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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

When the Gardner-Webb folk put on a party they do it well.

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Saturday's functions were no exception, as any who attended will relate. There was a luncheon at which Representative Basil L. Whitener spoke, the annual homecoming alumni barbecue "for alumni, Bulldog Club members, and friends", an address by Governor Dan K. Moore preceding the homecoming football game, and the fog-shrouded football game in which underdog Gardner-Webb played Ferrum of Virginia, top-ranked junior college team, to a 3-3 tie in a sterling defensive battle.

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The basement floor of the beautiful new Charles I. Dover campus center, was utilized for the late afternoon barbecue, which attracted a host of alumni, Bulldog Club members and friends.

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Alumnus Joe Lee Woodward (circa 1926) remarked that some 40 and more years ago, he was dining regularly at the same spot, as the dining hall of that era was then located. The quarters, of course, were hardly as commodious. Joe Lee also remembers the fare well, "We ate grits, grits and more grits," Joe recalled, adding, "they didn't seem to stunt our growth." Joe's frame is indicative, as is G.W. man County Commissioner Pop Simmons'. Pop was also present to dine on succulent barbecue, slaw, pickles and especially delicious apple pie.

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Taken in tow by Mrs. Eugene Poston, wife of the Gardner-Webb president and a Kings Mountain native, we coincidentally joined at table Solicitor Leonard Lowe, of Rutherford county, and Mrs. Lowe, Congressman and Mrs. Whitener, and ex-Congressman and Mrs. Woodrow Jones.

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I had not heard the afternoon football scores and asked Mr. Lowe about Carolina-Wake Forest. This not only proved to be a 3-0 mistake on a Carolina man's part, but the relish with which Friend Lowe reported gave clear indication of his collegiate background. Wake Forest man Jones also wore a broad grin. Congressman Whitener, when the football conversation was generated, smiled but it was of the wan variety. His alma mater Duke had been subjected to a sad football afternoon at the hands of the State Wolfpack.

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More sadness was nearby, in the person of Kings Mountain Coach Bill Bates. Someone had asked, Bill related, how he could be up and about after the trouncing by Shelby, 19-0, the night before. "Couldn't sit still," he had replied, "had to do something." Bill's analysis of the loss to arch-rival Shelby: "We could have won the game. But we made six major mistakes, while Shelby made only two. That was the ball game."

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Charlie Justice, the former University of North Carolina all-American and professional performer with the Washington Redskins, was the featured speaker and made a not-too-facetious declaration concerning the escalation of admission requirements and scholastic - average maintenance requirements for college football players. Justice noted that some guys are swift at the books, while others are swift on the football field. He contends the football players and other athletes keep the alumni excited and funneling funds into college coffers.

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"At Chapel Hill, everyone appreciates the great contributions of John Motley Morehead, the Pattersons, Mr. Kenan and the Reynolds family. But how many people go to Chapel Hill for the induction ceremony of the Phi Beta Kappa candidates? A football game attracts 45,000 people."

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Charlie's family is a sample of the speeding passage of time. With him and his pretty wife were young Charlie, age 18, and their teen-age daughter, Yesterday, it seems, I met Woodrow and Rachel Jones' two young sons passing a football in the backyard. The Saturday report: the boys are 24 and 26, and both are married.

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The Gardner-Webb folk know how to perform, whether it be in academics or entertainment, and each visit to this growing school reinforces the continuing feeling that Gardner-Webb will reach its dream of becoming a four-year college in the not too distant future.



### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### UPDATING THE RAINCOAT

American college youth, as well as their elders, have long accepted the conservative British type of raincoat as normal weather wear. Indeed, so great is the appeal of the simple, tailored tan topper that in recent years it has been virtually a campus uniform.

How, then, are Americans to stand the shock of learning that a pink cotton raincoat for men has appeared in England? And not only pink, but light blue and gold also. And not only that, but the Menswear Association of Britain has awarded an Oscar statuette to the firm that broke the color barrier.

It is somewhat reassuring to read that Charles Ling, who accepted the Oscar for his company, insists that the new flashy models will not replace the firm's more sober, established line. They will only supplement it.

That is all right. But how far will the Carnaby Street influence go? What if the London gentleman's bowler hat were to give way to a sombrero, or his neatly furled umbrella to a multicolored parasol? If that happened, the world that follows London's men's fashions would surely copy, and then where would we be?

It is the responsibility of Great Britain to see that the brakes of the fashion domain are applied in time. — The Christian Science Monitor.

#### BEE LINING

If we were as hungry for sweets as the pioneers, chances are that more men and boys would go afield on a mellow day and attempt to track wild bees to their woodland home.

In the days when many general farms kept a few hives of the social insects, a queen would lead thousands of bees from a hive after a new queen hatched from a queen cell. The old queen and her retinue swarmed in a nearby tree. Scouts located a new home in a hollow tree and the old queen led the group away. The newly-natched queen took her mating flight and returned to the hive.

In the new woodland home worker bees built combs; they gathered pollen and nectar. The queen laid several hundred eggs a day and soon there was a thriving colony. By September, a goodly supply of honey had been stored for winter food. It was this honey that a bee-liner wanted.

A small glass-topped box with a piece of cimb filled with sugar water was the equipment. A bee or bees from a goldenrod or aster was brushed into the box. When the bees had taken a load the box was opened and one watched the line of flight. If fortune smiled, the original bees came back with others and the process was repeated. Each time, with bees in the box, one walked closer to the bee tree before releasing the bees.

It was fair sport. Oftentimes the bees were from a farmer's hive. Often one could not find the bee tree in dense woods. The reward was a painful or two of honey. One had to expect a few sharp stings when the bee tree came down. Bee lining isn't a popular sport. But it is pleasant pastime on a sunny day when one can harvest the feeling of fall along with the possibility of the best of sweets — The Hartford Courant.

#### ROLL OUT THE BOARD

On a hot summer weekend as many as 100,000 surfers, mostly teenagers, crowd California beaches. And most of them are now wondering whether other towns will copy the City of Newport Beach, 40 miles south of Los Angeles, which has imposed a license fee of \$3 a year on owners of surfboards who want to ride them off the municipal shore. The sport is to balance on one of these flat pieces of wood, more or less skillfully and more or less safely, skimming in to the beach on the foam of a breaking wave. Boy and girl tandems are particularly spectacular performers at the contests along the Pacific Coast.

In return for the fee the surfer receives a small license plate with his name, a number and descriptive details of his board. This will help the police to identify stolen boards; thefts are widespread. Moreover, the income from the license fees, and from the \$10 fine to be imposed on unlicensed surfers, will be a helpful addition to the town's revenue — provided that the 5,000 surfers who now use Newport Beach do not just go elsewhere. They are protesting that if they have to pay to go into the water, so should bathers. But the local authority argues that any youngster who can afford \$100 or more for a surfboard can also pay for the use of a beach or beaches.

No one gets more, or more consistent, use of them than does the dedicated surfer. He spends all day, every day — or as much time as he can get away from his job — during the long summer, and sometimes during the winter as well, out beyond the breakers waiting for a suitable wave to carry him triumphantly to the shore. So aggressive and singleminded are surfers in Southern California that they have driven everybody else out of the sea by now, if the authorities had not banned them from certain beaches or restricted the hours at which a beach is open to surfers. — The Economist (London).

#### IN FOR LIFE

Men have been caging animals in zoos for at least 3,000 years. Wild animals accustomed to roaming freely over the countryside and birds used to soaring across continents have been confined behind bars for life — cramped in unsanitary, unnatural cells.

Comdr. Peter Scott, British conservationist, speaking at the first international conference on the role of zoological gardens in serving wild animals, called for the elimination of the old-style, prison-like zoo.

Zoo reform has come a long way in recent years. But some cities still maintain zoos that are a disgrace to civilized society. It should be elementary that animals need clean, sanitary surroundings, adequate room, and an environment closely simulating their natural habitat, and a period and place of quiet and privacy, away from public viewing. The better zoos today provide for these things.

Zoos ought not to contribute to the extinction but to the salvation of rare and threatened species. And they should work in cooperation with game reserves, protected ranges, and game farms for scientific nesting and breeding.

We are taken with the concept of a zoo adopted by one American city: the animals run wild throughout a large area while the people who choose to watch them are securely caged. Turnabout, as they say, is fair play. — The Christian Science Monitor.

#### 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.

Bethware, Patterson Grove and Compact schools in the county system will re-open Monday, resuming the present term after closing for fall harvest season. Kings Mountain Jaycees will conduct a waste paper pick-up on November 4, it was announced by J. T. McGinnis, president.

Miss Mona Hamrick and Jack Seism were married at 12 noon Sunday in Patterson Grove Baptist church.

Miss Martha Jane Putnam of Cherryville and William Donald Flowers of Kings Mountain were married Saturday at 8 p.m. in Cherryville's First Baptist church.

Mrs. Carl Mayes won the sweepstakes award in last Wednesday's Woman's club floral fair.

#### Alan Newcombe

One of the area's most familiar and friendly personalities died suddenly last week of respiratory complications following an appendectomy.

Alan Newcombe, a radio and television newsmen at Charlotte's Jefferson Standard Broadcasting Company for the past 15 years, and before that at Greenville, S. C., was a personal friend of many and a picture-tube friend of thousands.

Many did not know of his winning bout with death a few years ago, nor, for that matter, of his World War II record with the Army Air-Force and his stay in a German prisoner-of-war camp.

His passing at 45 leaves a void which is hard to comprehend and which will be hard to fill.

#### Don't Vote, Don't Gripe

The first two weeks of the registration period for the November 8 general election indicates: 1) Virtually all eligibles are registered, 2) many unregistered eligibles await the final day upcoming on Saturday; or 3) some neither care about voting nor want to vote.

With Cleveland County's potential vote total at least 30,000 and with only about 20,000 registered, it would appear one-third of eligible citizens are disinterested in having a voice in choosing the men and women who will provide them services and tax them therefor.

So be it. Voting is variously described as a right, duty, privilege and prerogative. Each term perhaps applies.

Those who have no interest in the democratic elective process should not be dragged screaming to the polling places.

There is another side to the coin, too: the citizen who doesn't vote forfeits his license to gripe.

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## SO THIS IS NEW YORK

By NORTH CALLAHAN

Chatting with Frederick R. Kappel after he had made a talk to a group of us, I could not help but compare him with another executive who had recently visited here. Mr. Kappel is head of the largest corporation in the country, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company; the other man, Lyndon Johnson, is of course head of our nation. Both have come up from simple beginnings in Western states, both are near sixty years of age, more or less, and each has a quiet quality that can surely be called dynamic. Yet when Lyndon went back to Washington, he was optimistic after visiting and mingling here; while Frederick appeared rather serious about our prospects. Perhaps the one approach was political, the other from a firm business standpoint. But one thing stood out as strongly typical of both men, a characteristic as common to each as if they were brothers: they were both obviously and deeply interested in people. And this is probably the main reason the two executives are successful.

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When the slow-moving clerk in a small store was not around one morning, a customer asked, "Where's Eddie? He isn't sick, is he?" The store owner's son replied, "Nope, Eddie doesn't work here no more." "Well," inquired the customer, "do you have anyone in mind for the vacancy?" "Nope," replied the son, "Eddie didn't leave no vacancy!"

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A large amount of time is taken up in conversation among parents, in listening to the subject on radio and television, and in reading about it in newspapers and magazines. It is the problem of teen-agers and the resultant frustration of parents in trying to deal with the sensitive subject. Devoted forebears who once thought their children were little angels now seem to think they are devils. Samuel Wesley asked his wife why she repeated instructions, re-bukes and directions as often as twenty times to their children. She replied that if she didn't, the preceding nineteen times would have been wasted. "Parents are prone to fret," says Lucretia Hanson, "that their efforts to instill manners, religious ideals and desirable habits are all going for naught. And very often this apparently is true. That is, until the children get out of their teens. Then that 20th or 120th time you repeated a statement begins to bear fruit. When the children get into their late 30's and their early 40's, they will remind you of some of the habits and attitudes you sought to go into. Then you will realize that the 19 times you said something was not actually wasted."

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Here and There: sign at a Marble, N. C., tombstone works, "Drive safely — we can wait!"

"Clown Town", a song by Gladys Shelley, was the theme song of the P. T. Barnum Festival . . . some one has said that the greatest two highway menaces are drivers over 25 going 65 and drivers over 65 going 25 . . . an automobile inspector says that some of the newer cars are in worse shape than the older ones because owners neglect the brakes, headlights and steering . . . an estimated 50 million gallons of moonshine was made last year. Why? The retailer's profit on a \$5.94 bottle of whiskey is about 41 cents, that of a moonshiner for the same amount, \$3.74.

**TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE**

Withhold not good from them to whom it is due, when it is in the power of thy hand to do it. Proverbs 3:27.

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### \$15,000 Insured

Out of the debacle of the Great Depression came many government programs and projects, social security, unemployment compensation, agriculture marketing allotments, public works assistance, and many others. As is typical in government, programs are seldom abandoned, most often expanded.

Many of the programs are derided as socialistic, over-expensive, or both.

But few argue with the federal government entrance into the business of insuring bank and saving and loan deposits.

Vast majority of depositors can go to bed nights, knowing that their bank and savings accounts are insured by the faith and credit of the federal government.

The recent Congress passed legislation which raises from \$10,000 to \$15,000 the maximum amount of insurance per savings account in the nation's member savings and loan associations, an action generally applauded by the members though they realized their insurance fees will escalate.

Principal benefit in North Carolina — Which has never had a failure in this segment of the financial industry — is to attract to savings and loan associations added savings from individuals and firms who want their every dollar insured.

In some other states, where there is no state-level regulation of the practices of associations, the effect will be to provide additional needed insurance to depositors.

### The Congress

Congress burned the midnight oil to adjourn the 89th session Saturday night and there is little question that more far-reaching legislation was passed during the 89th's two years than in many previously.

From the standpoint of the Johnson Administration, it was an excellent Congress. One newsmen, for instance, gave the President a .905 batting average for getting his recommendations endorsed by the legislative branch. Obviously, a vocative minority wish the President had more closely emulated the weak-hitting Dodgers of the recent World Series.

Columnist Roscoe Drummond offers another thought. Praise the Congress, yes, he writes, but don't overdo it. Mr. Drummond's point is that 75 percent of the appropriation bill was passed in the waning weeks of the session since September 30. How reflective can the Congress be, acting in such haste, Mr. Drummond wants to know?

The nation soon will have a 12th cabinet post in the Department of Transportation.

An appropriation in which Kings Mountain has an immediate stake was \$3.5 billion for aid to local governments in stream pollution control.

Failure of the Congress to take a surcease from further civil rights legislation pleased a considerable portion of the nation and organized labor's failure to get desired aims pleased many others.

But it will take weeks for the many details of legislation to filter out in detail.

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