressive club during the coming year.

10 YEARS AGO Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events THIS WEEK taken from the 1943 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

The infantile paralysis drive for funds which was conducted here last week totaled \$405.29 according to Supt. B. N. Barnes. 68 young men will depart tomorrow morning (Friday) by special bus at 9:52 a. m. for induction in the army at Fort Bragg.

Social and Personal
Mrs. Luther Cansler was hostess to members of the Home Arts Club on last Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. B. Falls has returned from Everett, Washington, where

she has been visiting her husband, J. B. Falls who is in the Air Corp. and stationed at Airmfield.

Mrs. Wendell Phifer has returned from a visit with her husband at Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Pvt. D. H. Welch, a member of the Paratroopers at Fort Bragg is visiting friends and relatives here.

Miss Sara Herndon, student at Furman University in Greenville, S. C. was accompanied home for a short visit by her roommate of Plainville, New York.

Mrs. Floy Oates, who for the past three months has been employed in a defense plant in Canton, N. C. is visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Oates until she joins her husband, Lt. "Bus" Oates who is now stationed at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

Mrs. H. R. Parton left early Tuesday morning for Waynesville where she was called on account of the critical illness of her aged father.

Miss Betty Lynch has been sick with a cold.