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MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

Mr. and Mrs. Humes Houston recently made a week's trip to Europe, with stopovers in Spain and North Africa.

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How was the trip? Fine.

"But you remember that movie where Charles Boyer told Hedy Lamarr 'come with me to the Kasbah'?" I remembered. "I thought that was something glamorous. Well, I wouldn't give you two cents for it," says Humes. Mott-eaten and otherwise.

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My question to Mrs. Houston was put next day, and she did not agree. "Humes told me we should miss this part of the tour. I told him he could stay in the hotel if he liked, but that I was going. It was the most glamorous part of the trip."

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The Houstons were on a special tour of National Guard folk and about a hundred went along for three days in Malaga, then stopovers in Algiers and Tangier.

The Americans had guides for the Kasbah (Arab section) of Algiers, two rather the conventional one. The chief guide warned his guests to 1) keep together and 2) to stay close to him. Should they wander off, the guide warned, his guests would most likely be robbed, and could be found in an alley with a slit throat. Humes relates, "I laughed and said they couldn't bother old world-traveler Houston. But, you know, everytime that guide moved to the right side of the street I moved with him. And everytime he moved to the left side of the street I moved with him."

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The Number 2 guide brought up the rear. He had the herdsmen's role: to keep the group together.

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My short five-day stay in Algiers during the World War II doings did not permit of a trip to the Kasbah. Fact is, I did no more than put my feet on the docks.

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But I later learned about the Arab quarter business in Casablanca, where there were two Arab sections, *Ancient Medina (old)* and *Nouveau Medina (new)*. Both were off limits to American personnel. I lived across the street from the old section and it was, of course permissible to frequent the Arab bazaars on the Rue des Palmes during daylight hours. But going past into the Arab section was not allowed. One on lovely Sunday afternoon, a friend, in an USS New York, and I rented a Hoover cart propelled by a donkey and visited the *New Medina*. The visit lasted not long. The Shore Patrol and Military Police ordered "Out."

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The brass had a simple and succinct reason for the off-limits order: vice and lice.

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Looks like there's been little change in the situation in North Africa's Arab quarters in the past 30 years, 1943-1973.

Viewpoints of Other Editors

A JOURNALIST'S BOOK OF PRAYER

An enterprising publishing house, possibly realizing what perilous times these are for American newsmen, has printed a new volume called "The Journalist's Prayer Book." It contains spiritual offerings from some of the nation's top journalists, and if nothing else it suggests that some of them could have made pretty good country preachers.

There is, for instance, this appeal from Walter Cronkite of CBS: "Dear God: Help me remember that my fellow man understand that the truth knows neither friend nor enemy, nor can those who pursue it."

ABC's Vietnam correspondent Steve Bell has a special prayer: "Arm me, O God, with courage to go where the story goes, yet fear of becoming calloused to horrors of war; retachment that never loses sight of basic issues, yet involvement that shares the thought and fear of individuals; purpose in the knowledge that free men must know, yet a sense of divine purpose that always recognizes war as the failure to know thee."

Black reporter Millicent Brown Fauntleroy offers these poetic lines: "Ignore the cries of 'Tom' and 'nigger'; forget about deadlines and be a digger."

And for the self-confident comes this brief message from Clifton Daniel of the New York Times: "I pray God to make me wise. I'll take care of the rest."

We'll quit on that one from the New York Times, which seems to like brevity only in prayer.—Charlotte Observer.

KINGS MOUNTAIN Hospital Log

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 3 to 4 P.M. and 7 to 8 P.M.
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 Harold E. Downey, 1620 Gum St., Gastonia.
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 Mrs. Lillie O. Ivey, 701 N. Piedmont, city.
 Mrs. Robert Hicklin, 508 Branch, Street, city.
 Mrs. Boyd Beasley, Rt. 1, Box 644, Grover.
 Henry Moore, 521 Harmon Ct., city.
- ADMITTED MONDAY**
 Everette T. Bridges, 107 Fulton St., city.
 Mrs. Tom Roberts, 405 Wilson St., city.
 Mrs. Charlie F. Carpenter, 518 Baker St., city.
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 Donald Eugene Greason, 321 Waters St., city.
 James Ambrose Adams, Rt. 1, Grover.
 Mrs. Ralph Chitwood, 11 Dixie Trailer Park, city.
 Mrs. Della P. Huffstickler, 205
- ADMITTED THURSDAY**
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- ADMITTED FRIDAY**
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 Rhonda Laine Morrow, 396 W. Virginia Ave., Bessemer City.
 Mrs. Leon D. Ramsey, 107 S. Inman Avenue, Bessemer City.
 R. T. Moore, 3140 Midpines, city.

Birth Announcements

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kenneth Putnam, 1440 2nd Street Extension, announce the birth of a daughter, Thursday, January 25, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James C. Meeks, Route 1, Box 270, announce the birth of a daughter, Thursday, January 25, Kings Mountain hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney R. Smith, Route 2, Coy Mauney, Bessemer City, announce the birth of a son, Friday, January 26 Kings Mountain hospital.

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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28.

Charlotte Problem

As the Herald recalls it, the 1971 General Assembly passed a bill which permitted cities as large as Kings Mountain to extend city limits by two miles without the consent of those governed, while larger cities (50,000 and up) had the extension privileges up to five miles without the consent of the governed.

On the recent Sunday, the Charlotte Observer excoriated Mecklenburg's Senator Herman Moore for his introduction of a bill which would abrogate Charlotte's authority to grow.

As usual, there are pro points on both sides.

In the Senator's thinking, the Herald assumes, is the pre-Revolutionary War cry of "government without the consent of the governed".

But the Observer was right in citing the unhappy result of you-can't-take-me in Detroit, Newark and Philadelphia. The Observer could have brought the case closer home by adding Atlanta. There's no better instance in point. The sprawling metropolis of Atlanta is hemmed in by small incorporated towns around, Decatur, Smyrna, and Stone Mountain, to mention three and the result hasn't been good.

Some years earlier, in its wisdom, the General Assembly gave cities take-in authority of areas adjacent and contiguous, but with a rather large joker in the deck. The cities were required to have the money in the bank (and none did) or the borrowing authority to provide the newly annexed areas with all services (fire and police protection, streets, water and sewage disposal service, and any other) the city was already providing its own.

Kings Mountain never has used that authority.

Indeed, Kings Mountain hasn't pulled an annexation force play since 1923, when, by legislative act, the Town of East Kings Mountain was dis-incorporated and its real estate legislated into the bounds of the Town of Kings Mountain.

The resulting bitterness added fuel to the fire of April 1915 when the denizens of East Kings Mountain were outvoted in a county line election and subsequently found themselves getting Cleveland County tax bills rather than the long familiar Gaston models.

Today, the Mecklenburg rurals close to the fast-growing city take a quick look at the high property tax rate of the City of Charlotte and just as quickly say, "Scuse me boys." They charge Charlotteans merely want help in paying their bills. Well, Charlotte does.

Rich Charlotte's fiscal structure is not blessed with power-making utilities. Duke Power Company is the power retailer and Piedmont Natural Gas Company is the gas retailer. Charlotte is left with the utility dregs of water and sewage disposal service. Seldom does a city show a profit in its water operation and sewage disposal in deadweight, as is fire and police protection.

Kings Mountain began retailing power in 1908, natural gas in 1955. Kings Mountain customers for these services are trading with themselves, buying what they would be buying of necessity anyway, and thereby paying a portion of their tax bills.

Let us say thanks to our present forefathers.

Has State War Started?

Anybody among the professionals found taking orders from any other than Mr. Lentz would shortly be departing, the division and district engineers of the state highway and public works commission were told by the Governor, first Republican brand of the century, who naturally wants to call the signals on highway construction.

Mr. Lentz, of course, is Mr. Bruce Lentz, Governor Jim Holshouser's director of transportation, also named by the Governor to the dual role as acting chairman of the highway commission.

Many of the Democratic majority in the legislature were quick to take umbrage and voice same in hardly uncertain terms.

Not least among the complainants is Attorney General Robert Morgan, also of the Democratic faith, who questions the legality of Mr. Lentz' dual situation.

None questioned the right (indeed they'd thought him a bit added) of the Governor to clan out the Democratic members (as they all were) of the highway commission, but the high-handed-

ness of the approach rankled.

The politics of the business appears unwise, for the Governor must rise or fall on direct basis of cooperation with the Democratic majority.

On the basis of the firing threat, it is also a considerable question whether sufficient numbers of qualified engineers could be found to fill the vacancies.

The Governor might have been more soundly based to make some blandishments to the President (of the Governor's own faith) who already has withheld appropriated funds for federal share roads and indicates he plans to do more.

From the Kings Mountain standpoint there is the matter of the US 74 by-pass (a 50-50 share road).

This project would eliminate one of the biggest remaining bottlenecks on the state's long-term dream of a mountain to the coast avenue similar to South Carolina's I-26.

After all, construction will require a bit of time.

How long from start to finish on the I-85 Kannapolis bottleneck.

Good and Faithful Servant

When she retired December 31, Mrs. Willie Mobley Dilling and the whole community could look back on her 22 years of good and faithful service.

The Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library was dedicated and opened in November 1947 and Mrs. Dilling became librarian at the untimely death of Mrs. Charles Campbell.

Growth of the library in usage and in volume has been great.

Mrs. Dilling had good taste in the selection of books, whether for adults or youth, and, as a result, she was able to stretch the annual "book" portion to a greater sum than it would normally have been.

Good Bill

Senator Jack Rhyne, of Belmont, one of three serving the four county districts which includes Cleveland, has introduced a bill dear to the Herald's heart.

Senator Rhyne would repeal in its entirety the state's privilege license tax schedule.

The Herald has sought removal of this tax at the city level for many years. The return is small here in relation to the city budget and it is small for the state in relation to the state's budget.

Meantime, it is a hodge-podge, which, as the Senator charges, tends to gouge the small businessman.

Basically, it is an added "tax gimmie" that should not be assessed against legitimate businesses, which the state wants to attract.

17 Countries Finalize Cable

Representatives from 16 European countries, the largest number ever to share in a transatlantic cable venture, and the U. S. have finalized plans for TAT-6, the sixth telephone cable under the Atlantic.

R. B. Moore, local Southern Bell Manager, explained that TAT-6, with 4,000 voice grade circuits, will have approximately three times the capacity of all other transatlantic cables combined and more than four times as many circuits as the latest TATS. When available for service in early 1976, the new cable will bring to 5,300 the total number of simultaneous conversations possible on U. S. - Europe cables.

Moore states that overseas calling volume has been increasing 20 to 25 percent annually and, on that basis, AT&T predicts 40 million calls will be made to or from the U. S. this year. In 1972, North Carolinians placed 350,000 calls to overseas locations.

New technology has made it more economical to provide this overseas service. Costs per circuit mile of TAT-1, laid in 1950, was \$300. TAT-6 costs will run about \$10 per mile. As a result said Moore rates have dropped, attracting more callers. He concluded with more growth projected in the future, additional high-capacity cable and satellite facilities are being planned by AT&T for the decade of the seventies.

WHEREAS, an agreement to end the war in Vietnam has been formally signed by the United States of America and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam the hope has been expressed that this agreement will effect a lasting peace in Vietnam and will insure a continuing peace in Indochina and Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, this agreement will terminate American involvement in the hostilities which have so greatly altered the lives of so many people and the institutions of our society.

WHEREAS, the sacrifices made by members of the Armed Services and others, and their families; have become increasingly painful to all Americans, and should be formally acknowledged as we celebrate the agreement that has brought us an opportunity for a long-sought peace; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Kings Mountain to recognize the great sacrifices made by so many of our citizens and recognize the opportunity for peace in Vietnam and elsewhere.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners for the City of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, that the period of time between Wednesday, January 31, 1973 and Sunday, February 4th, be, and it hereby is, proclaimed as a special period of "Thanksgiving for Peace" in the City of Kings Mountain, and that this period be, and hereby is, dedicated to the proposition that the ending of the war is a first step toward building peace in Indochina and Southeast Asia and a lasting and enduring peace in our world, and

- John Henry Moss, Mayor
- Ray Cline, Commissioner Ward I
- W. S. Biddix, Commissioner Ward II
- T. J. Ellison, Commissioner Ward III

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all churches in the City of Kings Mountain and area join with the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association to hold special services on Sunday, February 4, to give thanks for peace and to honor and express our most humble and sincere appreciation to all Veterans and servicemen, and their families; to those who made the supreme sacrifice of giving their lives, and to their families; to those who are Missing In Action, and their families; to all Prisoners of War, and their families and

we, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Kings Mountain, further request that these special services acknowledge and recognize our own internal problems such as fear, doubts, devilside ideologies and other conflicts which have evolved from this war; and to do those things in our own lives and communities which are necessary to be first done and accomplished if we are to attain the kind of country and world that we profess to want for ourselves and others; and that we dedicate ourselves henceforth to sincere efforts to accomplish a lasting solution to our own problems and reconciliations of our own differences with hope and prayer that such efforts will enable us to learn how to attain the peace and brotherhood throughout the world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper and prayerful observance of this day be commended to all citizens and residents of the Kings Mountain area.

This the 31st day of January, 1973.

- W. Norman King, Commissioner Ward IV
- Jonas Bridges, Commissioner Ward V
- James Dickey, Commissioner Ward VI