



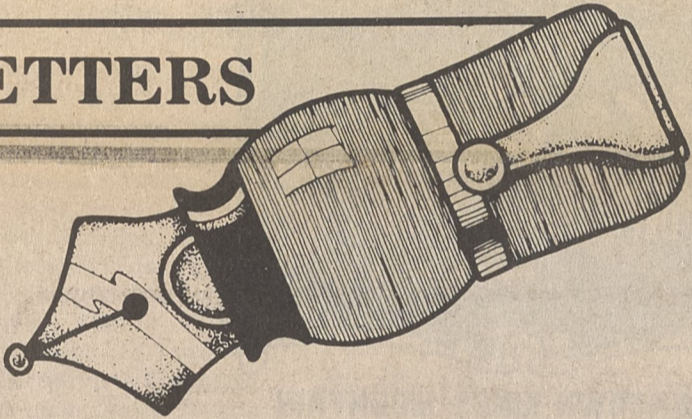
Stewart's Slants

By Gary Stewart

I Can Do Without These

Things I can do without in 1985:
 Poison ivy. I'm back at work following a week off for Christmas. I used part of that week to cut cedar trees to be used for fence posts. As I write this column, my hands, arms, feet and forehead are itching me to death.
 Pro basketball, ice hockey, soccer, tennis, track and field, amateur wrestling, joggers on the highways.
 Beards, mustaches, long hair, big hats, knee boots.
 Music at high school basketball games.
 Plant closings. It seems like every day that comes, another plant is closing or cutting back.
 Pro football's "in the grasp" rule. It's aimed at protecting the quarterback but in many instances it's taking away offense.
 Tie football games. College football is the only major sport that doesn't have a method of settling ties.
 Hot dogs. I'm not talking about the kind you eat, I'm referring to athletes who have to give a "high five", perform some kind of dance routine or cut a flip after making a good play.
 Spaghetti, rice-a-roni and MJ's biscuits (family joke, folks!).
 Dogs that carry off everything that's not tied down.
 Scavengers at the local trash dumpster. One of these days I'm going to dump my trash right down on their heads.
 Telephone tape machines. Nothing ticks me off any more than dialing a phone number and then having someone say, "after the beep, leave your number or message..."
 Kudzu (if that's the way you spell it). They say the State of North Carolina set that stuff out to fill ditches along the roads. If that's the case, the state should have to clean it up and pay for all the damage it's caused to people's property.
 Television preachers who spend three-fourths of their air time begging for money.
 Politicians who tack their posters to every telephone and power pole in town and then, after the election, don't bother to take them down.

LETTERS



They're Grateful

To The Editor:
 Our thanks to Food Lion and Revco Store. We want to say thanks to Mr. J.L. Birchfield, Mr. Peninger and to the boys of Food Lion Store, they've been so nice to us, helping by bringing our groceries when we're not able to get them ourselves. My husband is 85 years old and I'm 80 years old. We couldn't ask for anyone kinder. Also thanks to Bruce Summey and Woody London and girls, all of Revco Drug for all the kindness they've shown us by delivering the medical needs of ours. It's so nice to do business with people like them. And we wish to say we appreciate all the kindness shown in this past year. There are people in Kings Mountain who really care for senior citizens and help them. May God bless each of you. Thanks again and wishing each of you a wonderful new year.

MR. AND MRS. REUBEN NAVY
 SHELBY ROAD, KINGS MOUNTAIN

Thanks For Help

To The Editor:
 A thank you note to all who had a part in making the Bell Ringing for the Helping Hand Fund of the Kings Mountain Ministerial Association a success.
 To the Kings Mountain Herald for the good publicity given us, it sure did help people to know who we are and become aware of the needs of our community and the work Kings Mountain Ministerial Association does.
 To the ministers who were so faithful to fill their time freely to ring the bell.
 To each of you who gave, as individuals and businesses.
 All working together, this was the best year of offerings to my knowledge.
 I thank God for his blessings and the help of all my fellowmen that made this season the success it was.

REV. FRED WELLS
 BELL RINGING CHAIRMAN

Time Not Right

To The Editor:
 On Feb. 26, 1985, an election will be held in regards to higher property taxes on Cleveland County residents, called Supplemental Tax for the Cleveland County School System. The money, it is said, is needed for salary supplements, capital reserve, elimination of fees and for continuation or expansion of programs.
 Although this might be good, a tax increase would not. Another thought: Why not utilize existing funds a little more prudently, especially since the taxpayers of Cleveland County voted the same bill down in 1976.
 Given the already high unemployment of Cleveland County, I do not think this is the proper time for a tax raise.
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Too Mad To Make New Year Resolutions

Most people I've talked with have, during the holiday season, eaten enough turkey to gobble, enough ham to oink, enough chicken to crow, or crackle as the case may be, and enough fruit cake to make the diet experts fall over in a dead faint.
 But weren't they good?

Now it's 1985 and high time to get back to normalcy. But at the Herald on New Year's Day we found that some New Year's Eve revelers had ransacked my office and in the process of breaking and entering tore down the blinds and carted away my IBM typewriter which I cannot do without. The thieves left behind, I'm happy to report, a Nikkon camera lying on the desk, my coat, and several other things which wouldn't be worth much to anyone but me. Apparently the thief or thieves entered the building through the window of my office which is at the side of the building. Also stolen from another office was a small television set and another typewriter. Thank goodness they left the typewriter in my brother Gary's office and the computerized terminal. All our resolutions to be "nice" this year went out the window when we came to work New Year's Day.

What will 1985 have in store for the world, aaterially and otherwise? What, more particularly, will 1985 have in store for the citizens of the Kings Mountain area?
 We hope for each of our readers that 1985 will be your best year



Lib Stewart

ever. But I would appreciate it if you New Year's Eve revelers who visited The Herald would come back to see us and bring my typewriter back.

Belk Stevens

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