

Teen Topics



IN NEW BERN TODAY

Those of us at New Bern High school who have heard our voices on a record or a tape recorder are almost always surprised and disappointed. We are surprised because we don't recognize ourselves, and disappointed because we usually sound worse than we expected.

Until we have had such an experience, we take for granted that we sound to others like we sound to us. It was Robert Burns, the

poet, who lamented the fact that each of us can't see ourselves as others see us, and do something about it. Hearing ourselves as others hear us can likewise show defects that we can eliminate or reduce.

A great many of us will never have an outstanding voice, simply because we weren't born with such a voice. All teen-agers, however, have it in their power to develop a pleasant voice, and right now is a good time to begin.

Our parents often accuse us of



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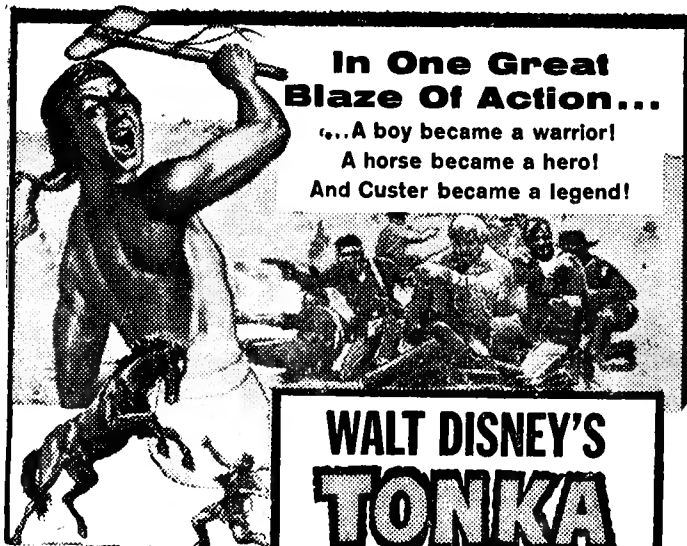
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HERE IT IS—Barbara Sautler, a Senior at New Bern High school, is a charming Valentine herself as she smiles and offers you her heart. Today's Mirror Maid should have no trouble at all finding someone to accept it. The line forms on the right.—Photo by Billy Benners.

whining, or talking too loud and shrill. Much as we hate to admit it, they are telling the truth. The same thing, of course, applies to many parents and other adults. Speaking poorly is a common fault, and it isn't restricted to any particular age.

Almost any voice will show im-

provement, if its owner is careful to pitch it lower. Think about the unpleasant voices you are familiar with in your own classroom or circle of acquaintances, and you'll agree that they are usually high pitched.

You can improve your voice without making it sound artificial and put on. That kind of voice will do nothing toward impressing those who have to listen to it. Speak distinctly, don't slur your words or talk so fast that they run together.

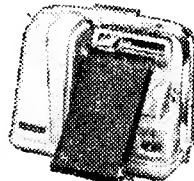
Whatever our aims in life may be, the person who speaks well has a better chance to excel at what he or she undertakes. That's one lesson everyone of us at New Bern High school needs to learn.

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