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MARTIN'S MEDICINE
 By MARTIN HARMON

I am indebted to Mrs. M. L. Houser for some added information about some Kings Mountain history of earlier days.

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In last week's column I wrote about the history of the buildings which have been razed by the Redevelopment Commission, among them the Willford Building, most recently the office of Dr. J. E. Anthony.

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Mrs. Houser says her father moved here about 1890 when she was a little girl and opened J. B. Rhyme's Shoe Store in that building. Beginning in 1896, Mr. Rhyme shared space with his wife, who operated a millinery shop. Another who shared space in the back portion of the building was a Mr. Myers, a German shoemaker. Mr. Myers not only repaired footwear but made heavy work shoes. Later Mr. Rhyme moved his store to S. Battleground Avenue, where his retailer neighbors were R. S. Sugg Drug Store, of the corner, Kiser-Mauney, D. M. Baker Hardware, Mauney Drug Store and Suber's Candy Kitchen. Sharing space was Coat McGinnis, grandfather of J. T. McGinnis, Jr. He was a harness-maker and kept very busy in those days before the auto replaced the horse as the principal means of transport.

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Mr. Rhyme's grandfather Joseph Rhyme operated a tannery on what is now the site of City Stadium.

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One of Mrs. Houser's sons, Joe, now a Tucson, Arizona electrician, was named for Joseph and two other grandfathers. The other children are M. L. Houser, Jr. a Goldsboro realtor and insurance man; Viola (Mrs. W. P. Stokes) of Ruffin near Reidsville; Prunell (Mrs. M. C. Boston) of Kings Mountain; and Edna Ruth (Mrs. David D. Sanders) since last Friday again of Kings Mountain. The Sanders have been residing in Charlotte. They now live at 98 Scotland Drive. Mr. Sanders will commute to his work in Charlotte.

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When they first moved to Kings Mountain, the Rhynes lived in the residence, now razed, later the residence of the late S. C. Patterson. Their next door neighbors were the Ed Campbelle and the Willfords. Mrs. Houser remarked she has lived here only on Mountain or Kings streets. She added she has a soft spot in her heart for the site of Central School which she and all her children attended. Mrs. Houser recalls that Dr. Bickle, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, also taught in the school, his subjects being math, Latin and English. Mrs. Houser, after high school, attended Lenoir-Rhyne College.

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Mrs. Houser was a sister of the late Claude Rhyme.

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Her report on this piece of Kings Mountain history reminds that the City of Kings Mountain will be 100 years old in February 1974, pre-dating my late father by a little more than eight months.

VFW MEET MONDAY
 There will be a VFW meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the post. The Auxiliary will also meet. Supper will be served following the meeting.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction.
 Proverbs 1:7.

No Primary Absentees

The North Carolina Senate has killed a bill to restore absentee voting to primary elections.

Absentee voting in the spring family fights went out, courtesy of the 1937 legislature, after the numerous charges of ballot stuffing in the Democratic primary of 1936.

Losing proponents argued that, with absentee ballots legal in the general election, there seemed no reason not to permit them in the primaries.

Winning opponents contended absentee voting invites "irregularities", and harked back to 1936.

In a way, it seems wrong to deny a person the right to vote anytime. But absentees can make or break in close elections and the closer the battle the more tempting to do a little stuffing—sometimes not so little.

There is the old political story about the two men who visited the cemetery copying names from tombstones to get absentees. One noting the grave of a tall and corpulent man is supposed to have said, "Old John was so big we oughta divide his name and let him vote twice."

His confrere allegedly replied, "Oh, no. That would be crooked."

Actually, the voting laws on absentee voting are somewhat complicated in this state. There is a good deal of going back and forth between elections board and voter, which tends to minimize absentee voting effects.

It's just as well absentee primary voting will not be resumed.

No Blue Law

When present-day folk grew up, Kings Mountain Sundays were "blue" for the youngsters. Parents did not permit their children to ride bikes, skate, play baseball, or perform many other perfectly o.k. weekend activities.

Of course, Dad might tune in the radio during the World Series, which was cheating a little on blue Sundays, and somehow the Sunday afternoon tour in the Model T always seemed to past muster.

Times have changed in Tar Heelia. Thus Old Harris blue law was laid to rest by his Senate confreres this week.

Senator Harris introduced the bill at the instance of the North Carolina Merchants Association.

The Senators (and others) had a deal of fun in lampooning some of the bill's inequities.

The Greensboro Daily News editorialized in part:

"Sen. Harris's bill would permit the sale of food (but not a pot to cook it in) medicine, gasoline, travel and recreational equipment and books (but not a light bulb for reading by at night). It would also ban the sale of clothing, housewares, appliances and automobiles. It would allow the sale of plants, seeds and shrubs on Sunday but prohibit the sale of a shovel or hoe or other gardening implements.

"The bill obviously is designed to stifle competition from supermarkets, cut-rate department stores, discount appliance houses and drugstores. These are all legitimate businesses and it is a fact, perhaps unfortunate, that a great many people in today's industrial society are almost forced to do most of their week's shopping on Sunday.

"Sen. Harris's claim that enactment of his bill into law would solidify North Carolina families is ridiculous. More likely it would just run up the state's homicide rate in the home. And his claim that North Carolina needs a uniform day of rest is arrogant. Who is he and who is the state merchants association to decide when Tar Heels should take a day of rest or observe a day of worship? The members of certain religious sects, among them Jews and the Seventh Day Adventists, observe a day of worship other than Sunday. Sen. Harris's bill would ignore their rights.

"The bill would also restrict the rights of all other North Carolinians including the members of the merchants association. The General Assembly should defeat it."

Senator Harris has expected defeat of the bill for weeks. Undoubtedly he appreciated the humor of the popular headline: "Mortician's bill buried."

DST Year-Round

Some folk say they never get accustomed to daylight saving time observed for about half the year in the United States.

Some folk like it, using the extra afternoon daylight for a menagerie of activities.

The New York Times recently editorialized in favor of year-round daylight saving and gave some cogent reasons.

The increasing crime rate in the cities, hold-ups, muggings, murder, dictate need for an extra hour of daylight in the afternoon, more particularly when the sun gets toward the southern-most point of its southerly declension and darkness comes at 5:30 p.m.

Light, The Times, contends, may not prevent crime, but does cut the incidence of crime.

Cross Fingers

The Herald is not notably superstitious, regarding black cats prettier than some other models, walking under ladders and "splitting" around poles with reasonable impunity.

There are some exceptions, of course.

Some few persons do exhibit a somewhat super-natural power to remove warts, minus the blade and other surgical techniques.

One other comes to mind—bragging on good fortune.

The Herald is most happy, as all other citizens that Kings Mountain, along with nine other cities in the 5000-10000 population class had no fatalities in 1970 as a result of traffic accidents.

Is mere calling attention to the fact bragging?

At any rate, shall we cross our fingers?

Rep. Mac Smith, of Greensboro, has supplied the Herald with a digest of House Bill 1105, introduced by Mr. Smith and 74 other Representatives. The bill would make North Carolina income tax law conform (except for rates) with federal income tax law. Mr. Smith estimates revenues to the state would be little changed. The big benefit is that the federal report and state report would be virtual duplicates, with exception of figuring the amount of tax due. While

Some Progress

Joe Smith reports some progress on the road to a nursing home and convalescent center.

The short-handed engineering staff of the State Board of Health has reviewed the plans, labeled them "generally approved". Nine change recommendations were made, most major requirements for a stand-by source of power.

This has been solved by the city's pledge to provide power off two separate lines.

Architect John W. Kelly has made the changes. When approved by the State Board of Health, the plans will be forwarded for concurrence to the North Carolina Board of Insurance and Cleveland County Board of Health.

These seem to be the remaining steps before beginning of construction.

There are benefits and disbenefits, as Rep. Smith quite honestly digests, the Herald believes the benefits outweigh and that HB 1105 deserves enactment by the 1971 General Assembly. The federal establishment annually promises simplified forms for next year, only to furnish more complications. HB 1105 promises one sure method of simplification.

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Here's Your Answers!

"There are numerous agencies and organizations in North Carolina serving the mentally retarded in order to help them lead happy, healthful, productive lives."—Robert L. Denny, Executive Director.

My doctor says my child is not mentally retarded, but I worry about his behavior. He won't sit still to look at books, he throws things around. He climbs in every car that comes to our house and wants to ride off with our visitors. What can I do?

It is possible that your child could have some emotional disturbance. Or this behavior could show symptoms of a greater problem. We suggest you contact your nearest Mental Health Clinic and make an appointment to take him there for tests.

My little boy is the same age as my cousin's child, but he cannot do many of the things hers can. My child is "different" but I am so sensitive about this I cannot discuss him even with my family. If I knew some other parents who had the same problem, I believe I could take to them about it. But how can I find such parents?

Parents of children who are slow learners are, indeed, of great help to each other. Is there a local Association for Retarded Children in your community? If not, contact the N. C. Association for Retarded Children, 801 Lawyers Building, Raleigh, N. C. 27601. They will tell you where the nearest group is, or they will help you form such a group. A parents' organization is very important for mutual understanding and help.

If you have questions you want answered or if you would like copies of previous columns in this series, write to: Bernadette Hoyle, Public Information Office, N. C. Council on Mental Retardation, P. O. Box 12054, Raleigh, N. C. 27605.

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