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**TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE**

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind. Ephesians 4:23.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

Burlington Industries Phenix plant held an employee appreciation dinner Wednesday. It was an on-the-job dinner, with the machinery shut down while employees enjoyed a sumptuous fare—baked ham, fried chicken, and roast beef, yams, green beans and tossed salad, ice cream and cake.

I was a guest. After dinner Plant Manager Jim Bowman provided a plant tour. Others on the tour were the Mayor, Chief of Police Tom McDevitt, Rodney Dodson and several visiting firemen in the Burlington organization.

It was a first for the Chief—first time he'd ever been in a textile plant. He commented "I know a little better now what a doffer, spinner and carder do. I thought a carder had something to do with cards." Jim acknowledged after the tour that a deal of textile nomenclature seemed to have little connection with the actual operation of the particular machines.

All of the Kings Mountain plant's current production goes into denim, one of the current "hot" items in the textile field. Phenix plant yarn goes to Cooleman for dyeing, then to Mooresville Mills for weaving. Commenting on how "hot" denim is, one of the Mooresville men commented, "I guess the bubble will burst sometime." Then he continued, "You know back in our school days a boy was supposed to dress up a little bit. Today the vast majority wear jeans. Lot cheaper on Pama. Just about outfit a boy for \$20."

Then we toured the remodeled offices, where I more or less grew up at my father's grocery at "the old Dilling". Majority of the offices are downsize, where Walter Biller, Royce Simonton and Booth Gillespie held forth in my day there, but the ex-grocery store has several offices too, including the first aid department when Mrs. Vicky Wyatt superintends the operation, tending to cuts and bruises, and other first aid items. Manager Bowman is particularly proud of this function, as is Mrs. Wyatt.

Manager Bowman is native to a small town in East Tennessee. I asked how close his town is to Dayton, where Dr. Sam Robinson is from, and their towns are only twenty miles apart.

"You know what Dayton is famous for?" he asked. That's the famed Scopes trial, more familiarly known as the "monkey trial", featuring more than Teacher-Defendant Scopes, two famed legal brains, William Jennings Bryan, thrice a candidate for president, and Clarence Darrow for the defense. Dr. Robinson says the ground-work for the trial was laid in his father's drug store, was, in fact, geared for a test case and that Scopes never taught the Darwinian theory.

At Dayton is a growing Bryan Memorial College, Jim says, and dedicated to the three-time Democratic standard-bearer.

Mrs. Jean Ratchford was a helpful hostess and the Mooresville plant visitors were Don Barham, Mooresville division manager, Fred Lathan, group manager and T. D. Ostwalt, division personnel supervisor.

The Chief had an interesting Phenix sidelight. Will Means, oldest employee in point of service, washes cars on Saturdays. He stopped at Belk to pick up Mrs. C. L. Early's car and she handed him the keys. Will got a car he thought to be Mrs. Early's. Later in the afternoon, the police had a stolen car report. When Will returned Mrs. Early's she said, "That isn't my car!" Her ignition key worked very well in the one Will mistakenly thought was hers. That wouldn't happen often, but the Mayor says the ignition keys to his old and new cars turn both ignitions.

## Viewpoints of Other Editors

**'IN 10 SECONDS THIS CAN ...'**

At last the scientists are getting around to creating something many of us have been wishing for—a plastic bottle that will disintegrate when discarded. The American Chemical Society heard encouraging reports of recent developments in producing a self-destruction container.

Ah, well and enough! After plastic, then perhaps glass and metal containers. And if such progress in all three types brings containers which will, as it looks like the new plastic will do, disintegrate and become part of the soil perhaps some day it may become our civic duty to fling cans and bottles along the roadside.—Anniston (Ala.) Star.

**FOREIGN WORDS FAIL US**

Language study is anything but a craze in the United States currently.

Enrollment in university and college language departments, and more recently high school courses, has been on the decline, to the point that some academic specialists are expressing mild alarm.

Not only the old standards—French and German—have been losing students, but the "glamor" languages of recent years as well—Russian, according to the Council on Teaching of Foreign Languages, dropped a third in high school enrollment between 1965 and 1970, down from 32,000 students to 22,000.

The decline is being attributed to a number of developments, including rejection by many students in the "movement" era of the traditional science-oriented fields and classic disciplines in favor of social involvement.

It is also possible that the very increase in and ease of student travel abroad has contributed. Familiarity with other cultures may not be breeding contempt, but it could be diluting intellectual curiosity.

Inscrutable, these Americans.—Gastonia Gazette.

**SMOKING IN THE AIR**

The Civil Aeronautics Board is weighing making all airlines confine smoking to an area at the back of aircraft. It is entertaining reactions to the proposal until Nov. 3.

Our reaction is that making a no-smoking area mandatory on aircraft is a good idea. Perhaps our readers will want to tell the CAB in Washington that they think it is a good idea too.

The current voluntary provision of non-smoker sections aboard American commercial aircraft is a step in the right direction, but it does not go far enough. Many airlines make no provision for non-smokers.

If the airliner is crowded, non-smokers may still find themselves seated next to heavy smokers who seem seldom to have the grace to ask whether their smoking is annoying their neighbors. There is nothing more obnoxious than finding oneself inhaling the smoke from someone's tobacco, particularly when meals are being served.—Christian Science Monitor.

**ACCORDING TO FORM**

The House Armed Services Committee has discovered to its horror that Pentagon paper shufflers are using 11,916 standard forms.

With just one copy of each form piled together, the stack weighs more than 200 pounds.

If the House committee thought publicizing these facts would shame the Pentagon into weeding out some of the forms, it probably was naive.

Our guess is that the Pentagon already is conducting a survey to determine which forms are being used by whom and for what. And the questionnaire will of course become standard form 11,917.—Rocky Mountain News (Denver).

**OCTOBER, 1972**

October dresses in flame and gold  
Like a woman afraid of growing old.

—Anne Lawler.

October is filled with interesting dates, and is the birthday month of five Presidents. It is also the month in which many state days are, or have been in the past, observed—Missouri Day on the 1st, Oklahoma Historical Day on the 10th, University of North Carolina Day on the 12th (and Farmers' Day in Florida), Alaska Day on the 18th, Yorktown Day on the 19th, Pennsylvania Day on the 21st and Admission Day in Nevada on the 31st.

Presidents born in October include Rutherford Hayes, the 19th, born in Delaware, Ohio, on the 4th in 1822; Chester Arthur, 21st, born in Fairfield, Vermont, on the 5th in 1830; Dwight Eisenhower, 34th, born at Denison, Texas, on the 14th in 1890; John Adams, 2nd, born in Braintree, Massachusetts, on the 30th in 1735 and Theodore Roosevelt, 26th, born in New York City, on the

**LONG AND SHORT OF IT**

A helpful guide penetrating bureaucratic gobbledygook may solve problems for business mystified by the legal jargon of requirements for government purchasing contracts.

The handbook, entitled "1972 Government Contracts Guide," promises to explain technicalities in important areas of public contract work such as eligibility, labor rules and final payments in plain language. The guide includes checklists of required and permissible contract clauses along with relevant legal cases.

The Commerce Clearing House in Chicago was clever to produce such a simplified work. The only problem is that their "short cut" is 916 pages long.—Jacksonville (Fla.) Florida Times-Union.

The International Iron and Steel Institute predicts world steel consumption will grow to over a billion net tons by 1980.

**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.

Mrs. Sarah M. Boheler, Guy Robert Farr, Mrs. Barbara C. Goforth, Mrs. Ruth M. Goforth, Roger Dale Hayes, Mrs. George B. Ford, Clyde W. Kerns, Rufus George Kiser, April Yvonne Lee, Walter M. Moorhead, Manuel A. Moss, Mrs. Minnie Lee McClain, Homer Lee Nations, William Ray Neely, Mrs. Betty P. Parker, Mrs. David J. Phillips, Cathy Ann Price, Conan F. Purley, Mrs. Cora L. Rhyne, Mrs. Zeb W. Shields, Mrs. J. H. Thomson, Mrs. Billie T. Whetstone, Mrs. Marie Withers, Mrs. Novella R. Herndon, Mrs. Rhea K. Lewis, Mrs. Betty D. Moore, Max Forest Roberts, Mrs. Hazel W. Spruce, William L. Wray, Mrs. Josephine M. Davis, Kenneth W. Lewis, John Allyn Cheshire, Mrs. Ella Mae Hughes.

**WHO VOTES IN AMERICA**

It seems that in the last few years people are increasingly interested in politics. Women, youths and minorities are swelling the voting ranks, while the unemployed, poor and uneducated become more politically conscious.

The political atmosphere is deceiving, though. Despite tremendous get-out-the-vote efforts, fewer Americans are exercising this right.

Nothing proves this more than third of the 18-20 year olds (a youth voting. In 1968 only one-tenth voted in some states) went to the polls. In the 1970 Congressional races, a mere 26 per cent voted.

Mature citizens vote much more regularly. In 1968, 75 per cent of the 45-64 age group went to the polls. Slightly over half of the 21-24 bracketed. Even the over-65 group topped them (66 per cent).

**ADMITTED THURSDAY**

Mrs. Boss Acuff, Rt. 1, Box 234, Grover.  
Burman C. Bryant, 1002 First St., City.  
Addie F. Hill, 418, S. Cansler Street, City.  
Mrs. John Q. Hope, P. O. Box 54, Grover.

**ADMITTED FRIDAY**

Mrs. Roosevelt W. Camp, 606 W. Alabama Ave., Bessemer City.  
Mrs. William A. Carver, 816 N. Weldon St., Gastonia.  
Mrs. Carl T. Frazier, 12 Kiser Road, Dallas.  
Mrs. Fannie Bell White, Box 484, Bessemer City.  
Mrs. Harold T. Hance, 503 East Washington Ave., Bessemer City.

**ADMITTED SATURDAY**

Kenneth L. Dellinger, 404 Hawthorne Lane, City.  
Mrs. Lorena H. Shields, 200 Indiana Avenue, Bessemer City.  
Mrs. Thomas H. Barnette, 115 Waco Road, City.  
Mrs. Garland Dettler, Rt. 1, City.  
George Kenneth Patterson, Box 371, Bessemer City.

**ADMITTED SUNDAY**

Suprina B. Lee, 1106 Spencer Avenue, Gastonia.  
Paul Phillip McLeary, Rt. 1, York Road, City.  
Orie M. Valentine, 1015 Linwood Drive, City.  
Jimmy Ray Ellis, 314 E. Penn. Avenue, Bessemer City.  
Joseph Edward Peeler, Rt. 9, Box 93, Shelby.

**ADMITTED MONDAY**

Mrs. William H. Early, 606 York Road, City.  
Carmie F. Brittain Jr., Rt. 1, Box 46, Bessemer City.  
Isaac Robert Crawford, Rt. 1, Box 279, City.  
Mrs. Arthur J. Green, Rt. 3, Airport Road, Gastonia.  
Mrs. H. Eugene Grigg, 914 Second Street, City.  
Mrs. James F. Hendrix, 607 E. Florida Ave., Bessemer City.  
Clifford Allen Lively, 823 C. Street, Bessemer City.  
Mrs. William C. McClain, Box 114, Stanley.  
Mrs. Walter Peterson, 607 Landing St., City.  
Mrs. Bertie Barber Thompson, 604 1/2 E. Church St., Cherryville.  
James Edward White, 1301, Shelby Road City.

Frances Perkins, the only woman to serve as Secretary of Labor in the 60-year history of the Department of Labor, also served longer in the office than any other Secretary of Labor. Appointed in March 1933 by President Roosevelt, she served American workers for 42 years until June 1945.

Carping about being "alienated" and being ignored by the "power structure" is palaver when one looks at the facts. Groups, from youths to farmers, complain that no one cares what happens to them. But they themselves do not care (e.g., urban residents vote in higher percentages than rural ones). Until the fault-finders show some interest in the "system," it is not likely that the system will show the interest in them they think deserve.

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## Birth Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Gupton, 20 Cornett Drive, announce the birth of a son, Wednesday, September 29, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ivey, 300 1-2 South Oriental Avenue, announce the birth of a son, Wednesday, September 20, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Buford E. Barnes, 910 W. Fifth Street, Gastonia, announce the birth of a son, Thursday, September 2, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul McLeary, Route 1, York Road, announce the birth of a son, Friday, September 22, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig A. Parker, 309 W. Virginia Avenue, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, Friday, September 22, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Bradburn, 513 Penn Avenue, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, Saturday, September 23, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy A. Bowers, 4510 Lake Street, Gastonia, announce the birth of a son, Saturday, September 23, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Adair, Costner School Road, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a son, Sunday, September 24, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Huffstler, Route 1, announce the birth of a son, Sunday, September 24, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Hoyle, P. O. Box 10004, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a daughter, Monday, September 25, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Hendrix, 607 East Florida Avenue, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a son, Tuesday, September 26, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Greene, P. O. Box 444, Grover, announce the birth of a son, Wednesday, September 27, Kings Mountain hospital.

## Letter To The Editor

To the Editor:

I've been a Democrat all my life but on November 7th I'm going to part company on the presidential ticket and Vote for Nixon-Agnew. That's the only departure as I'm supporting all Democrats from courthouse to state house.

J. C. Clary  
September 27

To All Our Friends:

If you need any fish or just want to have lots of fun watching them, just go out to the deep. We had the best and fastest boat in these parts of Little River.

Robert Fleming and I went out 90 miles and caught over 200 pounds, some weighing about 13 pounds. Went out with our wives on another boat, only about 30 miles and caught about 50 pounds. If you want the big ones go where they are. You will like the electric reels. They are wonderful but fishing is still hard work. Hurry back.

J. C. Clary  
September 27

Firms and agencies striving to meet affirmative action goals of increasing minority employment may find useful the directory of Spanish Surnamed American College Graduates 1971-72. Single copies of this directory, showing the names, addresses and major fields of study of Spanish-surnamed college graduates, may be obtained from the Cabinet Committee on Opportunities for the Spanish Speaking, 1800 G Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20506.

## Problem of People

The problem of obtaining employees continues. A Mooresville Mills official said Wednesday he could use a hundred employees "tomorrow morning".

It's the same in Kings Mountain and throughout this surrounding area. The problem of course is "good people".

Shall we face it?

Some folk don't like to work at steady pace. Some folk don't like to work. Last spring a lady was getting her income tax report made and handed her accountant five withholding slips.

The welfare programs are maligned by harried employers as contributors to the problem. They are, perhaps, but only in the sense where recipients have questionable qualifications and sometimes spurious ones.

Various employee promotional efforts are sampled by employers.

One of the more interesting is Spectrum Textured Fibers four-days-on, four-days-off proffer of employment. It's working to the degree that the 120 employees on this schedule like it. These are the group that keep the seven-day-week departments running.

In neighboring Gastonia, a hosiery manufacturer who operates a six-day work week, has gone to three-on, three-off and it seems to be working well on the 12 hour work day. He pays the employee for 40 hours against the employee's actual 36-hour work week, if the employee has answered "present" for the three 12-hour days.

In the "good old days" before the 1934 National Recovery Act dictated the eight-hour work day the work days was 12 hours for five days and six on Saturdays. Of course, the machines weren't of the high speed variety of today. The work pace was less demanding.

Perhaps the only time in modern history there was a great superfluity of "good help" was during the depression debacle of 1929-33.

Better to have today than that day.

## Eye Wills

Two members of the Lions club, Tim Gladden (11) and Richard Green (5) have obtained 16 wills of eyes.

More are sought.

The eyes of a deceased person are usable in cornea transplants.

They work.

A Kings Mountain lady says a cornea transplant has provided her 20/20 vision in the repaired eye.

## Saturday Bonds

While Kings Mountain school district citizens have no stake in the voting Saturday on bond issue proposals for the Shelby and County districts, the Kings Mountain district citizens will be interested in the outcome.

Upcoming in the Kings Mountain district in December is a \$2.5 million bond issue election.

The elections Saturday and the upcoming one in December will be the last of district bond issues. Under legislation by the 1971 General Assembly by district system of financing construction of school plants was scrapped—a system which included, the Herald recalls, only ten counties of the state's 100.

In the future after next June 30 all school bond elections will be county-wide.

Vince Colombo, county schools superintendent, figures that the passage of the bond issue Saturday will save the county \$1 million over the next few years. He figures the rising cost of construction would amount to that much difference during the period.

The county is growing and the school folk in the two districts are anticipating future needs—in time.

They know they can't hang the youngsters on the chandeliers.

## Over-Ardent Support

It's happened many times before and undoubtedly will again: over-ardent supporters oft-times get their hero (or heroine) candidates in trouble.

Thus Jesse Helms, Republican candidate for the United States Senate, came forward to correct the record on an advertisement placed for him by supporters in which his opponent Democrat Nick Galifianakis was charged with absence and non-voting on four anti-drug bills before the United States House of Representatives, of which Mr. Galifianakis is a member.

Said Mr. Helms: the advertisement would have been correct had it charged his opponent with absence on four of ten anti-drug bill votes.

There was no strain, the Durham representative had countered, since the four bills he missed voting for were non-controversial and passed by near-unanimous votes.

In the heat and stress of an election campaign emotions can and often do get out of hand.

More often its the supporters, not the candidates themselves, who run amok.

## 71 of 72

When the city's engineers finished planning the Buffalo Creek water reservoir, it was found that 72 individual pieces of property were required.

With the commission award of \$72,800 to John D. Cline, the city obtained the 71st of these properties.

It is the Herald's understanding that, with the posting of the amount of the award with the city has use of the property, Mr. Cline, as other defendants in such condemnation actions, has rights of appeal.

The sequence has been long.

Action to proceed on the project was taken by the city commission in July 1966.

Plans were completed and bond issue approval sought from the citizens in December 1967 (and approved by a 20 to 1 margin).

Here the fifth anniversary thereof will be observed soon.

Big projects don't get accomplished overnight.

Happiest fact is that the city, by a cofferdam arrangement, has been able to obtain its water needs from Buffalo without impoundment.

Happy future hope is a full lake, with not only a supply of potable water, but attendant benefits of recreational activity.

The fights get the news play but it is the Herald's observation that condemnation litigation was required to obtain only five of the 72 properties.

## Partnership

In an address to the Lions club Tuesday, Gene White, director of the Kings Mountain Redevelopment commission defined urban renewal as a partnership with the federal government to rescue the blighted cities.

Cornerstone of the program include attention to parking problems, open space areas, traffic flow and elimination of sub-standard buildings.

He reported that the commission has acquired 25 percent of the property called for in the central business district project, property, most of which will be offered for sale for commercial redevelopment.