Kings Mountain Merchants Offering Dollar Days Values And Prizes

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Bulletin

Summer Fashion Show On Friday

Mrs. Goforth

Heart Victim

Women's Clab Scene Ol Show At 8 O'clock

Temple Revival New Underway

"Next Mayor" Becomes Ex-Mayor With Blast At Tren Curtain" Law

Dollar Days Premetien On For Weekend

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Wants Director

New City Administration Had First Session Friday

Ex-Commissioner Poppy Day Sale Layton Illred For Play Post

Board Enacts Anti-Handbill Ordinance

Dr. Phil Elliott, Rev. Fred Hay To Make Commencement Addresses

Sewes Lines Parks, Streets **Heeds** Listed

24 Firms Cooperate For Selles Seys

May 21, 1953

MEMORIES: of the way we were...

supported the hometown paper owned and operated by hometown people.

Needless to say, I didn't follow my original plan to teach school and I remained in Kings Mountain at The Herald. I retired in 1999 to serve as National President of the American Legion Auxiliary, came back in 2001 to work with Todd Hagans at our sister newspaper, The Eagle, continued to write some stories for the Herald and then returned to the Herald full time. For several weeks now I have also worked at the Herald's sister paper, The Banner-News in Belmont, which means that I have come full

circle in reporting at all three papers in this

newspaper chain. The late Martin Harmon, publisher, owner, editor for 29 years, always kidded my brother and me that we graduated from "Harmon College." He included in his popular "Martin's Medicine" column some of the stories of those 7,000 subscribers, sympathizing with their problems and sharing their joys. He told us on many occasions that an honest, forthright, objective news and editorial policy was the only avenue in maintaining community respect. That's what the publishers/owners who have fol-

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lowed him in this business tell us today. That first publisher I worked with abhorred deadlines, however, he enjoyed the news end of the newspaper rather than "selling". He always got excited about writing editorials but often waited until press day to start turning out copy. He covered city hall and mayors like Garland E. Still, Glee A. Bridges, and John Henry Moss who made the headlines every week.

He always told us new reporters "you have to be at work on Wednesday, no excuses, get married and have babies on every other day but press day."

It is ironic that death came to Martin Luther Harmon Jr. on a Wednesday night, the night the Herald was put to bed. He died in a tragic house fire April 23, 1975.

Three members of my family have worked at The Herald: Gary, who retired in May 2008 after serving nearly 30 years as editor and at that time a total of 44 years in the newspaper business; Jeff Grigg, our nephew, who was production manager, also working with Darrell Austin, general manager of General Publishing Company, and Garland Atkins, who owned The Herald.

David Baity, retired from the Charlotte

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