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**MARTIN'S MEDICINE**  
By Martin Harmon

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

Craig Falls joined the Herald staff Friday to help me cover the eighth district Democratic rally and to interview Orville Freeman, Secretary of Agriculture.

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We 1) conversed with Mr. Freeman, 2) enjoyed a ride in a long, light limousine led by siren-blasting police cars, 3) ate a \$10 per plate dinner, 4) renewed acquaintances with many friends and made some new ones.

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Senator Irwin Belk had invited the Herald to be present and was an able host. Though Mr. Freeman's plane was a half-hour late, the press conference and main event weren't hurt thereby.

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Mr. Freeman is a knowledgeable man, gives a man's handshake and doesn't pull any punches. Asked about Farm Bureau charges of a mess-up in the soybean program, the Secretary replied firmly the soybean program had succeeded admirably. When decision was made to put soybeans under the price support set-up, he said, the nation had a one-week supply. The United States was losing world markets. A year later, the nation could look at a \$400 million product. "What we did," Mr. Freeman said, "was to put the profits into the hands of the farmers instead of in the hands of the speculators who, formerly, had manipulated the market to keep the price low at harvest time, then bid it up afterwards."

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I asked Mr. Freeman a question Paul McGinnis and I had been discussing earlier in the week. Was it true, as had been suggested by Paul, that the desire of the ladyfolk to maintain slim, girlish figures and development of the reducing diets, to wit Metreol, mess up the government's butter program?

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The Secretary laughed. "Let's not blame it all on the ladies," he replied, "men need to keep trim, too. What I'd like to see is everybody run-up five flights of stairs first thing in the morning, then drink a glass of milk." His inference was that there would be a quick end to the dairy products glut, and bulging waistlines, too.

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At the rally, Mr. Freeman told this tale: a Hollywood movie star had a baby boy. As the nurse brought the new son to her, she cradled the babe in her arms and cooed, "If he's lucky, he could grow up to be President. If he's unlucky, he could grow up to be Secretary of Agriculture."

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Mr. Freeman has crowded much into his 43-plus years. He earned a letter as a Golden Gopher quarterback, got a Japanese bullet in his jaw as a marine in the Pacific, took remedial therapy to learn how to speak again, and was a three-term Minnesota Governor. In process, he married a Winston-Salem girl, the former Jane Shields. Mrs. Freeman couldn't come home Friday, having a command performance in Washington — her 16-year-old daughter's piano recital the same evening.

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The limousine ride was as guests of Bobo Langston and Dwight Phillips, the latter chairman of North Carolina Businessmen for Kennedy during the '60 campaign. I had met Mr. Phillips during the '60 campaign, and, chatting with him, didn't note the Charlotteans on Tryon and Trade stopping to stare at the motorcade. But Craig did, started waving to the crowds like a true dignitary, which he is.

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John Kennedy, the Charlottean who is challenging Congressman Paul Kitchen, seemed to be making considerable vote mileage. In fact, Mr. Kitchen and I waited several minutes before we could shake Kennedy's hand.

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Kennedy's father, a surgeon, is the senior partner of Dr. "Sad" Pressly, brother of Dr. W. L. Pressly, the ARP minister.

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Congressman Kitchen is a debonair gentleman, one of the few I know who wears a moustache which doesn't offend.

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I'd never noted it before, but look alike in my book are Mrs. George Houser and Mrs. L. Y. Ballentine, wife of the Commissioner of Agriculture.

**Shopping Around** By Rolfe

"Sorry, lady—when I said '15 cents' I said all I know about 'retunias!'"

**Numbered With Sinners**  
By Rev. George T. Moore  
Pastor Resurrection Lutheran Church

Text: "He poured out his soul to death, and was numbered with the transgressors." (Isaiah 53:12b).

Of all the arguments put forth by the Jewish people, in what they believed to be absolute proof of the falseness of Jesus, the falseness of all He claimed to be, it was the fact of His association with sinners. "Look at Him," they said, "He eats with tax collectors and sinners." The picture is not hard to grasp and, in fact, it's easy enough to sympathize with His critics. They didn't know any better. They were only following what they had been taught.

The laws of Moses were quite rigid. Couple such legalism with the traditional laws added over the centuries by the religious leaders, and you can see the natural emergence of many "a-boos," and many "thou shalt nots" on which they could well be critical. They had been taught and rightly so, that the children of Israel were "a chosen people," one to be held apart from all pagan influences. They were "a holy people," called out and apart for a specific task, a task which had to do with their part in the establishment of God's lordship over the world. All unrighteousness and all sinfulness were never to be tolerated. All against-the-law acts were to be strictly avoided. Had not Moses destroyed thieves and murderers and harlots, those who had been the "breakers of the law" instead of the "keepers of the law?" These facts had been drummed into every generation, century after century. It was the clean versus the unclean, the good versus the evil, the right versus the wrong.

Tax collectors were not acceptable in their contacts with the Roman overlords, the hated pagans. Prostitutes were not acceptable. They had deliberately and flagrantly broken the Sixth Commandment. God's own holy Law, Sinners, in general, were not acceptable. They had, in all manner of ways, given denial to all of God's laws, as they continued to break them. Little wonder the descendants of Abraham and Moses looked with disfavor upon Jesus, as He spent much of His time, not with the religiously acceptable, but with the unacceptable. Why, these low and awful citizens couldn't even come into the temple to offer sacrifice to God! God would have nothing to do with them. They were in all respects, according to the Law of God, unclean!

Of course it's quite easy, on the other hand, to look back and criticize the critics, now that we have the full story of the ministry and sacrifice of our Lord. Human concepts of grace and love and mercy have a way of glossing over God's ancient history, painting a very pretty picture of love and fellowship with all mankind. But, to some, in His day, it was not a pretty picture. They simply could not see God at such a low level, associating with the very people they had been taught to avoid.

Once we make this contemporary picture gets in that self-same pattern, does it not? For, who are our associates, we who consider ourselves to be the religiously acceptable? Do we not stand on the level with the scribes and pharisees, with the "keepers of the law?" Do we not avoid the sinners, that is, those who openly and deliberately break the law, man's law as well as God's Law? We do put the limits on our associations, both for our children and for ourselves. We say, "Respectable churches are for respectable people."

Yet, one cannot hide from the facts, and one cannot be disturbed by the facts. It is God's truth that the Son of God did associate with sinners, intimate with them. He did it in the face of the open criticism by the religiously acceptable. He came, just as the prophet Isaiah predicted. "He was numbered with the transgressors," even right up to the point and place of death. At the very end He was crucified between two thieves.

The world thought that this was only just. As he had lived, so let Him die, the friend and associate of sinners. God saw that it was just, but for another reason, the reason of salvation. He came into the world to save sinners. He came to call, not the righteous, but the unrighteous, to repentance!

There are two vivid facts involved here, facts which have something to say to us as we consider Him who endured all things for us. The first fact is the picture of need. Jesus was able to work among and with and for the unacceptable because they were acutely aware of their desperate needs. They knew they were evil, in sight of God as well as in the sight of men. They didn't have to be told they were sinners. And when the Lord of life confronted them, they saw possibilities unlimited, possibilities of the greatest transformation.

On the other hand, the acceptable of the day, the "keepers of the law," didn't feel there was any such need in their lives. Did not they obey God in all matters of the Law? Did not they bring their gifts and offerings and sacrifices? Did not they come at the proper times for worship? Where God was concerned, and they thought He was concerned only with religious things, they had it made.

It didn't matter what they did the rest of the time. It didn't matter that they were selfish, or that they looked lustfully at every pretty girl walking down the street. These desires were, they thought, hidden within themselves where no one could examine secret ideas or attitudes. To them, such sins did not count against themselves.

Yet, was not their problem the problem of need, and who could say who had the greater need? The needs of individuals do vary, in many respects, but the human race has one need in common, the need of a Savior! And how contemporary this becomes, as we know our own hidden thoughts and desires, our envies and our hates, our selfishness and our self-centeredness. The problem of need, and what if another's need, on the surface, is greater than our own? Is this reason for snobbery? No, it is cause for concern, for Christ-centered, loving concern! So, just as the first fact is the picture of need, the second fact is the picture of purpose. In this case the purpose of the Church and those who are a part of the church! therefore it becomes our purpose.

Jesus did not associate with sinners just to be with sinners. His was not a slapping on the back with a closing of the eyes to the sordid filth around Him. He came to sinners, a transformation of transformation, a transformation in which he would make them clean and pure and holy. His coming changed lives. The record of Scripture and history gives the evidence, of those who were unclean, but who, in the presence and power of God, were now clean. At every point of contact, in the fact of His association, something was accomplished for the better.

Make that contemporary. Bring that into the present day scene, and you can readily see God's purpose for you and me. God wants respectable churches, but He wants all mankind to be members of His Church. The Son came to give His life that this might be so. This is the challenge of the Christian life. This is the Mission of the Church, is it not? God calls His own to associate with sinners, no matter their condition. His Son died for just such as these, even the very worst. Christ died for all men, not because they were good, but because they were evil.

Here is where our love is revealed for what it is; either it is God's love, or it is human, self-centered love. God's love will not let us alone. It sends us out where we do not want to go, so that we can point to ourselves, and confess, "He is my Lord, and my God, for in me, He was numbered with the transgressors." But, thanks be to God, we can also say, "You and I have the same need, the need of a Savior." And we can add with sure conviction, "This Savior has a purpose for you and me, the purpose of a better life, a life of service and love for all mankind. Be ever thankful, ever grateful, that He did 'pour out His soul to death, and was numbered with the transgressors,' for in that mighty and wonderful act, you and I found life, and the heart of God! Amen.

**TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE**  
God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. St. John 4:24.

**The Horn Of Plenty**

Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman made an amazing statement at Friday night's eighth district Democratic rally.

In spite of the fact this nation is expected to number 250 million souls in 1980, the nation will not need more land for growing food and feeds. "We'll need 50 million fewer acres than we're using today," Secretary Freeman declared.

There is no question but that this nation, in happy contrast to Russia, China and other state-controlled nations, has often appeared to be operating at cross purposes in its farm program.

There hasn't been a shortage of farm products since World War II, yet the nation continues to invest heavily in agricultural research, in the farm extension program and other activities designed to increase yield per acre.

Time Magazine reports in its recent issue that the farm program cost the federal treasury and, therefore, us taxpayers a "scandalous" six billion dollars last year. It can be argued, of course, that the copious food products stored have some value, both in price and for consumption. It can also be said that it is better to have a surplus of these commodities, most of them necessary for life, than to have too little, again as the aforementioned Russia, China, India and the under-developed nations of the world.

Yet reducing this bill remains a major responsibility, just as the much-maligned Ezra Taft Benson had it during the Eisenhower years.

The present administration program is embodied in the Coley-Ellender bill and would attempt to treat other price-supported products on the same basis as tobacco — a plan that has been eminently successful. Strict marketing controls would accompany acreage controls. The Secretary contended at Charlotte that the plan is designed to save both the family farmer and the big farm establishment from financial ruin.

Here again is a tie-in to the administration program seeking to boost international trade. With a major portion of the world hungry, the United States with a farm product glut, and farm income, though up ten percent in 1961, still low, there needs to be developed expanded world trade.

The need is there, but the would-be customers don't have the buying wherewithal in goods, services, or dollars.

**Neisler Proffer**

The tender of the Neisler family of portion of one of the possible high school sites is another mark of this family's generous interest in the welfare of the community and area.

It is a proffer much appreciated by the board of education and by the whole community.

Whether the gift will be accepted depends largely on this factor: relative cost of real estate in relation to development cost. Conjunction along with likely development cost of grading and other landscaping is the major factor of availability of utilities.

Otherwise, the site is virtually sure to be close to the Kings Mountain city limits to the west, due to population bulge and concurrent growth trends, posing an operation matter of the future and particularly important in considering costs of transporting pupils to school.

When utilities are considered, the city treasury gets involved. The board of education knows that the city will be in better position to provide water and sewage disposal services at city expense if the schools are also able to use city gas and electrical services, the last two income-producing ones, in contrast to the near deadweight water and sewage services.

As one board member, H. O. Williams remarked, "If we're not able to use the city's money-making services, it won't be much interested in furnishing us the others without our paying the bulk of the cost."

The Phifer Road site, of which the Neisler family owns a part, is optioned by the board of education at \$500 per acre, which, with the gift, would reduce the purchase price to the \$25,000 to \$26,000 range. The Goforth-Plonk site, on basis of partial asking prices, pencils potentially to the \$95,000 to \$100,000 range.

Question then is the relative development cost, which will require firm estimates from the engineering division of the architectural firm the board has retained.

Again: the Herald does not envy the board of education its current responsibility.

Meantime, the Neisler family is to be commended for its generous spirit in tendering this gift.

**Noteworthy Honor**

The award of the Bowl of Hygeia plaque by the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association to Charles D. Blanton, Jr., is a noteworthy one and a deserved one.

Mr. Blanton is the fourth recipient of the award, which is given by A. H. Robins pharmaceutical firm and is given to a pharmacist who has distinguished himself by community service.

Mr. Blanton's civic and service work sheet over the past few years makes a long list, including work for his church, the Boy Scouts, the Jaycees, Merchants and Chamber of Commerce. Having previously been tapped for the Jaycee Young Man of the Year award, the new honor in effects sends the motion of his hometown folk.

Mr. Blanton is a comparatively young man. It is a safe premise that he, who has already given much time and energy to the many necessary, non-paid and, chores will continue to devote his energies and efforts to the continuing dream of all good citizens; to build a better community, area, state and nation.

**Merger Should Be**

The Shelby Daily Star, in a recent editorial, urged the merger of the Number 3 school district of the county with the Shelby city administrative district, a position previously taken by this newspaper.

Certainly there are problems involved, but they can be surmounted to the benefit, as the Star notes, of all parties.

Thus far the Shelby district school leaders have been reluctant to accept the outgoing district. A major factor was the split of Number 3 patrons themselves into at least three groups. Yet another was the Negro school situation, where Shelby already finds space at a premium, and yet another, the least valid of all, was the questionable figuring which made Shelby wonder if the merger were good for Shelby money-wise.

Geographically and educationally both the Shelby unit and Number 3 district need to be wed, as quickly as it is possible to arrange the nuptials. Meantime, the county district must mark time, delaying needed progress toward attaining the major high school plants already projected.

A best bow to the Kings Mountain high school band on its fine performance in the recent band contests at Marion.

The Jaycees are offering auto seat belts at a bargain price. Tests conducted by safety experts show that injuries from accidents are often minimized by use of seat belts.

**Viewpoints of Other Editors**

**COORDINATING COMPOSERS**

A talented composer in the Soviet Union, unlike some of his counterparts in the U. S., is likely to have few financial worries. If he agrees to accept coordination by the State he can expect subsidies that will at least afford him a comfortable living.

Sometimes, of course, the State's advice is a little hard to understand. The other day, for example, the Congress of Soviet Composers was criticized because "sadly melancholic moods" had begun to pervade much Russian music. At the same time, an Estonian composer was attacked because his composition had failed to express the "anger and protest, the pathos of the struggle against fascism."

Since the days of Stalin, the composers were told, the government has "opened wide scope for bold research" in music. On the other hand, the congress was warned against "fruitless experimentation."

There may be times, now and then, when a subsidized Soviet composer, however comfortable, longs for a little less coordination. — *The Wall Street Journal*.

**WHODUNIT?**

It is easy to blame someone else for the shrill increase in delinquency and crime. It's a shock to have blame handed to you.

Not criminals but citizens were chiefly held responsible by California's Crime Prevention Conference. "Speaker after speaker," said a news report, "approached what was called the growing crime challenge, both nationally and for California, as fundamentally a challenge to the individual."

The individual tends, in the phrase of California's Attorney General Stanley Mosk, to set "a double standard, one for him, one for the other fellow." This sets a climate for crime. This two-faced attitude toward self and society can begin with the simplest decisions — to justify cheating, to hit harder than you want to be hit, to play it cool. Such attitudes become breeding swamps for delinquency.

"Ninety per cent of the major racketeers would be out of business this year," said federal Attorney General Kennedy, "if the ordinary citizen, the businessman, the lawyer, the union leader, and the public authority stood up to be counted and refused to participate."

You. Not the criminal, but the citizen.

Who tolerates the sly glorification of killing in the entertainment industries? Who shrugs his shoulders at the terrible corrosion which the gambling industries inflict on society? Who talks cynically about government in such a way that it seems justifiable to conceal tax income or jeer at the police? Who sees no harm in countless well merchandised ways to overstimulate the human body until the poise of the mind cracks? Who sees no connection between social rebellion and the stubborn parent who communicates so poorly that he builds rebellion in a youngster?

Not the criminal himself but those who permit the germinating of crime. All those in the community who permit the weakening of the defenses of decency in the human mind.

Torecord this does not relieve the delinquent of his responsibility in the slightest. It does convict many fancied innocents. — *The Christian Science Monitor*.

**CHEATING HURTS ALL**

Rapid increase in estimated cost of the interstate highway system and projection of its completion farther into the future are at least partially explained by findings about the operation in Massachusetts. They parallel disclosures in several other states.

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**BROADMINDED**

Are you broadminded? Generally we feel complimented when we are called broadminded. Is it a compliment? A person referred to as being broadminded is usually inclined to sanction anything approved by the crowd. That could mean being willing to accept every new theory, scheme or doctrine, just because the crowd says it is good. Are the people in the United States going to give up their freedom in trying to be too broadminded?

For some time we have been advised that the economic growth of our country depends upon massive governmental spending which will have a tendency to put all citizens upon the same economic level. The essence of which seems to be that you can reap where you have not sown, and that indeed is an intriguing idea. No government has any money of its own, and so in order to pass out gratuities to hungry people in far off places, it must first collect funds from its citizens and redistribute such funds to those from whom they cannot collect, retaining of course a heavy overhead charge for the collecting and distribution.

When the government distributes money from people outside the government who have worked and toiled to try to have a few dollars over and above the cost of living. These left over dollars have to be divided with the government by a process called taxation. Wealth cannot be pulled out of a hat, or off the printing presses. It comes only as a result of work and saving.

Are we broadminded enough to believe it is the proper function of government to take our savings and spend them in sending a man to the moon? — *We The People*.

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