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MARTIN'S MEDICINE

In spite of the millions who see baseball each summer, basketball in winter, football in the fall, and play golf in the snow, the experts say that neither of these is the nation's most popular sport. Some contend the "most popular" title is a dead heat between hunting and fishing.

If everyone is in sports activity to my neighbor Burgin Falls, Policeman Lem Beatty and many other Kings Mountain citizens, the title must go to fishing.

Burgin is semi-retired, but still occasionally breaks out his trowel to do a master artisan's masonry job. Those who know him understand the job is not to interfere with Burgin's fishing.

A few years ago, Burgin was working on the little amphitheatre at the veteran's section of Mountain Rest cemetery. The Mayor took me over for a look. He teased, "Burgin, you gotta speed up. This has got to be ready for Memorial Day. We're having a special program." Burgin replied ruefully, "It'll be ready."

The Mayor was back just a few days before Memorial Day and it was apparent Burgin would have to be working "round the clock" if the deadline were to be met.

"Hey, Burgin," John Henry said, "you said this job would be ready for Memorial Day. You're sure gonna have to hurry."

"Sure, John," Burgin replied grinning. "I told you it's been ready by Memorial Day. I just didn't tell you which one."

All true fishermen brag about their catches. Recently Burgin, Lem Beatty, Bun Gotorth and Dave Saunders invaded Lake Wylie, returned with 124 crappie.

"Put that in the paper," said Burgin. "I want ole Joe Lee Woodward to see it." Joe, of course, is one of the best fishermen around.

Next day after the big catch, Burgin, Lem and Bun returned to Lake Wylie, this time only brought back 84.

"Poor Dave," Burgin commented. "He didn't go with us and carried Skimp Stowe to another spot. They didn't catch but three."

Herald typist Allen Myers is another devoted to the fishing line. A few months ago we'd had a rough all-night run at the Herald. Allen, dirty and tired to the bone went home shortly after dawn, showered and breakfasted and went to bed. He tossed and turned but sleep would not come. He was about ready to quit trying and get out of bed when he suddenly thought about fishing. Says Allen, "That was the last I knew for nine hours."

Most would think the busy doctor could never find time to fish unless he were away from the telephone far afield from his patients. Not so with Dr. Paul Hendricks. At one time Paul was getting about town in a station wagon but the extra hauling space a wagon provides was not being used to haul medical tools. The whole backside was filled with fishing gear, rod and reel, lures, line and other Isaac Walton implements. A free half-hour found Paul's wagon headed for the city lake.

Marriott Phifer, more hunter than fisher, is also a horse devotee. I was noting his increase in girth recently and he replied he'd been getting in more riding lately and that he had been able to pull in his belt by jogging just right," said Marriott, "and she'll melt it off of you."

Ollie Harris is a fisherman, too, though the current fishing is not for crappie or bass, but for votes. A combination of politicking and dieting has pared 20 pounds off the Harris frame. Ollie's diet is of the cornfield, rather than professional, variety. "Somebody told me," Ollie says, to eat nothing white: no white bread, no white potato, no milk, no white macaroni, and no white pastry. It works."

Wishful Thinking

WANTED
 AT LEAST ONE FEMALE CANDIDATE TO
 OPPOSE EVERY MALE CANDIDATE RUNNING
 FOR LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL OFFICES
 — WOMEN'S LIBERATION MOVEMENT

Henry McCann

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Viewpoints of Other Editors

SEMANTICS AND THE WAR

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"Vietnamization merely changes the nature of the conflict; it does not resolve political differences; it does not halt the loss of life; and it perpetuates the very political instability which dragged us into Vietnam initially," the Senator went on. "The war continues now, and unless this amendment is passed, the war will go on with no definite end in sight."

Just how continuing essentially the same policy with a public terminal date would get to the political roots of the conflict and end the loss of life even by the Vietnamese themselves the Senator didn't much discuss, except for the suggestion that a public withdrawal deadline might change the "intransigent" attitude of "Thieu and his clique in Saigon. Since he did not explain what it would do to the intransigence of the Communists, it is not clear to us how this would end the fighting and death.

The amendment could conceivably advance one scenario, however, that would in fact guarantee an end to the war: If it causes the Saigon government to collapse, allows the Communists to put an end to all "political instability" and impose peace in South Vietnam as their ideological cousins have imposed peace in Hungary and Czechoslovakia.

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All of which leaves us more than a little confused by the kind of talk that suggests the Administration's Vietnamization policy is worthless because it won't stop Vietnamese deaths as well as American ones, and at the same time proposes a policy of doing all the same things but with a public date for the last American withdrawal under the label "an amendment to end the war."

SEABED REGULATION

Who owns the oceans, and who is going to exploit them? The much-argued sinking of nerve-gas containers 282 miles off Cape Kennedy is the small item stirring the larger controversy. The problem of how nations shall parcel out the world's greatest unexploited frontier — the ocean floor — is complicated. Sen. Claiborne Pell of Rhode Island believes it will be one of the great issues of the 1970's.

A United Nations convention in 1964 extended national sovereignty over the continental shelf — or submerged coastal lands — to a depth of 656 feet. It also would allow exploitation of resources as far as the water depth "admits" — which could mean further and further out as undersea technology develops.

The end result could be the "Balkanization" of the ocean into separate national domains. There needs to be worldwide agreement on sovereignty — and an international agency to regulate exploitation of the seas. The United States has submitted to a UN committee in Geneva a proposal to give the developing countries a substantial part of the money made from exploiting the ocean's mineral sources.

So far, no exploitation agreement has been nailed down. But highly skilled uses of the ocean — mining, fishing, farming — are in the offing. Offshore oil already provides 15 percent of the world's petroleum. Anarchy or agreement: that's the ultimate seabed choice.

BULGING BANKS

Amid today's many economic uncertainties, there is one outstanding example of extraordinary prosperity in the United States. This is the fact that, during the second quarter of this year, the American people were saving money at the astronomical rate of nearly \$52 billion yearly. This means that they were putting away some 7 1/2 percent of their disposable personal income.

Such savings can tell us a number of important things about both the present and the future. It tells us, first, that because of today's economic uncertainties people are preferring, at a record-breaking rate, to put money by, rather than to spend it. But it also tells us that, once confidence has returned, there will be stupendous sums ready to gush forth into everything from hair ribbons to houseboats.

Unlike previous economic setbacks or downslides, when savings dwindled, it now seems possible that the opposite is happening. While, unhappily, many families are being forced to call upon their savings to tide them over joblessness, it could be that the bank holding of the average individual is actually rising. This is, of course, a measure of the astounding prosperity which still exists in the United States.

Just a short seven years ago, the American people were saving money at the rate of \$19.9 billion a year, while in 1969 the total savings came to \$37.6 billion. For the first two quarters of this year the rate had risen to \$48.2 billion yearly. If this year's increase of the second half over the first equals that of 1969, the amount put into savings during 1970 could come to a monument at \$60 billion. This equals some \$3,000 for every man, woman, and child in America.

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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For the upright shall dwell in the land, and the perfect shall remain in it. Proverbs 2:21.

Desire and Work

When desire is translated into work, it can produce rather amazing results and the examples are legend.

The amazing New York Mets of 1969, consigned by all of the experts, including the gamblers to another last-place finish, the amazing Mets won in their division, their league, and walked off with the World Series.

There have been many all-American football players who had much less talent that many should-be all-Americans who never got off the ground.

A clarinet instructor laughed when one of his students waxed discouraged and remarked, "Maybe I just don't have the talent to play the clarinet." The instructor replied, "Son, playing any musical instrument is just about 90 percent talent and 90 percent work. And just about everybody has that ten percent part."

The folk over at the Jobs 70 building next door to the Herald had a prime case in point.

A Negro woman had enrolled in the training program. On Sunday morning, her brother died suddenly of a heart attack in the hall of her home. Monday morning she was at the Jobs 70 building at the appointed hour. Why had she come, in view of the death of her brother? She didn't, she replied, want to be cashiered out of the program due to absence.

This may be an isolated incident.

However, a much lesser degree of desire and work will be productive of the desired end results of this federally financed training program for the disadvantaged—those too unlettered and too unskilled to obtain employment.

We Goofed

Good newspapers pride themselves on accuracy, both as to facts and typography, and the Herald likes to think it is among the "good newspaper" fraternity.

Before World War II, the Christian Science Monitor boasted that one could never find a typographical error in the Monitor and one couldn't. The boast had to be removed after the war began because good proof readers were scarce like hen's teeth. While the boast has never resumed, the Monitor remains among the best edited newspapers in the world.

Others cannot say as much. Punctate machine operation has played havoc with accuracy for many of the dailies of top repute, including the Charlotte Observer, daily accompaniment to the morning coffee and the New York Times.

But the Herald's prime goof of last week was a real one. A lady who had supplied some information about her new pastor at Second Baptist church came in to relate the Herald had made a slight error. The Herald report put Rev. Eugene Land, not in the pulpit of Second Baptist but at Temple Baptist.

"We'll correct it and call Mr. Land personally and apologize," the lady was told.

Another staffer quipped, "Looks like we better call Rev. Frank Shirley first. We ran him off mighty fast!" The Herald owes the two apologies and herewith makes them.

Bon mot from Bill Bates, Kings Mountain high school football coach: "A trouble-maker very often becomes a top football player. He hits out his hostilities on the football field."

William A. Mason

One of his confreres of the Gaston County bar association was commenting on the bizarre circumstance of Judge William A. Mason's fatal heart attack while under the wheel of his car. The attack apparently occurred immediately after Judge Mason started the car, placed the gear in reverse and depressed the accelerator. The car hit a station wagon behind and knocked it into another car.

The lawyer said it was considered lucky none was hurt.

"That would have been the last thing Bill would have wanted," the Gastonia lawyer said. "He didn't want to hurt anybody."

The statement adequately described the kind, mild-mannered Bill Mason, the Belmont lawyer who was a 27th district judge who had been reared in Kings Mountain in the twenties when his father headed the former Mason Mill, now Mauney Mills, Inc.

Older citizens remember then-young Mason as a mild-mannered high school athlete who excelled in football and went on to play end for Davidson College.

Judge Mason, who got his legal training at Duke Law school, was for many years judge of Belmont Records Court. He ran sixth for the five nominations for district judge and was subsequently appointed when one member resigned.

His service was marked by the same mild-mannered kindness that he had exhibited all his life.

Judge Mason and his ruleful smile has departed us and will be missed.

A Retirement

A longtime friend of a host of Cleveland County folk has retired.

She is Mrs. Clara Newman, for more than twenty years clerk to the Cleveland County Selective Service board, a position hardly designed to win friends.

But Mrs. Newman did. She administered her work in this most sensitive field fairly and impartially, but with sympathy for the lad her board was sending up for induction into the armed forces, for his family, and for his employer.

On one occasion, a key Herald employee was notified he was to report for induction ten days hence. The editor called her and suggested the minimum notice in advance was three weeks.

"No," she replied, "the law specifies ten days."

"I'm embarrassed to ask," the editor continued, "but would it be possible for this young man to obtain a 30-day deferment. He needs the time to get his affairs in order and we need the time to obtain a replacement."

She explained that decision was a board matter, not hers, but that she would be glad to recommend it.

The 30-day deferment was granted, and it was much appreciated by all concerned.

It was one sample of her sympathetic approach which made Mrs. Newman as popular a draft board clerk as there was.

Mrs. Newman will be missed by her many "constituents" and it is to be hoped the selective service board will be able to replace her with a person of like kind.

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