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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

Our neighbor, Kelly Wilson, now approaching her fourth birthday, paid a visit recently primarily to play with our Boston terrier, Sir Winston. My wife was starting a bath and seeing that Kelly was properly entertained excused herself and continued the ablutions.

When she had finished, she found the dog in his big cardboard box which is as tall as Kelly.

How did Sir Winston get into his box? Kelly replied, "He told me he wanted in and I just threw him in."

Then she said, "Anne, your dog is just like mine was." Anne didn't recall it as a Boston and asked, "What do you mean?" Kelly's bright answer, "If you pull his tail, he'll bite you!"

Another three-year-old girl friend of mine is Ray and Sylvia Holmes' daughter Lindsay. Lindsay, with her mother, paid a visit to the office last Tuesday. She is quite a tease. When her four-year-old brother came in she said, "He hangs around our neighborhood."

When I asked his name, he replied succinctly, "Christopher Michael Holmes."

I said, "Lindsay, you've been teasing me. Not only does he hang about the neighborhood, but he lives at your house." She grinned an acknowledgement.

I was chatting recently with Jim and Kate Smith and Kate related the story of the adoption of their daughter, now Mrs. Rachel Smith Farley, wife of the Raleigh physician Bill Farley.

Kate and Jim had been unsuccessful in finding a child available for adoption at a foundling home and decided to visit the Episcopal Thompson orphanage. The Thompson administrator said they only had one child available, a three-year-old girl. Brought to them, Rachel treated them to a rendition of "Jesus Loves Me." Cute, yes, but they weren't sure. Kate didn't say it, but I got the impression they were interested in adopting a boy.

There was a long winding drive into the orphanage and they'd navigated only half its length when each looked at the other. "Let's tell him we want the girl," Kate said and Jim drove back to the building.

It was about three weeks before the administrator called to tell them they could come for the child. It was a Saturday. Kate recalls, "The poor kid's dresses were too small and her shoes were worn out." The first stop was to buy Rachel some clothes. Next morning was Sunday and Kate and Jim, with their new daughter, were riding about town before church services. On North Piedmont avenue they found the late Mr. Charlie Neisler walking, promptly stopped to introduce him to Rachel.

"Look what we have!" Kate said. When she had finished telling him Rachel was their new daughter, Mr. Charlie ejaculated, "I must be Rip Van Winkle!"

"We couldn't have had a daughter who has been any more joy to us nor kinder to us," Kate compliments, and she and Jim are mighty glad they changed their minds that day 38 years ago. Certainly, none could have grown up to be any more beautiful than Rachel, as those who know here will attest quickly.

Ex-Governor Terry Sanford, in his book "But What about the People," tells a story about a quite intrepid young girl who was auditioning for the School of Fine Arts in ballet. Agnes deMille was conducting the audition and the applicant wasn't a well-trained ballerina. Miss deMille was on the verge of denying the girl's application, when she admitted she'd never had a ballet lesson in her life. The rough performance she was able to give she had developed from watching ballet on television and attempting to practice what she saw. When Miss deMille learned that she said, "You've got to be enrolled," and she was.

That's the ingredient that makes dancers, musicians, baseball big leaguers, and governors

Road Sign

SO THIS IS NEW YORK

By NORTH CALLAHAN

It is not easy to visualize New York without its big Stock Exchange, a landmark down on Broad Street near Wall for many years. It is not apt to move despite rising taxes but there are those, it seems, who would welcome it elsewhere. One of these is Irving Rosenthal, president of the Palisades Amusement Park across the Hudson River in New Jersey. In fact, he backed up his offer by proffering a gift of ten acres of land on which to build the new exchange. Also the taxes in New Jersey are not so high, it is pointed out, and this is one reason a number of large corporations have located there. It seems rather ironical that an amusement park would be the site of the stock exchange, though. To those who lose money in its uncertain transactions, the market is anything but amusing. But then why take life so seriously?

The draftee was awakened roughly by his platoon sergeant after the rookie's first night in the army barracks. "It's 4:30!" roared the sergeant. "Four-thirty!" gasped the recruit. "Man, you'd better get to bed. We've got a big day tomorrow."

When the Civil War Between the States was over, many people there fled northward to other homes. Glenn Tucker is an exception. He was a successful New York advertising executive and when he had reached the peak of his career, decided to go South and write about the Civil War. Now he lives at Flat Rock, North Carolina, not far from another Yankee expatriate, Carl Sandburg. The latest book by Glenn Tucker is "Zeb Vance: Champion of Personal Freedom" just published by Bobbs-Merrill. It is the exciting story of the energetic and controversial Civil War governor of North Carolina who, in recent years at least, legend says defended the young Tom Dooley, for whom the popular song is named. But as Glenn vividly brings out in his impressive volume, Vance was much more. He prepared North Carolina for a war but insisted at the same time that the people of the state retain their personal rights. Of all the governors, North and South, Zeb Vance was the only one who maintained the important writ of habeas corpus. Even President Abraham Lincoln suspended this means of personal freedom in the North. Glenn Tucker astutely argues in this book which contains much humor as well as pathos, that Vance would have succeeded Jefferson Davis as President, had the South won the memorable war.

Some of the television commentators who sound off so ponderously on world affairs leave some of their listeners rather cold. Especially do these self-designated authorities fail to move those who know that most of them do not even write the stuff they broadcast, much less know much about it. The years of name bands may be almost over but there are a few around to remind us who

remember warmly the mellow days of Tommy Dorsey and Wayne King and others. Among the society orchestra leaders of New York, Ben Cutler has been outstanding and is a man of fine background personally as well as an accomplished musician. Now he has charge of the music at the Hotel Pierre, the sedate hostelry on 5th Avenue, where Stanley North and his smooth orchestra has been playing for 18 years. Edward Seay reminds me that Nancy Manning, who performed with Peter Duchin's orchestra.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

MOONLIGHTING MILLIONS

"Moonlighter, n. a person holding two jobs at the same time." (Webster's, 1965 edition.)

This new usage indicates a social change. Many people moonlight today for reasons we regard as worthy. Small farmers work swing shifts in factories to buy the machinery they need to keep farming. Busy mothers moonlight by day in mill or shop (doing their man job of homemaking by night and over long weekends) in order to send their children to college. Many heads of households take double employment just to make ends meet.

All these are individuals acting from personal motives. Now we see moonlighting being used by public officials to meet labor shortages in professional fields. This can mean a large-scale salvaging of untapped training and talent.

The Chicago school system, for example, has engaged off-duty policemen, mailmen, and airline hostesses with college degrees as substitute teachers. The Chicago Police Department, with 243 college graduates in its ranks, has cooperated by authorizing its men to moonlight up to 20 hours a week. In other city school systems, college-educated homemakers are being sought as teacher aides.

Moonlighting has much to commend it if pursued in moderation. It should not be encouraged, however, when it prevents the hiring of qualified unemployed persons. Nor, except under pressing demands, should a person moonlight when it means denying himself time to study, think, and participate in civic affairs, or perhaps paint a picture. We might expand the definition of moonlighting to include such unpaid but useful after-job activities.

The Christian Science Monitor

DRUG ENFORCEMENT

The Food and Drug Administration is showing admirable vigor in enforcing the law under the leadership of Dr. James L. Goddard, the new Commissioner.

(A recent order halting the future sale of antibiotic lozenges is a desirable counter-attack in a field where carelessness and loose practices have developed. The lozenges are not harmful, but neither have they been shown to do any good. Since the revision of the drug law worked out in 1962 by the late Senator Estes Kefauver, the Food and Drug Administration has had the authority to bar products which had not been fully tested for effectiveness, but the FDA has been reluctant to exercise that responsibility.

Rigorous enforcement is important both to the consumer's health and to his pocket-book. In a field so complex and competitive as the marketing of drugs, the Government has the duty to be vigilant.

EXPERIENCED

From Moscow comes word that six chemical plant officials were put on trial for polluting the Volga River and killing caviar-producing sturgeon.

We should offer the Soviets, some of our Chattahoochee catfish. They can't produce caviar, but they're battle-hardened.

The Atlanta Constitution

LETTERS WITHOUT SUBSIDY

Plans to give aid to humanistic scholars and writers merit approval. A great nation should show proper appreciation of those who contribute importantly to its intellectual life. But we should not forget that some of the best of humane learning and literature will always derive from men and women who travel a lonely road with little thought of supporting agencies to succor them.

In the current issue of The American Scholar Miss Marchette Chute, a brilliant writer and a humane scholar, quotes some random advice that Hardin Craig was accustomed to give his students, advice on "How to be a productive scholar without any time to work." These notes prompt Miss Chute to observe that the dedicated author does not wait to be subsidized, but undertakes "some beloved piece of writing which no one has asked him to do and for which, it may well be, he never will be paid." Such work will be done in time salvaged from routine duties; it necessarily will have to be done with intensity "combined with a long patience. It was probably in some such fashion that a very busy public official wrote The Canterbury Tales and therefore was never obliged to turn to a patron."

And Miss Chute makes a further comment that "It is a fine thing to have public support, but it is quite possible to survive without it... It is no misfortune to be obliged to travel this particular terrain. The air may be thin, but it is good mountain air and can be quite exhilarating." We should remember that even the best hothouse will not insure the rapid growth of literature or learning. Great scholarship and great literature will continue to thrive without benefit of foundations in the cold, clear air of the lonely mountain where men are alone with themselves.

The Washington Post

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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and has professed a good profession before many witnesses. 1 Timothy 6:12.

The Happy Result '66 School Guidelines

A veteran Kings Mountain political observer, active campaigner in many elections through the years, expressed disbelief as he examined the results of Tuesday's special election on the question of the city's borrowing up to \$1,300,000 for sewage disposal.

"You mean only 19 voted against the bonds? That's impossible in Kings Mountain. No matter what the issue, there's always more than that against it!" he declared.

But the vote total of 458 "for" and only 19 "against" was correct.

As there are always many reasons for failure, there are always many reasons for success.

Among the many:

- 1) Twenty years of embarrassment concerning the sad state of sewage disposal here.
- 2) Pressure for stream pollution clean-up on both state-wide and national basis, with overtones of a state-dictated force play should the city not attend its own sewage knitting.
- 3) Embarrassment on the part of many citizens at the city's failure to meet last April's plans-filed deadline in its contract with the State Stream Sanitation committee.
- 4) Hard work and long hours on the part of the Moss Administration in a) obtaining a year's moratorium on the contract deadline, b) planning of an operational timetable for completion of plans, conducting the election, obtaining of site and easements, and c) providing of full and continuing information to citizens concerning both plans and need.
- 5) Virtually solid support by civic, fraternal, and service organizations.
- 6) The nauseating odors emanating from creeks into which the city's sewage effluent flows.

A seventh factor may also have been involved.

Kings Mountain's sewage treatment system was condemned during the Fulton Administration by the State Board of Public Health, perhaps earlier. The predecessor Thomson Administration, the Fulton Administration, and the Still Administration sought successfully to obtain funds for a sewage-system clean-up.

The first Bridges Administration won approval of borrowing authority which resulted in modernized sewage disposal serving that portion of the city on the eastern side of the ridge served by the Catawba River basin. With water a concurrent problem the Bridges Administration stretched the city's bond-financing authority to upward limits to offer a water bond issue (also approved).

With this long background of need, with the improvement of the city's financial position via good management and growth, majority of former opponents of past efforts voted "yes" Tuesday.

The Herald believes that Tuesday's 19 opponents, as the project comes to fruition with its many attendant benefits, will be glad the winners won.

A Bargain

Regardless of one's personal feelings about the federal medicare program which becomes operative July 1, only the most rancorous and insensitive would advise an eligible citizen to forswear the \$36 annual cost of buying the extended coverage available.

The Kings Mountain hospital staff astounded area social security staff by offering advice concerning the extended benefits and further encouraging purchase of this bargain extra insurance.

The clinics being conducted each Tuesday afternoon at City Hall courtroom have enjoyed increasing numbers of customers.

Social security representatives have two more clinics scheduled at City Hall, on March 22 and 29, and the postoffice has application blanks for the extended benefits.

It is an axiom of life that the dancer paying the piper calls the tune.

Thus, with the Great Depression of 1929-33 as the major spur, the federal government took over monetary responsibilities in many categories nominally the province of the states, and their subsidiaries, the counties and cities.

The job was not being done and the bread lines were long.

The tune-calling has been an increasing concern of the payer, too, and the trend continues.

Thus the new guidelines for '66 for school districts, colleges and universities benefitting from federal largess are tighter than those for the current year ending in June, when Kings Mountain school district and many others, most particularly in the South, experienced, even when operating in good faith, many forms of bureaucratic run-around.

That is the major danger in government by administrative fiat. Administrators quite easily fall into the human failing of enjoying the role of dictators.

As usual the guidelines are ambiguous. In one section, the federal Office of Education declares the guidelines have no intent to interfere with any school board of education in assigning teachers on basis of professional training and competence.

Another paragraph infers, quite strongly, that lacking evidence of faculty desegregation, a board of education may be denied federal subsidies in the many departments for which Uncle Sam provides.

The economic squeeze has never been a very tidy one, but, on basis of continuing rulings by the courts, government by administrative fiat has been endorsed repeatedly.

These results may not be pleasant to a few or to many, but these are the facts.

Few of the many, however, would fail to assert that the school portion of today's tax bills from district, county and state are insufficient.

We Favor One-One-One

With filing deadline for office at county and state district legislative level only a month distant, and with district rotation agreements thrown into limbo 1) by the redistricting in all but a few instances and 2) a little known law concerning legislative redistricting agreements imposing a missed deadline, the Herald re-states its prior printed opinion and the expressed opinions of numerous political leaders in Cleveland, Rutherford and Polk counties.

The aggregate opinion is that the re-districting law gives the three-county 43rd House district three state representatives, therefore making it possible for the election of one member from each county.

Inferred, of course, are the "if's" of marrying opposing Democratic factions, where factionalism is rampant.

The Herald and the political leaders with whom the proposition has been discussed agree that the desired end is worthwhile, both from the standpoint of the party's welfare and from the other of charity on part of the heavier populated counties to the smaller ones.

Best bows to Rick Goforth, elected vice-president of his fraternity at Western Carolina college, and to Suzanne Amos and Tom Kennedy, grammar graders adjudged winners of the history medals awarded annually by Col. Frederick Hambricht chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution.