



## Stewart's Slants

By  
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### No Snow, Hotdogs Or Jim And Tammy

Things I can do without in 1988:  
Snow. Last week's 12-incher was plenty for one year.  
Hotdogs. Not the kind you eat, but ballplayers who think they have to cut a flip, give a high five or go into some kind of dance every time they score.

Telephone answering machines. Every time someone's recording says "hello", I start talking only to find out a few seconds later that there's no one on the other end of the line.

Telephone calls from people wanting Harris-Teeter. Their number is the same as mine except the middle two digits are reversed. (I wonder if they ever get calls from people wanting me!)

Jam boxes.

Pep bands at basketball games.

People who call the newspaper wanting to gripe about something the city has—or has not done—without first calling the city.

All types of motorbikes and dune buggies.

Jim and Tammy. PTL. Oral Roberts.

Pro basketball. Ice hockey. Stock car racing. Tennis. Track and field. Jogging. The Atlanta Braves.

Cigarettes.

Dogs that carry off everything that's not tied down. Dogs that use my yard instead of their own.

Politicians who tack their pictures and posters on every tree and utility pole in town, and then when the election's over don't bother to take them down.

Shelby winning the state football championship.

Football's instant replay to decide close calls. Let the referees call 'em like they see 'em.

Kudzu. Poison ivy. Snakes.

Commercials about yellow-meated chickens that eat nothing but marigolds and yellow-kernel corn, get plenty of sunshine and live in \$100,000 houses.

Secretaries who want to know your name, what company you represent and what you're calling for before putting your call through.

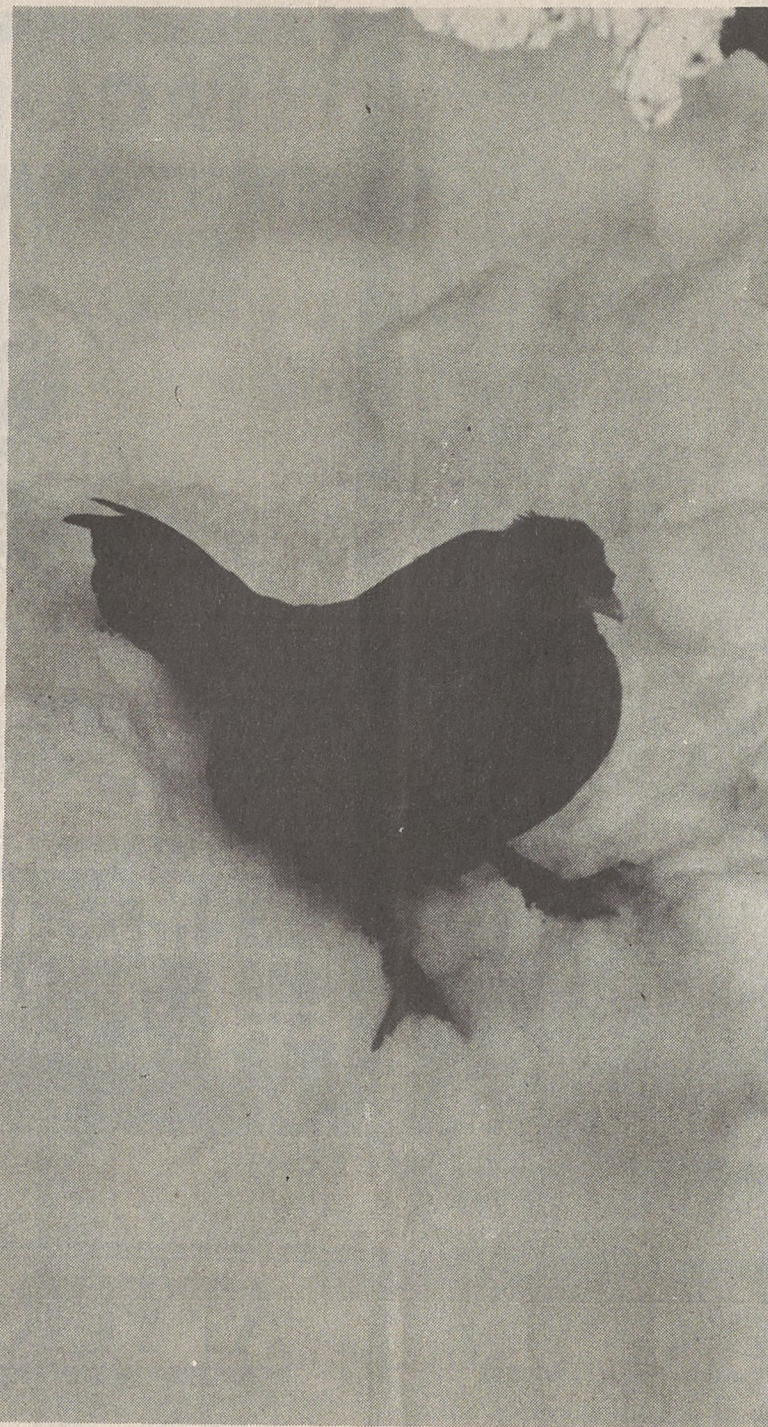


Photo by Gary Stewart

**I'M ABOUT TO FREEZE** - Motorists weren't the only ones stuck in last week's 12-inch snow which blanketed most of North Carolina. This chicken found was stopped dead in his tracks when he tried to walk on a huge pile of snow which was scraped to the side of the road.

### Wrecks Blamed On Snow

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parking lot a transfer truck belonging to Premier Transportation, of Atlanta, Ga., and operated by Gary Prestridge, of Marietta, Ga., was struck by another tractor trailer trying to back from a parking space. The vehicle was damaged \$1,000 and the second driver fled the scene.

Thursday a three car pileup occurred as one car slowed for the light at West Mountain Street intersection and other cars began to slide and couldn't stop. James Everett McClain, Route 5, operating a 1981 Honda, told KMPD he slowed for the light and then started sliding in the intersection and was hit by a sliding 1985 Ford truck operated by Steven Michael Lanier, of 1618 Davis Park Road, Gastonia. Damages amounted to \$3300.

Also on Thursday Roxanne Kiser Morgan, of 105 McGinnis St., said a driver backed into her 1987 Ford doing \$800 damage and left the scene.

Police charged Jackie Ray Martin with driving while license revoked after his vehicle struck a parked car which had struck in the snow on the wrong side of the road. The parked car was owned by James Donald Griffin, Jr. of Bessemer City.

A three car pileup in the snow occurred on Groves Street on Sunday and a passenger, Rebecca Dawkins, of Hillway Drive, was injured. A car operated by Ara Marie Watkins of 2106 Loblolly Lane, started to slide on Groves Street into the other lane of traffic when Angela Robbins Marable, of 1708 Northwoods St., came over a hill in her 1981 Datsun and applied brakes but slid in front of the Watkins 1970 Ford. A third vehicle, a 1986 Pontiac operated by Ruby

### Chamber Banquet Scheduled

The annual Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce/Merchants Association banquet is scheduled for Mon., Jan. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.

Tickets are \$10 each and may be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce office at 219 North Battleground Avenue, or may be reserved by calling 739-4755.

### Crawford Hurt In Snow

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"Just bandage me up and let me go on home", he begged the doctors and his parents, Judy and Harold Crawford. "I've got three wrestling matches at the high school this week."

Crawford won't be wrestling for some time, although his parents say he is "on the mend" and continues to be hospitalized in Room 223.

Stunned sledders in the group accompanied Crawford to the hospitals. The sledders were wearing about 10 layers of clothing,

said Mrs. Crawford, including headgear. Mrs. Crawford said her son received no cuts and bruises but the impact as the right side of his body struck the street sign caused the severe injury.

"We hope all sledders learn from this incident", she said. "The snow is pretty but it can be dangerous."

City ordinances prohibit clinging to moving vehicles, including sleds, upon any roadway (section 24-15 and the use of skates, coasters, etc. in roadway (Sect. 24-18 except upon streets set aside as play streets.

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