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MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By MARTIN HARMON

Bobby Sellers, an E-5 medic in the army, has completed a tour of duty in Vietnam and is home on leave before reporting for duty this week at Fort Jackson, S. C.

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 It was a couple of weeks ago I first saw Bobby since his return and, as I greeted him, I noticed he walked as if he had a crick in his neck. When I asked routinely how he was, Bobby replied, "No good! Can you beat it? I've been in Korea, San Domingo, and Vietnam, never been hurt nor sick. I return to Kings Mountain and drink good, pure filtered water instead of that slush filled stuff in Vietnam. Now I'm going to the doctor, getting shots and taking pills for a virus infection and strep throat!"

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 Such is life.

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 Bobby had good advice for us at the Herald as well as for kin and friends of other servicemen at sea and on foreign soil. A seeming minor error in the address on his Herald delayed delivery for weeks, even though Bobby was one of the several overseas servicemen paying 40 cents extra per week for air mail delivery of the paper. "It finally got straightened out and the Herald arrived about five days after leaving Kings Mountain postoffice," he related.

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 He survived what the cadets refer to as "Beast Barracks", the rough first summer at West Point which compares to the army's rugged basic training. At last report, he had also survived plebe football cuts and was among 45 candidates, of whom 40 would be retained on the squad. If my ears did not garble Kelly's words, just about every plebe was a candidate for the first-year team. Did Kelly say 1400 candidates?

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 The Herald received a card from a Kings Mountain native, Mrs. Margaret Ware McKeever, who wrote: "I am the daughter of Vivian Summitte Ware and the late Ben Tillman Ware of Kings Mountain. My husband and I live in Fort Wayne, Ind. I was proud of my hometown when a girl friend of mine heard all about your parade on our Paul Harvey's noon news radio program Tuesday. I often speak on our historical city and when she heard the name of Kings Mountain, her ears picked it up like an antenna. She almost bubbled over when she told me they mentioned my maiden name as a man by the name of Red Ware had won a contest. It was for growing a beard and eating ice cream or some such thing. My brother Richard was in the parade and Ben, Jr., was making pictures, which I'll be anxious to receive soon. Maybe the people of Kings Mountain might like to know their little city made the news in Fort Wayne, as Paul Harvey always has interesting stories to tell with news, and everyone here considers him one of the best."

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Year of the Mini

MOTHERS WHO DRESS LIKE DAUGHTERS LEAVE CONSIDERABLE TO BE DESIRED

DAUGHTERS IN MINISKIRTS LOOK DELIGHTFULLY ATTIRE

Henry McCarrin

SO THIS IS NEW YORK

By NORTH CALLAHAN

With the election approaching, Mark Van Doren tells me of the experience of a Presidential candidate of the 1940's, Wendell Willkie, a son of Indiana. Some years before he ran for the top office, Mr. Willkie came upon something which he considered in a way almost as important. He was president of a large Southern power corporation and was in Atlanta for a meeting of the executives. One of them told him of a book manuscript which a local girl had written and wondered if Mr. Willkie would take it back to New York with him and look at it en route to see if he thought it had possibilities for publication. He did and it did. The manuscript was that of *Gone With the Wind*.

There was a time when telephone numbers here often held a bit of poetic sound in their prefixes or even history. Murray Hill was one, Rhineland another, as well as Plaza, Regent and Whitehall. Now these have been replaced by digits which some one has said resemble the serial listing on the base plate of a drill press. But a local hotel discovered that even such lengthy numbers can be impressive if you write them out. It wrote into the heading of an advertisement, "Dial two billion, one hundred twenty-four million, two hundred ten thousand, nine hundred."

Price of Groceries

The good ladies of Denver, Colorado, are incensed at the rising price of groceries and are expressing their ire by marching demonstrations against four super market chains.

They vow to buy elsewhere unless prices are pared.

It is natural that foodstuffs should get special attention, as most folk enjoy the traditional three square meals daily, not to mention nibbling materials during television evenings and/or bedtime snacks.

Yet the grocers probably are due such attention less than other vendors. This big volume industry's net profits represent a very low percentage of gross sales, lowest indeed for any retail industry, somewhere in the range of 2.5 cents per dollar of sales.

A Kings Mountain super market manager was asked what he thought about the Denver business and he jested, "If they can do anything about bringing the price of groceries down, more power to 'em. I buy groceries myself."

Housewives would also do well to analyze their purchases, to determine the relationship between actual food purchases and the many non-food items conveniently available at food stores. One Kings Mountain housewife remarked for instance, "If we didn't have to buy soap, detergents, floor wax and mops, my grocery bill wouldn't seem too large."

New Hours Dictated

Except in event of a new registration, election registrars in Cleveland County customarily spend three rather lonesome Saturdays at the precinct voting stations.

It was true throughout Cleveland County on the recent Saturday, first day the books were open for registration for the November 8 general election.

The law requires that the registrars be at the polling places from 9 a.m. to sunset.

In view of the volume of registrations (one Kings Mountain registrar logged in four voters, the other just a few more), it would appear the General Assembly would do well to amend the law to permit the registrars to close the doors at 5 p.m. Exceptions could be written into the act for the occasional times the books are "cleaned" and a completely new registration ordered.

Fact of the registrars' volume of business, of course, does not indicate they should not be busier than they are. But some folk forget, and other citizens simply take little interest in politics and government, as Reporter Ed Lahey detailed in a story published in Wednesday's *Charlotte Observer*. (Mr. Lahey's story was gleaned from conversations with fellow bus passengers en route Charlotte to Knoxville and quoted, without identifying, a Kings Mountain woman.)

It remains fact that the old sunrise-to-sunset dicta for registering and voting is a hangover from the horse-and-buggy days. Today, with the auto population, few, if any, are more than 15 minutes distant from their precinct polling place.

Meantime, unregistered citizens are again reminded: 1) they must register in order to vote; 2) a 20-year-old today may register if he will observe his birthday not later than November 8; and 3) having voted in the city election last May does not mean a citizen is registered to vote in the November election. If in doubt, check with the registrars.

A Good Report

The special edition of the *Shelby Daily Star*, labeled "Cleveland Report", published last Friday, was a worthy contribution to Cleveland County, past and present.

Its contents were well-edited and its historical content served to jog the memories of elder citizens and to provide erudition to the younger.

Other newspaper folk, perhaps, appreciate more than the lay reader the backbreaking work, covering weeks and months, which the *Star* staffs — editorial, advertising, and mechanical — accomplished in producing "Cleveland Report".

Ticky

A Negro friend employs a colloquialism "ticky" for the word "particular" which is a very effective substitute also for "tilting with windmills", "nit-picking" and other synonyms.

Thus the charge by the president of the University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill) branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People who has charged the administration with discrimination in the matter of assigning students to rooms.

In an effort to ferret out the truth, a *Charlotte Observer* reporter interviewed 17 of the Negro students. Only two, women students, felt they had been discrimination victims. They were roommates and also objected to being assigned to a room at the end of the hall. It may be observed that students most desirous of serious study like the corner rooms as being quieter and most conducive to study.

In contrast to young James Coffield's questionable charge, was the advice in Burlington this week of Charles C. Diggs, Negro U. S. Representative from Michigan, who, in effect, advised a Negro political action group, to attend to advancement of the race by the available and obvious means: education, productive work, and use of the ballot.

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President Alexander

It is always an honor to be honored by one's fellows by being chosen for office in trade, religious, or civic organizations, whether at local, district, state or federal level.

Obviously, the degree of honor increases as the breadth of area increases.

Thus the election of Postmaster Charles L. Alexander, at the recent meeting in Puerto Rico, as president of the President's Club of the National League of Postmasters is a particularly high honor, conveying as it does the regard with which his 49 fellows hold this Kings Mountain citizen and the concurrent respect they hold for the discharge of his responsibilities as postmaster here.

The community adds its aggregate congratulations.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

VIETNAM AND ELECTIONS

The quandary of whether to lead or follow opinion always intensifies for politicians as an election approaches. The dilemma is heightened this year by the ambiguous nature of the Vietnam War. The public pulse is emitting confusing signals, as Republican Representative Charles A. Mosher has just discovered in his own Ohio district.

Mr. Mosher took the unusual step of writing to every one of the 130,541 homes there and found in the 4,596 replies he received such contradictory sentiments prevailing as that it was a mistake for the United States to get so deeply involved in the war; that the Administration should "try harder for peace negotiations," some holding that the Viet Cong should be a party to the talks; and that the United States should "intensify and expand the war until Hanoi quits."

Mr. Mosher does not contend that this survey is "truly scientific." But its results presumably conform in general to other indicators, for both parties seem to be shaping their Vietnam positions in this election year to the confused pattern of thought it reflects.

The congressional leaders of the Republican Party, for example, announced their conviction last week that the country has never been involved in a war "more unpopular and so little understood." To clarify matters, they came down flatly on both sides of the question. As the "party of peace," they urged a settlement of the conflict through an all-Asian peace conference. But they also reaffirmed their "determination that Communist aggression in South Vietnam shall be overcome."

The position of the Johnson Administration and most Democratic candidates is not much different from the Republicans. President Johnson has endorsed an all-Asian peace conference. But the counterpoint of his peace talk has been a steady stream of announcements from Saigon of record numbers of bombing attacks against North Vietnam....

Eighteen months of air attacks, steadily mounting in ferocity, have failed to bomb North Vietnam into submission. Nor have they succeeded in reducing armed infiltration into the South, which has multiplied more than three-fold during this period.

Would peace negotiations be advanced by halting escalation and accepting the existence of a stalemate? No one can be sure. But nothing would be sacrificed by trying this course. And the voters might even appreciate forthright leadership in this direction rather than policies that reflect their own confusions. — *The New York Times*.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE POLLS

President Johnson's slip in the public popularity polls has something to do with him, of course. But it is also indicative of the trend of events in the world and nation and the way events alter and shape the mood of the country.

When things are going well, the President gets the credit. When they go poorly, he gets the blame, whether or not it is in his power to change the situation.

Back in May, 1964, the Louis Harris survey found that 78 percent of those questioned rated the President as doing a good or excellent job. Today the figure has dropped to 54 percent. It is actually below 50 percent in all parts of the country except the South where it has been rising.

The Gallup Poll's figure in August showed 51 percent approving the way the President was handling his job.

The Harris survey recorded dropping public confidence in Mr. Johnson's handling of the economy, civil rights, the anti-poverty program, farm problems, labor-management matters, taxes, and cost of living. It attributed this to the inflation threat, stock market drops, racial violence, talk of black power, criticism of the handling of the war on poverty, prolonged strikes, and the jump in food prices.

While the Harris Poll stressed the domestic scene as holding the key to the President's difficulties, Dr. Gallup in a U. S. News & World Report interview sees the unsettled Vietnam conflict as Mr. Johnson's number-one public opinion problem, followed by civil rights.

It is the continuing drop in the polls that doubtless influenced the President to barnstorm the country. He can take comfort in the fact that other presidents have dropped dangerously low and bounced back.

Much can happen before 1968. It is still too early to predict that Mr. Johnson will have trouble regaining the White House. But he is not likely to ignore the signs which indicate he might well find himself in serious difficulty. — *The Christian Science Monitor*.

THE MINISKIRT

Anita Loes is a dear lady who probably is unknown to our younger readers. Indeed she reminds us that we probably ought to be in a museum of history.

What brings her to mind are the remarks she volunteered recently on contemporary fashions. She was a great one for clothes even back in the days of John Held Jr. She always believed that for a girl dresses were better friends than diamonds.

She is somewhat distressed about the miniskirt. And, for that matter, so are we. But we are glad to hear that it is not a problem for her. She can transform one into something much more acceptable merely by putting it on, being only 4 feet, 11. Indeed, everything is relative. — *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

REDS AND RED TAPE

In recent years the Soviet Union, once considered the major menace to world peace, has become a little less occupied with stirring up trouble abroad and a bit more interested in her problems at home. A possible clue to this mellowing came out of Moscow the other day in an Associated Press story which said the Russians want to buy computers from the West to help them cut through tangles of bureaucratic red tape.

"The late Soviet economist V. S. Nemchinov," said the story, "once predicted that if something radical was not done and if growth rates of the 1950's continued, the entire adult population of the Soviet Union would have to be engaged in economic planning and administration by 1980."

That sounds promising. Maybe after a few more years of building communism, Red China will be in a similar fix and will quiet down, too. — *Ledger-Star* (Norfolk, Va.).

Sitting in a restaurant, I happened to overhear a group of cross-country truck drivers talking about their violations of traffic laws and the penalties. My first impression was that one can scarcely encounter a more hardboiled type of human being. Mostly they seemed to concentrate on the bribes taken by police officers to overlook their breaking of traffic laws. One stated that if a truck driver is caught in or near Chicago, all he has to do is produce a roll of bills, give the cop some and then drive on. This was also true, another remarked, about the dock area of New Jersey. They seemed to have respect for the mfrs of highway laws in the South. One caustic driver complained that he paid a fine of \$127 in Virginia for having a device which jammed the radar of the police so that they could not tell how fast he was going. But they caught up with him and jammed him for the stiff fine.

A best bow to Neil McCarter, Erskine college sophomore, who is one of 26 students chosen for the college's Garnet Circle for compiling highest academic marks.

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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*.

Mrs. C. E. Cash, Mrs. Carl Maudney and Mrs. A. W. Kincaid won top honors in Wednesday's floral fair of the Kings Mountain Woman's club.

Harold Coggins, secretary-treasurer of Cooper's, Inc., local furniture firm, was elected president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis club for the coming year at Thursday's meeting at the Woman's club.

Social and Personal
 Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ray Hughes and family of Newberry, S. C., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Caldwell and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Webb spent the weekend in Raleigh with their son, Dick, a graduate student at North Carolina State college. They attended the Duke football game during the weekend.