



"Let me grow lovely, growing old,
So many fine things do;
Laces, and ivory, and gold,
And silks need not be new.
And there is healing in old trees,
Old streets a glamor hold;
Why may not I, as well as these,
Grow lovely, growing old."

These were the lines we thought of when Grannie Whitehurst, who lived the good life and fought the good fight for ninety and a half years, passed away.

Grannie DID grow lovely and sweet, not because she tried to ignore Father Time, but rather because she accepted him as a kind friend, and walked with him unfaltering and unafraid into the glorious splendor of a lingering sunset.

Living for Grannie Whitehurst was one great adventure, from birth to death, and we feel sure that in the hereafter she'll enjoy to the fullest the blessings that God has reserved for her.

Years ago we decided that she was the cutest gal in all the world. She was only eighty at the time, and a delightful upstart who quoted poetry in profusion. Anyone foolish enough to duel with her in a battle of wisecracks invariably came off second best.

With each new birthday, her wit sharpened and her humor mellowed. There was no pretense about Grannie. She was just what she was, twenty four hours a day, seven days a week. She liked to be noticed, and got a terrific bang out of even the most trivial gesture of kindness.

And, bless her heart, she showered her own love tenfold on those around her. Grannie was tolerant. She didn't think the world was going to the dogs, and was willing to give each new generation the benefit of the doubt.

She had room in her soul for music, and laughter, and the pranks of little children. And in Nature's handiwork she found further evidence of the goodness of God. She took new fangled things in stride, but nothing ever surprised her.
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Students and Teachers Act For 'Peepers'

A local teacher, L. C. Duncan, will play the title role in "Mr. Peepers", the three-act comedy that the New Bern High school Parent-Teachers-Students Association is presenting in the high school auditorium on Wednesday, April 23.

Directed by Hilda Gordon of the high school faculty, the play is an adaptation from the famed Samuel French publishing house. Its subject, of course, is familiar to everyone in New Bern who watches television.

Other members of the cast include Mrs. Robert Brock, Mrs. Jack White, Mrs. John Heath, Mrs. H. H. Jones, Karl Kendrick, Fred O'Conner and Joe Slater, who have adult roles.

Students with speaking parts are Mary Frances Ramsey, Ann Chagaris, Janet Hill, Robert Gillikin, Jay Allen, Roger Toler and Hugh Watson. Those in non-speaking parts are Bobby Johnson, Susan Orringer, Gail Taylor, Connie Dennis, Frances McSorley and John Heath.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. The PTSA is staging the show as a benefit performance to provide improved facilities in the kitchen of the high school cafeteria.

Miss Gordon, who stays busy during the school year producing various class plays, has been working overtime to see that "Mr. Peepers" is her best yet.

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UP A LAZY RIVER—Dashing through the snow in a one-horse open sleigh might be fun to some folks, but Jeannie Baxter and her guest, Patsy Slatér, prefer a brisk spin on the easy flowing Trent. Irvin S. Cobb called it the loveliest stream in eastern America, and at the moment, we can't think of two lovelier young ladies to make the scene complete. You'd smile just as broadly as Jeannie and Patsy, if only you could be a kid, and it was Spring in the Land of Enchanting Waters.

Except For Those Wrinkles We Remain What We Are

How much do people really change in 30 years? Read these excerpts from New Bern High school's 1928 annual, describing various Seniors, and judge for yourself.

"She always has a smile, doesn't believe in letting lessons worry her, but manages to pass all her subjects." That's what they said about Lina Bell Taylor Landreth, and added, "If you gain her friendship you are lucky."

As for Elizabeth Scales Marsh, it was observed that "when there is fun on hand she shares it, when there is a duty to be performed, she does it." Furthermore, "her easy, calm assurance in the classroom is envied by her classmates."

"Here's to Charles, the happy and the gay," were words penned about "good old Charlie" Potter, while Mary McSorley Gillikin was "laughing, jesting every day as if trouble will never come."

Margaret Colvin Kelley had "as many friends as a monkey has fleas." Special note was also made of her "contagious laugh." Charles Hall was "very popular" with classmates, and "success is assured for him." Then it was recorded that "he has a brain the like of which few of us are fortunate enough to possess."

Ruth Hardison Atkinson "doesn't have much to say, but there is an active brain behind those dark eyes." William Gwaltney was "one of the best sports in the Senior Class. Always in for a good time, he will always be where the most excitement is."

George Reid Fuller was "a hound when it comes to working geometry problems" and "his conduct is above reproach." Johnnie Gaskill, the annual said, was "recognized for dependability, personality and humor" as well as "a fast backfield man in football."

Carolina Davis was "smart in school and always willing to share her knowledge with others." She also was credited with having "a sweet and friendly disposition."

"Witty, attractive, smart, and a

good basketball player"—that's what was said about Martha Hurst Gibbs. Josiah Jeremiah Hughes, "a valued member of the class" was "little less than a demon" on the football field, but "fresh from the country each morning" you could "find him laboring over shorthand and swearing over typing."

Aileen Beard Mason was "a quiet little girl, handing out theme paper and helping everybody. Not one for publicity nor boastfulness, nevertheless her worth has been recognized."

Charles Hezekiah Boyd was found to be "straightforward, honest, accommodating and thoroughly efficient." As for Kermit Lafayette Guthrie, he was "athletic and dependable, and is found at every dance." Besides that, "he has endeared himself to all."

Sallie Kafer Wadsworth was described as a "peach" who has been "an outstanding student through high school. Besides, she takes care of her social duties." Referring affectionately to Harold Miller as "the Flying Dutchman," the annual observed that "Old '28 wouldn't be right if he were absent with his incessant chatter and humor."

Elizabeth Nunn Duffy was "known for her dependability" and "her beauty is a delightful element of her personality." Louis Deming Angell, the Class cartoonist, "draws everything imaginable but a salary." He was "a pigskin mainstay of this year's team" and "a mean daddy" with the females.

Janet Hollister Bradshaw had "always been a good scholar, good basketball player, and an excellent dancer. Keep your eyes on her, because she'll reach her goal."

William Daugherty was "the champion silence breaker and heart breaker" of the Class, while Mary Hahn Guerrant was "the most striking looking girl in New Bern." Checking up on Hubert Hanks Ellison, the annual says that "he always has a smile on his face, and his wisecracks have smoothed our pathway."

James Hill "justly deserves a

medal as the school's most bashful boy" and Lucy LeGallais was "one girl with an unflinching good disposition." As for Geneva Lilly, "she rarely ever talks, but her grades show her worth."

Harry Peterson, described as "the most dependable boy in the Class" had his moments. "Just when school seems unbearable, he produces a juvenile alligator or sets the curtain on fire."

Elsie Parker "never worries, never studies, and always passes." Of Mildred Rowe Williams it was said, "Everybody deservedly likes her," while John Stevens "achieved an exceptional record." Edward Stewart "shines brightest in history." Hamilton Styron was credited with "cheering us, even in our darkest moods, with his incessant wisecracks."

Clara Annabelle Ryman was "a real honest-to-goodness girl." Bessie Mae Stilley, the annual related, "is a friend worth the effort of acquiring." Describing Virginia Styron, it says "When everything

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Chewsy Fido Is Leg Ache For Postman

Postmaster Ralph Stanley recalls hearing since childhood that dogs are among man's best friends, and being a dog lover himself he readily agrees.

However, he has also learned from his years in the postal service that they are sometimes a mail man's worst enemy. The New Bern postoffice, for a typical year, had 11 reported cases of dog bites during the 12-month period from January 1, 1957 to December 31, 1957.

One case required medical attention. Three hours of job time were lost. Some bites were relatively minor teething exercises by promising young pups that hadn't yet learned how to act in polite society.

Others were vigorous partakings of the victim's pants by hostile canines, who didn't give a darn for public servants, and wanted the neighborhood to know it.

Postmaster Stanley's point is this. He wants to deliver everybody's mail, for delivering mail is his business. The more complete and congenial services can be, the more he likes it.

But, it's no fun to send a whole man, and get back only part of one. So, if your dog is the type that longs to accomplish mayhem, or even dabble lightly in destruction, your letter carrier will appreciate your keeping him in solitude while the postman is in the area.

You'll get your mail, the carrier will preserve his posterior, and the taxpayer will receive better returns on his investment. Only losers will be doctors, who can make ends meet anyhow, and the dogs. The latter can get by with an occasional dream of conquest in substitution for the real thing.

Booster Club Plans Meeting Tomorrow

A called meeting of the New Bern Booster club will be held tomorrow night at 7:30 in the Midway Restaurant.

Discussion of the baseball picture hereabouts is on the agenda, and preliminary plans for New Bern's entry in the East Carolina Amateur League will get a thorough going over.

Members are being notified of the meeting. If you've failed to receive your notice, or want to join the Boosters, the welcome sign is out.

The mind ought sometimes to be amused, that it may the better return to thought, and to itself.—Phaedrus.

Jewish Groups Are Holding State Conventions in City

History is being made in New Bern this weekend, as the city plays host to the 37th annual convention of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Women, the 25th annual convention of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Men, the 12th annual convention of the North Carolina Association of Jewish Youth and the 9th annual convention of the North Carolina Association of Rabbis.

Sessions are scheduled for the Hotel Governor Tryon, with Mrs. Harold Orringer of New Bern serving as general chairman. Respective presidents of the Women, Men, Rabbis and Youth groups are Mrs. T. D. Blumenthal and T. D. Blumenthal of Charlotte; Rabbi Simcha

Kling of Greensboro; and Miss Shirley Leder of Whiteville.

The Association of Jewish Youth opens its convention tonight at 8 o'clock, with services at Chester B'nai Sholem Temple, and Rabbi Eli Gottesman officiating. There will be a Sweetheart Dance Saturday night in the Hotel Governor Tryon ballroom, and Sunday services extending to 3 p.m.

The Associations of Jewish Women and Jewish Men are to meet Sunday. Mrs. Kenneth Margolis will give the address of welcome for the women and Harry Vatz for the men. Speakers will include Dr. Eugene Borowitz of New York City, who is Associate Director of Jewish Education of Union of American Hebrew Congregations.