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How Effective Are Belts?

While researchers may differ by a few percentage points, average figures coming out of highway safety studies look like this:

Safety belts cut fatalities by 60% to 70%. Safety belts cut the number of serious injuries by 50%. 000

MYTH: A child riding in a car is safest in its mother's arms.

FACT: In a sudden stop or crash, momentum will cause a 20 pound baby to weigh 400 pounds or more. You can't hold that much weight, even if you are wearing a seat belt. And if not, your body could crush a child against the dashboard. 000

MYTH: "I don't need to put my child in a safety seat for a short trip:

FACT: Most accidents happen within 25 miles of home, so placing your child in a safety seat -- and using your own seat belt--makes good sense. 000

MYTH: "It takes too long to buckle the safety belt in my car.

FACT: A belt can be buckled in 3 to 5 seconds, a small investment of time that could prevent a lifetime of heartbreak. 000

MYTH: "My friends would be offended if I asked them to buckle up in my car.'

FACT: Polls show that the overwhelming majority of passengers follow the lead of the driver, and that if asked, they will willingly buckle up.

GOVERNOR'S HIGHWAY SAFETY PROGRAM

Best Part's (Still) The Fun

The popular image of a typical Girl Scout of just a genera-tion ago would bear only a slight resemblance to the Girl Scout of 1985. Today's Girl Scouts are mastering computer technology, learning about the environment and the ecological balance, exploring the universe by telescope and getting on-the-job training through Girl Scouting's career education projects.

It's a full, rich life for Girl Scouts in the 1980s. But girls will still be girls. So, in all those exciting ventures the accent is still on plain old, girl-size FUN!

In fact, the theme for Girl Scout Week this year - March 10-16 - is "The Best Part's the Fun." It reminds us that, in Girl Scouting, "fun" is still number one! It's the lure that con-tinues to bring millions of girls into Girl Scouting's worlds of new discoveries, expanded personal horizons, community

Typographical Errors Can Change Story's Meaning

Simple typographical errors can often play havoc with the news stories and change the entire meaning as the ommition of the two-letter work "no" did in a story in last week's Herald reporting the first meeting of the newly-organized citizen group which is, by the way, planning another early meeting Saturday at 7 a.m.

Charlie Carpenter, local realtor and a former sports editor of the Kings Mountain Herald some years ago, was getting a lot of good-natured ribbing from his friends attending Monday night's city board meeting at City Hall. "I read in The Herald where you said you were against an-

nexation", said one regular attender at the city board meeting. "Did you misquote me?", Charlie said to this reporter who attended the particular meeting in question. "Not that I know of," I replied, "didn't mean to anyway. I don't think I spid anyong upon the line of the said to t don't think I said anyone was totally against annexation but I was in pretty big hurry last week trying to get my work finished to leave for an American Legion Auxiliary meeting in Washington, D.C."

After reading The Herald, I found that the word "no" was left out in the quote Charlie made and it left the impression that he was against annexation. He had said he hoped there would be "no conflict with the city and Bethlehem area residents" and when the story came out in print it said that he hoped there would be conflict between the city and Bethlehem...etc. and etc. We apologize to Charlie.

Anne To

In Event



ANNE CAMPBELL

This is Girl Scout Week and elsewhere in The Herald are stories about activities of local Girl Scouts during this special observance.

Anne Campbell, daughter of Doyle and Anita McGinnis Campbell, is more excited than other young Girl Scouts this week. Anne has been invited to participate in an international event entitled, "Cleveland '85" which will be held this sum-mer in would you believe, Cleveland County, England? The wider Opportunity for Girl Scouts, ages 14-18, is being repeated after enjoying great success in 1981, at which time the Pioneer Girl Scout Council sent ten girls and an adult. The original invitation came about as a result of Pioneer Council's staff member, Eilean Yates, and her involvement in Girl Guiding in England prior to moving to Shelby several years ago. This year eight girls from the Pioneer Area, which includes Kings Mountain, have been selected and Anne is one of the eight.

Anne says that the Girl Guides in England are sponsoring the event, which will last from July 20-August 3. Girls from many countries will participate in a one week encampment in the northeast of England and then enjoy home hospitality for a week with a family in that area of the country. Activities for the girls will include canoeing, sailing, pioneering, and over-night hiking/backpacking. There will also be an arts workshop which will feature music, dance and local crafts. Anne says she is excited about the trip and can hardly wait for school to end so that she can begin her summer plans. Other area girls who will be taking the trip are Kate Gib-bons from Gastonia, Nancy Massey from Shelby, Carol Ann Snipes of Lincolnton, and Rachel and Rebecca Wortman of Caser.



Anne is a member of Cadette Troop 4. All the girls are senior or cadette scouts and will be accompanied by Joan Snipes of Lincolnton, adult volunteer who is a council trainer.

Kingdom '85

For ten years, Regal Ventures, Inc. has worked with churches in the southeastern states as a resource for youth ministry. Kingdom '85 represents an additional avenue of such assistance.

During the weekend of June 28-30, youth groups from churches throughout the southeast will convene in Orlando, Florida for three schedule-packed days of variety programs, creative workshops, seminars and contemporary Christian music concerts.

Reg Alexander, of Kings Mountain, director of Regal Ven-tures, says that "many participating churches are seeing 'Kingdom '85'' as the launching pad to a creative, spiritually sensitive summer youth ministry on the local level." "One of the key factors of the weekend is variety," says

Alexander. Young people will be confronted with the Gospel through a wide assortment of presentations, including: preaching, teaching, multi-media presentations, music, drama, humor-even clowning and mime. There are also at least thirty different seminars offered to youth and their leaders.

Variety is also reflected in the surroundings, as proceedings begin at the Orange County Convention Center on Friday evening and conclude Sunday evening at the water-side Atlantis Theatre in Orlando's Sea World.

"It is important that we communicate an 'extended Gospel'..." explains Alexander. "Christianity is more than eventual salvation. It is daily growth, challenge and celebration. It is each of us becoming the person we were meant to be, sharing in the work and the benefits of the Kingdom of God.'

Evangelist Barry Wood, author J. Brent Bill, Clown-ministry professional Floyd Shaffer and A.D. Players are among the fifteen featured program personnel. Music con-certs will be provided by White Heart, Canada's Connie Scott, and Steve Taylor.

Alexander says, pre-registration for this event has already reached over 60% of the projected high attendance. A registration fee of \$88.00 includes attendance at all meetings, seminars, concerts, Sea World and some meals. He invites in-

service and happy friendships.

During Girl Scout Week, we're reminded, too, that Girl Scouting's value-centered program is still helping girls grow up to be happy, strong, contributing citizens. That makes this week a time for all citizens, in communities across the U.S.A., to salute the Girl Scouts for the enrichment they add to girls' lives-and for never forgetting that "The Best Parts the Fun.

Happy birthday, Girl Scouts, and best wishes for another 73 years of growth and progress.



THURSDAY

12:00 - Kings Mountain Rotary Club at Holiday Inn. 6:45 - Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club at KM Country Club. FRIDAY

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. - Rock-N-Roll Jamboree at KM Convalescent Center.

7:00 - Kings Mountain Christian Singles at Second Baptist Church. All singles are invited to attend.

SATURDAY:

10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wood Cut Workshop at City Hall under sponsorship of Southern Art Society. Guest artist Mary Golsen, well known for her paintings on paper graphics. Public invited to attend. SUNDAY:

1 p.m. - Public reception honoring Artist Mary Goslen whose art work will be on exhibit at City Hall. Refreshments. Public invited to attend.

MONDAY:

1 p.m. - KM District Schools Spelling Bee in the Board Room of the Administration Building on Parker Street.



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terested citizens to call him at 739-3838. Offices are in the old Herald Building downtown.

Superior Rating To Band

The Kings Mountain Junior High 9th Grade Band won a superior rating at the South Central District Band Contests Festival March 7th at Wingate College.

The 43 students are under the direction of Christopher H. Cole.

The Band played "Torch Of Liberty March" by Carl King, "Suffolk Celebration" by John Kenyon and J.S. Bach's "Prelude in Fugue."

Garland

Atkins

Remembering Dr. M.A. Stroup

It was the kind of hot summer day when the sun baked my mother's house like a potato skin. The heat from the outside penetrated the walls and you could feel it slicing through the air-conditioning.

I walked outside and started down the back steps to our basement to clean out some old boxes that had mildewed through the years, but which contained old clippings, pictures and other memorabilia I hadn't seen in a while.

I never saw the wasps that attacked me like Japanese dive bombers at Pearl Harbor. A dozen of them must have stung me in a period of a few seconds. I had invaded their nesting place like an intruder in the night.

Like most people, I had been stung by bees all my life and recovered. I used to get stung almost every day as a boy when I walked barefoot through the clover. My next door neighbor called me "hotfoot," I had been stung so many times.

This time was different. In a few seconds I started itching all over my body. Besides the actual pain from the stings, I had this terrible itching that I couldn't relieve. Then came the strangulation that comes when you have a reaction from bee stings. The poison attacks your lungs and you can't breathe. I was literally gasping for air. I fell to the floor for a period of time and must have passed out. I looked up a few moments later and Dr. M.A. Stroup was standing over me. He asked several questions, then injected me with a serum and had me in an ambulance several minutes later. He had saved my life.

Dr. Matthew Stroup died last week. He had come to Gastonia from Cherryville and became one of Gastonia's young, respected physicians.

While I lay in the hospital recovering from the bee sting reaction I thought about the days Dr. Stroup spent in New York years earlier attending my father, who was dying. Dr. Stroup didn't have to go to New York. My father had good doctors attending him, but he went there to assist anyway he could and to be not only a comfort but a friend to my mother. Each day he would walk with her through the cold, windy snow to the hospital.



He was a brilliant man, with many innovative ideas. He was always thinking, always trying to improve life. I wish Dr. Stroup could have been put to rest beneath the

flowers in his yard he loved so much. His yard was ablaze with colors each Spring. Like those flowers, his life blossomed in its spring, then faded in later years and finally died, un-til another spring. Dr. Stroup won't be around to work in his yard this spring, but when the flowers bloom I'm sure he will look down, smile and nod his approval. And when the gentle spring rains fall upon his flower garden, those rains will probably fall from his watering can, located somewhere up in the clouds