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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

The Herald staff has noted through the years that news events run in cycles and often concentrate in particular editions. Sometimes there is a charity issue, sometimes an issue filled with tragedy, sometimes a "roads" issue, sometimes a "City Hall" or "schools" edition. Since the news pages reflect the activities of the citizens, last week found finance emphasized.

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First Union National Bank was holding open house at its new building a half-block north of the venerable corner location, with such added attractions as Miss North Carolina, a ribbon of hundred dollar bills, a treasure chest, and refreshments.

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Not everybody, of course, a great portion of everybody in the Kings Mountain area accepted First Union's invitation to attend, and here for the occasion was a goodly portion of the First Union "brass", including Chairman Cliff Cameron and Senior Vice-Presidents W. J. Smith and C. C. Hope, managing vice-presidents of other units and directors were present, not to mention Charlie Smith, the public relations specialist, who this week, was adjudged one of North Carolina's three top Jaycees of 1966.

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Mrs. Bonnie M. Summers, daughter of the first president of former First National Bank, and wife of that bank's third president, and Dr. L. P. Baker, Kings Mountain branch director, enjoyed a laugh when J. P. Setdman, First Union director and president of the former Scottish Bank, now merged with First Union, sought to introduce Miss Bonnie to Dr. Baker—a day or two too late for these long-time friends, neighbors and fellow Kings Mountain Lutherans.

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The visiting dignitaries were happily surprised at the number of open house visitors, estimated at 5,000. Chairman Cameron commended Vice-President Elmore Alexander afterward by mail-labeling the Kings Mountain opening the best organized of his experience.

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That evening the subject was "How to Make a Million in the Market," as Mrs. Devere Smith began the first of a three-part course on investments. Actually, that wasn't the subject though a desirable end, perhaps, for all. Among nine basic rules of investing most important were: don't over-diversify investments; (too many eggs); don't over-concentrate investments (too much hen fruit in one basket); retain a reserve; invest in firms showing strong and consistent earnings increase; and keep one's sense of humor (laugh, if hollowly, when investments sour temporarily, as in 1966).

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The finance business continued with Chapter II of Mrs. Smith's course on the recent Tuesday night, when Phillip Small, a specialist in the field, discussed the relative merits of mutual funds, where the investor buys mutual fund shares and the professionals managing his \$40 billion industry buy portfolios for the shareholders.

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A believer in his specialty, Mr. Small pointed to the record of mutual funds (better than market averages on upswings, less average losses during downturns) as well as some personal experiences in which he acknowledged he would have fared much better had his investment been in the hands of the mutual managers, rather than in his own.

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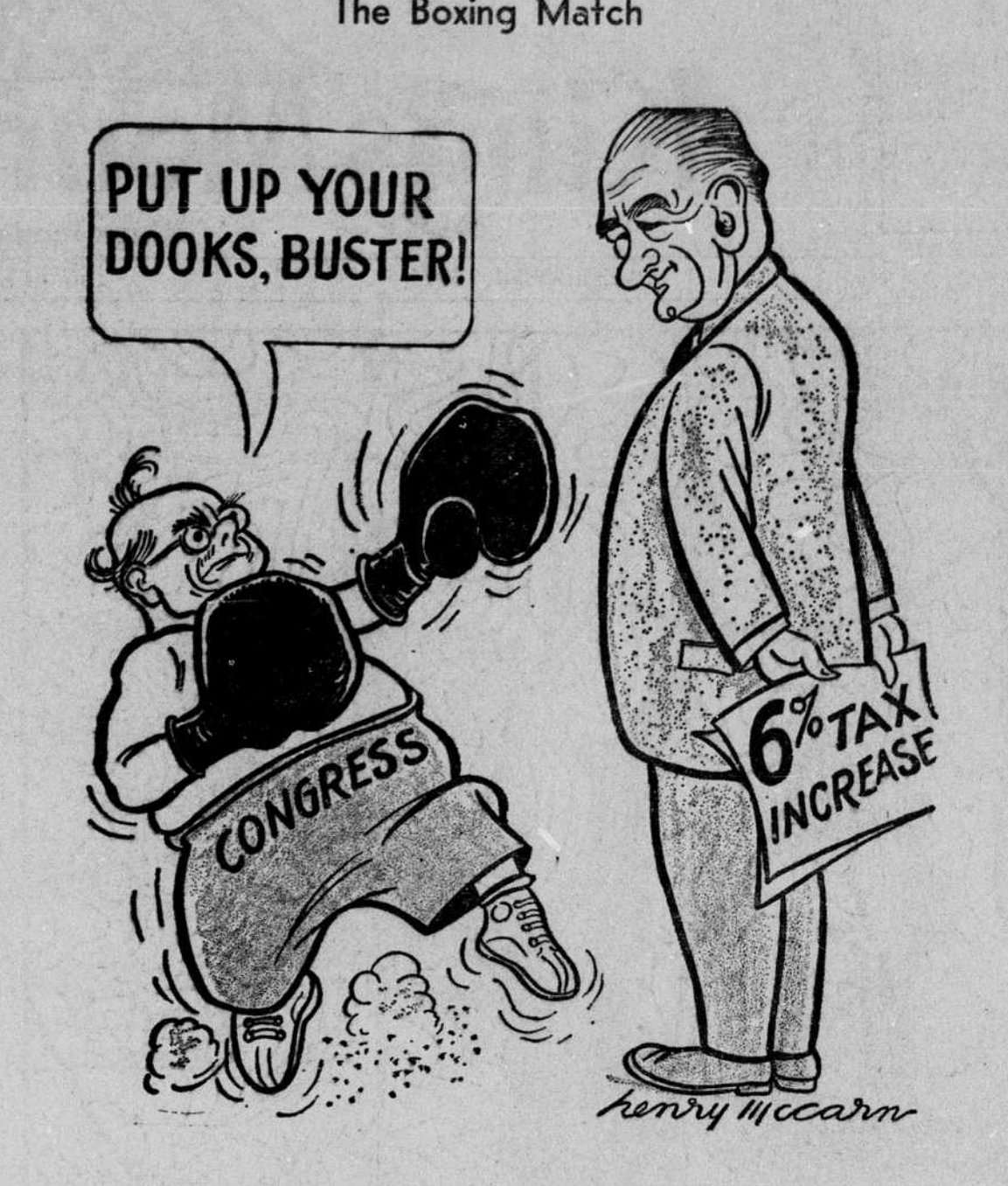
Much in the news recently has been Securities and Exchange commission efforts to clip the commission fees of mutual funds. Small contends the mutual fund pack is fair and reasonable, says every portfolio, whether for youths or retired folk, should contain a percentage of mutual fund shares.

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I have teased Rev. Bob Haden as seeking locks on the board of Kings Mountain banking institutions. First Union's John and Lynda Ross are Episcopalians. Then came the Milton Singletary, at First Citizens, also Episcopalians. When I asked, is the Episcopal building program being ginning.

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After Tuesday night's investment session, I found it has begun. My wife was complaining to Bob she had bought a share of stock in the Greek Orthodox church, accompanied by opportunity to win a color TV set. Her investment in Bob's Episcopal organ fund carried no side benefits. Bob indicated she could play the organ.



The Veterans Corner

Q—Who must submit income questionnaires to the Veterans Administration?

A—Generally, all veterans and widows on pension rolls and parents who are receiving dependency and indemnity compensation as of October, 1966. Questionnaires will also be mailed this year to parents in receipt of death compensation.

Q—When I move next month, how should I tell the VA so that I will get my pension check at the new address? Should I notify the U. S. Treasury in Chicago?

A—No. Do not advise the Treasury Department. Notify the VA Regional Office where your records are located and they will advise the Treasury Department. Give your claim number along with your old and new address. Also be sure to tell your post office of the change.

Q—Will children in receipt of death pension be required to submit questionnaires?

A—Children will not be sent questionnaires. However, any child that has an annual income exclusive of earned income in excess of \$1,800 should report source, amount, and date of income promptly.

God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him. Psalm 89:7.

Buffalo And Overlaps

Governor Robert McNair of South Carolina recently appealed to the federal government to instruct its agencies to utilize more extensively existing administrative organizations of the states in federal programs.

Governor McNair's remarks were in friendly vein and in the category of "constructive" criticism.

Said the Governor, his ideas, if followed, would result in much more good from the federal dollars spent with many more people benefitted.

President Johnson, in his State of the Union address, referred to the same problem, both on over-lapping programs to which Governor McNair referred and to another area in his recommendations to merge the Departments of Labor and Commerce.

An immediate sample of specific importance to Kings Mountain and the whole area of Eastern Cleveland County is the Buffalo Creek watershed project.

Kings Mountain, with more treated water only a figurative day or two away from "must," finds various agencies with an integral stake in planning and financing this project. First business was with the Department of Housing and Urban Development, but close aboard were the Soil Conservation Service and Farm Home Administration.

It became apparent in sort order that cooperation between the several agencies, including the City of King Mountain, was imperative to bringing the project to fruition and nearing fruition date.

The cooperative venture is underway. Let it proceed with all haste.

Alamance Bid

At a time when education leaders are pushing for big increases in North Carolina teacher pay and anticipating use of a major portion of the indicated biennial surplus, Alamance county's board of commissioners have sought to put sand, rather than grease, in the gears.

Alamance wants the General Assembly to outlaw the paying of local supplements to teachers. Alamance obviously does not, nor wishes to pay. The Burlington city district does pay a supplement.

Herein the situation compares with Cleveland County's, where both Shelby and Kings Mountain districts pay basic supplements to all classroom teachers, and the County district does not.

Alamance wants to impose its niggardliness on the rest of the state.

Had the appeal come from one of the poorer counties, which obviously have trouble employing teachers due to differentials imposed by the supplements, it would have been understandable.

But Alamance is one of the state's richer counties and is sixth in per capita income. Alamance wants the state to say, in effect, "You can't spend your money as you wish."

The Kings Mountain district is hardly in a position to boast too highly. The supplement of \$90 per year (in vogue for a long time and only recently doubled) was the lowest of any supplement paid in the state. But it was and is that much. In turn, there has been no suggestion here that Mecklenburg, if its people wish, should not pay \$800 or more minimum supplement.

The big quarrel this newspaper has with the school people, boards of education and administrators alike, is not minimal-maximal supplements, but an unwillingness to 1) adopt merit pay plans whereby more able teachers win larger supplements and 2) unwillingness to go into the open teaching market and pay the price required for teaching excellence in fields where teaching personnel is short.

The later problem has been with all since the Russian Sputnik shocked the United States from its head-in-sand superiority conceit in 1957. Teachers of science and mathematics have been in insufficient supply since.

Merit pay differentials would complicate administrative problems. But the policy is followed on limited scale in other agencies of state government. It is followed in industry.

It is real and it is truth. Many intangibles mark the differences between the teachers who are excellent, good, adequate, and poor.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

This Week In Tar Heel HISTORY

By ED H. SMITH

● On January 25, 1781, British General Cornwallis halted at Ramsour's Mill (near Lincolnton) in his pursuit of General Dan Morgan after the Battle of Cowpens. He camped on the site of the Battle of Ramsour's Mill, where local Whigs had defeated the Tories a year earlier.

Discouraged by the slowness of his march, Lord Cornwallis determined upon the drastic step of burning his wagons and much of his supplies. The Redcoats remained at Ramsour's for two days, while huge bonfires consumed enough food and clothing to have kept the entire area in comfort for months.

● On Jan. 26 — while the above was taking place — the General Assembly convened at Halifax. Due to the hazards and exigencies of the war, it had taken 26 days to assemble a quorum.

On Jan. 28, two days later, British ships dropped anchor at Wilmington, and troops under the command of Major James Craig seized the town of 200 homes and 1,000 population.

After years of relative peace, North Carolina was finding itself a battleground in the Revolution, invaded simultaneously in east and west.

Other events concerned with the American Revolution occurred in January:

● On Jan. 27, 1788, William Tryon died in England. As Royal Governor he had left his mark in North Carolina — principally through the construction of Tryon's Palace at New Bern, and his involvement in the Regulator Rebellion in 1771.

Tryon also served as Governor of New York after leaving this state.

● On Jan. 23, 1730, Joseph Hewes, one of the three signers of the Declaration of Independence from this state, was born in New Jersey. He moved to Edenton around 1760 to establish a mercantile business.

Births and Deaths

● On Jan. 22, 1789, Samuel Price Carson was born. His principal connection with history comes from a famous duel at Saluda Gap in 1827, where he killed Dr. Robert B. Vance, U. S. Congressman and close kin of Zebulon B. Vance. Carson's second that day was Davy Crockett. Dr. Vance was Carson's congressional predecessor.

● On Jan. 23, 1857, Miles Darden died in Tennessee. Known as the "World's Largest Man", Darden was born and raised in the mountains of western N. C. At the time of his death he was 7 feet, 6 inches tall, and weighed over 1,000 pounds. His coffin was 3 feet long, 35 inches deep and 32 inches wide. Over 24 yards of black velvet were required to cover it.

IN THE LIGHT OF MIRANDA

New York City plans to experiment with round-the-clock surveillance of police interrogation. The police hope that this might prove a way to protect the state's case against a charge that police-questioning of a suspect violated his constitutional rights.

This matter has come to the fore because of the Supreme Court's ruling in the Miranda case which prohibits questioning unless the suspect specifically and voluntarily waives his rights to counsel and to remain silent, at present authorities dispute both the importance of confessions in obtaining convictions and also the effect which Miranda has had on the ability of the police to get confessions.

The difficulty since the Miranda decision, as Judge J. Skelly Wright has pointed out, is that the circumstances under which waivers are obtained resemble those under which confessions were procured before Miranda was decided: the suspect and several policemen alone in the interrogation room. Thus the voluntariness of the waiver, like the confession in prior times, becomes the word of the police versus the word of the suspect.

In the light of the Miranda decision, the New York City police will set up a six-month pilot project to deal with persons who have committed certain major crimes. One interrogation room will have a tape recorder and television camera on at all times and their contents sealed at the close of each day. In addition, a civilian observer will be present who could serve as an impartial witness.

This, the police reason, should provide fair observation of police interrogation—its length and the way in which it is conducted. If this does prove a feasible technique for protecting the rights of suspects, it may provide the solution for other large cities which could afford such an elaborate setup. We commend the New York City police for their willingness to undertake this experiment in criminal justice. Christian Science Monitor

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news about Kings Mountain area people and events taken from the 1957 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

The whammy has made its official appearance in Kings Mountain. The electrical speed-timing device was used for three days last week and resulted in 44 persons being charged with exceeding in-city speed limits.

Bruce Thorburn, personnel manager at Lithium Corporation of America's Bessemer City plant, has been assigned the added duties and responsibility of public relations manager of the Bessemer City works.

Social and Personal

Mrs. Emily Maxine Bumgardner and Richard Newman Black were married Saturday afternoon in Oak View Baptist church parsonage.

Mrs. Ector Short entertained Saturday evening at her home honoring her daughter, Jewel, on her 13th birthday.

In the pocket means one can disregard time. There is beauty in the heads of grasses above the snow; there is peace among the evergreens where pines and spruces play haunting music when a gentle breeze passes by.

We are not a walking nation, as are the English, Germans and Swiss. We hop into a horseless carriage to go a block. But there are those who know the joy of walking in all seasons of the year. January is the heart of winter, and there are days when gold sun shines in a blue sky and the temperature is moderate. On such a day, it is good for man to escape from the daily treadmill and walk the fields and woodlands.—Hartford Courant

ENFANTS TERRIBLES

The British are making imaginative experiments in the arts these days. One of the fascinating if not paradoxical facets of all this is that the newest ground is being most successfully explored by public institutions. They are in fact proving an enlightened Maecenas. Neither the National Theater (Director: Laurence Olivier) nor the Royal Shakespeare Company (Managing Director: Peter Hall) nor the BBC (Director-General: Sir Hugh Carleton Greene) is privately financed or run for private profit. And given the mistaken stuffy stereotype which many outsiders have of the British establishment, each of these institutions might be thought to err on the side of the bland.

Far from it. The National Theater has given us such things as "The Royal Hunt of the Sun" (as well as that remarkable "Othello"). From the Royal Shakespeare Company have come "A. S. O. S." and the enigmatically titled (if clearly aimed) "U.S." And from the BBC—sometimes sneeringly dubbed "Auntie" for its imagined prudery—came this Christmas Jonathan Miller's Marienbad-like interpretation of "Alice in Wonderland."

We applaud this experimentation. At the same time, of course, we recognize that experimentation can become a fetish; and that reaching for the incongruous or the bizarre can be taken to the point where it is phony instead of interesting. We commend Paul McCartney of the Beatles for having raised this question with—of all people—Sir Laurence's literary manager.

Apparently the latter wanted Mr. McCartney to write music for the songs in Shakespeare's "As You Like It." And what did Mr. McCartney say? "If they'd wanted me to write medieval, period sort of music to fit the words, I would have done that; as it would have been a challenge. But they wanted me to write in my usual style. I don't think that would have worked. Can you see 'Hey no-nino' going well with a tune like 'Yesterday'?" The strength of the Beatles was always their fearless determination to deflate pomposity and expose the phony —to say whenever the occasion demands: "Come off it!" Through Mr. McCartney, they have done it again.

Legislative Forum

Cleveland County's legislative delegation has scheduled a forum for February 2 with a public invitation to all Cleveland citizens to attend.

Specifically, the five-member delegation wants citizens' ideas on issues facing the General Assembly which convenes a few days later.

The purpose: "in order that we may serve them better."

Certainly there are sufficient issues apparent, as is customary at the biennial session.

All, of course, citizens and legislators alike, await with more than passing interest Governor Dan K. Moore's detailing his ideas about paring taxes.

How much and in what direction are the two major questions, allied as both are with the size of the surplus upcoming on June 30. Guesses vary from \$150 to \$200 million.

Citizens should avail themselves the opportunity of conveying to their legislators their wishes.

Bullets And Butter

Members of Congress, some within the President's party, promise cuts in the proposed budget. The size of the social security benefit increased they would pare. Some domestic programs would be emasculated. There is acclaim on both sides of the aisle for some increase in social security payments and expansion of medicare benefits to the disabled.

A pet peeve with this newspaper is the continued upswing in postal rates, and vain effort of both the Congress and succeeding Postmasters General to make the postal service a break-even operation. Congress likes, yea loves, to increase postal salary and wage scales, the postal union fights automation. It's a continuing and never-ending upward cycle. Both the postal department and Congress should forget the foolishness and categorize the postal service for what it is: a mandatory, if costly, service of government.

Meantime, additional weekend duty in speeding the mail would be a worthwhile expense.

The President may not enjoy the high batting average (about .900) with the Congress this year, as last, but odds are the bulk of his recommendations will be honored.

WINTER WALKING

On a blue sky, crisp day before the snow blanket is too thick it is good for a man to walk the fields and swales, upland pastures and woodlands. Walking, you may recall, is that form of movement in which one foot is repeatedly placed ahead of the other.

Especially after a light fall of snow, the rewards are many. Fences and silos, walls and posts, wear clean, sparkling berets; tree limbs with lines of white paint a picture in the sunlight. Down by the swale, tracks of a field mice make lacework patterns. Along the ice-frosted brook, one may see the sharp tracks of a mink.

Climb a boulder-studded hillside on a pleasant January day and the feeling of space and freedom gives a lift to the heart. In the distant river valley, the striped elms seem like feathery gray vases; against the far heavens, blue-green mountains loom with white birch stippling.

Countrymen know their are secrets in winter walking. One should never hurry; a sandwich

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