


WINTER WOES by Purson



*Oh, sad were the woes of Salesman Blue,
On a trip, with a cold, he was getting the flu,
And although he was freezin',
He got home in good season,
His tire chains pulled him right through.*

PREVENT THOSE WINTER DRIVING WOES

The Safe Winter Driving League presents this tip for safer winter driving from the National Safety Council: "For severe snow and ice conditions, tests show that reinforced tire chains provide four to five times as much traction as regular tires without chains." Assure your ability to get through regardless of the weather—always carry chains and be prepared for winter's worst storms.

SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Congress that has dealt with poverty, medicare, tax, and farm problems in the last two sessions will tackle some new issues in January. Over-shadowing domestic issues is the Vietnam War and its resolution. Growing troop commitments, greater American casualties, and rising war costs dwarf other problems.

Still the holdover issues that divided the last Congress will be present when Congress reconvenes. Repeal of Section 14(b) of the Taft - Hartley Act, minimum wage, and unemployment compensation revision already are being urged in some quarters as priority legislation.

General government legislation including how to deal with Congressional districting and State legislative reapportionment remain emotional issues. How far to go in the fields of health, education, and welfare legislation and at what cost is certain to receive much consideration.

Yet already there is a growing attitude in the country that all things cannot be accomplished by the Federal government in a massive attack on the problems besetting the nation and the world. Financing a costly war thousands of miles from home has put new emphasis on budgetary considerations.

Federal timetables that once were marked "urgent" now may have to be revised into "needed, but can wait." Human and financial resources will cover only so much. It is becoming more and more apparent that putting men on the moon, expanding health, education, and welfare programs, are competing for funds that may now to go into the war effort.

Last year the world seemed more peaceful, but alternatives have narrowed in the interval. Now we are in a full fledged war in Asia with no clear-cut solution in sight. In the precarious world in which we live, this is not without many other precedents of recent years. It is almost certain that there will be new demands around the world

that will involve our nation. Like Britain the last century, we are finding that power brings problems, and particularly so in an age when much of the world is content for another nation to defend its liberties.

A clear recognition of this is essential to a practical approach to many of our national security problems. On June 10, 1963, in his last major speech on foreign policy, President Kennedy said as much when he stated: "We must deal with the world as it is, and not as it might have been had the history of the last 18 years been different. We must, therefore, persevere in the search for peace in hope that constructive changes within the Communist bloc might bring within reach solutions which now seem beyond us."

Although the lights of peace this year are not bright on the battlefields of Asia, and no one has any easy or quick solution to that problem, the preservation of our national security is essential and as mandatory as it always has been.

Such is the challenge of the new year, and such is the hope of men who still search for a peaceful world.

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Home Club Meets For Yule Party

The Chinquapin Home Demonstration Club held its regular meeting and Christmas Party in the home of Mrs. Ralph Howard. Mrs. Howard and Mrs. Furney Eubanks were co-hostesses. The meeting began with a delicious supper.

A business session was held afterwards. Project reports were given by Mrs. Wayne Stilley on "Safety" and Mrs. Bill Eubanks on "Christmas Foods."

The group then exchange gifts and the meeting adjourned with everyone praying the collect.

POOR PARKING

Ray Woodley Smith of 513 Linden Avenue picked a poor parking space last week in downtown Kinston. The stern of his car hung out too far in the path of a locomotive, which bashed the stern and shoved the bow of Smith's skiff against the wall of Whitfield's jewelry store. Damage to the Smith vehicle: \$375, to the locomotive: \$0.

No Parking Places? Answer's Simple, More Cars Than Families in Lenoir

According to a survey on the distribution of cars throughout the United States, Lenoir County is listed with a total of 118 cars for each 100 families as of the beginning of this year. That is more than are in use in many areas of the country.

The figures are contained in a market study, covering every part of the nation, conducted by the Standard Rate and Data Service.

It shows that as families move upward on the income scale their taste for bigger and better cars keeps pace. So does their tendency to acquire second cars.

In Lenoir County there has been a steady rise in the number of two-car families. Over 18 per cent of them are now in that category.

The extent to which automobile ownership has increased locally in the last few years is evidenced by the fact that the number of registered cars rose from 15,740 in 1960 to 17,820 in 1965.

It represented a net increase, after making allowance for cars that were scrapped, of 13.2 per cent in the period.

Car ownership in the local area is high and is heading higher.

The automobile industry lists several factors to account for the boom that has taken place. The backbone, of course, was

"Teen Topics"

BY TERESA CREAUGH

Well, I hope everyone had a very merry Christmas as I did. Of course, it would have been nice to have had a white Christmas, but I guess that it just couldn't be arranged.

I know that the holiday season is a busy time for everyone; but don't forget that our JC basketball teams are playing Saturday night, January 1, at North Lenoir. We have had a good season, so far, so let's keep our spirit up and continue to support our teams.

You know, it has been said that there is no such thing as a person who is a jinx. However, I believe that, as far as cars are concerned, it is very possible for a person to be a JINX with a capital J!!!

Wonder...

If anyone has been in the ditch lately?

What Elaine Thomas had for supper last Wednesday night? Who said, "Loudness! Loudness!"

If anyone has had any flat tires lately?

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: Now you can go in those places with me.

As a new year approaches, it is only natural to think over the year which has just passed and the memories it holds. No doubt, there will be some happy memories and bad ones, some disappointments and some joys. However, no matter what the past year has brought, I believe that all of us look forward to the future with warm hopes and anticipation.

So now I would like to wish for everyone a most happy and prosperous new year.

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