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MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

By MARTIN HARMON

Off-presidential-year general elections notably attract less voters than those years when the nation is choosing a chief executive.

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A check of the record in the vote for this district's United States Representative shows that almost twice as many Cleveland County citizens — more than 18,000 — cast votes in presidential-year 1964, while less than 10,000 went to the polls in non-presidential 1962.

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In spite of an unusual number of general election contests in this normally Democratic area, the campaigning has been of the pink tea variety, rather than the slugging kind underway in California, Georgia and South Carolina, and political leaders of both Democratic and Republican faiths agree totals will be small.

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One indication of a low total vote is applications for absentee ballots. Elections Board Chairman Ralph Gilbert had received only 50 requests as of Wednesday morning, 13 from civilians and 37 from members of the armed forces, a small total for a county with 20,000 registered voters. Wednesday was the deadline for civilian absentee applications. Chairman Gilbert remarked, "wouldn't have been hardly any civilian absentees were it not for Kings Mountain. Looks like you've got a lot of travelers in Kings Mountain."

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Yet another indication is the comparative paucity of new registrants. Chairman Gilbert's report was, "Light, county-wide." He guessed the new voters would total few more than those removed from the voting books by death and departure.

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With light vote totals indicated, the favored candidates, however, cannot avoid a marshy dream that too many friends, assuming victory, will be content to let old George do it.

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Newest wrinkle in politics is the new law, hastily passed on the last day Congress was in session, to permit taxpayers to check a box on their income tax returns and thereby contribute a dollar of their tax check to the next presidential campaign. If its a joint return, two bucks may be thusly designated.

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President Johnson had recommended some presidential campaign help, such as a tax deduction for a modest donation. The way the bill passed is hardly what he envisioned.

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Nona Brown, in the recent Sunday's New York Times, pointed out the ground rules and they are intriguing. A Democrat does not designate his contribution to the Democratic coffers, nor a Republican to the Republican treasurer, nor Socialist to Socialist, etc.

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The divvying, however, is based on the total nation-wide vote for President in the previous election. Under the ground rules, a party's first five million votes is deducted, then the remainder is divided. A splinter party (see, Tree, Townsendite, Farmer-Labor, Socialist) which attains more than five million votes, can collect one dollar per vote over the five million, just as can the major parties.

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Except that, writes the New York Timeswoman, were there no third, fourth or fifth parties, as many as five million in 1964, the Democrats and Republicans might be able to divide \$60,000,000 between each other. The potential, if all taxpayers were to contribute, is \$100 million per year.

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There's another cute joker in the deck, too. Even if the take for each major party is only \$10 million each, how could the comptroller — general (arbiter of the division) approve from than \$3 million for each, or any, party? A prior law puts a \$3 million ceiling on expenditures of any national committee.

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Will Congress pass another law to divvy up the indicated huge excess for use at state levels?

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A lot of campaign money-raisers might wither away with boredom.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men. I Corinthians 1:25.

Tuesday Voting

Among safest predictions for Tuesday's general election is that North Carolina, nor Cleveland County, citizens will cast record voting totals.

Registration activity in Cleveland has not been great and the chairman of the county elections board has a comparatively small number of applications for absentee ballots.

The Cleveland Republican party has done a good job in fielding a team of candidates and has a longer list than usual. However, the campaigning has been couched in national rather than local issues and there have been no personality battles, which customarily do most to excite the voters and put votes in the ballot box.

No political observer has given John Shallcross, the GOP Senate nominee, a chance of upsetting U. S. Senator B. Everett Jordan, nor is Hall Young, opposing 10th district U. S. Representative Basil L. Whitener, accorded any better chance of defeating the incumbent than he had two years ago, when Whitener won by 20,000 votes. This is in spite of re-districting, which removed Friendly Rutherford County from the Whitener bailiwick.

Whitener's re-election is most important to his district.

He aspires for a sixth term in the House, where seniority is of imperative importance. Seniority determines committee assignments, chairmanships and committee rank, the latter with concurrent overtones of important sub-committee assignments.

Mr. Whitener slowly but surely continues to escalate in rank on the judiciary and District of Columbia committees. The judiciary committee is the House catch-all committee, regularly handling 60 per cent or more of legislation introduced. The District of Columbia committee, moreso than its Senate counterpart, is regarded as the District's de facto city council or commission. Mr. Whitener has been a key figure in two actions concerning the nation's capitol city: 1) he has helped prevent Congress from continuing to supply the money and Washington citizens would spend it; and 2) helped promote legislation to alleviate the terrific transportation problem Washington, D. C., has.

Pending his indicated re-election and results of Tuesday voting in 49 other states it is not known how many numbers in the seniority rank Mr. Whitener will advance. But at least four senior Democrats will not return to the 90th Congress, three having been defeated in primaries, the fourth having been removed by death.

During his five terms and ten sessions, Representative Whitener has been continuously consistent in his support of two of North Carolina's bread-and-butter industries, agriculture and textiles, as well as others.

A Modest Budget

The board of directors of Kings Mountain United Fund, Inc., has adopted a budget — synonym for its 1967 campaign fund goal — of \$16,500. The directors and other citizens aiding in the campaign will begin the work on Monday in what they intend to be a successful two-week campaign.

The budget is lower than in previous years.

Of the beneficiary agencies, one is missing, Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library, currently in good financial position, accepted the suggestion of United Fund beneficiary members, where party or fully tax-supported, perhaps should not properly be in the United Fund family.

Six beneficiaries remain and United Fund Chairman W. J. Keeter found himself particularly impressed by the report of the Cleveland County Life-Saving and Rescue Squad, Inc., showing activities during the past year. In one month, the squad honored 61 ambulance calls.

Otherwise, Kings Mountain Boy Scouts and Girl Scout organizations are included, the budget, arrived at on a per capita enrollment basis, indicative of the heavy participation here in these two excellent youth organizations.

The work of the Red Cross, local, nationally and inter-nationally, speak for itself, whether as liaison agent between families at home and their sons in the armed services, performing disaster relief in Louisiana, or promoting the increasingly valuable area blood banks.

Next Big Need: Water

A lady, before the rains came, was alarmed about the low level of the York Road water reservoir and took the time to query the Mayor concerning the city's water supply and wondered aloud why Kings Mountain hadn't rationed water.

Fact was, the supply situation here wasn't tenuous, though an extension of the dry weather may have made the water cheese more binding.

Fact is that water will become an increasing problem as the community and area grows and consumption for commerce, industry, and individuals increases.

Col. W. K. Dickson, the city's consulting engineer, remarked recently that Kings Mountain has obtained about all the mileage possible out of the two meager watersheds tapped in 1928 and 1954 and that the city would be more than justified in laying plans to develop the watershed on Buffalo Creek which was staked out several years ago with state authorities.

By its action last week in awarding contracts for building a two-million gallon storage tank on "high ground" city property bounded by Cherryville Road and McGinnis Street the city moved to enhance its filtered water supply and to alleviate low-pressure problems in various areas of the city's water system service area.

Water and water pipe are, perhaps, not particularly more glamorous than sewage disposal plants and systems, but water remains a life-blood necessity.

Congratulations to: Edith Ham-bright, Kings Mountain high school DAR good citizen; Sandra Mullinax, Kings Mountain high school homecoming queen; and Richard K. McMackin, Kings Mountain native recently promoted by Wachovia Bank & Trust Company.

For Cleaner City

The city spent some money during the past summer in a mammoth cleanup effort that has improved materially the appearance of the city in all areas. Derelict dwellings have been removed, brambly lots cleared, rat-breeding debris removed.

Citizens cooperated in their own right and the effort of the city was much-appreciated.

Another chapter is in store for the business district areas, where masses of debris, from wet garbage to dry trash such as cartons, papers, and wrappings are unceremoniously dumped behind the stores. Operating a six-day per week collection, the city garbage pick-up men find it difficult to cope with loads of scattered debris, not to mention the winds which do an effective scattering job.

The city has awarded contract for a truck to mount a hydraulic type packer and has received bids on the packer and various-sized containers.

Action on these bids is on the agenda of Tuesday night's regular November meeting and it is to be hoped that the city commission will proceed to award contract for the packer and containers.

A much cleaner city will result.



Viewpoints of Other Editors

WAGING WAR AGAINST ALCOHOLISM

The decision of the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to launch a major attack against alcoholism is welcome. There is difference of opinion on whether alcoholism is a disease, but all Americans with their eyes open should agree that alcoholism is a U. S. problem that deserves more attention than it has yet received.

The aims of the projected Federal attack on alcoholism are worthy. John Gardner, the Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, says that the prime objectives are to make sure that the best treatment and rehabilitation services are made available to U. S. alcoholics; to improve the techniques of treatment; and to find effective ways of preventing alcoholism.

Establishment of a national center for prevention and control of alcoholism, within the National Institute of Mental Health at Bethesda, Md., is planned. The center will seek to improve education on alcoholism throughout the country, endeavoring to counteract what one health leader terms "untruths, half-truths, mythology, and legend" about alcoholism. The national center also will conduct research and sponsor research at other institutions. It will promote professional training as another means of combatting alcoholism. It will not treat alcoholics, except in connection with research programs.

There is no universally accepted definition of alcoholism, but the World Health Organization calls a person an alcoholic if there is compulsion to drink and the drinking creates a problem for the individual, his family, or his community.

There are, in the United States, some four to five million people regarded as alcoholics. But alcoholism directly affects the welfare of an additional 16 to 20 million Americans who are members of the families of alcoholics. The cost of alcoholism to industry has been placed at \$2 billion or more annually. Only 3 to 8 per cent of U. S. alcoholics are said to be of the "Skid Row type." The rest live with their families and work — or try to work — in income-producing jobs.

Health leaders tell us that the cause of alcoholism is not known, but the condition can be treated and its consequences can be largely averted if techniques of treatment are applied early.

Not everyone will agree that the cause is unknown. Many a Prohibitionist will insist that the cause of alcoholism is alcohol and that the sure way to prevent it is total abstinence from imbibing alcoholic beverages. True. But this is like saying that the cause of automobile accidents is automobiles and that the sure way to prevent automobile accidents is to abstain from use of automobiles.

The reality is that alcoholic drinking is going to continue in the United States, just as automobile driving is going to continue. The best we can hope for, if we are realistic, is greater success than we have had in control, and prevention of abuses. It is the aim of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to make a realistic attack on alcoholism. What it proposes to do is good. — The Smithfield (N. C.) Herald.

LOVE WAS THE THEME SPELL OF THE CAPITOL

Thirty teachers came together this summer to look into new ways of inspiring children to learn.

The teachers found anew that the central switch which turns on the learner is housed in the spirit and attitude — and in the degree of love — of the teacher.

The theme that clearly emerged from the six-week ESEA Curriculum Development project was "love."

The way to infuse the pupil with spark and spirit, the way to ignite his often-times near-buried curiosity, the way to kindle his dimmed awareness of the wonders of the world around him — the way to all this is through love.

During the special project, in the climate engendered by small classes manned by three teachers, love became a solid object. It resided in full force wherever the teachers and their children were.

From the condition that existed during the special project the knowledge grew that the flow of love would have to be resumed in the regular school session, no matter how greatly the pupils out-number the teacher.

All that happened during the project can not be repeated in regular session, everyone agreed. But the inspired zeal that was the pinnacle on which the projected end will be taken by the teacher into her crowded, routine-filled, schedule-bound days ahead.

The impact of the summer will go into the schools in the fall, John L. Cleveland, ESEA Coordinator, predicts.

"With experimentation now a trend, the teachers will find an accepting climate for their need to try new ways and to keep trying until the right one is found," Cleveland said. "The teachers will, consciously or not, serve as a kind of pressure group."

Consensus of opinion is that the teacher will approach the regular school session with an

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.

Cleveland County Republicans will hold a rally in Shelby Friday night, with Mrs. Louis G. Rogers, Republican national committee woman to make the principal address.

Lithium Corporation of America will raise wages at its Bessemer City plant from 8 to 12 cents per hour effective Monday, it was announced yesterday by Bruce Thorburn, personnel manager.

Dr. Harold J. Dudley, of Raleigh, general secretary of the Presbyterian Synod of North Carolina, will conduct a week of special services at the First Presbyterian church beginning Sunday.

Social and Personal

Use of fabrics in the home will be the theme of the program Monday night at 7:30 p.m. at the regular meeting of the Junior Woman's club.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Moore and daughter, Debbie, of Green Cove, Fla., spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Cleve Moore. They came especially to accompany young Robbie Moore home.

SAD BUT TRUE

They say by the time a fellow gets to the greener pastures, he's not able to climb over the fence. — Rosseau (Minn.) Times-Region

expectation of change — more flexibility, more learning materials, more close looks at the contents of the school day, more alterations of the classroom regime to allow for contacts with students.

The many benefits of the summer can not be taken by the teacher into her regular school experience, all agreed.

But an awareness of their need can be taken back to the classroom.

And the love can. — Unified School District newspaper (Berkeley, Calif.)

SO THIS IS NEW YORK

By NORTH CALLAHAN

That the modern accent is on youth there can be little doubt. In the advertisements of fun-filled resorts, in the emphasis on sports and in the constant overtones of sex, lively young people are depicted in every vivid way. It appears to be an unwelcome and unpleasant experience to get old. Still, some parents breathe sighs of relief when their children become mature and settled. And a local educator said the other day, "Being an adult today is not easy. Being a child or teenager may be even harder. Instability, uncertainty, conflict and competition are age old problems but today they seem to touch youth more than in the past."

The Houston, Texas Police Department has issued a folder entitled, "How to Raise a Delinquent", by Dr. John Winters Fleming which sets forth the following:

1. Begin with infancy to give the child everything he wants. In this way he will grow up to believe that the world owes him a living.
2. When he picks up bad words, laugh at him. This will make him think he is cute. It will also encourage him to pick up "cuter" phrases that will blow off the top of your head later on.
3. Never give him any spiritual training. Wait until he is twenty-one and then let him "decide for himself."
4. Avoid the use of the word "wrong". It may develop a guilt complex. This will condition him to believe later when he is arrested for stealing a car, that society is against him and that he is being persecuted.
5. Pick up everything he leaves lying around — books, clothes, shoes. Do everything for him so that he will be experienced in throwing responsibility to others.
6. Let him read any printed matter he can get his hands on. Have no concern whatever for what goes into his mind. Be careful that the silverware and drinking glasses are sterilized but let his mind feast on garbage.
7. Quarrel frequently in the presence of your children. In this way they will not be too shocked when the home is broken up later.
8. Give him all the spending money he wants. Never let him earn his own. Why should he have things as tough as you had them?
9. Satisfy his every craving for food, drink and comfort. See that every sensual desire is gratified. Denial may lead to harmful frustrations.
10. Praise him in his presence to all the neighbors. Show how much smarter he is than the neighbors' children. Take his part against neighbors, teachers and policemen. They are all prejudiced against your child.
11. When he gets into real trouble, apologize for yourself by saying, "I never could do anything with him!"
12. Prepare for a life of grief. You will be likely to have it."

In a juvenile court here recently, the judge was about to hand down a stiff sentence to a young hoodlum. But before he made his pronouncement, he paused and looked at the mother of the boy. "I really should be sentencing you," he said. "Evidently it was your indulgence which allowed this young man to become a criminal."

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