

fifty, with one day of rain out of three there. Not enough time to thaw out before flying back to arctic Sheboygan where still another blizzard was raging and closing schools (almost unheard of up there where things are likely to keep going stoically, as a rule, until you-know-what freezes over). And so it goes for us wanderers, this report having been just a sample of what it's like, flitting in and out of time and temperature zones. I'm having some trouble with my thermostat, though. The computer in my brain isn't receiving the messages about changes fast enough, and when I get on a plane in -18 weather and get off again in +60, I get this headache and this very disoriented feeling. Tell me, how long have y'all had life here on Mars?

Meanwhile, as one editor was experiencing the above, the other, Betty Hammon, slipped off to Erie, Pa., to greet a new granddaughter named Erin. Betty's report from Erie gives us a personal peek at what the media has been telling us about this winter: "Here in Erie people have been asked to set thermostats at 62 during the day and 55 at night, and all public buildings, including schools, are to be kept at 55 all the time. ...We are going to get back to PKS more convinced than ever that it is the perfect place for us. It may have been a cold winter, but we still walked the beach and picked up starfish for next year's Christmas tree and found some perfect olive shells and raked scallops in the Sound. And we cut wood for the fireplace and kept the fire going all day every day. In Erie, it snowed twenty-nine out of the thirty-one days of January, and in Pine Knoll Shores, we had SUN. There's nothing like going away to make us realize how perfect our island is!"

ORITA and CHUCK TONKENS have been in the county for several years, but only recently moved to Reefstone Condominiums. Orita teaches at Beaufort Central School in the Language Arts and Mathematics departments, and Chuck is Maintenance Officer at Bogue Field. Orita is active in the Community Theatre, having served as its secretary this past year and having been recently re-elected to that office. She would love an occasional bridge game or even to become a member of a bridge club (one in which the players are not out for blood!)

CRAFT AND NEEDLEWORK GROUP met at IRMA BROSSMAN'S home on Wednesday, Feb. 9. Some crewel was taught and some encouragement given to a knitter - also "mice were born," wrote our correspondent cryptically, and "skeleton for the closet" bones and all, was an interesting project introduced, and several of the more experienced "needlers" were persuaded to offer instruction at future dates. This group will continue to meet every other Wednesday and ELIZABETH AMES, 726-8397, or VERNA ARMSTRONG, 726-0091, will be happy to give you more information about it if you ring them up.

HARBOUR HOUSE, once in the Plaza, is now next to the Red and White on the Atlantic Beach Causeway. Bill Gould, its man in charge, plans an opening as soon as his newest merchandise is in and he's feeling a bit more settled. Harbour House carries office supplies as well as stationery and gifts. They are open 9-6 daily except Sundays, and they deliver.

Incidentally, where Harbour House used to be, in the Plaza, beside the new Roger's Jewelry Store, is another new place called JUNCTION, which opened Feb. 10, and is offering us what appears to be a big stock of both Wrangler and Levi's for men and women, as well as occasional other brands like Garland. Its manager is Myra Chadwick, newly from another Junction store in Wilmington.

Another move involves the 1921 Furniture Company which has been in the old depot and will have moved to 912 Arendell by Feb. 15. Steve and June Evans, who run the Morehead City shop, are an eager and hardworking pair who have made a going thing at 1921. Steve builds a large variety of wood furniture and accessories, and the shop carries some pottery and wood carvings as well. In their new spot, the showroom is in the front of the building and Steve's workshop behind it. Eventually they plan to use the upstairs to show off various room settings of furniture. These kids are doing great creative things with wood.

PRETTY NEW on Willow Rd, PKS, (she came Sept. '76!) is JEANNE BALLARD, originally from Shorewood (a suburb of Milwaukee), Wisconsin. Jeanne is living with her son, Bob, who works for Henry's Tackle Co. and her 9-year old grandson, Robbie, having come here most recently from Maryland where she has spent time in the Coast Guard. She is doing a lot of Robbie-sitting as Bob is attending CTI at night, but she finds time to do typing for people in her home, as well as taking on some interesting cat, dog, and plant sitting jobs. You can call her about these varied services if you like, at 726-8047.