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A rose man feareth, and departeth from evil but the fool rageth and is confident. Proverbs 14:16

### School Bond Votes

There apparently will be two school bond elections on November 6 in Cleveland County.

One will be local, assuming the county commission orders it as expected.

The other will be state-wide, as ordered by the General Assembly, a \$300 million proposal.

Both are important to all school children present and future in Cleveland County, but most important of all to the 49 percent of Cleveland County's school children who attend county district schools.

In its last opportunity on a district basis, county district patrons declined to approve—by the cliff-hanging margin of eight votes—a bond issue to provide funds to build two junior high schools, plant new county school officials label "desperate".

Passage of the state-wide issue would provide \$2,329,392 to the county district, (Kings Mountain \$1,072,798, Shelby \$1,262,987) but that's only enough for one junior high.

The county-wide proposal, which, approved, would provide the county district \$4,030,000.

No funds are proposed for the Kings Mountain and Shelby districts.

Whoa, here! Is the natural first reaction from the city district patrons.

But fairness, not unfairness, is the idea at all.

Approval of the issue is predicated on another proposal to consolidate school debt. The funds earmarked for the county district would equalize the debts of the three districts on basis of pupils per capita, which finds 49 percent of the pupils attending county district schools, the remainder attending those of the two city districts.

To be fair, debt consolidation must have comparable fund distribution.

Some citizens have already interpreted the proposals as a prelude to county-wide school consolidation, heavily promoted by the State Department of Public Instruction (administering for 100 state school units being consolidated a more simple chore than administering for the present 164).

Proponents contend county-wide administration produces more efficient administration and better schools, therefore is a better education deal for the pupils.

It ain't necessarily so, as Composer George Gershwin would have phrased it.

A whole host of citizens of county-wide consolidated schools in neighboring Gaston and nearby Mecklenburg counties would like to return to the pre-consolidated arrangement.

It's the same in Greenville County, South Carolina.

### Water Grant

The city asked for \$204,000 to double its water treatment capacity.

The state proffered only \$150,000, with the suggestion that Kings Mountain might prefer to wait until next year's divvying up of the second piece of the \$150 million bond issue and again seek its fully-requested amount.

"Should we have waited?", the Mayor facetiously asked a friend.

One does not reject a \$150,000 bird-in-hand.

Certainly, after plans are further along and if the funds are required, Kings Mountain's plea—in the second year split up—should be honored.

Under federal law, Kings Mountain was qualified for up to half of the cost of the initial water project, exclusive of engineering fees and certain other items.

"Up to" makes a big difference when there is a limited amount of money (as there always is) to disburse. When the federal people informed the Mayor \$450,000 was available for the Kings Mountain project, not the "up to" estimated \$1,500,000 to \$1,600,000, the Mayor, shook the official's hand and said, "We'll take it. Thank you."

### Wets Vs. Dries

The hottest election item on November 6, by its very nature, is the state-wide election to authorize legal sale of liquor by the drink.

Opposing forces are girding.

Marse Grant, editor of the state Baptist publication the Biblical Recorder, is the long-term leading dry spokesman of the state.

The wets have tapped John Ryan, of Charlotte, Southern Bell manager for North Carolina for many years, as its leader.

Just about everyone who has ever been through one dreads elections on the question of legal sale of alcoholic beverages. Here is an emotional issue which is a potential, and often has been, one which finds wife against husband, father against son, brother against brother, sister against sister, and friend against friend.

There are some who take the middle ground and say, "You vote your position and I'll vote mine and no hard feelings!" That's as it should be, but quite often isn't.

Kings Mountain itself is a case in point on the contention that those who've been through one legal liquor vote are not anxious to repeat it.

Under current law, a petition to the city commission bearing about 500 signatures of bona fide voters would make the calling of an election on package store sales mandatory.

As indicated by the 55-45 defeat of the proposal a few years ago, a large minority certainly, of Kings Mountain citizens favor ABC package store sales. But none have indicated a willingness to lead a wet effort, while many wets have said, "Excuse me!"

A state-wide package store proposal would have better chance of passage than the current liquor-by-the-drink proposal, which is mottled with ifs, ands and buts.

Liquor-by-the-drink sales would be limited to restaurants of minimum size, for instance. There'd be no such thing as stopping by the corner tavern for a friendly nightcap with the boys.

Dry spokesman Grant may be somewhat grandiose in his claim of recent day that, "I will not concede one single county."

But his claim of a smashing victory does not appear grandiose in the least.

### Unhappy Headline

Last week's lead news story in the Herald carried a most unhappy headline and content: "McDevitt: KM Drug Problem Is Worsening Daily".

Chief of Police Tom McDevitt, in his address to the Lions club, gave no indication of crying "wolf" with no wolf there.

Majority of the Lions and, the Herald would guess, majority of citizens were surprised at the "worst of them all" label Chief McDevitt placed on hallucinogen LSD. Most had thought heroin the worse of the drug badmen.

But one dose of LSD, just one, can produce a "take-off" up to five years later.

"Say I employ a policeman and unbeknown to me, he had a dose of LSD a year ago. On duty, with a revolver in his holster, he goes 'off' in a crowd of people. We well might be talking about six dead people," the chief said.

Then he added this shocker: "It did happen here. Thankfully, I was with the officer when it happened."

Information about drug users or pushers should be given to the police department.

The motive need not be community service.

Simply self-preservation.

## MARTIN'S MEDICINE

By MARTIN HARMON

John Henry Moss and Ray Cline went to Kansas City for the All-Star baseball game, which was about the dulllest part of a most interesting and happy trip.

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Mayor Moss, organizer and president of the Western, Carolinas League, was bragging about the fact of five WCL graduates and their roles in the game. Four were players: 1) Bobby Bonds, the San Francisco Giant outfielder voted the game's most valuable player, a graduate of Lexington; 2) Buddy Bell, Cleveland third baseman, who went up from Sumter; 3) Nolan Ryan, the California Angel pitcher who recently put together consecutive no-hit, no-run games and a regular game no-hit, no run in the next, only to lose it 1-0 in extra innings, a graduate of Greenville; and 4) Bill Singer, another Angel flinger, who pitched at Salisbury in the WCL. The fifth, of course, was the National League's winning manager, Cincinnati's Sparky Anderson, who apprenticed at Rock Hill.

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Two Kansas City Royals officials are friends of long-standing of John's. Cedric Tallis, vice-president and general manager, and John were co-workers some years ago in the Detroit Tiger organization, both having been general manager of the Jamestown, N. Y., farm, and Lou Gorman, personnel manager, was offered his first job in professional baseball in the Western Carolinas. "I didn't get him," John notes, "Baltimore out-bid me."

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Commissioner Cline, as well as John, enjoyed talking with the old-time stars. Lefty Gomez, Moose (Lefty) Grove, Carl Hubbell, Bill Hallahan, Satchel Paige, Monte Irvin, and many others.

Gomez, the great New York Yankee pitcher, joined John and Ray at dinner on Monday evening prior to the all-star spectacle. Ray's one-time Sally League hero was Willy Moore. Moore was a consistent Sally League pitching winner for years, but somehow didn't attract sufficient attention of the major league scouts. Moore's ticket to the majors was bought the season, Ray recalls, "When he was either age 32 and won 31 games, or was 31 and won 32 games. Ray also recalls the remark of Eddie Brannick, then general manager of the Yankees, who declared, "I don't care if he was pitching against the bloomer girls. I want any guy who can win that many ball games!"

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Neither Gomez nor Moore, Gomez recalled, went to the big time on their hitting ability. "We were playing the Senators in the traditional day-early opener at Washington, and Babe Ruth belted me \$50 to \$51 wouldn't get five hits all season. Willy overheard the conversation and incredulously suggested the Babe wouldn't give that kind of odds. The Babe laughed big and told Willy he'd just bet Willy \$500 to \$10 Moore wouldn't get a single hit the whole season. I pitched that opener and got four for five."

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The results: the Babe won Gomez's fifty, as El Gomez never got another. Moore won Babe's five hundred. Hittless for the season, Moore drew the pitching assignment in the final game, garnered a single, then blasted a home run.

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Gomez recalled he started the first All-Star game in 1933. He pitched the first three innings. Washington's Al Crowder (from Winston-Salem) the next three, Boston Red Sox Lefty Grove the final three. Babe Ruth contributed a home run and it was the American League's ball game 4-2. Gomez was the starting AL pitcher in four of the next five All-Star games.

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Paige, the rubber-armed Negro, signed by Bill Veeck at Cleveland after Jackie Robinson and Branch Rickey broke the color barrier demonstrated for Ray and John his famed "hesitation" pitch. His age unknown even to Satch, but estimated at not less than 50, Paige won ball games for the Indians.

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Ray was interested in a baseball feature I read this week in the Christian Science Monitor. It was an interview with Duffy Lewis, a Red Sox outfielder in the days when Babe Ruth became a Red Sox pitcher. General theme of the story was that Lewis is thought to be the only person who saw Ruth smash both his first home run (1915) and his last home run (1954). Lewis was Ruth's teammate when he hit the first in 1915 and general manager of the Boston Braves when Ruth hit his last (one of three for the day) and career No. 714 came as Ruth was bowing out of baseball. It was Ruth's last game.

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Lewis, now 85 and a race track buff at his home in Haverford, N. H., contributed another

## HOSPITAL LOG

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 Mrs. Martha Louise Blackmer  
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 Silas J. Crawford  
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### ADMITTED THURSDAY

Marvin F. Neal, 607 Gastonia Rd., Bessemer City  
 Mrs. Ernest I. Toney, Rt. 2, City

### ADMITTED FRIDAY

Mrs. Earl E. Buchanan, Rt. 1, Gastonia

Mrs. Frank Phillips, 207 N. Dilling St., City  
 Rev. George L. Wallis, 422 E. Georgia Avenue, Bessemer City

### ADMITTED SATURDAY

Mrs. Wendell L. Phifer, 807 W. Mtn. St., City  
 Mrs. Bill Adams, 21 Bennett Dr., City  
 Thomas Kenneth Green, 5180 Midpines, City  
 John V. Schuler, Jr., 106 Helen Avenue, Bessemer City

### ADMITTED SUNDAY

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 Mrs. Colon Lee Keeter, Rt. 2, Box 921, Bessemer City  
 George W. Mauney, 813 W. Mountain St., City  
 Mrs. Douglas L. Ware, Rt. 3, Box 381, City  
 Mrs. Johnny W. Whetstone, Rt. 4, Box 199, City

"only", "I think," he said, "I'm the only guy who ever pinch-hit for Ruth. Got a single, too."

Mrs. James A. Willis, Box 11, Lattimore  
 William Boyd Boone, 108 E. Georgia Avenue, Bessemer City  
**ADMITTED MONDAY**  
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 Tammy Lynne Abree, 1024 N. Ransom St., Gastonia  
 Hoyt Marr, 1747 Parkdale, Gastonia  
 Furman C. McGinnis, Rt. 4, Box 122, Shelby  
 Otis C. Falls, 607 Jackson St., City  
 Mrs. Jessie E. Reynolds, P. O. Box 822, City  
 Lee Sterling Meeks, 303 Gold St., Bessemer City

## Long Branch Sets Homecoming

Long Branch Baptist church of Grover will observe Homecoming Day Sunday with special services.

Rev. Floyd Surratt will fill the pulpit at the 11 a. m. worship service. Picnic dinner will be spread at 1 p. m.

At the 2:30 p. m. service Rev. Quincy Caldwell, pastor of Rising Ebenezer Baptist church at Winston-Salem, will deliver the message and special music will be featured.

Rev. E. F. Brewer is pastor of the Long Branch church and invites the community to join in the day's service.

Mrs. Ruth Cobb of Kings Mountain was visited by her son James W. Cobb and granddaughter, Debbie of Bally, Nevada. This visit was very special to Mrs. Cobb. It seems that she had not seen her granddaughter since she was four years old. Debbie is 19 now.

**WES AND THE BEANSTALK** — Wes Williams of Route 4, Kings Mountain, is shown here with what could be the biggest beanstalk since Jack's. Wes said the bean came up voluntarily in his watermelon patch. He staked it and it now measures eight feet. He's already picked several dishpans full of beans off the one stalk and the beans are still coming. (Photo by Gary Stewart).

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