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**TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE**

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*      Psalm 23:1

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

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

**By MARTIN HARMON**

I would have dropped my upper teeth, had they not been still attached, last Friday, when I took my Father to the tonsorial parlor for a haircut. Al Crawford met us at the door and addressed my Father, "Pat's not here, Mr. Harmon," Pat being my Father's regular barber. Well, I suggested, Al could do the job.

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Then Al said, "Pat's retired."

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"You mean it?" I ejaculated. "Pat told me last summer he was going to retire when he attained 62 years, but I thought he was talking through his hat and when D-Day came he'd change his mind." Pat didn't, though he'll hold forth at the same spot on Saturdays, to help Al and Kiser on the busy day and to keep his hand in.

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Glenn Grigg, who has employed Pat's services for many years, was relating Pat's retirement—Saturday decision to his wife. Mary, knowing full well that for as many years Friday was haircut day for Glenn, said, "you'll need to find a new barber." No, Glenn replied, he would simply change his haircut day to Saturday, which he did on Saturday past.

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After nine days, I asked Pat, "How is it?" Pat replied, "Pretty good, though the weather hasn't helped much. I've read everything I can get my hands on."

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Pat laughed. One fellow had suggested he would qualify for larger social security benefits if he continued full duty until 65. "Shucks," Pat replied, "I might not make 65, I want to have a little free time now." Most folk have difficulty, after years of work, retiring gracefully. Pat guesses he'll find plenty to keep himself entertained.

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Pat Tignor has barbered in Kings Mountain for 40 years, having joined L. V. Gaffney in 1928. While that seems long enough to make Pat a Kings Mountain native, he isn't. Pat's an East Tennesseean, out of Rogersville and Pressman's Home, both in the Kingsport area.

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Pat flirted with the printing trade, training for all of one week on the operation of a Kelly job press—our loss, barbering's gain.

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When he came here in 1927, Pat first worked for the late E. A. Smith, Sr., and "old Phenix", before resuming the two-bit (shave and a haircut) trade.

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Subsequently, Pat came down-town with the late Harvey Roberts, later with Robert Allen, became a partner in 1948 with the late Fred Wright, Sr., and then Charlie Goforth. He has sold his half-interest in Central Barber Shop to Al.

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Already, Pat's retirement has produced a change in the tonsorial community. Sid Dixon has sold his hair-styling emporium to Shirley Lynn Rhea and returned to the male realm. Sid didn't move far. Mrs. Hudson reports, just next door in quarters formerly occupied by the late ranch office of the county welfare department.

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Pat's chief working hobby nearly 32 years was as a volunteer fireman. He was a charter member of the volunteer organization founded in May 1931 and succeeded the late Grady King as chief. Pat retired from the fire department January 1, 1963. "I fought some mean fires under ten-times mean weather conditions, among them the Central school fire, the Country Club and the Tolly Shuford residence.

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Mrs. Tignor was Mae McBee of Boiling Springs.

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Pat is one of two businessmen I may nearly 23 years with the I fought some mean fires under or selling him an advertisement. It was a strong supporter of the recent water bond issue and, though we endeavored, we failed to reach him about the double truck the Herald and 37 other business firms published in support.

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I speak for the community when I convey to him all good wishes.

### Gardner, Broughton, Stickley, Hawkins, Scott



### Viewpoints of Other Editors

#### This Week In Tar Heel HISTORY

On January 8, 1815, former Carolinian Andrew Jackson won the Battle of New Orleans. A few days later, word of the victory reached Surry County, and a North Carolina footnote was added to the history of the event.

Jackson had owed a hotel bill in Rockford for some years, dating back to his days as a struggling young lawyer. The innkeeper had stubbornly kept the account on his books. Upon receipt of the news however, he wrote across the bill "Settled in Full by the Battle of New Orleans".

On January 19, 1936, the state's first Historical Highway Marker was erected in Granville Co., near Stovall, to mark the home-site of John Penn, one of N. C.'s three signers of the Declaration of Independence.

On January 12, 1896, the first X-Ray photograph in medical history was taken by Dr. Harry Lewis Smith, at Davidson College.

Dr. Smith, a professor of physics and astronomy, fired a pistol bullet into the hand of a cadaver, then took a fifteen-minute exposure to find the exact location of the bullet.

On January 14, 1868, a constitutional convention was ordered held for the purpose of rewriting the state's constitution. The order was issued by General E. R. S. Canby, Military Governor of Federal District No. Two (North and South Carolina) during the Reconstruction Period.

#### BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Died January 9, 1852, in Washington, D. C., Lemuel Sawyer author of "Blackbeard", which has been called "the first play written by a native North Carolinian, with a N. C. setting and characters". The play, which was published in 1824, was not about the famous pirate of that name, but was instead concerned with North Carolina politics of that period.

Sawyer also served as a U. S. Congressman.

Born, January 10, 1756, in Brunswick Co., Benjamin Smith, governor in 1810-11. He is the only chief executive of that name in the state's history, even though the Smiths have always outnumbered practically all other names in our population.

A hot-tempered of duels and was twice wounded. During the American Revolution he served as an aide to General George Washington.

#### THE SEAWAY

The efforts being made at Chicago to build up the lagging usefulness of the St. Lawrence Seaway to commerce in the mid-United States ought to have the active support of this entire region. There, the Great Lakes Shipowners Association is devoting itself to the problems of an aging and dwindling fleet, urging increased federal construction subsidies and shortened tax depreciation to bring in new ships.

The Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry is taking on as its part of the task the discriminatory railroad freight rates which make it cheaper for many shippers to use the port of New Orleans rather than the relatively nearby Seaway ports. Substantial increase in shipment of agricultural commodities and manufactured products overseas is believed possible if equality in rail rates can be achieved.

With the coming of ocean-going container ships, carrying entire river barges as railroads have long been carrying truck trailers, the physical possibilities for expanded trade with Europe will be still further enhanced for St. Louis and other ports on the Middle Mississippi. What is now badly needed is vigorous promotion.

How widely informed are producers and shippers of the possibilities of using the Seaway in their own operations? For how many have analyses of their distribution and trade demonstrated potential new profits in Seaway utilization, as some airlines have so brilliantly done in developing air freight? An effort to these ends would promise not only to bring in added traffic but also to broaden support for measures to increase the Seaway's capacity for usefulness.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch

#### CRADLE-TO-GRAVE PLAN FOR AUTOS

The poor old taxpayer may be forgiven a few mumbles under his breath for the way he too often meets himself (or his own money) coming around the corner.

A case in point:

Larry Goddard, director of the Illinois Auto Salvage Dealers Association, has an idea. To solve the problem of junk cars, why not tack on a disposal fee when the car is bought?

Presumably this would give the final owner the option of driving up to the junk yard (or maybe dragging it up to the junk yard) and saying: "OK, Mac, take her away." And with prepaid fees, disposal would follow quickly. A private enterprise-type profit would go to the disoser, in this instance, some member of the Illinois Auto Salvage Dealers Association, no doubt.

It is thus the motorist who buys, a sort of "cradle to the grave" auto financing plan. But there is more.

The Department of Health, Education and Welfare doesn't think Goddard's idea should be discarded. There is now a project called "Illinois Auto Salvage Waste Pollution Control," a study of the feasibility of prepaid auto junking fees.

By now, of course, the reader will have guessed the second point. Who is paying for the study? HEW, of course, which means dear old taxpayer.

—The Charlotte Observer

### SO THIS IS NEW YORK

By NORTH CALLAHAN

Edward White, local publishing official, happened to be at a Broadway theater and after the show met the actress, Joan Fontaine. After they had exchanged a few words, she remarked to him, who is a handsome young man, "Well, I hope we bump into each other again." According to White, just three days later he was walking along 5th Avenue, where one rarely sees anyone he knows, when he happened to bump into a lady carrying several packages. And of all people: yes, it was Joan Fontaine.

This is the home of the oldest orchestra in the United States, the New York Philharmonic, and it has given over 7,000 concerts. Its famous directors have included Arturo Toscanini, Bruno Walter, Leopold Stokowski and Walter Damrosch. Organized in 1842, this eminent musical aggregation played in the old Metropolitan Opera House and in Carnegie Hall until the new Philharmonic Hall was built at Lincoln Center. Now after 125 years, the orchestra does not rest on its lavish laurels. It even gives free performances in the parks during the summer.

When I was in England not long ago, the head of Brasenose College at Oxford told me that when a concerned alumnus wrote and asked him about the long hair of his male students, he replied that the young men who fought for England at Crecy and Agincourt and won, also wore long hair, and that he thought it was heartening that this custom is returning. Now comes a new and interesting book, "The American Heritage History of the Thirteen Colonies" (Simon and Schuster) which vividly describes the great figures from Columbus and Captain John Smith to Benjamin Franklin and George Washington, and how Great Britain was successful in colonizing the new world against competing European powers. Here mentioned is "the ungodliness of Harvard students with unshorn hair."

Franchises to conduct local contests for the 9th annual "Miss American Teen-Ager" pageant, according to Sol Abrams, in charge, are being awarded to individuals, organizations and business firms in different parts of the country. The contest will take place next September at Palisades Amusement Park, New Jersey, to which inquiries may be addressed. It is pointed out that this is not a talent contest or a bathing suit contest, but it permits a great number of girls to enter and they are then judged in party dresses on the basis of beauty, personality, good grooming, leadership, scholastic achievement and community service.

Some unusual gifts were available during the holidays, and judging from the prices, some of them are doubtless still available. From a Dallas store, one could purchase a pair of live, mated camels for \$4,125, a gold wig for \$35,000 or a robe made from the skin of Ibex goats at \$2,795. A New York toy store offered a two-headed toy llama for \$600, a miniature kitchen set for \$12,200, a train set for \$700 and \$100's trousseau for \$100. A Cambodian tiger skin coat was on sale? at another place for \$7,500, a computer trainer listed at \$250 while one could buy a silver-plated pig for \$600, an elephant tooth \$950, silk sheets for \$440 each, a presidential carving set for \$750 or a small juke box for \$190. One could also purchase a rhinoceros, shipped from Africa, quick frozen and packed in ice for \$1,000.

#### 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.

Plonk Brothers & Company is now being operated solely by J. O. Plonk Estate in an ownership change effective January 1. Wesley Bush of Norfolk, Va. has joined the staff of C. E. Warlick Insurance Agency, it was announced this week by Mrs. Madge P. Warlick, senior partner.

**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL**

Mrs. Jack Arnette was hostess Monday night to the regular meeting of Circle 4 of First Presbyterian church.

Mrs. J. R. Davis was hostess Monday to Circle 3 of Central Methodist church.

#### THE MONEY GAP

We offer this bit of economic encouragement after several days of statistical research.

Earlier last week, news stories from Washington came forth with the bright message that it now takes \$9,000 a year in income for an average family of four to live "moderately well."

As is so often the case, the same story did not contain the equally important figure: How much does the average family of four actually earn of the ideal \$9,000?

Well, as best we can determine at the moment, the figure is somewhere around \$7,000.

That, as we see it, is about as good an explanation of the state of the national economy and the state of the pocketbook of that average father in a family of four as is available now.

It takes \$9,000 to do it "moderately well." The average guy is making \$7,000.

Now, for the free economic advice about that missing \$2,000: Happy hunting!—The Charlotte Observer.

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