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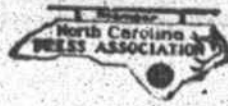
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TODAY'S BIBLE VERSE

For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness. 1 Corinthians 3:19.

No Woman's Club? Congress Reconvenes

A Herald women's news report of a recent edition reported a possibility that the Senior Woman's Club might disband for failure of any more to accept the presidency of the organization.

The matter was tabled for a month, with the general hope that the problem could be settled, and the Herald hopes it can. The Woman's Club has long been an important factor in the civic life of this community, dating back to the old days when there was no Woman's Club building and when Floral Fairs, then, as now, a big yearly occasion, were held in buildings which happened to be vacant at the time.

But the possibility of the Woman's Club's disbanding reminds of an idea the Herald has long had in mind for expansion of the Woman's Club building into a building of larger size which could accommodate larger crowds.

Though no architect's advice has been obtained, it seems that utilization of the vacant lot adjoining the Woman's Club would make it possible for addition of another wing to the building to make a banquet room which could accommodate easily 400 persons, double the current capacity and more than double the current comfortable capacity.

The Herald has long felt that all the civic organizations interested in buildings should join together on this effort to secure sufficient funds. At the same time, arrangements could be made whereby the bigger plant could be run by a board of directors made up of representatives of each participating organization.

With participation of several other organizations, (Kiwanis, Lions, Jaycees, perhaps others), it would be possible to set up the plant on a budget sufficient to employ a regular manager and to take care of the expenses of upkeep, taxes, insurance, etc. This latter matter of operation and upkeep, it strikes the Herald, is something frequently forgotten when organizations are building buildings. The expense is not over when the contractor is paid off.

But the Herald hardly thinks the Woman's Club needs to disband to bring about this possibility. It would much prefer the Woman's Club to remain in most active existence and to have a continuing part in this needed community undertaking.

There are at least a dozen occasions here yearly which over-tax the capacity of all available accommodations. With ample facilities there would be many more occasions.

About the nicest thing that could happen to Kings Mountain as a New Year present would be the resumption of operations at the DuCourt Mills plant under responsible ownership. Idle plants are a drag on any community.

martin's medicine

By Martin Harmon

(Containing bits of news, wisdom, humor, and comment. To be taken weekly. Avoid overdose.)

New Car Week

Even though there is no official designation of this week (or any week as far as I know) as "New Car Week," or ever has been, I believe this week in Kings Mountain could appropriately be called such, for three of the four dealers are sporting new "Car of the Decade" models. I refer to Dodge, Chevrolet, and Buick. I am not intending to leave Fred Flonly and Paul Smyre out either, but Ford jumped the gun, bringing out their '50 models a few weeks back.

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While I have not pre-viewed any of the new models, I am sure of several things about them. Pictures indicate that they'll have more chrome and other frills than before, and I'll personally guarantee that all of them will go too fast, unless, that is, you're trying to out-run a patrolman. Even then it's liable to go too fast and superimpose all occupants of the car on a roadside tree. Needless to say, this does not help the landscape.

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The '50 models being shown currently indicate too that auto makers are getting back into the pre-war pattern, in which they concentrate on new body design one year and mechanical improvements the next. None of the auto-makers want to admit this, but the proof of the car pudding is in the seeing, and there isn't too much change in body design for '50, even though Buick has announced it will have a somewhat shorter car, but one which is more roomy and more comfortable for back-seat drivers and other rear seat passengers.

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Come to think about it, it would seem in order to have a "New Car Week" every year, in spite of the physical difficulties of getting this competitive industry to bring out the new ones together.

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The reason is good, the medicinal department thinks, for the automobile has come to typify America. While there is still an untapped source of people who don't own automobiles in the U. S., it's much smaller than one time. A note in a recent Saturday Evening Post, commenting on the Hoover Days joke of "two cars in every garage and two chickens in every pot," reports that car registrations in California indicate that many families in the West Coast Sunshine State do have two cars. Car registrations are 20 percent over the necessary number for one per family.

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Unfortunately the big increase in car ownership has not found road-building keeping pace, and perhaps this is the answer to the old imponderable of the physicists, "What happens when an irresistible force meets an immovable object?" The answer to that one is found daily on the Highways and in the newspapers. According to the semi-weekly, gruesome "Bloodshed Boxscore" sent to North Carolina papers by an old school friend of mine named Mrs. Jo Spivey, who tallies up the fatalities for the state highway department, in excess of 100 more people lost their lives on North Carolina highways during 1949 than in 1948. More cars, more wrecks, more fatal accidents. More roads are needed to spread the traffic. Of course, if the car manufacturers cut their motors to about one-third their current horsepower, it would have some beneficial effect, but they're not going to do that. It would also help if motorists always started on time and didn't have to hurry to get where they're going, but in this category the medicine man would have to work on himself.

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There are going to be more and more autos, as the dealers observe this and future "New Car Weeks," and as long as there are banks and finance companies, and people who want to make a down payment and send off a monthly check for the new bus. That is typical of America too.

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Our congratulations to the dealers on their new models, and our best wishes to each and all who sign on the dotted line. . . .

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Did you make any New Year's resolutions? A good one would be the old-time, pre-vitamin, pre-penicillin formula of the general practitioner: sleep more, eat less and worry less. The only trouble is that it's hard to do. A local business man, remarking on his short Christmas holiday said, "Yes, it was a nice Christmas. I left town for three days and forgot all my worries." For some folks, it requires getting away from the scene to relax. And relaxation is a prime requisite for good health and long life. . . .

Safety Resolutions Suggested For 1950

"If you would be thrifty, practice safety in 1950," is a New Year's Resolution suggested this week by Ben Jenkins, county agent for the State College Extension Service.

Such a resolution, the county agent pointed out, can be carried out by the whole family to the benefit of all. Furthermore, it is thoroughly practical and can mean the difference between profit and loss for the new year.

Making and keeping New Year's safety resolutions is much more than a pastime; it is a means of assuring the happiness and well-being of farm families everywhere. The National Safety Council suggests that if each member of every farm family makes and keeps one good safety resolution in 1950, noticeable progress will be made toward reducing the tremendous toll that accidents take in agriculture.

Following are a few suggested resolutions for farm families to make for 1950:

1. We will continually check the farm to locate and remove hazards.
2. We will at all times observe all safety rules in the operation of machines.
3. We will encourage our friends to work, play, and drive safely.
4. Regardless of the emergency, we will not permit young children to operate or ride upon farm machinery.
5. We will observe due caution when working with or around animals.
6. We will keep guns unloaded and out of reach of children.
7. We will handle poisons and explosives carefully and keep them labeled and out of reach of children.
8. We will encourage year-round participation in farm safety activities by the organizations to which we belong.

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Tax Lister

City of Kings Mountain

10 YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

Items of news taken from the 1928 files of the Kings Mountain Herald.

O. T. Hayes, County Lister, and Dwight Ratterree, Town Lister, were busy this week listing taxes for residents of Number Four Township.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Neisler entertained at a buffet supper and dance on last Thursday night at their home on Gaston street honoring their son, Paul Neisler, Jr., student at McCallie's School for Boys, Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mrs. R. T. White of Hertford, N. C., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Lattimore and family. Mr. R. S. White of Raleigh has returned after visiting his sister, Mrs. Lattimore.