



TOT TALK

A common practice of adults, when calling on the telephone, is to bluntly ask, "Who is this?"

They don't intend to be rude, as a rule, but to ask the person at the other end of the line to identify himself without first revealing your own identity is improper to say the least.

Jim Constantine was trying to impress this on his 12 year old daughter, Jane, the other night. Jane's younger sister, Kathy, was listening, and her mouth popped open in astonishment.

"You mean," Kathy interrupted, "that I'm supposed to say who I am when I call up?"

When her father answered in the affirmative, she shook her head in bewilderment. Then she exploded, "If I tell them who I am

when I call Martha, they hang up."

The reason for this, it developed, is the fact that Kathy calls her friend Martha umpteen times during a day. And, undoubtedly, Martha keeps the wire hot from her end of the line too.

All of which can be pretty exasperating to the grown folks in both houses. If you've got tots or teen agers in your home, you've had the same problem to cope with.

Anyway, it doesn't make sense to Kathy to tell who you are, and get the hang-up treatment. Unless we miss our guess, she'll keep right on calling, and asking for Martha, without saying "This is Kathy Constantine."

Incidentally, Kathy has a way of making news. You'll recall that we've written about her before, not only in The Mirror but in State newspaper. Occasionally, she doesn't appreciate the stories, but they are much too cute to keep secret.

Besides, she has always forgiven us, although once it took her several days to cool off.



READY AND WAITING—Jimmy Jones partners Annette Lancaster in a Cha-Cha, as their specialty on the "Coffee Break" portion of the "Dine and Dance" show at New Bern High school Friday night. It's a Margaret Rose production, and as usual her dancers will provide a wide variety of sparkling entertainment. Incidentally, Annette is a student teacher, and tonight she receives her 10-year trophy as a student.—Photo by Wray's Studio.

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"Remember, the faster you drive, the slower you stop. So when you drive at speed—allow yourself plenty of room in which to maneuver and stop," Waggoner said.

Granting an average reaction time on the part of the driver, here is what you must expect—before you stop:

At 30 miles per hour, it'll take 78 feet to come to a complete stop. At 40 MPH it will take you 125 feet.

At 50 MPH it'll be 188 feet
At 60 MPH—272 feet
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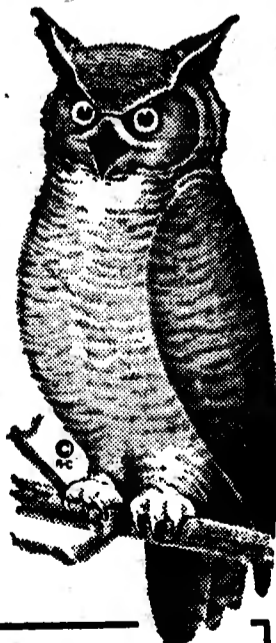
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