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## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By MARTIN HARMON

I am attempting to write a \$1,000 letter.

**Kings Mountain is a participant in WBT Radio's Community Pride contest, and a letter, summarizing the year's activities, is required. Competitors are Lenoir in this state and Lancaster, Chester and Clover, S. C. The prize is \$1,000.**

A perusal of newspaper files shows 1965 to have been among Kings Mountain's best years in all directions. Kings Mountain citizens have long had a reputation for generosity and outdid themselves in '65. Not only were liberal contributions made to cancer, heart, other medical research funds, and the United Fund, but area citizens gave more than \$100,000 to Gardner-Webb College, and raised nearly \$85,000 for the building of John Gamble Memorial Stadium.

When Hurricane Betsy struck the Gulf Coast, Kings Mountain citizens gave cash and clothing for the ravaged citizens of Lockport, La. The clothing weighed more than 1200 pounds.

Toll-free telephone service to Gastonia and Dallas was inaugurated in May—result of a survey conducted by Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce. When the neighboring Bethware-Bethlehem communities organized a volunteer fire department, the city gave the new organization a truck.



### SO THIS IS NEW YORK

By NORTH CALLAHAN

From blackout to walk-out, the words of modern slang, this city has had it. Its 44-year-old mayor, John Lindsay, has aged in his bitter trial by fire during his first days in office. Although in the opinion of most people, he has come through the traffic crisis rather well, a few more such strikes and he would doubtless join union leaders in the hospital. A cynical New Yorker remarked that the new mayor promised to get the city moving again—and he did—on foot. He found a way to stop crime on the subways—no subways were running. And in a restaurant at the end of the strike, I saw a sign which read: "Special today, Quill cocktail—Manhattan on the rocks!"

A young mother was trying to use persuasive logic to break her young son of thumb-sucking. She asked him if his thumb tasted good. Then she wondered out loud if the thumb was good to chew on. Again he replied in the negative. So she climaxed her questions by asking what was good about sucking his thumb. He thought for a moment. "Well," he said, "it's non-fattening."

Theodore Roosevelt was a brave man and at times an advocate of war, to protect this country, but when his son, Quentin, was killed in World War I, the former President was greatly saddened and never again urged such combat. I happened to be sitting beside a veteran of that war, Augustus Smith, who served with the young Roosevelt at Ypres in 1918. "He was a nice young man," Smith commented. "And when his plane was lost, it was my sad duty to notify his father of the death of his son."

A street in Prestonburg, Kentucky has been named after a former governor of the state, Bert Combs. But a new street sign appeared on it as "Bert Combs Drive". Commenting on the incident, Mr. Combs said, "I've been misquoted, misled, misjudged and misused. I might as well be misspelled too."

Dag Hammarskjold never had a home in the ordinary sense of the word, says an old friend, Sven Stolpe, in a new book published by Scribners. Although he was very successful, all his life he remained a restless man, according to the author. It was as if for all his intelligence, loyalty and comradeship, he was living somehow alongside life. Perhaps so. But Hammarskjold left a rich legacy of unashamed belief in God in a world where all too many skeptics doubt. His presence, ironically, with the passing of the prime minister of that country, there is a book in the Dag Hammarskjold Library at the United Nations, containing 1,896 pages and entitled, "India at a Glance."

According to the Peacock Press, Adlai Stevenson, former governor of Illinois, is a lover of cats. In 1949 when a bill to unish cats and fine their owners came to his desk, he vetoed it using the following words: "The problem of cat versus birds as old as time. If we attempt to resolve it by legislation, who knows what we may be called upon to take sides as well in the ge-old problem of dog versus cat, bird versus bird or even bird versus worm. In my opinion, the State of Illinois and its local governing bodies already have enough to do without trying to control feline delinquency."

### Highway Decision

The State Highway Commission has approved the 7.3 mile corridor projection of the U. S. 74 by-pass.

Actually a thruway, since it transverse Kings Mountain well within the city limits, the projection — as none would have — does not please various groups of citizens, among them 1) those dedicated to the concept that by-passes should transverse open country, 2) some who find their homes and other properties on projected right-of-way, 3) some who find their properties either off projected right-of-way, too far from the projected roadbed, or minus access to it.

The above is hardly news to the highway commission.

Objectors to the proposed route of the US 74 by-pass have expressed themselves at two public hearings, and the volume of objection was much less at the second hearing than the first. Meantime, the commission engineers reviewed and confirmed their initial decisions that the projection is most feasible of several others made previously, is cheapest to build, and will serve most people best, with first priority assigned the motoring John Doe, whoever he be, wherever from.

There are two principal objections to the now-approved corridor projection, which citizens noted at the public hearing in April, to which this newspaper has called attention, and which Mayor John Henry Moss noted to Commissioner W. B. Garrison last week:

### Hawks And Doves

Just as Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal established initials for the designation of governmental agencies (NRA, OSS, OPA, even FDR himself), so to similes and metaphors become a part of the language.

Arising out of the Cuban crisis during the Kennedy Administration were the designations "hawk" and "dove", the hawk like North Carolina's Air National Guard skipper ready and even anxious to "blow Castro's block-off, and the "dove" generally regarded as a peace-at-any-price man. Nobody found a good nickname for the moderate, who found himself at the mid-point between the two extremes.

There are considerable segments of all three in the United States, even the world, today regarding the participation of this nation in the Vietnamese civil conflict.

General Earl Wheeler, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, is a hawk, as was the late General Douglas MacArthur, espouses a policy of total war leading to total victory.

General James Gavin regards the United States as fighting the wrong war in the wrong place and would limit our participation to strongholds subject to virtually sure containment, minimum losses and full support by army, air, navy and marine corps.

Senator James William Fulbright, chairman of the foreign relations committee is more or less staked out with General Gavin.

The doves are less apparent in government or its service branches but finds many civilian members of some prominence and obvious sincerity.

The policy to date, regardless of the peace offensive, of the Johnson Administration is hawkish. Minus relaxation of the Viet Cong, intransigence, it will continue to be.

1) Tie-in of the Waco Road partial interchange with West King Street — to serve crosstown traffic to the new high school, Lambeth Rope Corporation, Margrace plant of Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company, Park Yarn Mills, Foote Mineral Company, Superior Stone Company, and several mica operations to the south seems most demanding.

2) Indicated dead-ending of Phenix street, serving expanding industry in that area seems unwise.

Comm. Garrison assured the Mayor formalizing of the objections would bring full study by the commission's engineering staff. A city commission resolution on these objections is in order.

It will be several moons before anyone zooms over the new highway, as \$6,000,000 projects are not designed, contracted, built and opened to traffic overnight.

In other words, traffic flow on King street likely will get much worse before it is alleviated.

Most outstanding community event of the year was the week-long celebration of the 185th anniversary of the Battle of Kings Mountain. Events were conducted daily, building to the climax of the grand parade on October 9. More than 40,000 persons viewed the 228-unit parade, featuring beauty queens, armed services units, congressmen, other governmental officials, and dignitaries, including the commanding general of Fort Bragg, the adjutant general of the North Carolina National Guard, Congressman Basil L. Whitener and Charles Raper Jonas, and Stanley Resor, secretary of the army. Miss North Carolina, Miss South Carolina, and Miss World Physical Culture were augmented by high school beauty queens from neighboring cities of both the Carolinas. Secretary Resor made the featured address at Kings Mountain National Military Park, following a parachuting exhibition by the famed Golden Knights, the army's international champion parachute team.

Culture was not neglected. Church choirs sang cantatas at Easter and Christmas and the Cleveland County Choral Society made its second annual appearance here, singing "The Messiah" by Handel. Jacob S. Mauney Library continued to expand its volumes and services.

At year-end, the traffic engineering team of the highway commission, on request of the city, completed a study designed to improve traffic flow through the city on U. S. 74.

A big year was 1965 in Kings Mountain.

### Take-Off Point?

There are times of boom and bust in the lives of most people and the same is true of towns and cities.

Concurrently, it has been observed that town, as it slowly grows to city status, finds that growth accelerates with growth and that this growth becomes major when a community reaches a mythical take-off point.

Is Kings Mountain near that point? Such a feeling has been experienced in times past, with a seeming fall on the face following.

Expansion, however, during 1965, both in new industrial citizens and expanding industries priorly on scene, indicated the point may have been reached.

Already personnel managers will confide that "anyone who wants to work is working", as they find it difficult to staff their operations. The statement may be somewhat extreme, for the problem of physical ability, as well as basic education and training, is involved.

It is nice to begin a year right and the announcement of organization of Kings Mountain Brick, Inc., to manufacture specialty brick, is good news for all citizens.

Meantime, Kings Mill, Inc., already is proceeding on its planned modernization of the Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company property it acquired at year-end and several industrial prospects are checking out the Kings Mountain area for projected plant sites.

### Interim Census

Can one set of laws be used in one section of a state, yet not applicable to another section?

That is what the federal civil rights act sets forth. North Carolina law sets forth a literacy test (reading and writing a section of the North Carolina Constitution) as prerequisite to voting.

But the federal act applies a specific test to the legality of literacy tests. The test is percentage of adults within a county registered to vote.

This test has already abrogated the literacy requirement in several Tar Heel counties, may in Cleveland.

One of several borderline counties, the federal Bureau of the Census has set up shop for an interim census, which, comparing the population of voting age to number of citizens eligible by registration, will determine whether registrars abrogate the Tar Heel law.

Whether literacy should be a test is a moot question.

Meantime, speculators on Cleveland County's population growth rate can have some fun with guesses, even wagers.

And the county gets an interim count that should be beneficial in several directions, among them the formula by which the state provides Powell Bill street monies. Half the allocation is based on population. Gastonia paid for an interim population count a few years ago, quickly got its money back via the Powell Bill check.

Words to the wise being sufficient and all area citizens being wise, they will attend to their annual tax listing chores not later than Tuesday. Reward to the unwise: penalty.

### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### AT STORM KING

The unanimous decision by the United States Court of Appeals setting aside the license granted by the Federal Power Commission to the Consolidated Edison Company to build a \$162-million hydro power plant on tory for the public and the pub Storm King Mountain is a vicelike-spirited conservationists who carried the case to the courts. It is also a severe rebuke to the F.P.C. for its failure to protect the public interest.

The Storm King project would be located in an area of unique beauty and great historical significance — the Hudson Highlands. In ordering the Commission to reconsider its decision, the court warned that the preservation of natural beauty and historic shrines must be one of the F.P.C.'s basic concerns in the new proceedings. The judges declared that cost was not the only factor to be considered.

The many shortcomings of the F.P.C. in failing to give proper consideration to various aspects of the public interest, mainly because they could not be readily measured in dollars and cents, demand remedy. Congress might do well to make F.P.C. decisions affecting sites of natural beauty subject to review by an official or agency less blind than the F.P.C. has shown itself to be.

*The New York Times*

#### DIAL A CURVE?

No one can deny that this is the age of the pushbutton and the dial. It is natural that many people welcome this trend toward push and twirl operation as a labor-saving gift. Those who do doubtless are waiting eagerly for the "wrist-twist" instant steering which the Ford Motor Company has field-tested over the last year and is now studying further.

The dial would enable the driver to steer the car so easily that on a turn he can guide it with one finger. Arm rests would be provided for his comfort. (He would still have to watch the road.)

We commend the ingenuity of automotive designers who are working on such improvements. But we hope the manufacturers will not rule out all manual operations. There are still many who enjoy them.

These are the folk who look upon driving an automobile not as a chore but as an art and a pleasure. For example, they prefer a gear shift to automatic transmission. They take an artist's pride in their no-grrr operation and their smooth shifting rhythm. They scorn to use a button.

We hope the manufacturers will give consideration in future models to this important minority. Some carmakers have done this in offering stick-shift models in this day of buttons. We hope they will always offer the option of a steering wheel, even though the future produces a computer-driven vehicle.

*Christian Science Monitor*

#### CALENDAR ART

The calendar, a humble if useful device for measuring the passage of time, is undergoing a transition. There are many feminine Hollywood stars who got their beginning by displaying their charms on calendars. Calendar art has always been at its spiciest in barber shops and garages, for there the calendar has flourished uninhibited. But according to one recent report, calendars are beginning to become quite superior artistically to the familiar girle calendars of 20 years ago.

The National Geographical Society says that this year 400 million calendars will be distributed. Banks and other financial institutions, who wouldn't dare distribute a girle calendar lest it impugn their integrity, have a great deal to do with setting the trend.

But of all the calendars that are distributed, the best-known and probably the best-loved are the old, familiar Currier and Ives reproductions that are distributed by the thousands every year by the Travelers Insurance Companies. Some of these have become collector's items, and some have been used purely for decorative purposes. One thing is certain: "No calendar approaches this one in its ability to evoke nostalgia."

*Hartford Courant*

#### LETTER WRITERS

A University of Michigan study of the affiliations of citizens who write letters to their congressmen, newspapers, and magazines has concluded that the conservatives and ultra-conservatives account for far more of the mail than their numbers would suggest.

The number of people, of any political persuasion, who write political letters is amazingly small, the political scientists found. "The large bulk of letters to public officials or the printed media come from a tiny fraction of the population, which tends to write very repetitively." About 15 percent of the population sends much letters at all, and two-thirds of these come from a scant 3 percent of the adult population. These letters go mainly to public officials. Less than one-half of 1 percent of the population accounts for two-thirds of the letters to newspapers and magazines.

About three-fourths of all voters tend to class themselves as in the middle of the ideological spectrum, but the letter writers are clustered mainly in the conservative end. Last September, (1964) Goldwater-inclined writers outstripped the Johnson camp by writing 40 percent more letters. The study concluded that among ultra-conservatives "what had been lacking around the country in bodies was made up for in dedication."

*The Federalist*

#### JUNE GRADUATES

News from the ived halls of the more fashionable women's colleges as reported in the public cheers us. We expect to greet in June a host of bright young women, eager to take a letter, type a manuscript, and keep problems from our door.

This has not always been the advice dispensed in women's colleges. Some teachers have counseled their charges to avoid these mundane skills lest they meet a fate worse than debt, that of becoming a secretary. But many girls have discovered that secretarial skills provide an entree to other interesting careers. If this information is sufficiently disseminated, prospective employers are going to enjoy a new experience come June. They will not have to turn away bright young graduates whose ambition is "to research and editorial work" but who forgot to get acquainted with a typewriter.

*The Washington Post*

#### SWISS LADIES' MOVEMENT

Women in Upper Volta and Burundi have been granted the right to vote. But in democratic, wealthy Switzerland the men still regard woman suffrage as a dangerous "foreign import" — and they have repeatedly refused to allow it.

Tradition-minded Swiss men have, in fact, voted "No" 22 times since 1919 against political enfranchisement for the ladies. That was about the time they won it in America. And now both political parties here regard the potential power of women at the polls with awe.

Even some Swiss women do not like the idea. But the wall may be crumbling. Suffragettes and their supporters have won the privilege of women voting or local issues in three of the country's 22 cantons. A prediction has been made that by 1970 all Swiss women will have full voting rights. What is good enough for Burundi may soon be good enough for the Alpine heart of Europe.

*The Boston Globe*

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#### 10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area, people and events taken from the 1956 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

Charles Alexander, Elmer Lumber Company employee, is likely to be appointed a permanent postmaster in Kings Mountain in the near future.

The City of Kings Mountain was presented a certificate of merit Friday for outstanding accomplishments in traffic safety by the North Carolina State Automobile Association.

Paul Walker of Myers Department Store has been elected president of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association for 1956-57.

**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL**  
 Contract Bridge club members met Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. S. Fulton, Jr.