

Childhood has many delightful aspects. None is more intriguing than the way the very young take even the most fantastic things liter-

ally.

Santa Claus cruising through the heavens isn't hard for them to visualize and accept. Neither is the Good Fairy or the Sand Man.

In a world of little faith it's nice to know that kids at least have a little bit of it in their hearts. Gullible though they are, beyond the boundaries of adult comprehension, they possess something as priceless as it is fleeting.

Well do we remember a classic example of this limitless faith. Francis, the Talking Mule, was playing here. Grown folks knew a mule couldn't converse with humans, but a goodly number of New Bern's small fry had seen it happen on the screen and were thoroughly convinced.

One morning, on upper Hancock street, the owner of a mule left him parked near the curb in a high-sided truck and went shopping. The mule, a patient critter, was just standing there in the truck, minding his own business.

He wasn't ignored very long. Two small boys spied him, climbed upon the truck, and tried to strike up a conversation. They talked and they talked, asking him his name, where he lived and a lot of other pertinent questions.

By the time the owner got back the small boys were talked out. As for the mule, he had been talked at so much that his ears flopped in utter weariness.

The mule, no doubt, was glad to get back to the business of plowing in a hot sun. At that, he wasn't half

# Beware of the Garbage Man

It's apt to be an embarrassing day for a lot of New Bernians, if their garbage man decides to write a book.

Think of all the material he picks up. You can fool the preacher, or even your next door neighbor, but your garbage man really has the goods on you.

He can count the beer cans, or empty fifths, and tell at a glance what kind of weekend you had. And the tomato juice cans, why they'll let him know if it was hard

to take the morning after.

You may brag about the T-bone steaks, but the garbage man has the low-down when he finds sardine cans or not dog wrappings in your tossed-out trash. If he wants to be thorough about it, he can check your unpaid bills, with threats scribbled on the bottom, your discarded bank statements, or your love letters.

What kind of medicine are you swigging nowadays? Do you go for tranquilizers, headache powders, vitamins or strong laxatives? Has your doctor, because of your insistence, prescribed youth pills?

What are your reading habits? Do you cram your library shelves with laudable literature, and then sneak hidden hours of pleasure

from trashy paper-back novels and confession magazines?

These are revelations that repose in your garbage can. One day, perhaps, they'll end up in a book. It may not be well written, or a book of the month selection, but if nobody else buys it the neighbors will. Maybe, just to be on the safe side, you should oughta buy yourself an incinerator.

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## Rifle Club Popular with Local Boys

Thanks to a suggestion made by Harold H. Jones, and the assistance he got from other New Bernians interested in boys, New Bern's Pot Shot Lot Junior Rifle club is going like great guns here.

As of now, membership is limited to scouts who belong to Ship 214 and Explorer Post 13. Members include John Howell, Robert Tyson, Chunn Purser, Tommy Faulkner, Larry Heath, John T. Jones, Bill Howell, John Gaskill, Willis Mason, Harry Kahn, Eugene Stowell, Jr., Ed Robbins, Tommy Johnson, Billy Hunt, Charles Carter, Ronald Jones and Charles Alford.

Eugene Stowell, long active in scout work here, is club leader, and Louis Shields is the instructor. John Tucker Jones is president, and other officers are Tommy Faulkner, vice-president; John Gaskill, executive officer; Willis Mason, secretary; Larry Heath, treasurer.

Serving as advisors are Charles W. Bray, Erroll T. Bennett, James B. Land, G. Lee Howerton; George L. Slaughter and Dr. William I. Gause. Recognized officially by the National Rifle Association, the club received its charter on April 10.

Among the Junior Rifle Awards that the youngsters are striving for are Pro-Marksman, Marksman, Marksman First Class and Sharpshooter. A range has been established at Glenburnie, and in rainy weather the facilities of the National Guard Armory are available.

Using 22 caliber rifles, the local lads not only become proficient in the use of firearms, but develop a keen awareness of safety meas-

ures. Dr. Gause conducts a hunter's safety course consisting of four one-hour lessons. Not until a prospective member completes the course and passes his examination does he become eligible for membership in the Rifle club.

There's no use hurrying if you are headed in the wrong direction.

Love is blind; friendship tries not to notice.

— Otto Eduard Bismarck

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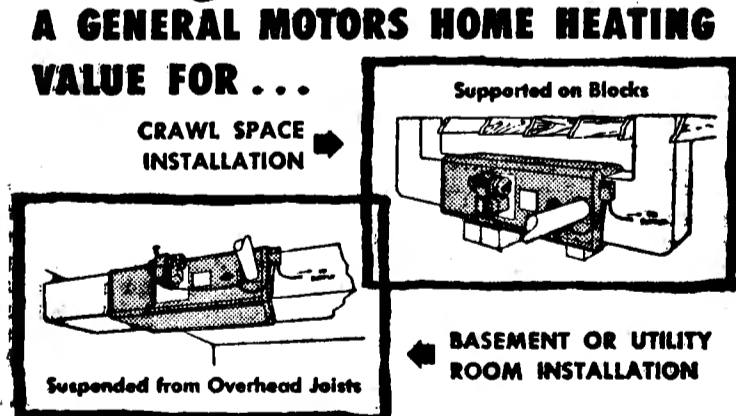
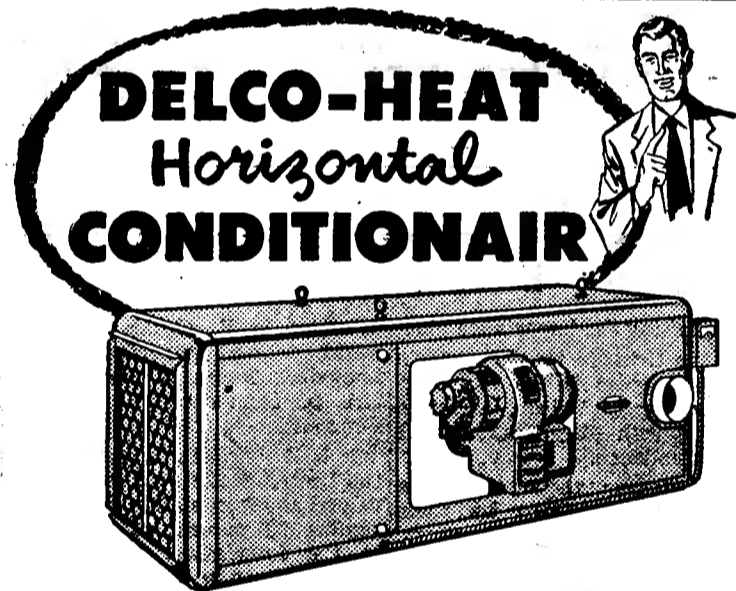
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**DICK MILHAM, Song Leader**  
**KIRBY BUCHANAN, Soloist**  
**MATT HOWELL, Program Director**

Saturday	—August 16th—7:30 P. M.	Art DeMoss, Testimony Nate Scharff, Message
Sunday	—August 17th—3:00 P. M.	Nate Scharff, Testimony Col. John M. Fain, Message
Monday	—August 18th—7:30 P. M.	Youth Rally Kirby Buchanan, Testimony Charlie Jones, Speaker
Tuesday	—August 19th—7:30 P. M.	Louis Christiansen, Testimony Tom Willey, Speaker
Wednesday	—August 20th—7:30 P. M.	Ken Harris, Testimony Waldo Yaeger, Speaker
Thursday	—August 21st—7:30 P. M.	Ed Howell, Testimony Herbert Seawell, Speaker
Friday	—August 22nd—7:30 P. M.	Mel Swanson, Testimony Walt Meloan, Speaker
Saturday	—August 23rd—7:30 P. M.	Vernon W. Patterson, Testimony R. G. LeTourneau, Speaker
Sunday	—August 24th—3:00 P. M.	R. G. LeTourneau, Testimony Grady Wilson, Speaker

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