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MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

Nothing makes me angrier in the realm of telephonic communications than to answer the phone, as I normally do, "Hello, Martin Harmon," hear nothing but a void, then a click as the caller hangs up. The least the guy could do would be to apologize for mis-dialing.

While I was at McGill & Son Esso Service Monday afternoon, Cousin Fuller got the same treatment. He snorted as I do when same occurs. I got my latest dose the following morning.

It reminds of the experience, related here before, that Ollie Harris enjoyed shortly after the Kings Mountain exchange was cut over to dial operation. Ollie intoned, "Harris Funeral Home." The lady commented in upset tone, "She gave me the wrong number!"

Inspiration for today's column derives from a feature story Southern Bell's Gastonia office recently distributed on the fact that approximately ten percent of the telephones in the Gastonia exchange area (which includes Kings Mountain) have unlisted numbers, which to me was a surprisingly high total.

The feature also listed some of the principal reasons telephone subscribers pay a dollar per month extra to keep their names out of the telephone directory. The two most valid and practical customers: 1) third shift workers, trying to sleep in daylight hours, who find a ringing telephone particularly difficult to contend with, and 2) police officers, who get berating and threatening calls when off duty from people the officers have arrested, or the arrested ones' friends.

Other major customers for unlisted service are unmarried women and widows, sometimes subject to crank calls, and others subject to crank calls.

In the spring of 1970, my wife and mother-in-law were in Miami for a week and I called them, while talking remembered that editors of both the Miami Herald and Miami News are friends and suggested that Anne give them a ring. She tried, but found their home numbers were unlisted.

I am amazed, for I don't understand how a newspaper editor, be it the Miami Herald or Kings Mountain Herald, can operate without people being able to get to him. Getting out to others isn't enough for me. I need them to come in, too. Obviously, I get calls from cranks and nuts, but that's just part of the job. The vast majority of my home calls come from friends — a youngster needing a sheet of cardboard, someone with a news item, or just plain personal calls. On one occasion OLD Jay Powell called to sing "Happy Birthday." I wouldn't wanted to have missed that.

Bell says there are two kinds of unlisted numbers. A semi-private number is unlisted but can be obtained from the operator. A private number cannot be obtained from the operator. She doesn't have it and can't get it, for the number is under lock and key and obtainable usually only by court order. The story is told that Evangelist Billy Graham was trying to call his home in Montreal, couldn't remember his unlisted number, of course couldn't get it and finally repaired to Western Union.

Kinfolk numbers result in mis-dialing. At home (4347), we get a number of calls for Tyner Ford (4743) and at the office (5441) a number intended for Stechi's (5451).

I related this at the session at Fuller and Norman's, which brought a story named same from George W. Mauney.

George has a Charlotte friend who has a close-kin number to Douglas Airport. Being awakened by callers seeking flight information in the wee hours is a frequent unappreciated experience. One morning about 3:30, George's friend, his eyes bleary with sleep, answered the phone. The lady asked when Flight Number so-and-so was leaving. The friend was now wide-awake and down he went. "If you want to make this plane, take-off time is in 15 minutes!" George's friend got no more sleep that morning. Imagining the lady and her rush to the airport, the pseudo clerk was laughing so much he couldn't go back to sleep.

P.S. In another release Bell reports it is now possible to make calls to Red China. Business had not been brisk. Total calls at the date of the release: seven.

KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log
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Veteran Helps Are Offered

Help for veterans who want a review of their "other than honorable" discharge from military service is available at all Veterans Administration offices. W. R. Phillips, director of the Winston-Salem VA Regional Office, said today.

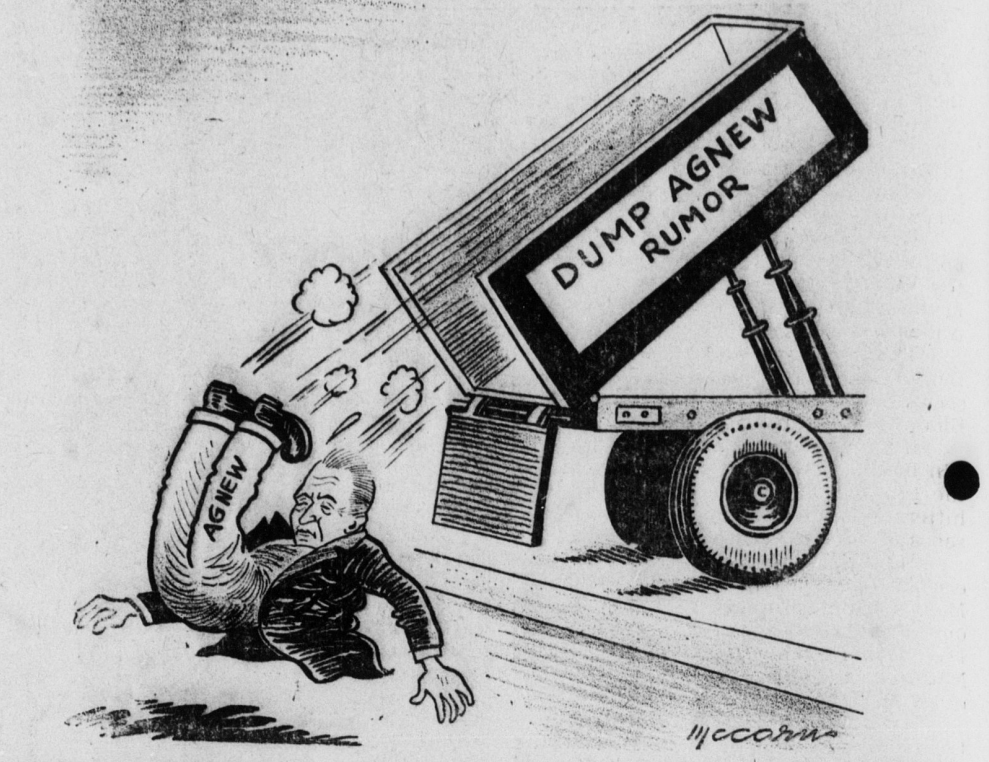
A VA directive to this effect was sent to field stations, following an announcement by Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird that military departments would "review for recharacterization administrative discharges issued under other than honorable conditions solely on the basis of personal use of drugs or possession of drugs for such use."

Primary purpose of the new policy is to provide an opportunity for this group to become eligible for VA medical treatment. Drug abuse treatment in VA is being increased six-fold, Phillips said, but the agency is barred by law from treating veterans with discharges other than honorable.

Less than one of every 500 men released from service during 1969 and 1970 received other than honorable discharges because of drug abuse, according to Department of Defense figures. Out of some 2,000,000 separations during that period, 4,152 undesirable discharges directly attributable to drug abuse were issued.

It is the responsibility of the veteran to request a review of his administrative discharge, and the application for review must be submitted to the military department that issued the discharge, Phillips emphasized.

Reluctant Drop - out?
Newsmen Call Agnew's World Tour 'Disaster' ... GRACELESS, STYLELESS BORING
 WASHINGTON NEWS REPORT



Letter To Editor

Dear Sir:
 My eyes have become somewhat dim—my speech somewhat of higher tone. My hearing more keen. My body tired and somewhat worn.

My sense of feeling the same. When it comes to the welfare and well-being of our nation. And those who are striving to live by the golden rule of life. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Seemingly the pendulum has swung to the other direction. Demand and take all you can from others whatever the cost. Of humane values or other wise. So therefore as an example the following please: What is happening between management and labor? Or what is the relationship between the two? It would so seem that there is a lack of understanding between the two. With all the confusion of what law protects who or whom? The management or labor? So it would seem that way. That the laws so imposed today are for management and not only. Let's take some instances. Say a person has been hired for a job. So he or she proceeds to go about his or her job trying to give the best of one's ability and knowledge to his or her employment. But seemingly it's not enough. So an employee having tried his best to do so find themselves in a sad state of affairs. Having reported for his or her job, say that they have worked the day before and are asked to work an hour over. So having completed his or her normal eight hours on the job, and having been asked for such service, due to illness or personal commitment aren't able to do so. Question? Which comes first? Then having given the employer a reason for not being able to work overtime faces... the shocking news when he or she reports to their respective place of employment to find on the following shift that he or she has had their time card withdrawn so as the person isn't able to punch forward. And they proceed to ask why? So the response is: You didn't work overtime the day before. So knowing that the employee hasn't a leg upon which to stand on. The employee not wishing to argue or demand his time card, and having been told he or she is no longer considered an employee, therefore leaves. So in the meantime the employer rushes to his personal office and in turn the personal mails the employee his notice of his or her notice of being no longer employed with the notice typed out to one of the offices of Employment Security Commission that the employee quit and added notation re: work overtime.

Having given his or her reason for not having been able to have worked so the day before. Then comes an endless chain of waiting for the employee, as prescribed by law. He or she goes to the nearest Employment Security Commission office, opens a claim. Then the ball really begins. The waiting period, a hearing the returns. The employment office goes along with management, the department of labor, the department of justice, you are all right if you are black. All wrong if you happen to be white. The pendulum begins to swing more to the right; to management. The employee has suffered the blunt of the blow. No court of last resort. Laws which are to protect the working man has gone down the drain. All the laws protecting management and the elite of our

Viewpoints of Other Editors

GOLF ETIQUETTE
 The nation's courts usually do a pretty good job of interpreting written laws, but when a judge sets himself up as an arbiter of etiquette he may be in trouble. Consider, for instance, a recent case in a court in a suburb of Washington, D. C.

On a public golf course one player lined up a long iron shot and smacked it to the green, right in the midst of a group ahead of him. Not surprisingly, one of the group was a little incensed; in his anger, he picked up the arriving missile and chucked it away.

The first player walked to the green, found his ball missing—and was angry in turn. The golfer who had thrown the ball away then whacked the now arrival with a steel-shafted driver. Although the whack apparently caused no permanent injury it

did lead to a charge of assault against the club wielder, and a subsequent conviction when the case came to court. Up to that point the judge probably was right; a golf club can be a lethal weapon.

But then the judge had to embellish his decision. The chap who picked up the ball and threw it away said the court, violated two cardinal rules of golf etiquette and therefore was barred from local public courses for a year.

We have to wonder, somehow, if the judge has ever had to duck a flying golf ball; whether the ball is hit by a U. S. Vice President or a lesser golfer, it can be rather dangerous. On strict legal issues, the decision may have been right, but in etiquette matters the case was more like a stand-off.—Wall Street Journal.

write, force the issues. Get it off your chest before a real explosion erupts between all. Respectively, EVERETTE H. PEARSON P. S.: This is the hour of change—Hopefully for better understanding between management and labor. It's worth a try. How about it?

Of the nearly 815,000 persons in poverty areas of six major cities, about 1 in 6 or 135,000 persons had completed some type of job training—school, armed forces, apprenticeship or special manpower programs. These are the findings of a special survey conducted for the Bureau of Labor Statistics by the Census Bureau.

About a fourth of all employed women are in five occupations, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports. The occupations are: Secretary-stenographer, household worker, bookkeeper, elementary school teacher and waitress. Secretary and stenographer jobs alone account for every 10 workers.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE
 Wisdom crieth without; she uttereth her voice in the streets. The Proverbs 1:20.

Mr. Justice Black

Hugo L. Black, United States Senator from Alabama, was appointed to the Supreme Court by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

There was a stew over confirmation of the appointment because Mr. Black had once been a member of the Ku Klux Klan. Mr. Black was characteristically frank. The charge was true. He dismissed the incident in his life by saying, "It was a mistake."

Through the years Mr. Justice Black became one of the Court's most influential members, highly respected by his colleagues, even when they disagreed with him.

He remained a liberal and civil libertarian, but always within the framework of the Constitution and, more important to him, the Bill of Rights.

On freedom of the press, he commented that the Government's power to censor the press was abolished so that the press would remain forever free to censure Government. He said, "The Press was protected so that it could bare the secrets of Government and inform the people."

The Court's ruling on prayer in the public schools was that prayer could not be "prescribed nor proscribed"—in contrast to the popular conception that the Supreme Court had banned prayer in the public schools. This was pure Blackism. In other words, Government could not tell what to pray, nor what not to pray.

His statement on the role of the courts: "Under our constitutional system, courts stand against any winds that blow as havens of refuge for those who might otherwise suffer because they are non-conforming victims of prejudice and public excitement."

Edwin Robert Goter

The death of Edwin Robert Goter in Baton Rouge, La., Sunday morning was a shock to the entire Kings Mountain community.

Ed Goter was a first generation American, his father having come to this country at the age of 17. His father's first stop, Emil Goter relates, was South Dakota, then he homesteaded in North Dakota. The name Goter was anglicized from Gouther—when an employer of his father suggested the original name had more letters than it needed.

Mrs. Goter, a Minnesotan, recalls that their family was among the first of the mid-western families here. "One word," she recalls, "brought the question 'You're not from around here, are you?'"

Twenty-one plus years later the Goters were very much "from around here." The Goters quickly identified with their new neighbors and quickly became valuable additions to the religious, civic and social life of the community, as well as to the industrial segment.

Ed Goter was down-to-earth. His employees revered him as they respected him. They knew him to demand good performance and they knew him to be kind.

A most common comment among his fellow church members was that he was a "pillar."

Many feel a void in the many places Ed Goter filled.

Mountaineer Days

The week-long 1971 revival of Mountaineer Days begins Monday.

The celebration was conceived originally as a mammoth trade promotion, timed to include major reference to the historical Revolutionary War Battle of Kings Mountain. Next Thursday will mark the 191st anniversary of the Turning of the Tide which led to the final defeat of the British-Tory forces and to their surrender to the colonists at Yorktown.

This year's revival is a collaborative project by many agencies, the Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, Kings Mountain Merchants Association, Kings Mountain Woman's Club and Junior Woman's Club, City Recreation Department, Kings Mountain Ministerial Association, and the Kings Mountain Jaycees—the latter sponsoring the appearance here in the Wednesday parade of Patsy Wood, reigning Miss North Carolina.

A best bow to the sponsors and may the trimmest beard win.

The Archaics

An archeologist named Jim Tuck is among others digging in Labrador and along the Maine coast in an effort to find more evidence that a highly civilized society inhabited the North American continent long before Eric the Red and Columbus visited its shores, long before the American Indian was around, and indeed in point of age as old or older than the ancient Egyptians of 4000 B. C.

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