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MARTIN'S MEDICINE
By Martin Harmon
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I don't join the fly-fly folk too frequently, but every time I do, I resolve to give Eastern, TWA, Delta and the other lines more patronage.

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Ten Days Away

Hot firing is well underway as Candidates Terry Sanford and Beverly Lake throw heavy artillery shells, if verbal, in efforts to assure victory for Governor on June 25.

As noted in other papers, both candidates are exhibiting more solid punch in the run-off than in the shelling before the May 28 first primary.

There is good reason. Before May 28, each had three other opponents to trounce. Some attention had to be given to each one.

Now the chips are down and, ten days hence, it's do or die.

Dr. Lake, in an effort to downplay his role as nothing more than a segregationist candidate, has been talking about fiscal policy, tree planting, fishing for cash, encouraging tourism, schools and roads.

Candidate Sanford keeps bringing Dr. Lake back to the segregation argument, for Mr. Sanford knows Dr. Lake's only excuse for candidacy is his Orval Faubus approach to school integration. Mr. Sanford knows, too, that 82 percent of the voters endorsed the state's Pearsall plan, as he did, then and now.

The "now" part of his endorsement is easy. The Pearsall Plan has worked.

Mr. Sanford is a practical man, and a capable political in-fighter. He scored heavily when he charged Dr. Lake's unwillingness to talk to the press as an effort to talk from one side of his mouth in the East, another side in the more liberal Piedmont.

Dr. Lake may make some votes in his contention that there is not, necessarily, direct correlation between amounts of money spent for education and caliber of student product. Yet what conservative businessman won't relate, "You get what you pay for. Bargains aren't always bargains."

For 1960, Dr. Lake is no bargain for North Carolina.

Want Ticker Trouble?

A New York doctor says: "Take a serious, hard-driving young man, who feels guilty if he relaxes 10 minutes. Put him in a challenging job, filled with deadlines, frustration, worry and discontent. And you have created an almost perfect climate for a heart attack."

Well, now . . .

Any self-respecting, hard-working industrial executive, businessman, doctor, minister or newspaperman (and many others) could have both said the same and expanded the statement much further.

If not ticker trouble, how about gastritis. If not heart attacks, how about ulcers.

Most folk, doctors candidates and newspapermen being among the chief offenders, are mighty good at giving advice, pretty lousy in taking their own sage counsel.

"Tis a pity. It's pretty impossible to be in business and not be in business. Conversely, most folk operate with a basic conceit: "It can't happen to me."

About any job worth doing has its deadlines and pressures.

And if a fellow can see to do, he'll likely not stop until he drops, from fatigue, ticker trouble, or on ulcer row.

GOP Activity

The Herald is glad to see some local activity in Republican ranks, hopes it will continue and that Republicans here will proceed to form a virile party.

This is said in good conscience and in spite of the fact the Herald has been, is, and is most likely to be a Democratic newspaper.

It has been habit here for the GOP to get a bit excited in a presidential election year, form the crax of an organization, then let it wither on the vine once the general election is history.

It is safe to say that the GOP won't capture Cleveland County or North Carolina on such a stop-and-start policy.

Hard work, cash expenditures, and patience of job are requirements for minority victories.

Meantime, a best bow to Jacob Dixon, Young Republican chairman.

Kings Mountain churches inaugurated the summer program of union services two weeks ago. These services provide an opportunity for Kings Mountain area Christians, not only to worship together but to hear the various ministers of the participating congregations. The evening services are at 8 p. m. each Sunday.

School Consolidation

It is regrettable that a minority group of school patrons from Grover and Bethware brought an injunction against Cleveland County and Kings Mountain school boards and the county board of commissioners blocking the merger of No. 4 Township schools.

The Herald thought the controversy settled via ballot and the score posted, but some folk wish to continue playing the game.

We do not deny these citizens the right to use every legal recourse under the law, but these disgruntled losers are losing sight of the big picture — the school children involved.

No one can deny the advantages of consolidated high schools. The advanced science, mathematics, English, and foreign language courses offered prepare students better for college careers, and commercial courses offered give background to non-college students to get jobs after high school.

It seems apparent, outlying district school students may be deprived of the privilege of attending a consolidated high school in the fall because of the injunction.

The dissident patrons, in their list of objections to the merger, contend legal procedure was not explicitly followed in effecting the May 14 vote. If so, the om'ssions were inadvertent, both the county and Kings Mountain school officials working diligently to follow the letter of the law.

Each objection of incoming groups was given airing by the board and all requests were granted. Two members of the Kings Mountain City School board resigned their positions, paving the way for the incoming groups to have board members from their area appointed in their stead.

The consolidated school system would be of great advantage to all pupils involved.

As J. Horace Grigg stated at an open forum at Bethware High School prior to the election, "to split these communities and make enemies of neighbors would be horrible. In the final outcome after the vote, each and all of us should cooperate to make the best school system possible."

All Are Winners

Kings Mountain's new beauty queen and representative in the state pageant in Charlotte this summer was crowned Saturday night.

It was no easy task, as demonstrated by the fact that the three finalists had tied for the top spot, the judges decided, and a final round of questioning was necessary before "Miss Kings Mountain of 1960" was named.

The pageant proved, as most folk will agree, there are many lovely young ladies in this community who qualify as a "Miss Kings Mountain". Their varied talents, as demonstrated Saturday, proves this fact too.

Kings Mountain Jaycees are to be commended on the Saturday show — a first in Kings Mountain in a number of years. Chairman Harvey Bumgardner and his Jaycee committees did a creditable job in reviving the Kings Mountain edition. The show was received well by a large audience.

The eight contestants are also to be congratulated. One Shelby lady, in town for the Saturday show, complimented them this way: "Each is really a Miss Kings Mountain in my book."

And they are, we would be quick to agree.

The Herald congratulates Miss Judy Kiser from neighboring Bessemer City, the reigning Miss Kings Mountain, and the runners-up, Miss Sarah Cox and Miss Kim Cashion. We shall follow with interest the forthcoming state beauty pageant and are assured that Miss Kings Mountain will represent the community well.

If you haven't already, it's not too late to draw a check to the Multiple Sclerosis Fund for 1960 and to the Fund for Chilean Relief. The American Red Cross Chapter has set up an emergency appeal for donations to aid victims of the Chilean disaster. George Houser is Kings Mountain chairman in the county-wide Multiple Sclerosis appeal which seeks a \$8000 quota.

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The pilot approached the Catawba River, going groundward. Clearly visible was the new bridge and stretch of Highway to end of pavement on Interstate 85. Then came old Wilkinson Boulevard with the many Sunday afternoon cars looking like busy ants going and coming.

As the pilot banked to the Northeast for his landing approach into the prevailing wind, three area landmarks were brilliantly outlined, Spencer Mountain, Kings Mountain, and Crowder's Mountain.

Disembarking, I said to the stewardess, "I wish I had time to go on with you." She questioned, "After that bumpy flight?"

I hadn't even noticed the bumps.

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Viewpoints of Other Editors

THE MAILMEN ADOPT A SIDELINE

One fault of would-be-censors is that they never seem to know where to draw the line, and that appears to be the case with the Postoffice Department.

The whole business started — or came, at least, to public attention — when Postmaster General Summerfield banned shipment through the mails of Lady Chatterley's Lover, a controversial novel that is, at best, literature, and is, at worst, trash.

Summerfield said it is pornography, and a lot of good people agreed with him including, we've suspected, some who never read it.

No matter. The courts didn't agree with him, nor do we, but he had a debatable case and a motive that was presumably pure.

Recently, however, the postal sleuths have been seizing magazines and other periodicals from Communist-dominated countries addressed to American subscribers, apparently in an effort to protect recipients from doctrinal subversion.

Now we concede the zeal of the postoffice hawkshaws, but we're frankly doubtful that the Soviet propaganda is winning converts for the cause. Much of it is addressed to libraries, universities, and newspapers where it is scanned, if at all, by people who wish to know more about the strategy and tactics of the Communist network and who are by no means deluded by obvious pap.

We've also got a notion that the Reds have other and better means of keeping their agents informed on the latest line or for subverting potential customers.

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DR. LAKE'S 'PLAN' IS TOO NEBULOUS FOR US

Dr. I. Beverly Lake has exercised his right to call for a run-off primary against Terry Sanford in the governor's race. And he has set the tone of the second campaign by declaring that "race" will definitely be an issue.

It's useless to deplore the fact that what Dr. Lake proposes could well set North Carolina back half a century. Apparently, his only interest is in being governor and he feels that any means used to gain that end are justified.

Dr. Lake has expressed often and loudly his opposition to North Carolina's approach to the school integration problem, although he admits having helped write the pupil placement act.

It makes little difference to Dr. Lake that his opponent, Sanford, as well as a majority of the people, do not like the Supreme Court's ruling on school integration.

For 96 years, we accepted and respected the court's ruling that the "separate but equal" doctrine was constitutional. That was the law of the land.

Now Dr. Lake says this ruling from the same court is a "usurpation of power" and that if he is elected governor he won't abide by the decision.

How can a man who has spent so many years in the study and practice of law suddenly say to the people, "you don't have to obey the courts if you don't like the decisions they hand down?"

Throughout the first campaign, Dr. Lake referred again and again to the creation of a "climate of opinion" that would allow North Carolina to circumvent the law. So far, he has refrained from stating specifically how this would be done.

Governor Faubus tried to interpose his power against the ruling and brought violence and hate to Little Rock, Arkansas. Gov. Almond of Virginia attempted "massive resistance" and his laws collapsed.

In the face of this, how can Dr. Lake say that he will do the same thing, only his attempt will be successful?

We know what we have in the Pearsall Plan and the Pupil Placement Act. So far, it has stood the test in the courts and we have had no violence in North Carolina.

Why trade a law that works for a nebulous "plan" about which we know nothing? We do know that attempts to ignore the ruling in other states have brought only strife and bitterness.

We don't want that for North Carolina. And the best way to insure continuance of trouble-free operation of our schools is for the voters to reject Dr. Lake's bid for governor. — *Mooresville Tribune*.

The Long, Hard Trail

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