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News From The Health Department

We should know by this time that our local Health Department has a Division of Sanitation. In simple language sanitation means the promotion of health by close attention to cleanliness. The oldest and at one time the most extensive of all the activities of a well organized public health unit was this effort to control the spread of disease and to prevent disease by encouraging public cleanliness and doing away with health risks created by nuisances and unsanitary conditions.

The Division of Sanitation in our local Health Unit at this time is headed by Mr. Carl E. Shell, who is a reasonable man and a well qualified Sanitarian. It is the duty of this officer to inspect cafes, hotels, lunchrooms, soda fountains, markets, slaughter pens and all other places in the community that offer foods and accommodations to the public for monetary considerations. He undertakes to find out if our foods come from healthy sources and if they are handled in a sanitary manner. He undertakes to find out if there are facilities for properly refrigerating and storing foods intended for public consumption, or whether they are poorly kept and exposed to rats and roaches and filth. He attempts to see that John Q. Public gets a clean glass, a clean plate and clean knife and fork, and that his food is prepared in a clean place by healthy people. He inspects our schools with a view to improving the school living conditions for our children. He inspects and examines into our public milk supply, our public water supply, our sewage and waste disposal systems, and he seeks on all sides to correct any unsanitary conditions that may exist. All of this is done with kindly intentions to promote the interest and cooperation of both the operator and the public consumer. When necessary, however, this officer can and does exercise his legal authority to compel changes in behalf of sanitation and the public health.

We should all appreciate the protection afforded us by pure water supplies, wholesome milk supplies and safe sewage disposal. We should all back up every effort to maintain clean, healthy public accommodations such as restaurants, hotels, public toilets and the like. Moreover, when it becomes necessary we should feel free to consult our Health Department on matters of both private and public sanitation.

Because there are so many diseases that may spread through unsafe sewage disposal and unprotected water supplies, it is important that private individuals contact our Sanitary Division for advice before the actual construction of wells and sewage disposal plants. The service of the Sanitary Officer is available to anyone wishing professional advice on these subjects. Mr. Shell covers a large territory, but he may be contacted through the local Health Clinic, the County Nurse, or by mail addressed to the Department of Sanitation, Davie, Stokes, Yadkin District Health Department, Mocksville, N. C.

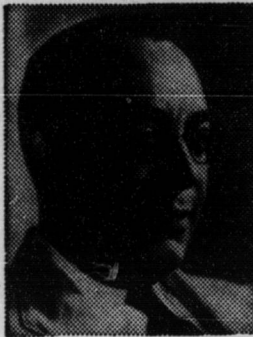
"Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none, be able for thine enemy."



READING & WRITING

BY Edwin Seaver AND Robin McKown

Everybody who has had anything to do with getting a house built will feel a bond of sympathy with the hero of Eric Hodgins' novel, "Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House." Even if you have just ordered a chicken house from the local carpenter, or added a closet to your apartment, chances are you will find somewhere in this story something that happened to you. "Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House" is a Book-of-the-Month Club selection for January, along with "The Angelic Avengers" by Pierre Andrezel.



ERIC HODGINS

Mr. Blandings, like his creator, is a successful New York City advertising executive. He and Mrs. Blandings have a comfortable life together, that is, up until the time when they get the romantic idea of owning a country place in Connecticut. That is where their troubles begin. The old Hackett place on Bald Mountain is historic and beautiful, and they fall in love with it on sight. They are so entranced, in fact, that it is only after the deeds are signed and delivered that it occurs to them they ought to have an engineer look over the place. The engineer's decision is implacable. The famous old historical monument is in danger of falling down of its own weight. They must tear it down and start over again.

Being attacked for vandalism in print, and finding himself in legal difficulties for having torn down a place on which there was still a mortgage are only the beginning of Mr. Blandings' difficulties. His architect was a good one but quite unable to restrain Mrs. Blandings' imagination, inflamed by delusions of grandeur.



How Mr. Blandings got stuck in the second floor bathroom because there was no knob on the inside of the door; how rival unions produced sections that failed to unite; how the special windows, when they arrived were found to have been made for a house in New Jersey—this is just a sample of what made Mr. Blandings wish that he had never left New York City.

It comes as a surprise that the house really did get built. It cost only about three times the estimate, and there is a happy ending. The Blandings liked their house. Indeed Mrs. Blandings wrote an article about it for *The Home Lovely*, in which she told how they had avoided all the usual errors which trap the inexperienced.



Write It 1947 — Happy New Year

THE ERWIN CHATTER extends happy New Year's greetings to its readers. We can make this wish in deep sincerity because we feel strongly that much of the happiness which we, of THE CHATTER family, have enjoyed in the past came through the warm friendships and loyal support and the good will of our many friends.

Looking back we cannot avoid remembering that the past year presented the country, and the world, with much bewilderment, confusion and strife. Such experiences sometimes make people discouraged and cynical. But if we read the history of the periods of confusion it may encourage us to take new heart for great things in the coming year. We Americans prize our Declaration of Independence, our Constitution and our Bill of Rights. We honor the men and women who won them for us, but we forget through what agony and distress they were all born. Some of the discussions of the past year were mild in comparison with those which raged around the achievements of our forefathers.

People do learn through experience. Notwithstanding that leaders and experts in various groups have brought their text books into court, what we have really learned has been through our experiences, and that makes us hopeful that our social and economic differences are going to find reasonable and acceptable acceptance and adjustment by all concerned. We are discovering that the real economic laws are more comprehensive than the textbooks of any school of thought. Production should be our key word for the coming year, and with production we can have more profits and better wages. One cause for hopefulness is the fact we have learned this through experience.

Because it is in the thinking and attitudes of people in all the little towns and rural communities, it is most important that all of us do some constructive thinking in regard to peace. We need, first of all, a will for peace, and then endeavor to discover the road to it. Peace will not be thrust upon the world; the people of the world must desire it, and create the conditions for it. Peace can live and grow only in the atmosphere of good will, justice and righteousness. Peace cannot live in a world in which color, politics, race and class set group against group. All of these must learn to live together in mutual helpfulness. The basic principle from which such righteousness and justice may stem as the necessary hope of peace is very short and simple. It was the principle enunciated by the great Teacher in Gallilee, "All Ye Are Brethren."

—The Cooleemee Journal.

MUSIC CLUB

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tees: the Program Committee, the War Service Committee, the Magazine Committee, and the Ways and Means Committee. The purpose of the various music funds, which the Club contributes to each year, was explained by Mrs. Huske.

After the business session Miss Dorothy Helsabeck gave some very interesting current events from the Charlotte Observer and the Club magazine. The items from the Club magazine were especially interesting because they were written about the Lottie Walters Junior Music Club and the fine work they are doing. "Valhalla," a chapter from the Club's study book, "The Opera," was presented by Mrs. Huske, after which the program was turned over to Rev. G. L. Royster. Two lovely piano selections were given by Miss Frances Stroud, followed by the singing of two duets, "The Lost Chord" and "Juanita," by Miss Mary A. Jarvis and Miss Mariola Crawford, accompanied by Miss Katherine Jarvis.

The hostess then served an at-

tractive plate of delicious refreshments to the Club members, after which the meeting was adjourned.

NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

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our lives that we are proud of, that are worthy goals for us to strive for and with the intention to lessen those things in our lives of which we are not proud. Thirdly, we can look inward. No one knows us better than ourselves, and the closer inventory we can make of our inner life, the more facts we have about this person, ourselves, the better we can change and improve him.

The Erwin Management hopes for you and yours better things in 1947 than you had in 1946. It strongly recommends that you take time to do the three things referred to above—look backward, look forward and look inward—and from the three viewpoints let us all try to make our individual lives more satisfactory and the life of our community and plant something of which to be proud, a peaceful, happy family, working towards a common goal.

SOIL CONSERVATION

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selected from each school in the county, after which a contest will be held in Mocksville at a date to be announced later. The winner of this contest will then have an opportunity to enter the District contest and later compete for the State prize.

THE AGE OF ANIMALS

Both the civilized world as well as the animal world is restive these days. Daily the newspapers carry stories of animals going berserk in a sort of zoological revolution.

There was a story that wolves were out in force near Moscow and of coyotes being loose in the city of Los Angeles. A bear bit off the arm of a visitor to a zoo and a lion clawed the man who came to feed him.

Perhaps animals should be given representation on the UN. We have the Russian Bear, the British lion and the American eagle. Maybe the animals could be represented by a panther.

On second thoughts perhaps not. I remember Ogden Nash's advice: "If you hear a panther, don't anther."

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"Please replace the turf" Is a sign with simple grace, But for a lot of guys I know It should read "Returf the place!"

And then there was the Negro woman who named her children Eanie, Meenie, Miney and Edgar, because she didn't want any Mo."

There is bound to be tragedy in the life of the man who will not recognize his limitations.

Sam Brand says —



I'M lookin' ahead to January with a better feelin' this year. I don't have to wonder where some of the folks I gave Christmas presents to are hidin' 'em for fear I'll see how they fell apart.

Those nameless gifts I picked up last year and the year before, 'cause I couldn't get the names I trusted, had me plenty worried.

If you work in a place where the whole setup's fixed to keep up the standards of a good trademark, you know the difference. Shoppin' always gives me new faith in the way we go at makin' things.