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MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

I was much intrigued with a feature in the recent issue of Charlotte Metrolina Magazine, bi-monthly magazine published by a company which is an affiliate of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

The feature, by Elizabeth Simpson, is entitled "Secret at the Altar" and concerns a beautiful stained-glass window of five panels which is now the altar window of the Episcopal church on Park Road in Charlotte. This is not the original home of the beautiful window, which originally was erected as the altar window at the Holy Comforter Church on Charlotte's South Boulevard. When the new church was built, it was designed to utilize the altar window of Holy Comforter.

The window was given by Edward Arthur Smith, Sr., as a memorial to his wife, Mary Lamb Smith, a victim of the influenza epidemic of 1919.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

STIFFENING POLITICAL LOAF

Labor leader George Meany is seeking to make food prices into the staff of political life for Richard Nixon—to cudgel him with.

Of course, Mr. Meany did not himself pull the strings which have notched food prices steadily higher in recent months — most startling in February, when they rose at a 23 percent annual clip. Food prices particularly hurt what Mr. Meany likes to think of as his constituency, the workman. They also are worse than vexing to the poor and aged on fixed or marginal incomes, for whom food is a primary portion of the household budget.

Thus the food price issue comes handily to Mr. Meany as his most potent argument against the economic policies of the Nixon administration. Mr. Meany had lost ground against the president when he walked off the Pay Board recently, just as he had when he treated the president shabbily at his union's convention in Florida. Mr. Meany has in the past few days sought to neutralize the negative impression left by his walkout. He first said he was walking out because the Pay Board was not working for labor, only for management. Then after it was evident the board would keep on functioning, though with a reduced staff, he said he preferred having only public representatives on it, which in effect was to uphold the principle of the Pay Board if not the way it was functioning. This one, he is now elaborating the administration for an inflation-fighting policy that works "gorgeously" on wages because "employers want to enforce" it, but fails on prices because the government has not sought to make them work.

Letter To Editor

"A TIME TO PAUSE; TO LOOK BACK"

Having read the Herald's editorial page of March 30, 1972, "Martin's Medicine" and quote: Of which he brought too many hearts and minds which have been long overdue. I keep trying to recall a quotation of the past — "If I can in some small way bring a touch of pink sunset in to some one's pale cheek in life, I will have felt that I have worked with God." end quote. Of which I feel that many others will agree. That Martin was trying to tell every American something. In this modern world in which we live with all the latest medical and industrial technology, in many ways which are good to the benefit of mankind. Yet, there isn't anything that can take the pace of bridging the gap between friendly relationships between the human heart like that of a song. Songs which have brought young lovers together. Words have a great many ways of expressing one's true feelings, inwardly and outwardly. Yes it's good that man should take time to pause—to look back. As life has its beginning; man must first begin to crawl step by step. Life is a step at a time. On and on. New adventures and new horizons. Yet man has to look back from whence he came. The beginning of building life's journey. To first build the corner stone of life. A proper foundation. Where the storms of life will not undo.

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ADMITTED MONDAY

the birth of a son, Saturday, April 1, Kings Mountain hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Cope, 2509 Penny Park, Gastonia, N. C., announce the birth of a son, Saturday, April 1, Kings Mountain hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Virgil James Stokes, Bessemer City Highway, announce the birth of a daughter, Sunday, April 2, Kings Mountain hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Nicholson, Route 1, Bessemer City, N. C., announce the birth of a son, Monday, April 3, Kings Mountain hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. John E. Heath, 1030 Barnett Drive, announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, April 4, Kings Mountain hospital.

Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the man that getteth understanding. (Proverbs 3:13)

Laney Departure

Resignation of Joe M. Laney as director of Kings Mountain Redevelopment Commission, is much regretted by the members of the commission which Mr. Laney served directly, and to the many friends Mr. Laney has made during the going-on four years he has been in Kings Mountain.

When the ex-combat Marine Lieutenant (World War II, Korea, Vietnam) accepted the job as first commission director, he knew the task would not be an easy one. In a mass venture involving people's pocketbooks, it is quite natural that community plans will find some at variance.

Col. Laney kept his cool. At one public hearing, he was being rather roundly vilified including some character insinuations which were as invalid as they were inappropos. Mr. Laney's neck reddened, but his voice retained its calm and even good humor. It would have been impossible for a lesser man.

Mr. Laney should be proud of the commission's accomplishments during his tenure as director.

Two major projects, the \$2 million central business district redevelopment project, and the \$3.5 million urban redevelopment project, were approved and grant reservations made by the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

He would have been happier had the CBD project moved faster. Yet it has and is moving and shortly the first acquisition for rebuilding will be offered for sale.

The Cansler street project is a happy one. It is on the verge of final approval, a project which will see removal of some 189 sub-standard to derelict houses. Perhaps most important: the project has "consumer acceptance."

Mr. Laney says, quite honestly, "I hate to leave. I like the people and I like the climate."

As a father of three, he reasons he cannot ignore the economic opportunity offered by the Greenville, North Carolina, situation, where he will do a double tandem job, director of the Greenville Redevelopment Commission and director of the 500-unit Greenville Public Housing Authority.

In Greenville, Mr. Laney will be succeeding a veteran director who is retiring.

Mr. Laney has rendered good service in Kings Mountain.

He has demonstrated honesty and forthrightness in a job that would have found lesser men failing these tests.

On Wisconsin!

The results of the Wisconsin presidential primary are in and considerable re-assessing of what's in store for Democrats at the Miami national convention is being done.

Items:

Senator George McGovern, of South Dakota, won a handsome plurality and can justifiably boast that his campaign is off the ground.

Governor George Wallace, of Alabama, who edged Senator Hubert Humphrey, of Minnesota, for runner-up can point with pride to the fact he is more than a regional candidate.

Senator Humphrey would have been happier to place higher. However, none is writing off the 1968 Democratic standard-bearer. Not only did he bring off 21 percent of the vote (one percent less than that of Governor Wallace), but he collected 13 delegates while Mr. Wallace collected none.

It was a sad day for pauvre Senator Edmund Muskie, of Maine. His fourth place was weak and, after two years of campaigning, his cash-on-hand is exhausted and his cash flow appears to be drying up. Many a political operative and man-in-the-street is saying, "Muskie has had it."

When Mayor John Lindsay, of New York, switched allegiance from the Republican party to the Democrats, with overtones that he would seek the Democratic nomination for the presidency, a precinct news commentator remarked that, merely because one embraced the faith, he did not become Pope overnight. This truism was not lost on Mayor Lindsay, who, after the Wisconsin business, withdrew from the hustings and will return to running, or running at, his painful chore as mayor of his pain-ridden city.

Senator Henry Jackson, of Washington, won one percentage point less votes than Mayor Lindsay, is not figured to be a "heavy" for the nomination, but is not yet written off.

There's still a deal of primary doings between now and Miami, with next ports of call in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts.

One factor in Wisconsin voting should be weighed.

Wisconsin permits cross-voting, with Republicans permitted to vote in Democratic primaries and vice versa.

With no visible contest on the GOP side (President Nixon won 97 percent of the GOP vote), many Republicans availed themselves the opportunity to play in their friendly enemy's backyard.

Well, Now!

It's a pretty fair distance between North Carolina and Montana yet the gap was bridged Tuesday when Senator Mike Mansfield, majority leader, tagged North Carolina's former Governor Terry Sanford as an acceptable presidential candidate, national rather than regional in scope.

The timing was appropriate, too, coinciding with opening of Sanford for President headquarters in the national capitol.

Governor Sanford has informed: "We are now picking up support from delegates in other states and I expect to enter a primary outside the South."

Those who said initially the former North Carolina Governor is barking at the moon simply don't understand the inter-working of convention politics.

The Republican convention of 1940 is a case in point. Governor Tom Dewey raced ahead but not quite far enough to win. Then Senator Robert Taft raced ahead, but not far enough to win.

Who ever heard of Wendell Wilkie? But Mr. Wilkie was the nominee.

A cordial welcome to Rev. Robert E. Allen, newly arrived pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran church who will be installed Sunday.

Friday Last Day

Time: 4:59 p.m. Friday.
Place: Cleveland County Courthouse.
Office: Elections board.
Deadline: Last minute to register for the May 6 primaries.

Under the permanent voter registration set-up, operative in Cleveland County for the first time, unregistered citizens who wish to vote should make the trek to the elections board office Thursday or Friday.

Lady in charge: Mrs. Brenda Hamilton, clerk to the county elections board.

Congratulations to Mrs. Haywood E. Lynch, elected president of the Kings Mountain Woman's Club. Congratulations, too, to Mrs. W. T. Weir, retiring president for more than traditional "job well done".

A best bow to Gary Nolen, Gaston College student, named to "Who's Who In American Junior Colleges".

Pledging him to secrecy, Mr. Smith and the rector, Rev. R. B. Owens, made what Miss Simpson terms a clandestine trip to New York, where they commissioned Tiffany Studios to design the window. Asked the amount he wanted to spend, Mr. Smith replied, "I did not come here to barter. This window is a memorial to the most precious possession I have ever had. I want the most beautiful window you can build."

The task was assigned to Frederick Wilson, Tiffany's most famous artist. When completed, the five-panel window depicted Jesus and eleven of his disciples, Jesus being omitted. The Christ dominated the center panel, and He was flanked by a white dove, symbol of the Holy Comforter. The inscription below reads: "I will send you another Comforter from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth."

At the time of his wife's passing, Mr. Smith was a citizen of Charlotte but also an industrial citizen of Kings Mountain. He had purchased the Phenix Mill from J. C. Plonk and 1917, adding it to several others he owned in the Carolinas.

Mary Lamb Smith bore her husband nine children, six of whom survive, and five of whom live in the Charlotte area. The children: James Davis Smith, Kings Mountain; Mrs. Charlotte Arnold, Charlotte; Edward A. Smith, Jr., Kings Mountain; the late George Smith; Alfred P. (Bus) Smith, Lexington; Mrs. Mary Lamo Ditch, Baltimore, Maryland; the late Miss Margaret Smith (who died last year); Chadwick P. (Peachy) Smith, Charlotte; and the late Mrs. Jane Smith Heaven.

Whether we will actually see affirmative action to stem food prices is still in the air. Paradoxically, because consumer willingness to spend does affect food prices markedly, the recent rise in prices might actually be a sign that the economic upturn is getting under way.

This may not help the administration at the November polls, however. Food prices bolting ahead, while wages increase but a smidgeon, will hardly spur gratitude in the hearts of house-holders, no matter what the statistics might show about gross national product and otherwise more stable prices. After all, groceries are groceries, and statistics are just statistics.—Christian Science Monitor.

Ed H. Smith, grandson of the donor of the window, helped me with the family list. I had known and could remember only five of the Smiths.

Mr. Smith moved to Kings Mountain after marrying Ida Lamb, sister of his late wife, who helped him rear her nephews and nieces. The Smiths lived in the predecessor residence to the First Presbyterian church manse. As a child I remember the beautiful garden which occupied the corner at East King and Gaston now occupied by First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Smith had come to Charlotte from Baltimore to organize the South's first mill supply company, and he later became a mill owner and textile producer. His wives, the Lamb sisters, East Carolinians, were orphaned at an early age and were the eleventh and twelfth children admitted to Thompson Orphanage. Mary Lamb was one of Charlotte's first female stenographers. She married the boss.

The picture of the older Mr. Smith reveals that Ed, Jr., is well-named. He bears a remarkable resemblance to his father.

I am reminded that I teased Grandson Edward H. on one occasion that his grandfather (Captain) H. C. Moss would be turning over in his grave if he knew his grandson was practicing the Republican political faith. Ed replied, "Oh, I take after my Grandfather Smith in politics."

The secret: The window was installed anonymously and the rector pledged to secrecy until the death of the donor, which came in 1933. But Mr. Smith took to his grave a part of the secret. Only he knew the cost of the Tiffany window.

IS UNHAPPINESS A CANCER CAUSE?

Being depressive, non-aggressive over-consciousness and self-sacrificing may be the death of you.

While it is said that nobody ever died of hard work, mounting evidence indicates that one's childhood and emotional composition may make the difference in whether he develops cancer.

A Glasgow physician surveyed 1,000 cancer patients and found many had been separated from their parents before age 15 and that, more than the average, they had had unhappy childhood. Many of those studied also had had marital and business difficulties. And a Rochester Medical Center doctor reported that a significant loss—a job, a loved one—often preceded the onset of the disease.

But all the professionals working on the aspects of "the cancer personality"—now categorized as "depressive, none-aggressive, over-consciousness and self-sacrificing"—stress that the proof is far from conclusive.

While evidence of a psychosomatic factor in the onset of cancer is increasing, the U. S. gov-

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