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MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By **ELIZABETH STEWART**

Summertime . . . and the living's easy.

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My young nephew was reminded me now that school is out (he'll be a second grader next year), it's the time for catching things and putting them in jars. If parents groan at the lateness of the bedtime hour, children rejoice in every nook, corner and creek, their hands full of new crayfish, lightning bugs, etc.

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Enter July.

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The time of the year is at hand when the men in the families of our nation sit glued to the television sets, participating each weekend in that event known as the professional baseball season.

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I'm told by the men at our house that during his hours of participation, a man's desires are modest and few. He wants perfect television reception, absolute quiet, and total freedom from all interruptions, especially feminine ones.

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I've been assured that the ideal set-up from the male point of view is a soundproof room with a lock on the inside of the door and a slit at the bottom through which you pass him food, liquid refreshments and urgent messages, all very, very quietly.

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In short, a female in the TV room is generally to feel about as welcome as Typhoid Mary.

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You don't give bulletins on the state of the potatoes for dinner near on anyone's health nor on whether the prize heifer has jumped the pasture fence.

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Silence is the only proper reverence for these important sports spectacles on the television screen.

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My second nephew, (whose mama is a native of Tokyo, Japan,) and Ryoka made their first trip to Kings Mountain National Military Park during the weekend. The Park has just instituted what they call a program of "living history" and visitors can talk to Tories dressed in Revolutionary style costume armed with firearms and in settings typical of the era. One young Mountaineer had a campfire going Sunday morning with an iron pot and all the food needed for what looked like stew. Young Robbie, age four, didn't like the firing demonstration he provided but he would have stayed for lunch. The Park guide didn't say if he actually cooks the food and serves it.

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Tuesday was the 196th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, commemorating the day when a group of idealistic men in short breeches and powdered wigs affixed their names to a rebellious document declaring themselves and the people they represented to be free and independent of Great Britain, at that time the most powerful empire on the known face of the globe.

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It had never occurred to me before Senator Ollie Harris said it at Monday's Pre-Independence Day celebration, but the step was a dangerous one for more reasons than the fact of fighting. Had the colonists lost the war, as was imminent until the Battle of Kings Mountain four years and more later, each of the signers may well have lost his life as a traitor.

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Thomas Jefferson, John Hancock and the other signers must have known the possible results when they signed their names.

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Baseball and golf are traditional July 4th pastimes, whether by participation or watching via television.

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Here's another Goller Story by Billy Arthur, writing for "The Chapel Hill Weekly."

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A golfer teed off and hit a player ahead of him on the fairway. He was lying on the ground with the ball embedded in his skull. The caddy said, "What are you gonna do?"

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"I'll use a wedge," said the golfer.

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"But you shouldn't move him," the caddy protested.

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"Why?" asked the golfer. "Are we playing winter rules?"

Viewpoints of Other Editors

'ALL THESE LITTLE DETAILS'

As the presidential campaign unfolds, it becomes increasingly apparent that the danger to George McGovern lies not in looking like Barry Goldwater of 1964 but in looking like George Romney of 1968.

Governor Romney woke up one morning to discover he had been "brainwashed" about Vietnam. For all the self-congratulation about candor, Senator McGovern is not about to proclaim his awakenings so bluntly. But obviously he has discovered you really can't give \$1,000 to everybody. It must have taken a burst of revelation for him to declare he couldn't "pull out" a place for George Wallace in a McGovern administration. And now the Democratic platform-writing raises the possibility that the once proud specifics of his tax reform and defense-trimming proposals are about to vanish with scarcely a trace.

To judge by some of the press coverage, there are those who think the pro-busing, pro-amnesty, abolish-seniority, break-up-GM, curb-foreign-investment platform is a monument to the American center. The truth seems to be that the McGovern forces controlling the committee, used the occasion for two purposes. To fuzz a few issues, like abortion and homosexuality, on which Middle America is acutely offended by the attitudes of the intellectual and social elite. And even more significantly, to shuck the parts of the McGovern platform that won't stand scrutiny.

Little matter that it is precisely these specific-sounding, easy-answer parts of the program that won Mr. McGovern the enthusiasm that served him so well in the primary campaigns. As the Senator himself told The New York Times, his young campaign workers "want a candidate who really knows where he'd like the country to go," but that "they don't worry much about all these little details about how much every aspect of the program is going to cost."

The most-scrutinized product of this frame of mind has been the Senator's sometime program for income maintenance. Take, for example, the analysis offered the other day by Herbert Stein, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers. Obviously, giving \$1,000 to every man, woman and child would cost \$210 billion, or in other words, double the federal budget. If this were financed by a proportional income tax, everyone's taxes would go up by 46 percentage points. Even if tax reform resulted in the elimination of every last deduction and exemption, taxes would still go up by an amount equal to 23% of total personal income.

Much of the money would be returned in the grant, of course. In fact, Mr. Stein says some profit would accrue to all families of four earning less than \$18,000 a year. The bulk of the \$210 billion would go to those earning between \$5,000 and \$15,000, because while their per capita net profit would be low there are so many families in that range. Thus the plan would shuffle a round \$210 billion to give \$5 billion to \$10 billion to the poor.

Alternatively, Mr. Stein helpfully suggested, you could give the \$1,000 grant only to those earning less than a specified level. To prevent this from creating an incentive to avoid earning more than that amount, you could impose a requirement denying the grant to anyone who renewed work or training. But then, Mr. Stein observed, you would have something very like the Nixon administration welfare reform proposals, which Congress has so far refused to pass.

Under the impact of such analysis, the Senator modifying his plan; this time it will offer a profit to every family earning less than \$30,000, though further details are unavailable. He has modified his tax-reform proposals, which analysis say don't add up, by taking refuge behind the Mills-Mansfield finessing of proposing to repeal all tax preferences and later renege on an unspecified some of them. Both Pentagon and outside experts say his defense budget calculations are off by \$10 billion, but in this case he says they don't understand.

It seems the Senator is painfully learning that welfare reform proposals, tax laws and Pentagon budgets turn out the way they do because of the constraints of the real world. While incremental improvements are always possible, more often than not their defects represent not wrongheadedness but the necessity of choosing the lesser evil.

This is certainly a valuable lesson. Especially so since his fervent supporters have preferred to live in a dream world where the only serious problem is the alleged moral impurity of the present officeholders, where obvious and foolproof answers await the victory of what they like to call a "decent" candidate. This escape from reality, from all these little details, has been absolutely central to the McGovern phenomenon.

Birth Announcements

Jerry P. Barker, Rt. 1, City
Joseph T. Altman, 1427 N. Wells St., Gastonia
Burford L. Dobbins, 404 Baker St., City
Floyd E. Head, 520 Phenix St., City
ADMITTED SUNDAY
Barnett G. Lovelace, Rt. 3, City
Henry Moore, 521 Harmon Ct., City
Mrs. Wayne O. Watson, 208 N. Chesnut St., Gastonia
Michael E. Harris, 141 W. 145th St., New York City, N. Y.

ADMITTED MONDAY
William A. Allen, Rt. 1, Grover
Mrs. Buddy C. Fletcher, 701 Cleveland Ave., City
Nannie Mae Jimmerson, 516 Harmon Court, City
Bobby Gene Moore, 601 Groves St., City
Mark Eugene Smith, 811 Katharine Ave., City

Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Spencer, Rt. 1, Box 277-B, announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, June 29, Kings Mountain hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Z. Thomas, Phillips 66 Trailer Park, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, June 27, Kings Mountain hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ray Stafford, Rt. 2, Dallas, N. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Thursday, June 29, Kings Mountain hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. oe D. Bratton, Rt. 1, Kings Creek S. C., announce the birth of a daughter, Friday, June 30, Kings Mountain hospital.
Mr. and Mrs. Melvin L. Kiser, Jr. Route 1, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, Friday, June 30, Kings Mountain hospital.

TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

But now, O Lord, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand. Isaiah 64:8.

Sweet Success

Shelby native Bobby Jones, a Kings Mountain coach for less than a year, is finding out that success is not always attributed to winning records.

In football last fall, Jones' Kings Mountain High Mountaineers had a disappointing 4-4-2 record but the fans counted the season as highly successful due to KM's 8-8 tie with county-rival Shelby. It was the first conference tie for Shelby in over three years and Kings Mountain followers had a right to be happy.

Now, Jones is head coach of the Post 155 Juniors and they're below the 500 mark, sporting a 9-11 overall record heading into their second Area Four series game with Forest City tonight.

But, as far as most Post 155 followers are concerned, the season has been a success.

New Welfare Approach

Starting this week, parents on welfare across the United States will have to start registering for work or training under a law passed by Congress a year ago.

The new law will no doubt please many citizens who feel that no one should be on welfare who is able to work and for whom a suitable job can be found.

Food Stamps Recipients in this county have been registering since March under this program with the County Welfare Department and Employment Security Commission and ESC Manager Franklin L. Ware says there is no shortage of jobs for these workers but that younger persons are easier to place.

He said the major problem here is lack of transportation to and from work for them.

Last week, the local Juniors whipped Shelby 9-2, marking the first time a KM High or Junior team had beaten Shelby in 17 meetings, tracing back to the 1969 season. Later in the week, the local lads won two straight games over their county rivals, eliminating them from further Area Four competition.

Only one of the 12 Post 155 players, David Bolin, knew how it felt to beat Shelby. Bolin was a member of the 1969 KM High team which won two straight over Shelby en route to the state 3-A title.

Beating Shelby not only put smiles on the faces of those other 11 players but on the faces of quite a few followers. It will be a while before those three victories will be forgotten.

Exemptions to the work rule here are those mothers with children under six and persons who stay in homes and care for elderly parents.

Most eligible workers here are women.

Whether the program will work throughout the country remains to be seen but the program here is "progressing well" observe officials.

Little Else Than Courage

Tuesday was Independence Day, anniversary of the nation's declaration not only of independence, but of faith in itself.

In 1776, the colonies decided to cut the ties that bound the New World to Mother England. England didn't like the cut-off, fought to keep the colonies.

How England, the great power of the world, failed to win is among the marvels of history.

Most historians now agree that the never-say-die colonists who had little else than courage, simply wore out the British. Britains disliked the war much as United States citizens two plus centuries later disliked the Korean War.

Courage customarily pays big dividends. For the world today, the men of 1776 deserve much glory. The decision to become independent was sustained, and from that decision has come a great nation.

City Budget

Mayor John Henry Moss is proud of the 1972-73 tentative budget and said it publicly at last Wednesday night's city commission meeting.

It's another record budget, up \$411,953 from last year's model.

The Mayor feels that the figure is reasonable, in view of increased costs of about everything the city buys, salary increases, a \$230,801.00 capital expenditure outlay and the new year's interest bill of \$193,500, compared to \$202,600 in fiscal 1972.

Appropriations are greater for all departments, one of the major ones being the police department, up from \$135,250 to \$187,229, and reflecting the commission's prior decision to employ seven additional officers to provide two-man patrols during night hours.

All of this, says the Mayor, without an ad valorem tax increase—85 cents per \$100 valuation which has prevailed for the past eight years.

The budget reflects that the city is a business designed by the citizens to be of service to its citizens.

Most will agree that's right much doing.

The Total Grows

Dividend payments of Kings Mountain's two savings and loan associations continue to escalate, totals on June 30th at \$298,720.48.

It means that these citizens are continuing to put away a portion of their earnings for various and sundry purposes. Some save for a new car, some save to build a house, others to assure their sons and daughters a post high school education. Others invest safely for income at the quite favorable current dividend rates.

These savers are doubly beneficial to Kings Mountain for they provide loan monies that enable citizens to buy cars, and construct homes and business buildings.


Those who adopt the savings habit are continually surprised at the speed with which their individual accounts grow, for they are growing while they sleep.

Congratulations to North School Principal Richard Grove on his election as president of the Kings Mountain Lions Club.

Farmers, once regarded as the exclusive property of Republicans, defected substantially during Roosevelt days and have never since been classified as "solid" by Republicans. Mr. Nixon did poorly in the farm belt in 1968. But farm produce is exempt from Mr. Nixon's current price control programs.

The payoff will come in November in all these areas. But meanwhile the Nixon-Mitchell strategy is aiming at more than the traditional Republican constituency. It seems to be serious about trying to turn the Republican Party into a national party with a built-in majority appeal.

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Jack E. Gaddy, 406 Clinton Dr., City

Mrs. Eddie P. Goforth, 1000 Shelby Rd., City

ADMITTED SATURDAY
Berkley P. Bell, Rt. 3, City
Thomas W. Grayson, Jr., 901 Groves St., City