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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

Installation of additional circuits and extension of its underground lines in the area of the Methodist church and postoffice is enabling the city to improve considerably the looks of this intersection.

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Hunter Allen and his electrical crews were creating a traffic jam at this corner Wednesday morning as they utilized modern tools to jerk a 35-foot wooden pole out of the ground. The pole was well-embedded at what looked to be about five feet and the big truck operating the winch was rearing skyward like a rearing pony.

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When Bell completes its installations, the city will remove two more wooden poles, says Hunter. Meanwhile the traffic signal has been mounted on a new metal pole's half crossarm, with street light at pole's top.

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"I'll look better when we get it painted and the other poles down," Hunter promises. As it will.

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I suggested, after noting the big drill on the back of the truck, that poles could be installed more quickly than in the old days of manual digging.

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In Hunter's earlier days with the city electrical department installing a power pole was a half-day job, longer if rock was encountered. The work force was six men. With today's equipment and four men, a pole gets its hole, installed, tamped and ready for stringing in 30 minutes.

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The Herald detailed last week the Lieutenant Colonel Bob Cox, who has seen service in Japan, Korea, Germany, and various war stations in the United States, has craters for yet another overseas port of call — Vietnam — in early summer.

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Along with the press release came Bob's periodic news letter on "Cox's army," which, he writes, "continues to move toward that great day when we can retire to the great state of North Carolina and the good life in Kings Mountain".

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The Cox army will return to 509 West Mountain, their home around the corner from our house. Meantime, School Superintendent Don Jones' army will be occupying their new home on Maner road.

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Carolina Throwing Company had an interesting visitor during the past few days. Haywood Brooks had in tow Andre Aumont, Eugene Peramont, on Lyons, France, when I was introduced.

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There was some difficulty in communications, M. Peramont speaking little, if any, English, and Mr. Brooks speaking little, if any, French.

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Here, indeed, was a challenge. Though my conversational French was never very good and had not been used to any extent in 25 years, I stretched the memory box and was able to pass in mutual understanding a few phrases with M. Peramont.

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He was here to install a machine Billy Mauney and Clint Jolly bought in Lyons some six months ago.

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When I suggested to Haywood that Mrs. Dewitt Cornwell is native French and should meet her native countryman, he replied that the meeting was already arranged. Mrs. Cornwell was to serve as interpreter when the installation work began Monday.

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A proficiency at languages must require either early-age exposure or an especial talent. When neighbor George Wilson was playing baseball in Japan, daughter Kelly, about 30 months, was playing with her little Japanese friends. Some difficulty was posed for George and Nancy after their return to the USA. Kelly would address them in Japanese and they were lost.

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I had studied French, while a Casablanca roommate hadn't. In three weeks, he was conversing brightly with the French, his only aid a 900-word English-French dictionary.



**TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE**

Correction is precious unto him that forsaketh the way; and he that hateth reproof shall die. Proverbs 15:10.

**Run-Off Prerogative**

Citizens have mixed feelings about laws specifying that elections be decided by majority vote.

This implies, where there are more than two candidates for an office, the possibility of run-offs.

In Cleveland County, there is heavy incidence in the Democratic camp this season, as none of eight county commission candidates won one of the three nominations, and only three of a dozen won five nominations for the board of education.

J. Melville Broughton, who could have called a run-off for governor, and Raymond Stone, who could have called a run-off for superintendent of public education, did not.

Larry Zimmerman, second-runner for the dubious honor of tackling Democratic Senator Sam Ervin in November, set up a state-wide primary when he exercised his right to call a second race with GOP leader Robert Somers.

The Herald tends to favor election by majority vote, particularly under the Tar Heel arrangement whereby trailers must challenge the front runners.

The Herald would also be first to admit to some ambiguities.

General election results are determined on plurality, in event there are more than two candidates for office. That, of course, is unlikely to happen in North Carolina where filing deadline for state office is in late March. But it could.

Then there's the instance of the presidency of the United States—where a majority is required, not from the people, but from members of the electoral college. In absence of a majority for any candidate, election of a president becomes the province of the U. S. House of Representatives.

Confusing perhaps, but Tar Heels go to the polls in second primaries on June 1.

**Quarter-Loaf**

To a hungry man a half-loaf is better than no loaf at all and it can be assumed same applies for a quarter-loaf.

That's about what the East Kings Mountain residents, who reside in Gaston county, got from the Gaston Board of Education Monday night on their petition for an election to vote themselves into the Kings Mountain school district.

1) The petition for election was denied with a lone dissenting vote, but

2) The petitioners were invited to apply for release of their children to the Kings Mountain school district not later than 15 days from receipt of school assignments, and

3) A study committee was appointed to work with a similar committee from the East Kings Mountain citizens group to seek a solution by the 1969-70 term.

The tenor of comment of Gaston board members indicate the releases will be granted, meaning the group will not be required to seek relief in the courts as in the past two years.

Gaston board member David R. Mauney, of Cherryville, urged appointment of the study committee on the simple but valid grounds that "our job is to do what's best for the children". Mr. Mauney saw no sensible point, he said, to hauling children several miles daily to school when another — even though out-of-district, is within two blocks.

There remains the problem of these folk paying school taxes in Gaston county plus a tuition fee in Kings Mountain. They have sought relief and the Herald hopes the Kings Mountain board of education will see fit to grant relief, partially, at the least.

Attorneys for the Gaston board posed all kinds of legal roadblocks to the petition to vote.

It was apparent, however, that the principal fear of loss of school territory was a loss of tax base and the concurrent fear that others would return for disincorporation at future dates.

The Gaston board did not fathom Mayor John Henry Moss' quite valid point that the effect of denying its fringe area people in East Kings Mountain inclusion in the Kings Mountain school district will have the opposite. Majority of the adjacent territory is zoned for residential development.

Parental questions about schools will tend to stifle residential expansion in the eastern area.

**We Vote Poorly**

In the recent primaries on May 4, only 1566 citizens of the two Kings Mountain precincts (over 3400 registered) bothered to vote. That includes both Democrats and Republicans.

Yet Kings Mountain's percentage compared with the rest of Cleveland County.

This was in spite of "long" ballots for both county and state offices, usually productive of more votes.

In contrast, Kings Mountain, more than 2300 votes have been cast in a municipal election, where potential does not include outside city folk included on the county registration books.

Increasing the vote total is the apparent aim of North Carolina Democrats in revising their organization and doubling the size of precinct committees from five members to ten.

Some regard voting as a duty, others as a prerogative.

Certainly voting is a citizen's right and privilege.

If he wants to stay home or go fishing, he can, and from local vote totals, he does.

Congratulations to Heidi Kopruich and John C. Parker, Jr., winners of college scholarships given by Foote Mineral Company.

North Carolina's highway death toll, to date, is heavier than last. There seems to be no defense against the heavy foot on the accelerator more than chance-taking driver.

**The By-Pass Project**

It is safe to assume that Division Highway Commissioner W. B. Garrison did not expect to navigate the US 74 by-pass and escape the King street delays before his term as commissioner expires June 30, 1969.

Such point was made by Assistant Administrator Billy Ross in comments on the letter in which Comm. Garrison said he wanted the 7.3 mile Kings Mountain project reactivated.

Since Mr. Ross said the project had never been deactivated, maybe Mr. Garrison meant "unshelved".

At any rate, Comm. Garrison wants an early start on the job at hand.

"If ever there was a town or city that needed by-passing, Kings Mountain is the one," Comm. Garrison declared.

Kings Mountain citizens will agree.

Congratulations to Rusty Carpenter, new Eagle Scout.

Best wishes to Charles A. Neisler and James B. Harry, who have accepted key jobs in the hospital fund-raising drive.

**Viewpoints of Other Editors**

**FIELD MUSICIANS**

There is no bird to compare with the bobolink. When meadow grasses are heading and golden-hearted daisies star the green carpet, bobolinks pour forth bubbling, rollicking music. Notes tumble forth so rapidly one scarcely can follow them. The spirit of true spring is in the music. It is joyful with the gladness of new life. It is part of the basic goodness and heart lift of a new season.

The male is a handsome fellow with a black head, mustard-yellow neck, cream buff hues on his back, and a patch of white on his shoulders. The males arrive a week or two ahead of the females, and it is after the latter arrive that the exuberant music begins. Across the fields and meadows the males dash hither and yon, pouring out torrents of song. Sometimes when a male is courting his lady love, he lights on the ground, spreads his tail, and drags it in the manner of a pigeon.

The nest is usually on the ground, well concealed in grasses with four or five grayish eggs streaked with brown. When house-keeping time arrives the male stands guard. After the eggs hatch, this harlequin of the meadows does his full share in providing crickets, bugs and other food. But now the bobolinks are filled with the joy of the season. In irrepressible, gleeful notes, the daisified musicians are part of the life surge of a new season. —Hartford Courant

**THE ROOSTER ALSO CROWETH**

At this time of year families are holding kitchen table conferences to decide vacation plans. But 20,000 households in the arc of cities from Boston to Manhattan will escape the emotional state of the annual debate — they've become vacation homeowners in Vermont.

They're important in that state. Their vacation properties are valued at \$215 million, just edging out farm holdings worth \$214 million, and the rate of growth is expected to double in the next decade.

The predominantly rural population (240,000, versus 150,000 urban in the last census) looks askance at the influx of city folk and their impact on the character and resources of the state.

But the rural rooster can do some crowing of his own. Another vacation trend is under way which already is taking hold in Vermont—the farm vacation.

The city-born and city-raised enjoy the change from asphalt playgrounds to pastures, from pigeons and jaded, untouchable zoo beasts to pottable barnyard kittens and cows.

Last year 100,000 city people stayed at 35,000 United States farms. They found the old-fashioned, open-cookie-jar hospitality probably the least expensive vacation next to camping or staying at home. Still the United States Department of Agriculture estimates they spent several million dollars. This supplemental income for farmers who take summer guests is expected to triple by 1970.

The thrifty Vermonter can thus take some comfort in the longing glances city folk are giving his green mountains and valleys. —Christian Science Monitor

**Winston's Anti-Poverty Plans Set An Example For Others**

The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. of Winston-Salem has given that city \$1 million as seed money for a powerful, privately-financed drive against poverty.

The step is unique and the same can be expected from the results.

Mayor M. C. Benton said the money, to come to the city in three annual installments, would be used to form a Winston-Salem Urban Coalition to bring the city's best white and Negro leadership together for an attack on bad housing, unemployment and bad education.

A lot of cities are operating anti-poverty programs, Charlotte among them. Few have obtained the kind of community involvement that exists in Winston-Salem, involvement that was stepped up sharply after the city had a major civil disorder last fall.

**MANY AT WORK**

Even before Reynolds, the city's major industry, made the grant as an expression of faith in the city's future and of concern about present conditions, other leading citizens and businesses were involved in job-training programs in providing special job opportunities to underprivileged and in making other efforts to raise the standard of living for much of the population.

Mayor Benton made the announcement of the Reynolds' gift at a time when several thousand National Guardsmen were standing guard against rioters and looters in several North Carolina cities, when hundreds of thousands of North Carolina's urban residents were under curfew restrictions.

Winston-Salem was calm, no disorder, no Guardsmen. Many attribute the difference there during the past week to the scope and sincerity of efforts to rid an entire community of the blight of poverty, of the waste of racial discrimination.

Whatever the reason, Winston-Salem and its industrial leaders are setting an example for North Carolinians.

Our suggestion last October that Charlotte could use its own Urban Coalition brought an opinion from Mayor Stan R. Brookshire that the city had a sufficient number of programs underway to meet our needs. Nationally, an Urban Coalition (now headed by former Health, Education and Welfare Secretary John W. Gardner) was formed following last summer's urban violence in an effort to bring together top public and private minds and resources to work on the problems.

**SETS PRECEDENT**

Winston-Salem becomes the first North Carolina city and one of the first in the nation to form and finance its own local Urban Coalition. The difference between Winston-Salem and Charlotte (in addition to the \$1 million gift) is involvement of all levels of community leadership in the broad anti-poverty effort.

Charlotte has done much, and much of the leadership for the accomplishments has come from City Hall and specifically from Mayor Brookshire in recent years. This is especially the case in race relations; some results of that work surely contributed to relatively low level of disturbances here in the past week.

But, publicly and privately, there is too prevalent an attitude among much of Charlotte's business and industrial leadership to

**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.

Grover high school will award diplomas to 20 seniors in commencement exercises Thursday at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

Commencement exercises for 27 Bethware high school seniors will begin Sunday night with the baccalaureate sermon to be delivered by Rev. Norman F. Brown, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist church.

Candidates were stirring this week, with voting day in the biennial Democratic Primary only 10 days away.

**SOCIAL AND PERSONAL**

Marriage vows were exchanged between Miss Shirley Elizabeth Arthur and Dr. Robert Eugene Kinneman, Jr. Saturday evening in an eight o'clock formal wedding in First Presbyterian church.

leave it all to City Hall.

Nearly two years have passed, for example, since the federal commitment for an additional 1,000 units of public housing here. So far, not even a site for part of the 1,000 units has been formally selected. Privately built, low-cost housing also is desperately needed. And the need is recognized by city government. Only one project is actually under construction.

**NEED MAJOR EFFORT**

Government, no matter how hard its leaders try, can't solve all the urban problems alone. In Charlotte, a concerted, organized effort to bring the total resources of private industry into the fray is missing. So is the sort of leadership which could result in something like a \$1 million gift to spur this city to greater heights of achievement. —The Charlotte Observer

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Although Jeff's pace has slowed down somewhat, he still keeps busy helping the city and worthwhile organizations. A habit of his is to start each day out with a prayer in which he says, "I ask God for humility, compassion and guidance during this day." He told the people of his organization, "Everyone is looking for a short cut in life. There is none. If you people here think that work is a pleasure, you will have a lot of fun in this organization." Jeff believes that the word "can't" is a myth whose real name is "won't". He has learned that all too many people make excuses regarding their background or what they call lack of opportunity, when in reality, they are simply looking for an excuse.

One of the real missions in the life of Thomas Jefferson Miley is to help the physically handicapped. He has had firsthand experience with this because his son, Tom, Jr. became paralyzed from the waist down during World War II. Now the father through his wide business contacts has found jobs for more than 500 disabled persons. For this, he has received the thanks not only of the crippled themselves but from grateful public officials and heads of hospitals

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**SO THIS IS NEW YORK**

In the Traffic Club of New York I had lunch with Andy Anderson and Thomas Jefferson Miley, two of New York's most genial and active men in the estimation of their many friends. Andy retired a few years ago as General Traffic Manager of Mobil Oil Company and once was president of the Traffic Club, an attractive place on Vanderbilt Avenue. But like many other dynamic personalities, Andy didn't really retire but now spends his time between work for the Transportation Association of America and seeing and cheering his many friends. He is one of those rare people with a ready smile and a hearty handshake that make you feel he means both.

By NORTH CALLAHAN

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