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**TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE**  
*Scornful men bring a city into a snare; but wise men turn away wrath. Proverbs 29:8.*

**MARTIN'S MEDICINE**  
By Martin Harmon

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

Wilson Crawford and I were guests of Clyde Nolan Monday night at an "eat-in" gathering of the Shelby Board of Realtors.

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The program featured a talk and film-showing by an Asheville realtor, Mr. Barfield, who outlined Asheville's push for new "industry" in the form of encouraging retiring work-horses to retire to Asheville environs. Incidentally, the Asheville folk have had their program adopted by the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, which has included a new theme "Living in North Carolina" in their publicity brochures, their national advertising campaign, and in their office routine. The last-mentioned entails compiling boiled down versions of inquiries from retiring people from other states and mailing them to all realtors in the state for follow-up.

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If proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof, Mr. Barfield knew his subject. His agency, he said, has sold \$400,000 in real estate to recently retired folk this year who liked the looks of the Asheville-Hendersonville area as a place to live in the golden years.

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He acknowledged that Asheville-Hendersonville specializes in this kind of business anyway, but that other communities can do the same, if not in as large a proportion.

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There were some interesting items: Asheville civic and church jobs are well-dotted with retired generals, oil executives, metallurgists, other scientists and engineers. Meantime, the average income of Asheville area families is about \$5,500 per year. The retired population has average income of \$8,500 per year, and spend an average of \$6,000 per family. Bring in a few retired families is just as good as bringing in a new industry," he declared.

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Another item of interest is the fact that the largest percentage of folk retiring to the Asheville area come from Ohio. Another large percentage comes from the East and, this tended to surprise, quite a number are coming from, of all places, Florida.

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"These folk try out Florida but find Florida remiss with hot summers and being overcrowded. They like four different seasons per year," Mr. Barfield related. "And they're tired of the hustle and bustle of big-city life."

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Well, some are. I have known some big-city folk who have been accustomed to commuting from home portal to work portal for two hours daily, think they still have to spend two hours daily in this type of duty. Most folk who live in a small town and manage to stay pretty busy wonder how the big city folk spare two hours a day out of the too few 24.

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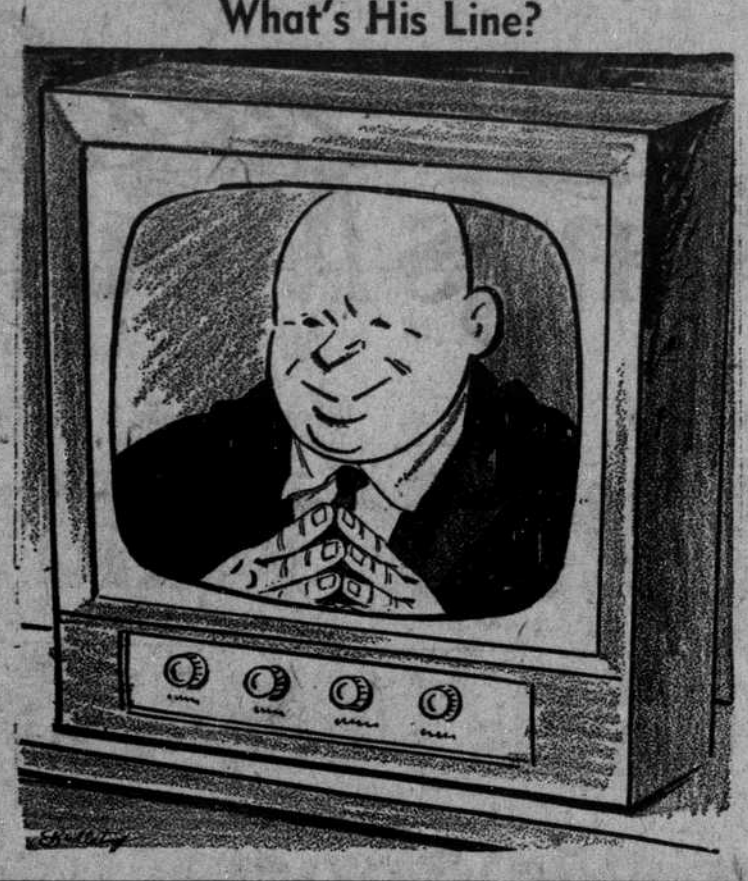
People looking for a new place to live after retirement have many different reasons for the final spots they pick. Some make decisions based on limited income, while others make decisions based on rather handsome income. Several years ago, I talked with a retiring advertising executive from the Chicago area. He was rather well-heeled with a portfolio of blue chip stocks and knew North Carolina, which he liked, from many prior vacation visits. But he was bent for Florida. The reason: he was leery of North Carolina's tax structure. State taxes included one on income and another on intangibles. The income tax would sap his income from his stocks, and the intangibles tax would add another large annual bite, he thought, on his stockholdings. I was able to defend the state by telling him the maximum income tax bite was seven percent, via a graduated scale, and that the intangibles tax on stockholdings was \$2.50 per \$1,000. Most important though to this gentleman was the correct statement that in majority of North Carolina, local taxes are quite low in comparison to Illinois and other states, that seemingly high state taxes paid the bulk of the state's school bill, all highway costs, etc. In turn, while Florida has no income tax, there are some mighty high rates in many other taxing categories. I didn't know I was selling, but the gentleman shortly thereafter bought a home near Hendersonville.

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Giving his fellow realtors a shot-in-the-arm sermon, Mr. Barfield said, "The trouble with all of us is that we're lazy, just plain lazy." He said follow-up on inquiries about living in North Carolina could multiply the number of incoming families by ten times.

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Wilson and I agreed en route



**Viewpoints of Other Editors**

**OUR HOSPITALS: WHOSE RESPONSIBILITY?**

Kings Mountain hospital board may ask the county commissioners to authorize a countywide bond election to provide funds for a 25-bed addition. The money raised would represent the county's share of a local-state-federal building project costing around \$275,000.

In hearing the Kings Mountain board's presentation to commissioners, we can agree wholeheartedly that the unit has been overcrowded in recent months. It would appear that the present 50-bed capacity is not sufficient to take care of the medical needs of the Kings Mountain area.

We also note that Administrator Grady Howard and the private, non-profit corporation that operates the former branch unit of the county hospital have done an excellent job in keeping the hospital on a sound basis.

There are questions, however, that we believe county commissioners should ask themselves before a quick move toward a countywide bond election is made:

**BOOKS TO MOSCOW**

Visitors to the U. S. Fair in Moscow won't find any copies of Dr. Zhivago among the 10,000 or so volumes American publishers have shipped over for exhibit. But otherwise they'll be able to browse through a substantial sampling of this country's literary and academic diet, including Russian language materials published for the U. S. Market.

About 3,000 of the volumes will be in their native habitat, a brand new bookmobile lent by the town of Delmar, N. Y., outside Albany. Most of the rest will be in a publishers' exhibit, but there will also be a liberal sprinkling in the model home and apartment and on model newsstands, just as there would be back home. The books in the exhibit were selected by the American Book Publishers Council, of which McGraw-Hill's Curtis G. Benjamin is chairman.

It isn't a typical collection. There's a heavier than usual emphasis on scientific and technical materials and on scholarly works in such fields as economics, sociology, political science and philosophy.

But at the core of the Moscow collection are the American classics—Melville, Hawthorne, Thomas Wolfe, Sinclair Lewis and, of course, Twain, Dreiser, London, and Hemingway, who have long been favorites in the Soviet Union. — *El Paso Times*.

**Hospital Needs Beds**

A nurse remarked at Kings Mountain hospital over the weekend, "These doctors won't let us get an empty bed without filling it again." She was commenting on the continuing situation at Kings Mountain hospital, where waiting lists for rooms seem to be the rule rather than the exception and where use of passageways for patients is common.

The use and financial performance of Kings Mountain hospital have been sources of amazement to medical and hospital men since it was opened in 1951.

As late as 1944, a Duke Endowment official told Kings Mountain folk that the community was too small for a hospital and that keeping the bills paid would be a near-impossible chore.

Yet his predictions have proved completely awry, even at rates lower than neighboring hospitals.

Obviously, there are reasons, among them 1) efficient management, 2) an efficient medical staff which remains appreciative of the excellent facilities available, 3) a competent nursing staff, and 4) high incidence of individual and group coverage of Kings Mountain citizens with hospitalization insurance.

Only last week the hospital board of directors voted to ask the county commission to call a bond election for the county's share in a 25-bed expansion, virtually on invitation by the commission, which, due to legal barriers, could arrange no other immediate means of financing the county share of the expansion. It is presumed this election will be called for December.

Such an expenditure by the county will be a good investment. First, there is the quite apparent need. Second is the fact that for about 32 percent of the investment the county will add to its facilities by \$275,000. Third, the addition will be for rooms and beds only, as the service facilities extant are quite sufficient to handle the extra hospital population.

If offered, as anticipated, this small issue should be approved.

**Moon-Glow**

The Russians say their moon satellite has hit the moon and seem quite proud that they can claim this space-age first.

It is and should be a source of pride. However, it's hardly likely the world is going to stop going around just because a space missile has hit the moon, supposedly, according to the scientists, a barren planet with extreme temperatures that make it a hardly likely spot for colonization.

Much has been made of the added prestige the moon hit gives Premier Khrushchev as he comes to tour America. That's all right, too. It's never been a fair-minded fellow who couldn't commend his competitor for a competent performance.

It again reminds that Yankee conceit of a few years back (pre-Sputnik) found us Americans inclined to pooh-pooh any Russian claim for excellence in science, production, or many other fields. At the same time, the attitude from Americans was engendered by the Russian habit of trying to claim credit for previous scientific developments which belonged to others.

Some think the new Russian accomplishments healthy for several reasons. American lethargy has been shocked into wakefulness. And more attention to space frontiers by both nations give a positive avenue of interest rather than the negative, cold war policies both nations have followed since the end of World War II.

Any rush for tickets on the moon express?

**Dr. Paul Nolan**

Announcement by Dr. Paul Nolan that he is forsaking general practice of medicine here for a position as plant physician of DuPont in Chattanooga, Tenn., has brought numerous expressions of regret from virtually every Kings Mountain citizen.

For those who know the work schedule of the general practitioner, on call every hour in the day on a seven-day per week basis, Dr. Nolan's decision is understandable. For four years, he has followed that difficult route and he doesn't deny he's physically tired. In addition, the industrial medicine route is one that long ago attracted his interest.

Dr. Nolan has enjoyed here a busy practice. He added to his technical knowledge gleaned from medical instruction and experience a basic sincerity of purpose which oft-times is the difference between a very good medical doctor and an average one.

The Herald joins his many friends in regretting Dr. Nolan's decision to leave Kings Mountain.

**Attend The Fair**

The 12th annual Bethware Fair opened Wednesday and it is safe to guess that the big majority of area citizens will pay call before Saturday night's finale.

It has always been a nice fair. Labeled a "community" fair it is exactly that, big enough to be quite attractive, small enough to retain the "community" flavor.

It's a major undertaking, and the amount of work expended voluntarily by the Bethware Progressive club members, their wives and children, is mammoth.

The 12th annual fair should be bigger and better than ever.

The city gas department is inviting September cut-ons at a bargain rate for two important reasons. One is to keep heating customers from flirting with pneumonia when the first cold of winter comes. The other is to get the work out of the way to avoid a jam-up on the cut-on calls. It wasn't really too cold last weekend, but chilly enough to suggest that it's time to get winter heating facilities ready for action, be the fuel coal, oil or gas.

A cordial welcome to the community to Rev. Fred Hicks, new pastor of Patterson Grove Baptist church. This church has had notable growth and activity in recent years and Rev. Mr. Hicks has the distinction of being first occupant of the church's first parsonage.

**Miss Beatrice Cobb**

The death of Miss Beatrice Cobb, publisher of the Morganton News-Herald and, since 1922, workhorse of the North Carolina Press Association, was a shock to Miss Cobb's many friends over North Carolina and the nation who had no idea she was suffering from leukemia.

Few, too, unless they knew, realized Miss Cobb was 70 years of age.

As secretary-treasurer of the state press organization, Miss Cobb ran her job with an efficient hand on the tiller. It was a labor of love, for her cash remuneration was limited to basic expenses of her office.

She was an able newspaperwoman, who knew a story when she saw it and how to write it. As a columnist, she wrote with a perception and introspection well-flavored with the folklore and spirit of the neighboring hills she knew.

For many years she was the state's Democratic national committeewoman and she was never one to worry about the loyalty oath. If he was the party's candidate, he was her candidate.

Shortly before the 1952 convention, when Senator Richard Russell of Georgia was a favorite son candidate, the Senator was boxed in by some reporters on the eve of the convention and was purported to have done some switching on a labor issue, as reported by radio reporters. Miss Cobb's comment was, "I'll believe it when I see it in print." It was natural for her raisin', showing succinctly her respect for the written over the spoken word.

The members of the North Carolina Press association will be in a quandary to obtain a successor to Miss Cobb. She handled the myriad details of this trade association with able dispatch to the constant amazement of a long succession of presidents and directors.

Miss Cobb never served as president of the association, for the members didn't think they could spare her from the secretary's job.

North Carolina has lost one of its best citizens.

**WHO BUYS THE PANTS?**

We knew a man once who, in that speciously acclaimed paradise brought by his mother's tutelage and his entering that of his wife, brought a suit all by his lonesome. It was a rich gray tweed, so he thought, with touches of color. His bride, however, ruled it a poisonous green. No suit ever wore so painfully long. Nor did our friend ever venture to purchase again unchaperoned.

The du Pont Company, motivated by its heavy interest in synthetic fabrics, has sponsored a survey of the wife's role in the purchase of the husband's clothing. The survey found that not only were 47 per cent of the wives present when the husbands studied purchased their last suit, but that 85 per cent of the wives believe it is their responsibility to see to it that their husbands are well dressed. And it concludes that the American male spends most of his waking and sleeping hours in clothing selected for him by women.

In the typical American family who "wears the pants" may still be an open question. But as to "who buys them," the du Pont survey apparently has found the answer. — *Christian Science Monitor*.

**BLAME THE RUSSIANS**

When his wife arrived home with a new hat, a man fumed, "You promised me you were through buying hats for a while."

"I know I did," he said. "But you'll have to blame this on the Russians."

"What in the world are you talking about?" he demanded.

"If it weren't for the Russians we wouldn't be having civil defense alerts," she said. "As you know, we did have one today, and when the siren sounded the doorway I was nearest to happened to belong to a little hat shop." — *We The People*.

home that the speaker's laziness contention is patently true, but hardly limited to really folk. The path of ease and least resistance is attractive to all of us and the greatest debilitant to success in any profession, trade, or vocation.

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10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK  
Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1949 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Rev. P. D. Patrick, veteran pastor of First Presbyterian church, was elected moderator of the Presbyterian Synod in session at Barium Springs Tuesday.

The Kings Mountain Bus Terminal moved this week to East King street, where it is occupying the building owned by Lindsay McMackin and formerly operated as Royal Freeze Ice Cream.

The general outlook for textiles in Kings Mountain was more optimistic this week than it had been in some 18 months.

**Social and Personal**  
Mrs. E. L. Campbell was hostess to the Thursday Afternoon Book club and a number of invited guests at the Woman's Clubhouse Thursday.

Mrs. G. E. Still entertained the members of the Tuesday afternoon Bridge club and invited guests Tuesday afternoon in her home on Piedmont Avenue.