



# TOT TALK

Spring brings out the bugs, and that brings on a bewildering problem for parents of New Bern's small fry.

Little boys, and to a lesser extent little girls, welcome the prevalence of insects by removing the wings and legs of a goodly number of these assorted visitors (or natives) in our fair city.

To vary the pastime, some of the tots torment frogs—even to the extent of stoning them to death or otherwise smashing them into thorough extinction. It isn't a very pretty picture, but torture is apparently an inevitable phase of childhood.

Without condoning it, oldsters must in all frankness recall their own cruelty to Dame Nature's tiny creatures when they too were

of tender years. Many of New Bern's leading citizens, when young, did all manner of vicious things to flies. And precious few of them passed up the opportunity to feed a live worm to a horde of hungry ants.

Maybe we can charge it all up to juvenile curiosity, and out of it comes the future scientist, the doctor and others in highly specialized and technical fields. Out of it also comes the criminal, but maybe we shouldn't go into that.

Much of this juvenile dissection is morbid curiosity, and alas, a lot of adults never outgrow this type of curiosity. If you think they do, you're not very familiar with the way grownups flock to the scene of a fatal accident for a glimpse of the victim and the grim surroundings.

Human nature being what it is, no one is going to change this strange quirk in people. As long as there is death by violence—accidentally or intentionally—folks are going to be attracted like the moth is attracted to the flame.

This is something to ponder over and lament, if we think that lamenting it will help matters. Things should be different, but

they never will be. And just as long as there are little boys and bugs in close proximity, the bugs had better look out if they want to stay alive and all in one piece.

## Historical Gleanings

—By—

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Governor William Tryon was succeeded by Josiah Martin, Esquire, who qualified as Governor of the Province of North Carolina on August 12, 1771. Governor Martin, an Englishman by birth, was the son of Colonel Samuel Martin. He entered the British army in 1756 as Ensign of the Fourth Regiment of foot, and was appointed Major of the One Hundred and Third in 1761, still later Lieutenant Colonel.

From the very beginning of his administration, Governor Martin was at a disadvantage as he brought with him strict instructions from the Crown, and in trying to carry them out, he lost favor in the Colony. The conflict between the Governor and the Legislative body on the subject of the attachment laws and the appointment of Judges was so serious that for a long time the Colony was without laws or Judges. Courts were closed and criminals escaped without punishment. Trade was at a standstill and merchants could not collect their debts. The people were greatly alarmed but were determined to follow John Harvey (member of the distinguished Harvey family who lived between the Yeopim and Perquimans rivers at "Harvey's Neck"), who was Speaker of the Assembly.

John Harvey proposed in December, 1773, that the Assembly appoint a Committee of Correspondence. The Governor objected but the Assembly followed John Harvey's advice. With Harvey as leader the following men were selected: Robert Howe, Cornelius Harnett, William Hooper, Richard Caswell, Edward Vail, John Ashe, Joseph Hewes and Samuel Johnston. The Committee thought that all of the Colonies ought to elect delegates to the Continental Congress at Philadelphia to agree to a plan of union and advised other Colonies that North Carolina was ready to unite with them against royal rule.

At an Assembly began and held at New Bern, the 4th of April, 1775, . . .

"Received from his Excellency, the Governor, a verbal message by his Secretary desiring the attendance of the members in the Palace at 12 o'clock."

"The House waited on his Excellency, the Governor, in the Palace, and presented him their Speaker, who his Excellency was pleased to approve of. Then Mr. Speaker requested his Excellency to confirm the rights and privileges of the House, to which his Excellency was pleased to answer, he would support the House in all their rights and privileges, and then made a speech to his Majesty's Council and this House" . . .

William Hooper of Orange coun-

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"NEVER STEAL ANYTHING SMALL" (2-D)

James Cagney, playing a waterfront racketeer, offers huge retainer to Roger Smith if latter will serve as his attorney. Shirley Jones, playing Smith's wife, realizes this is more a bribe than fee, and hopes her young attorney-husband will refuse. It's a scene from Universal-International's rugged, robust new production, "Never Steal Anything Small," with Cara Williams also playing a top role. The picture, in color and CinemaScope, is from a Maxwell Anderson-Rouben Mamoulian play.

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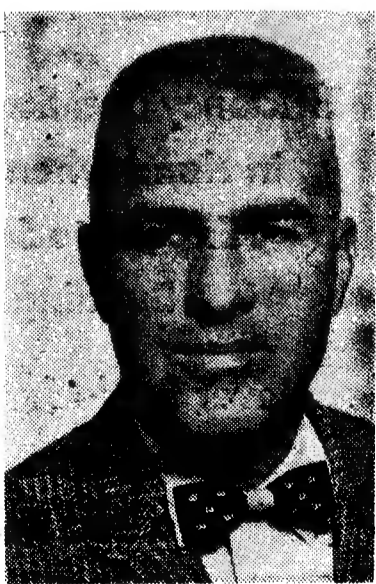
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