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MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON
A 7:05 a.m. Monday intersection joust between cars driven by James Oliver Tate, of 222 Waco Road, and Marcus Byrd Roberts, of Grover, created some fun, of sorts, in my section of town.



Viewpoints of Other Editors

HOMES FOR MIDDLE AMERICA

Many middle income families, representing a vast taxpaying segment of our society too often neglected when it comes to the return of their taxes in the form of governmental services, are now eligible for new and meaningful federal help in the purchase of homes for their own.

USES OF THE RIVER

While the Interior Department is studying the feasibility of a new federal recreation area along the Mississippi River, the U. S. Engineers are studying the deepening of the river's channel from 9 to 12 feet along Missouri and Illinois, to accommodate bigger barges.

A POSTMAN KNOCKS

A postman in La Puente, Calif., is in some trouble, so we understand, for obstructing the work of the local dog catcher.

KINGS MOUNTAIN

Hospital Log VISITING HOURS

Daily 10:30 to 11:30 A.M. 3 to 4 P.M. and 7 to 8 P.M.

- Robert Barette, Joseph T. Altman, Burman C. Bryant, Mrs. Claude M. Arrowood, Mrs. Mae H. Brymer, Willie T. Carter, William K. Carroll, William M. Clark, Hubert G. Clemmons, Mrs. Mattie Eunice Davis, Mrs. Floyd Dover, Mrs. Clementine Paris, Mrs. Leola B. Gilmore, Mrs. Willard Lee Glance, John D. Harris, Floyd F. Herndon, Paul A. Howard, Sr., Mrs. O. O. Jackson, Mrs. Wilhelmina P. Jennings, Otto McKinley Johnson, Mrs. Leroy Kale, Mrs. Ozell W. Mauney, Mrs. Roy Morrison, Mrs. Lalah D. Page, Roosevelt Rainey, Mrs. Marie H. Ramsey, Mrs. Robert Franklin Sides, Mrs. Leslie B. Sprouse, Mrs. Janie S. Spurling, Samuel Williams, Jr., Martin L. Wilson, Sr., Tom Wright, George Donald Wyatt, Mrs. Margaret Connie Wylie.

ADMITTED THURSDAY

Mrs. Lizzie G. Bales, 412 Cloninger Street, City; Mrs. Fredrick E. Carter, Route 4, York, S. C.; Mrs. Jerry Conner, Route 3, Box 223, City; Donald Gene Edmondson, 5203 Spring Lane, Suburban A, Shelby.

ADMITTED FRIDAY

Mrs. Ate's Boone, 209 N. City Street, City

ADMITTED SATURDAY
Rita Lynne Brooks, 1209 Poston Circle, Gastonia; Lisa M. Clay, 805 Hwy. 161, Bessemer City; Mrs. Virginia Lutz Johnson, Route 3, Box 283C, City; Hunter W. Taylor, Route 3, Clover, S. C.

ADMITTED SUNDAY
L.C. Myers, 26 Elm Street, City; Mrs. Mae Love Green, Route 4, Bessemer City; William W. Sutherland, 911 First Street, City; Mrs. Shirley Gandy, 645 Separk Circle, Gastonia; Mrs. Raymond Garris, 310 Water Street, City; Lillie Mae Hinson, 210 Orr Terrace, City; Suprina Beatrice Lee, 1106 Sp.ncer, Gastonia; Mrs. Johnny A. McClain, 713 W. Rankin Avenue, Gast.; William Clyde Short, Short Road.

ADMITTED MONDAY
Mrs. Bert E. Shick, 101 N. Dalton Street, Gastonia; James Henry Baker, Route 2, Clover, S. C.; Mrs. Ronnie D. Putnam, 406 W. Gaston Ave., Bessemer City; Mrs. W. K. McGill, 404 Bethel Street, Clover, S. C.; Mrs. Roy A. Broome, 417 E. Georgia Ave., Bessemer City; Mrs. Thomas H. Goforth, Route 1, Box 116, Grover; Mrs. Iva G. Latham, 815 W. Mountain Street, City; Mrs. James E. Roberts, 1510 Beechwood Drive, Gast.; Mrs. Roy M. Ruff, 206 Maner Road; Paul Lee Rappe, 403 Hill Street; William Lee Sanders, 509 Monroe Avenue, City; Henry Lee Spriggs, Route 2, Bessemer City.

TERRA ISN'T FIRMA

When preachers and politicians warn us from pulpit and podium that our nation is drifting, their social analysis may be subject to question but their science is impecably precise. The North westward at the rate of slightly less than one-half inch a year, two government geologists recently reported.

Those alarmed to learn that terra isn't as firma as they thought may be consoled to know that things are moving at a more rapid pace elsewhere: India and Australia are racing north at the headlong speed of four inches a year.

It all began 200 million years ago, the scientists say, when the world's single huge continent was split in two by movements deep within the earth's crust. The splitting and drifting continued over the ages, resulting in the present alignment of six major land masses, most of them still looking for a place to settle down.

We leave to the mathematical-ly proficient the chore of figuring out how long it will be before California is contiguous to Hawaii contenting ourselves with the observation that East may be East and West may be West but sooner or later they won't be.

Knit-Picking

'Commission, Tax Office Violate State Statutes', read the headline, which read unprettily until the text of the story was perused.

The headline appeared in the Shelby Star and concerned a calldown by the chief of the North Carolina State of Assessment, D. R. Holbrook.

The statute requiring incomplete construction to go on the ad valorem tax books, based on percentage of completion value, is being violated, said Mr. Holbrook.

He also called attention to the fact that the county tax supervisor (in the Cleveland County situation R. M. Gidney) has no authority to change valuations after the county commission sits as a board of equalization and review.

There's no question about the county being in violation of the statute on putting incomplete construction on the tax books. It has been in violation historically.

There are several practical reasons therefor, not least among them the difficulty in determining percentage of completion — easy enough for professional builders or for firms employing architects, not so for many others.

From the standpoint of fairness, it would appear this yardstick is met. All have been treated alike for, Mr. Gidney says, a quarter century to his certain knowledge.

Mr. Gidney further contends that his office has not acted as a "super" board of equalization and review, that is, acting to change assessed valuations after the board has sat, but limiting changes to legally and practically correct matters of correcting clerical and listing errors.

Retention of the state statute on percentage completion listing might put a few more dollars into county coffers each year but a practical and fair approach would be for the General Assembly to repeal this statute.

It might be added that local government agency tax officials are not always satisfied with the figures supplied by Mr. Holbrook's state board of Assessment on public utilities, such as Duke Power Company, Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company, and others. They often wonder aloud whether additions to plant and equipment total as they should.

The Gold State

The state is to buy and develop the old Reed gold mine in Cabarrus County, which is thought to have produced more gold than any in North Carolina which, until the California strike, in 1848, was the leading gold producing state.

It reminds that the Kings Mountain Gold Mine produced a considerable amount of gold in its heyday. The late Jim Parker was a teamster working the shafts which he said ran from the York Road to Kings Mountain Cotton Oil Company.

Today the shafts are flooded and the principal contributions it has made in recent years is this water during periods of water shortage here.

It would seem credible that, with modern methods, the Kings Mountain mine could produce again.

Last effort was made in the mid-thirties by a family named Towery from Canada. The venture ended in tragedy, as the son touched a live electric wire and was killed.

Gubernatorial Veto

The Charlotte Observer, with some merit, criticizes the General Assembly for its declination to give the governor of the state the veto power, North Carolina holding the distinction of being a loner among the 50 of these United States.

Most particularly, says the Observer, is not promotion of gubernatorial vetoes, but an assist to the governor, whoever he may be, in forcing and suc-

Presidential Primary

Governor Bob Scott made a statement of support Monday and it now appears certain that North Carolina will join other states conducting presidential primaries quadrennially.

Initially a seeming "sure thing", the proposal to put North Carolina into the presidential primaries van was sputtering along toward defeat, and word emanating from the Governor's office indicated his opposition.

Whether true or not, the Scott statement apparently cleared the atmosphere for all signals "go".

Principal benefit of the presidential primaries is that they will bring to North Carolina leading candidates of all parties, exposing the candidates to the people and the people to the candidates.

That's the major one and there may be few more, except that the photographing of the campaigners will appear on television and in the newspapers.

From the standpoint of there being great impact on the nomination of candidates there won't be too much impact. The proposed law binds the delegates only on the first ballot.

Few candidates for presidential nominations win on the first one, unless he is an incumbent president, and, otherwise, if a candidate spread-eagles the field on the first, it makes little difference anyhow.

Primaries are expensive, like all forms of political warfare, and the campaign treasurers may find themselves weighing the question: is the exposure worth the money?

The candidates go to New Hampshire, because it is the first of the primaries and likely will honor North Carolina because of the state's 13 electoral votes.

But it will be recalled in 1956 that the late Senator Estes Kefauver, of Tennessee, was a great race-horse in the primaries, and that the best his fine performance did for him was to provide him second place on Adlai Stevenson's losing ticket.

And Mr. Kefauver almost didn't get second place, defeating a Senator named Jack Kennedy from Massachusetts by the proverbial nose.

Still Biennial

Recent action in the General Assembly appears to have buried for this session the recurring proposal to convene the General Assembly annually, rather than biennially.

It means, among other items, that Cleveland-Gaston district Senator Marshall Rauch has struck out for the third time in his efforts to obtain annual sessions.

Assuming the veteran senator from Gaston returns to Raleigh in 1973, it can be assumed also that he will go to the plate again in another attempt.

Point was made during the debate, following the state legislature rating report by a foundation study group, that North Carolina was down-graded because her legislature did not meet annually.

From the practical viewpoint, all the arguments are in favor of the position of Senator Rauch and his supporters. North Carolina is big business and no big business can adequately conduct its operations efficiently on such a long-range basis.

But results show that North Carolina and its biennial gatherings have fared well on performance.

The state is quite liquid financially and it is a "low tax" state, ranking about as low on the tax gathering list as on the list of the foundation observers who down-graded the Tar Heel state.

cessfully promoting legislation.

The declination points up two principal factors: 1) North Carolina's basic conservatism and 2) natural jealousy of the General Assembly of its powers, which a gubernatorial veto would tend to reduce.

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Water pressure was lowered immediately in houses on Mountain and the north-south streets served by the Mountain street line but it was shortly after 11 o'clock before the repairmen were able to shut off the area completely and proceed with the main job.

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M-antime, we were having a bit of fun at my house. Ben T. Goforth's crew, given an S.O.S. for the unpteenth time due to a clogged sewer line, arrived to perform the operation the doctor (Ben) had deferred before, but which he knew had to eventually. Dig up the line and replace it.

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There was a time when a newly developed plastic pipe was quite popular. It was cheap at 40 cents per foot, as compared to cast iron, about 90 cents, and defied puncture.

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When the water expired about 11:15, neighbor Anne's thought the stoppage stemmed from the work going on at our house. Incentive Anne got some needed water out of the hot water tank.

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There was other fun. My wife was brushing her teeth with the water went. I suggested she could wash out her toothpaste with milk. She had a better idea, melting the ice cubes from the refrigerator.

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Neighbor Clarence Poteat had been painting his porch. He used turpentine to remove the paint flcks on his arms, then went over to the gushing hydrant nearby to wash his arms.

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Mrs. Norman McGill confessed to some frustration. "I didn't get anything done today, I'd planned," she related. "Everything I'd planned required water."

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Man's small blessings are hardly small when they aren't available.

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It was Flag Day Monday, at Bethware School. As Principal E. J. Evans relates, the Old Glory flying had been in business for six years, was tattered, torn, and holed "like the battle flag we flew aboard my ship in World War II." Paying call one day, Jake Atkinson, high school principal, commented on the flag's motley state.

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The new federal subsidy program is an important step in the direction of keeping private home ownership within the reach of an average American family.

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The attempt was doomed from the start, but at least Mrs. Françoise Parturier scored a moral victory. Her purpose was to show that there is no reason why the academy should be monopolized by men when women have made

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Will we say that Bethware School then will be both ship-shape and sing-shape?

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