

Teen Topics



IN NEW BERN TODAY

Murilla Oates, 14-year-old incoming freshman at New Bern High School, didn't look for a job this summer. She created one for herself.

On a 500-acre island surrounded by Haywood Creek and Rocky Run that her family owns she established the Fiddlewood Farms School of Horsemanship.

Her pupils for the 15 lessons in recent weeks have included Pat Allen, Peggy McCotter, Mary Ann Whitty, Sue Jo Lowery and Sue Whitley. Much of her own proficiency in horsemanship has been passed along to them on the 20 miles of bridle paths that the island has to offer.

This is no fly-by-night proposition, as far as Murilla is concerned. She has had training from the best teachers available, and went as far as Maryland to get expert instructions in handling Tennessee walking horses.

Her long range plans call for breeding her own horses. Right now she has a three-month-old filly named Gwendonna, and is counting on Gwendonna to be the starter for her own line of thoroughbred mounts.

Murilla, aside from knowing how to ride a horse and teach others to do likewise, has a good business head. She talked a horse owner into lending her horses for her school, with the understanding that she would make a sale to any interested prospect. She has already sold one horse, and fees charged

pupils have taken care of her feed bill.

This teen-ager's initiative in tackling a new venture has given New Bern something else to offer natives and outsiders. If Murilla's enthusiasm is a good yardstick, it could develop into quite an enterprise.

Murilla first drew attention in print several years ago when she ordered a pet monkey. The little fellow almost wrecked the Oates home on National Avenue, and finally topped it off by leaping on a hot stove. He was rescued before he was thoroughly fried, and managed to recover.

Jo-Jo, to show his appreciation for Murilla's careful nursing, appeared in the PTA carnival at the New Bern Recreation Center, and took in more nickels than any other exhibit.

On that occasion the editor of The Mirror was barker for the show, and was kept busy handing Jo-Jo an astounding number of candy suckers, which he devoured for the edification of the cash customers.

Eventually, Jo-Jo died. Undaunted by his demise, Murilla ordered another monkey. This one died too, sometime later, so Murilla turned her interest to horses.

Horses have their failings, but you don't have to worry about a horse scrambling up a pair of drapes, doing acrobatics on a light fixture, or jumping on a red hot stove.

Besides, Murilla has found that you can combine business with pleasure when you've got a horse to ride and a place to ride him.

Two-Week Superior Court Will Convene

New Bern's first term of Craven Superior Court since summer set in is scheduled for September 1.

Judge Clinton Moore of Warsaw, will be the presiding jurist, with two weeks of criminal cases on tap. Then on September 29, there will be a two-weeks civil term, with the same judge presiding.

A one-week civil term is scheduled for October 27, with the judge not yet assigned. Rounding out the terms for 1958 are a one-week criminal term on November 10 and a two-week civil term on November 24. Judge Moore will preside over both terms.

As for the fall term of Eastern District Federal court, it will convene here on October 13. Since



"Fraulein," a powerfully moving drama about a young German girl caught in the maelstrom of war, with Dana Wynter, Mel Ferrer and Dolores Michaels as its stars, opens on Sunday at the Kehoe Theatre. The picture was filmed by Twentieth Century-Fox in CinemaScope and DeLuxe Color in the actual locale of the story—Cologne, Berlin and the beautiful Rhine country of Germany. Based on a popular novel by James McGovern, "Fraulein" dramatizes the chaos of Germany as the Allies and Red armies were rushing in on Berlin.

Kitchens Get Eat-In Treatment . . . Range Features Make Cooking Easier

By IRA MILLER
Farm Electrification Bureau

"No matter where I serve my guests, they all prefer my kitchen best." This sampler which adorns the walls of many kitchens—in town and country—is taking on more meaning every day. It is an indication that time is being turned back, at least in a construction sense. For kitchens are becoming larger and of the eat-in variety.



PLEASANT TO EAT IN . . . pleasant to work in; that's modern farm "eat-in" type of kitchen.

The picture which accompanies this on-the-farm report was taken in just such a kitchen. Among the new things which had just been installed was an exhaust fan. Located above the electric range, the fan keeps the kitchen free of all cooking odors. We learned that its installation was the first step in a planned remodeling job, which included the purchase of a new electric range. The next range, we were told, was to have flat sides and sharp corners so as to fit tightly against new base cabinets to provide that built-in look.

Other features being considered varied from adjustable broiler racks to simplified clock-controlled ovens for automatic cooking. Actually, what to get in a new electric range does present a problem. Some ranges, for example, have vertical broilers that suspend food between two heating elements to broil both sides at the same time. There are ranges with removable doors and those with deep well cookers which perform a variety of cooking jobs. More electric ranges have automatic temperature-controlled surface units with sensing elements in the center to maintain constant temperatures. A number of ranges now are designed to operate rotisseries, and others have plug-in meat thermometers for automatic roasting of meats.

Also, oven liners are lighter and brighter. Backsplashes are higher and some have shelf space on top. And, you'll find that the light located on the higher backsplashes gives better illumination of surface units.

Free Wheeling

By BILL CROWELL

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NO LAUGHS HERE . . . I've never been able to see the slightest bit of humor in the fact that for many years we have allowed an impression to be built up in the public mind that enforcement of the traffic laws is a sometimes thrilling, and sometimes laughable, game between officers and drivers.

Typical of this attitude is the cartoonist's view of traffic enforcement: A trooper hiding behind a billboard waiting to pounce on some unsuspecting driver cruising by at a mere 85 mph. And who hasn't laughed at the near legendary jokes about "California drivers?"

And what average driver tells about the time he was caught and fined heavily for violating a traffic law? More often he tells about the time he talked the "cop" out of a ticket or threw his weight around City Hall and "beat the rap."

Just as there would be nothing funny about a man who would stalk down main street with a loaded machine gun scattering gunfire in all directions, there's nothing humorous about the driver who aims his car down the highway and, because he violates the laws governing the safe movement of traffic, endangers life and limb.

We would find it difficult to sympathize with either one. But if sympathy were to be extended at all I'd be inclined to direct it to the machine gunner; he would probably need psychiatric help. The only excuse for the most errant drivers is that they haven't yet awakened to the fact that the priv-

ilege to drive does not give them the right to endanger the lives of others.

It's time our views became more adult about traffic and the hard-working people who enforce traffic laws. It's no game, brother, and no laughing matter when the stakes are so high.

SUDDEN THAWT . . . When driving, watching the scenery instead of the car ahead is one good way to become part of both.

HOW'S THAT . . . In addition to driving on the left side of the road, British motorists are at variance with our motor customs in other ways, too, including the language of their traffic signs. To illustrate, what we call a reverse curve the British call a double bend.

In the following, the English sign appears first with the American translation adjoining:

Accident area — Congested area.
1 in 12 — Eight per cent grade.
Lay-by — Roadside park.
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No waiting — No parking.
No overtaking — No passing.
The bottom — Dead end street.
Dead slow — Drive very slowly.
No parking on the heath — No parking on shoulder.
Three years in gaol for hitting cyclist (self-explanatory).

COTTON PROSPECTS —

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ture; the infestation is more general than previously thought in many areas, especially in some of the eastern southeastern counties.

Jones suggests application of insecticides when the pests show up in numbers approaching 10 per cent infestation. First generation weevils were expected to show up in the lower southeast around July 1. "Although much of the cotton in the Piedmont and to some extent in other areas is late this year, farmers should not get caught off guard and let the infestation build up," added Jones.



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