

Teen Topics



IN NEW BERN TODAY

All of us at New Bern High school have good reason to be grateful to the local Civitan club for its generosity and its interest in our projects and activities.

Members of the recently organized drill team certainly appreciate the fact that the Civitans have appropriated \$300 to help this cause. They are also contributing \$200 toward the wonderful work that

the Boosters club is doing.

Plans are being completed to form a Junior Civitan club at our school, and of course Civitan Citizenship Essay contest is being held again this year. Craig White was the third place winner in the State last year.

Any senior who is a bona-fide member of the senior class of any high school, public, private or parochial, in which a Civitan club is sponsoring the contest is eligible.

This year the subject is "Citizenship—A Process of Gradual Achievement." Entries shall not contain less than 500 words nor more than 1,200 words. The first prize in the International contest is a \$1,200.00 scholarship, the second prize is a \$600 scholarship, and third prize is a \$250.00 scholarship. In addition to other prizes, there are awards too in each state.

Last year, Linda Craze of Cumberland, Md., was first, while Carl Butler of Collinsville, Ala., and Janet Jones of Lansing, Mich., were second and third respectively. Joseph Nardiello of Waterbury, Conn., was fourth; Juanita Epling of Beckley, W. Va., fifth; Richard T. Hull of Oklahoma City, Okla., sixth; Len Truett of Marietta, Ga., seventh; Willana Alsup of Jackson, Miss., eighth; Lillian Brooks of Dayton, O., ninth; and Carol Irene Scoggins, Kingsport, Tenn., tenth.

We listed these winners to show you how many seniors in the south were International prize winners. Wouldn't it be nice to add another Southerner, from New Bern High

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EVEN BETTER—Zorro is not without charm when he swaggers across your television screen, but we much prefer Sandy Kilby's interpretation of the role. A sophomore at New Bern High, her eyes are too lovely to hide behind a mask. Besides, the smile would reveal her identity anyhow. Won't you agree that admiring our latest Mirror Maid is a nice way to start your Friday morning?—Photo by Billy Benners.

FIGURES REVEAL —

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Next to the 107 failures to yield the right of way, the second biggest reason for accidents was following too closely. There were 63 accidents attributed to that. Improper starts from a parked position caused 18 more.

What day in the week are you most apt to have your accident? Well, there were 80 on Saturday, 70 on Friday, 56 on Thursday, 49 on Wednesday, 45 on Tuesday, 41 on Monday, and 34 on Sunday.

As you can see, from Sunday until Saturday, without a single exception, the days grow progressively worse for accidents. The odds are greatest that your own accident will come between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Almost as treacherous are the hours from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Don't worry too much about the

teen-age driver. Only 65 were involved in a New Bern accident last year. That's right, 65 out of 690 drivers who had a collision on local streets.

Most dangerous driver of all in our town, from an accident standpoint, is the motorist between the



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ages of 25 and 34. Figures prove it. There were 165 involved in an accident in this age group. As for those between the ages of 35 and 44, there were 156 involved, and 110 more between the ages of 20 and 24.

Are women the reckless drivers that men picture them. Definitely not, here in New Bern. There were 524 men and only 162 women who had accidents here during 1958. And, for the sake of the record, it should be added that 514 white drivers had accidents, compared with 162 Negroes.

Those are the facts. Only you can improve your chances to stay out of an emergency room or a morgue during the year of 1959, and for years that follow. Accidents will happen because people themselves are careless enough or reckless enough to make them happen. Don't let yours happen to you.

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