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**TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE**  
*To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1*

**MARTIN'S MEDICINE**

By MARTIN HARMON

"I been working on the rail road..."

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But not like Papa used to do.

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Southern Railway's maintenance crew treated the sidewalk engineers with a good show last week as they replaced the east track through Kings Mountain.

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Big machinery did the job in short order. The front machine carried the long steel replacement rails and provided living quarters for the old rails which went back to the yard for re-casting into new models. The middle machine pushed the front one and pulled the ones behind providing air for jack-hammers, their head tools wizards at pulling the old spikes out. The new rails, incidentally, are a quarter-mile long.

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One machine had a rotating rake, arranging the tie supporting gravel just right. My neighbor, Clarence Poieat, almost got machine-gunned. He was sitting on the rail near the track, which was a bit too close. Suddenly, his hands were front-face, fighting off gravel pellets.

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The operation irated some motorists who found crossings closed. But for those who stopped to watch, the short inconvenience was worth it.

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In the mail yesterday I had a request from a Cleveland, Ohio, citizen, Mr. Michael J. Crosser, seeking a source of county property maps. I routed him to County Tax Supervisor Bob Gidney, told him my 1886 model would be a little out-of-date, and passed on Mayor John Henry Moss's suggestion: If he needs to come down for a look, hitch a ride on an Alcan Aluminum plane.

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Bob Lovelace, the sometimes Kings Mountain restaurateur, turns up in the strangest places. This time his address is Willobro Ecuador Company, Apartado 144 A. Quito, Ecuador, S. A. (I observe the Ecuadorians have not gone zip code.)

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He writes: A "few lines to say hello and to subscribe to the Kings Mountain Herald. I am in Ecuador, S. A. Do you think that the Herald can find its way down here, and if so how much will it cost? Check the rates for air mail and start sending the Herald. It shouldn't cost but about 25c an edition, a letter costs only 15c, but I will absorb all mailing costs plus subscription and will have a check in the mail as soon as I hear from you.

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"How are things in Kings Mountain? This is one reason I want the Herald, so I can keep up with all my drinking buddies (Ha). As for here, the temperature stays about 70 degrees the year round though we have been working recently in the mountains about 13,000 feet above sea level and have had two good snows, but we are decreasing our altitude and the climate is getting warmer. We're getting a lot of rain.

"I would like to send you some pictures of Ecuador and comment on them although I am not a writer. You could spice them up a little.

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Linda Biser Behrens writes from Washington she thinks she's not a friend of mine named Frank Holeman. Well, Linda, if he's my friend Holeman, he is six feet seven inches, a big Adam's apple, and a deep bass voice. His accent is native Raleigh.

**A Tree That Grew**

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**Patti Completes Missile Course**  
 REDSTONE ARSENAL, ALA. (AHTNC) — Army Private First Class Charles P. Patti, 26 son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Patti, Florida Ave., Bessemer City, N. C., on Feb. 12 completed a 33-week Nike Missile Test equipment repair course at the Army Missile and Munitions Center and School, Redstone Arsenal, Ala.  
 He became familiar with all test equipment used for the Nike Missile and also learned how to check and replace faulty components in the equipment.  
 He entered the Army in February 1970 and completed training at Ft. Bragg, N. C.  
 He is a 1962 graduate of Bessemer City High school.

**Ellerbe Wilson Griffin**

Ellerbe Wilson Griffin, native of Union County, was a business citizen of Kings Mountain for more than a half-century.

When he came to Kings Mountain the mercantile business was more leisurely, but the hours were long. The drug branch of retailing had longer hours than most.

The drug store was a natural gathering place, for youngsters drooling over the soda fountain goodies, for their fathers Coke and conversation in the evenings and before Sunday School hours, in the winter around Griffin's cheery pot-bellied stove.

Mr. Griffin was the cheery host.

Mr. Griffin was much more than that, an out-going man and a most accommodating one. Older folk say Mr. Griffin was somewhat a journeyman veterinarian, always happy to serve when a friend's stock or pet was in trouble.

Mr. Griffin was a yesterday "young Turk" as a city commissioner, serving on the board which built the York Road reservoir and Deal street filter treatment over heavy opposition from some citizens. This supply didn't prove sufficient for a growing community as long as Mr. Griffin and his fellows thought it would but it ended abortive and wasteful efforts to serve a growing community with wells.

Mr. Griffin was a hard worker, firm Baptist, fine husband and father. Good citizen.

**Pentagon Publicity**

Columbia Broadcasting System rebroadcast its "special" on Pentagon publicity Monday night, together with up-to-date clips on reaction by officials.

It was anybody's guess what the cost is, said CBS.

Pentagon supporters thought it good business to provide informational junkets to army and marine posts and navy yards for big-wigs and little-wigs.

Pentagon supporters disagreed.

It has long been service policy to appear in parades at public events, but the doves in the Viet Nam situation rather dislike the colonel's brigade spending its time propagandizing for continued presence of the United States in Southeast Asia.

Wednesday night's newspapers detailed a somewhat painful story: the South Vietnamese, run out of Laos in spite of heavy US air support, can't make it.

**Whoa, Here!**

Who, me?

The Kings Mountain newspaper (Herald) had no intention of, nor idea it was, starting a war with its journalistic neighbor to the east (The Gastonia Gazette) in its reportorial and editorial treatment of the wrist-slapping the city got from the accounting supervisor of the North Carolina Local Government Commission Paul E. Pyles.

Mr. Pyles, as priorly reported, called attention to deficits shown last June 30, end of the fiscal year, in five accounts, three utility accounts totaling \$17,738 and two accounts representing federal government rebates which Uncle Sam had not, but has since, paid.

The Kings Mountain newspaper (Herald) does not know who developed The Gastonia newspaper's (Gazette's) initial story, which appeared Monday, March 15. The story bore a Raleigh date-line, no byline.

The Gastonia newspaper (Gazette) will be reminded that the audit report was published in the Kings Mountain newspaper (Herald) on January 14.

The much-maligned general fund over-spending by \$103,614 still showed no deficit.

Why the Gastonia newspaper (Gazette) attacked the Kings Mountain newspaper (Herald) until light dawned in re-reading Paragraph 3 of the editorial, which read:

"Our reporting was accurate. It's just that some people don't want their wash hung out on the line for everyone to see."

Who's wash?

Not that of the Kings Mountain newspaper (Herald) nor that of the Gastonia newspaper (Gazette).

The accuracy bit stung, huh, which was not the inference at all.

It just happens that the Kings Mountain newspaper (Herald) reporter talked with Mr. Pyles, too, subsequent to the publication of the third news story in the Gastonia newspaper (Gazette).

The Kings Mountain newspaper (Herald) prides itself on accurate reporting too.

The Gastonia newspaper (Gazette) should know. It has employed enough of the graduates of the Kings Mountain newspaper (Herald).

Come off it, Gastonia Gazette Editor Bill Williams. Next time give the Herald a little publicity.

Congratulations to Otis Falls, Jr., on his award by the North Carolina Council of the International Reading Association.

**Thomas E. Dewey**

Thomas E. Dewey, who died last week, will be chiefly remembered as the man who went to bed President-elect of the United States and awakened an also-ran.

He was the victim of a much-maligned incumbent President's political astuteness and appeal to the so-called common man and two major mistakes of Mr. Dewey's own: over-confidence and an unfortunate remark that sent the Brotherhood of Railwaymen into Mr. Truman's camp in droves.

He should be remembered for much more than that.

As a courageous district attorney he poindared and jailed some of the nation's most notorious gangsters and he made a highly efficient Governor of New York.

Perhaps more important, he never exhibited any bitterness at his two defeats for the presidency, contented himself with the backstage in politics and in running a highly successful New York law firm.

**Exit Frankie**

Frank Sinatra has announced he is retiring from stage, television, and motion pictures, an unhappy announcement, certainly for middle-agers who remember his "coming up" as a vocalist with Harry James and the late Tommy Dorsey and, after a decline, his comeback as an Oscar winner in "From Here to Eternity".

Still popular at 55, it can be assumed Sinatra has been getting through some of the younger crowds, too.

He said he was going to spend his time with family and friends and maybe do a little writing.

Autobiographical, yes? It oughta be good.

A best bow to Anne Finger and Karla Smith who will represent American Legion Auxiliary Post 155 at annual Girls' State.

**TV RESPONSIBILITY**

"If people are continuously exposed to a recitation of the troubles of a democratic community, but less continuously reminded of its unity, if they are so frequently told that this is wrong and that is wrong... is there not some danger that in the end some may conclude that as a method of reaching political decisions, democracy does not seem to work very well, that maybe there is something wrong with a system so productive of abuses? How much of this wear and tear is democracy expected to take?"

The speaker was Sir Robert Fraser, who recently retired as head of Britain's Independent Television Authority, which supervises commercial television there. His statement recalled a paragraph in the report of our own crime commission:

"Even if he rhetoric of revolution and vilification of governmental authority is never translated into deed, the constant exhortation of America's institutions and leaders may destroy their legitimacy in the eyes of other segments of society."

One more quote — again from Sir Robert Fraser: "One may be disposed to think that serious questions for the future of society arise from the assumption by television of this new role of news giver, documenter and evaluator. And finds oneself in no doubt of the answer to the question whether in this respect television is a conservator of old political and social values of a solvent of them."

Some 69 percent of us depend upon television as our chief source of news, which underlines the tremendous responsibility of television newsmen and editors. Objectivity in news presentation and balance in commentary are not just goals to be sought after they are absolute imperatives. The newsmen's own freedom, as well as the audience's may eventually depend upon how diligently they discharge their responsibility.

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**VIEWPOINTS OF OTHER EDITORS**

**FEBRUARY IN CAROLINA**

February is the last cold, dark hour before dawn when the long dormant things of nature begin to stir even so slightly in the frozen earth. It is the groundhog legend and hopes of an early spring. Often it is snow, ice, raw, premature March winds, and an occasional unseasonal warm spring day.

February is the end of mid-term exams in schools and colleges and the beginning of the new semester. It is Saint Valentine's Day and the annual observance of Washington and Lincoln's birthdays, reviving memories of the virtues which made these two Americans great. It is for many a time for long indoor sessions with good books, stereo music, TV programs, spring seed catalogs or income tax form, while winter wind howl like hungry wolves around the eaves of the house outside or the rain or snow pelts down.

It is that time in dark winter when all nature seems poised and waiting for the end of the year's shortest month and the first faint signs of the approaching miracle of spring.

February is often a ficke combination of January and March. Its weather betimes is the most rugged of the winter. But again, it sometimes gives us mild sunny days that are ideal for trimming fruit trees, grapevines and shrubbery, cleaning out the garage, or doing other outdoor chores and odd jobs around the house.

But while we cough, sneeze and shiver through its rugged days, we reflect that the best thing about February is its brevity and the promise this signifies.

For just before dawn lies the splendor of the new breaking day.

**Winston Salem Journal**

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