

WEEKLY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Vehicle

Here's the Answer

HORIZONTAL

1 Depicted (comb. form)
4 Quote
9 Handle
13 Withstood
14 Erect
15 Decreases
16 Geological layers
18 Instrument for stamping dates
19 Moving
20 And (Latin)
21 Egyptian sun god
22 Ease
25 Let it stand
27 Ocean
28 Tungsten (ab.)
29 Pair (ab.)
30 Blackbird of cuckoo family
32 Petty quarrel
34 Judicial bench
36 Father
37 Troop (ab.)
38 Muse of poetry
42 Concur
45 Printing mistakes
47 Warning devices
48 Accomplish
49 Most stricken by poverty
51 Stations (ab.)
52 It is propelled by

VERTICAL

1 Barterer
2 Returned premiums

3 Wood (comb. form)
5 Belgian river
6 Courts (ab.)
7 French article
8 Editors (ab.)
9 Arrives (ab.)
10 Tidy
11 Sarcasm
12 Biblical mountain
17 Symbol for tantalum
23 Genus of insects
24 Pastry
25 Pierce with a knife
26 Food fish
31 Sharp
32 Races
33 Talking bird
35 Tops of ocean waves
39 Scope
40 Covers with pitch
41 On time (ab.)
42 Opera by Verdi
43 Grating
44 Stagger
46 Social insect
47 Observe
50 Symbol for erbium

Letter To Editor

Editor,
THE HERALD
Dear Sir:

The tragedy which occurred Saturday night makes it very clear that the City of Kings Mountain needs a system of gates or warning signals at every railroad crossing.

To speak of this now, after such a horrible accident has already happened, would seem to be a bit like locking the stable after the horse has been stolen were it not for the fact that the past history of such happenings clearly indicates that unless such action is taken we can certainly expect other similar tragedies in the future. As was reported in the papers, there have been at least three accidents involving trains at that particular crossing alone in recent years, and many, many more at all of Kings Mountain's crossings in the past.

City Attorney J. R. Davis told me Monday that a community may legally require the railroad to put up some form of protective devices, and I immediately phoned city councilman Ray Cline to request that he ask the city to do so. Mr. Cline has asked Mayor Bridges to write the Southern Railway Co. requesting such action and he said that he will bring up the matter for official action at the next meeting of the town board. Mr. Cline is greatly to be commended for this action.

I am sure that the other members of the board share similar views, and that they must have heard similar expressions from other interested citizens. It is greatly to be hoped that this interest will be crystallized in the form of immediate and positive action.

I am told that protective gates, such as those at the North Piedmont Ave. crossing near the railroad depot, are quite expensive, and there is some question as to whether a railroad may be required to undergo such expense alone. Perhaps a system of lights and bells at all crossings in the city would be sufficient. Perhaps, too, if the city were willing to help contribute to the cost of such a system it would be easier (and quicker) to get it accomplished.

At any rate the need is both evident and urgent, and if the citizens of Kings Mountain would make their feelings known to their elected officials it will give those officials a much stronger position in stating the city's case to the railroad.

I urge all interested citizens to make their feelings known to their town councilmen.

Sincerely,
Ed H. Smith

145 Million Had Health Insurance

In 1963 the health insurance business helped to protect an estimated 145 million Americans against the costs of their health care, the Health Insurance Institute reported today in a review of the past year.

The total figure represents an increase of 3.5 million persons over the number protected in 1962, the Institute said, and stands at 77 per cent of the civilian population.

Total benefits paid to insured persons by all insuring organizations over the year were estimated at \$7.8 billion, or some \$700 million more than were paid out in 1962. The insuring organizations include 879 insurance companies, 77 Blue Cross and 71 Blue Shield Plans, and nearly 800 other health care plans.

The Institute said that new records were established in five types of basic health insurance coverage — hospital, surgical, regular medical, major medical, and loss of income — as well as in the respective amounts of benefits paid to insured persons.

Of the 145 million persons protected against hospital expenses, an estimated 125 million persons also had surgical expense insurance and 101 million had regular medical coverage in 1963. The increase over the 1962 totals for surgical and regular medical insurance was 3.8 million and 2.8 million persons respectively.

Insurance companies paid more than \$4.1 billion of the 1963 benefits, the Institute estimated, an increase of about nine per cent

over the 1962 total of \$3.8 billion. All other insuring organizations accounted for nearly \$3.7 billion in benefits in 1963 for a 19 per cent increase over the 1962 benefit total of \$3.3 billion.

Major medical expense insurance companies continued to be the fastest growing of all health insurance programs, the Institute said. An estimated 41.5 million persons were protected against the costs of serious illness or injury in 1963. That's an increase of 3.8 million persons over 1962, or an 8.4 per cent rise. Comparable percentage increases include a 2.5 per cent rise over 1962 for hospital expense insurance, and a 2.9 per cent rise each for surgical expense insurance and regular medical insurance. Major medical programs, introduced nationally in 1951, are issued by companies on group, individual, and family insurance plans.

Loss of income insurance, which helps to replace lost wages of insured persons during periods of disability, protected an estimated 45.5 million people in 1963, the Institute said, for an increase of 600,000 persons over the number protected in 1962.

Benefits paid to people insured by loss-of-income policies totaled an estimated \$941 million in 1963 as compared to the \$906 million paid out during the previous year. These figures exclude accidental death and dismemberment benefit payments.

A graphic picture of the dramatic growth of the health insurance is evident in the comparison of 1963 and 1953 coverage and benefits totals. In 1963, a total of 97.3 million Americans had health insurance protection, 47.7 fewer than the 145 million protected in 1963. Benefit payments in 1953 came to nearly \$2.5 billion by all insurers, as compared to 1963's \$7.8 billion.

Colored News

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Goode had all their children and 22 grandchildren at home for Christmas holidays.

Visiting the Goodes at their home on Compact road were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Goode of New York, Mrs. Kathleen Littlejohn and family, and Mrs. Genell Smith and family, all of Kannapolis. Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Goode and family and Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Goode and family, all of Kings Mountain.

Compact School Parent-Teacher Association will hold regular meeting Thursday, January 9th, at Compact school.

HERALD COMICS

Life With The Rimples

By Les Carroll

OF ALL THE DUMB, STUPID... STOP IT!

I'M TIRED OF ALL THE MEAN THINGS YOU DO AND SAY TO ME! I HAVE A NOTION TO RUN AWAY FROM HOME-- THEN YOU'LL BE SORRY!

YOU'RE RIGHT! I'VE TREATED YOU AWFUL AND I'M TERRIBLY ASHAMED OF MYSELF!

I DESERVE TO SUFFER-- I'LL PACK YOUR CLOTHES!

Darby Rites Held Saturday

Funeral rites for Henry Lee Darby, 68, were held Saturday at 2 p.m. from Harris Funeral Home Chapel, interment following in the cemetery of Draytonville Baptist church near Gaffney, S. C.

Mr. Darby died at 11:45 a.m. Thursday in Kings Mountain hospital following illness of two months.

He was a retired textile worker and a member of Free Will Baptist church of Rock Hill, S. C.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Lillie Mae Darby; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Lela Arrowood of Gastonia; and three grandchildren.

Uniformed policemen appeared for the first time on the streets of London on September 19, 1829, according to the Book of Knowledge. Local wags dubbed them "hobbies" after British statesman, Sir Robert Peel, who introduced the bill into Parliament providing for the force.

If all the foreign steel imported into the United States during 1962 had been made in American plants, 38,000 additional jobs would have been provided for American steelworkers.

TEENS HEALTH
Health and Safety Tips from The American Medical Association

Frostbite is an ever present danger in winter in much of the nation. It can be a serious injury.

First signs of frostbite are "pins and needles" prickly feeling and then numbness, says Today's Health, the magazine of the American Medical Association.

The affected part will turn white or gray, and later red.

Frostbite can be very painful for a long period, can result in amputations and leave the victim hypersensitive to cold for the rest of his life. In some ways the damage is similar to a burn.

Prevention is the best protection against frostbite. Dress properly in warm clothing, water-proof shoes and heavy dry socks. Cover face and ears. Keep clothing dry from outside moisture and from perspiration. Avoid tight clothing or garters that may restrict circulation.

Motorists should carry heavy clothing and shoes in the car. It might be necessary to hike to a garage for assistance if the motor stalls.

The first step in first aid is thawing of frozen body tissue. Bring the victim indoors to a warm room. Treat the frozen part with gentleness. Don't rub or massage. Ice or snow applied to the frozen part merely delays thawing.

Prompt medical treatment is important. Control of severe pain is required. Antibiotics and anti-tetanus injections may be needed if the skin is broken.

First degree frostbite, similar to sunburn, is likely to attack the ears, toes, fingers, cheeks or nose. Second degree frostbite produces blisters, and third degree freezing damages deep tissues. Much of the frozen part may be lost.

Most cases of frostbite need not have happened, if the victim had been properly dressed and had used judgment about staying out too long in subfreezing weather.

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