

Wear slacks. You will also be wise to wear boots. Just consider that there was a snake in the Garden of Eden, and there might be one in our Bogue Banks Paradise. We haven't seen one in two years, but we still walk slowly and watch when we are in an uncleared area. No snake wants to see us any more than we want to see the snake, but it would resent being stepped on so we proceed without worry but with reasonable caution, and that is a good rule anywhere. Well, maybe it isn't needed in Ireland where there are no snakes!

A READER OF OURS, valuing his anonymity, has presented us with the following, given him long ago; he doesn't know its author, and he has paraphrased it a little. The donor writes, "simply print that it was brought to your attention by one in PKS who needs to say it often and often and often."

And here it is: "Dear Lord, I am growing old. Help me to keep from getting too talkative - from getting boresome - and from getting positive and vehement about many subjects. Keep me from going into tirades about inflation and the government in general.

"Help me to know when I have said enough. Teach me to listen as well as speak. May I never assume that I have superior wisdom just because I'm older than my listeners. Help me to get quickly to the point of a story. Help me to avoid giving a biography of all the persons whom I mention. May I never speak of the ingratitude of people, and may I never describe my backache, except to my physician.

"Help me to see that if I am to keep old friends and find new ones, I must be friendly, and I must make it worthwhile for people to come and see me. I must give them some pleasure and mental stimulus or they will not come back. Help me to feel a real interest in my guests. Help me to keep up correspondence with relatives and good friends. Help me to mind my own affairs and not to tell people what to do.

"Above all things, Oh Lord, help me to remain kindly. Help me to keep my old sense of humor, and whatever power of self criticism I may once have had. Help me to forgive much in my friends because, goodness knows, they will have to forgive the defects they will find in me. Amen."

HOSPITAL VOLUNTEERS - Irene Doremus reminds all of us - men, this includes you! - that more volunteers are still needed to help at Carteret General Hospital. If you can give a few hours regularly or can substitute, please call Irene at 726-8164.

If all has gone well, LINDA and PETER COMAR will have moved into their new home in the cul de sac of White Ash Drive May 1. Many of us have grown acquainted with the Comars - they've been living in Pine Knoll Townes while their house was completed. Peter spent 39 years with Bethlehem Steel in the shipbuilding division and they lived in Norwood, New Jersey. Now he is doing some consulting for Bath Iron - he knows all about ship repair and this puts him in demand. In front of the new house rests a fine Harkers Island skiff; he and Linda have long been sailors, and they'll be doing some golfing and fishing down here as well. Comars have two sons, Peter, 22, easing on down to N.C. State soon to study Marine Biology, and Ricky, 19, who'll be going to New York State Institute of Technology in Westbury, Long Island. There is also a dog named Sudden Sam (because he was discovered all of a sudden in the middle of a road one day and simply had to be kept).

New on White Ash are JODY and DAVID DIXON, both Carteret County natives. They've been living in Florida and David has just been made the new North Carolina distributor for Ultra Guard, home fire safety system, so they came back to settle here in PKS, with their two children, Lee, 10, and Davey, 4, who will welcome meeting new friends around here (all you ten and four year olds, hop over to call!) and their two dogs, Brandy, a St. Bernard, of course, and Candy, a poodle....Jody really looks forward to gardening, and she does macrame and her own sewing as well.

CARTERET ARTS COUNCIL tells us that their Good Stuff Gang is sponsoring monthly arts and crafts shows at the Marine Resources Center, and PKS'ers will want to hop over for looks, probably taking guests with 'em. Note the dates:

May 21 and 22, June 25 and 26, July 23 and 24, and August 20 and 21. Oh, if you are an artist yourself or know one, LISA MORROW, local artist-in-residence, wants to hear about it. Maybe your work ought to be included! Call her at 726-8060.

And: Save May 14th. The Greensboro Youth Theatre is bringing a musical revue with zodiac moods. We can see it at Morehead Elementary School at 8:00 p.m. May 14th. Adults, \$1.50, kids under 12, \$.50.