

Teen Topics



— IN NEW BERN TODAY —

Criticism of teen-age drivers is often justified, but we can't resist pointing with pride to our Craven County school bus drivers. To give you an idea of their fine record during the past school year, we've obtained some figures from Mr. N. B. Pope, who has charge of pupil transportation.

Approximately 90 teen-agers drove 81 buses a total of 531,000 miles. Each bus averaged 36 miles a day over paved and dirt roads, and that's an average for the year of 6,536 miles.

Every day approximately 3,721 Elementary students and 1,307 High school students were transported to and from school. Add these two figures together and you have a total of 5,028 pupils.

There were only 16 minor accidents during the school year. Every mishap had to be reported to school authorities, including things like backing into a pole or tree, or into a ditch.

Although there were some girl drivers, all of the 16 accidents occurred with a boy at the wheel. This perfect record for the fair sex ought to make you feminine drivers feel proud.

Best of all, only one accident during the year was a violation of the law. The charge in this case was failure to yield the right-of-way. We don't want to boast, but you'll agree with us that it would be hard for any group of adults to set a better record under the same circumstances.

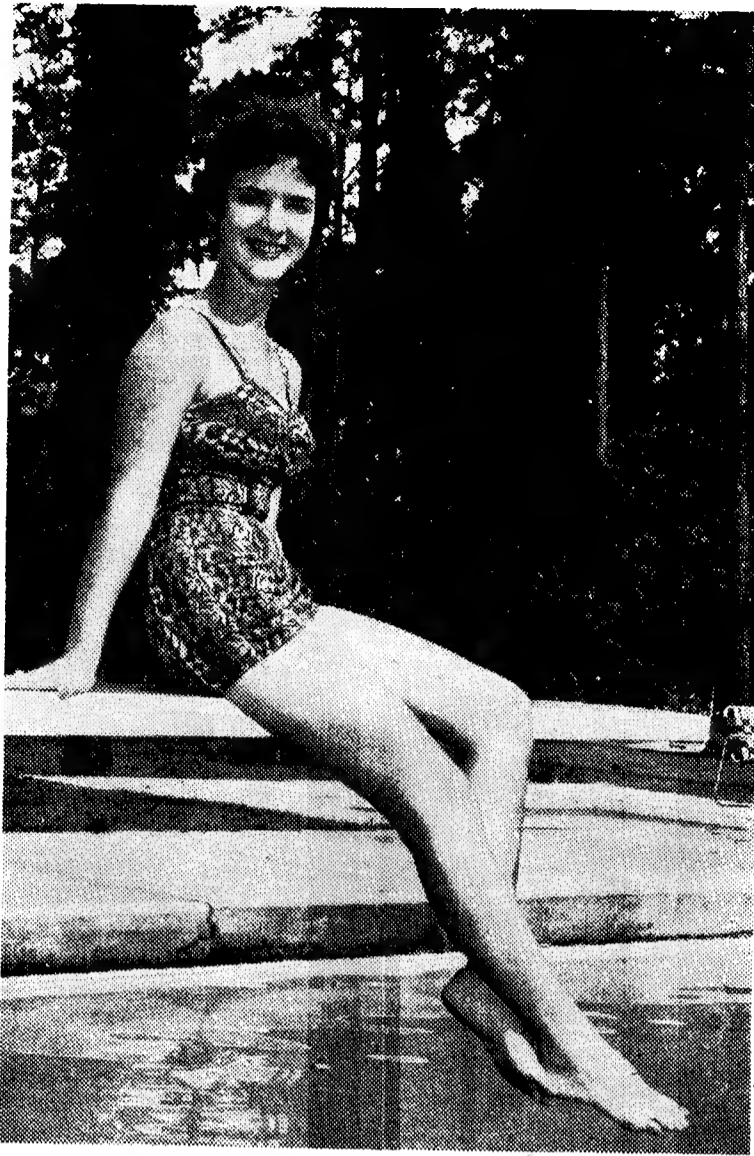
About 60 percent of last year's drivers will be back, and we feel sure that they will continue their excellent safety record. And because the new drivers are carefully selected, and have a lot to live up to, we are confident that they will also justify the faith placed in them.

Colonel Beard —

(Continued from Page 1) one of his neighbors at Fort Rucker has been another New Bernian, Colonel Jack Tolson.

The Beard and Tolson families have had some wonderful times together for several years. Like all service families they had a great deal in common, plus the fact that William and Jack hailed from the same town, and in their spare moments could exchange the latest news from home.

In recent weeks, however, Jack has assumed new duties at the Pentagon in Washington. We might add that we hope to do a story on Colonel Tolson in the not too distant future, and, for that matter, subsequent features on other New Bernians who have distinguished themselves in the service of their



PERCHED PRETTILY — Sure, and 'tis a great day for the Irish, as Frances McSorley pauses before a cooling dip in the Trent Pines pool. Our latest Mirror Maid is already known to many of you as a charming New Bern High school majorette. — Photo by Billy Benners.

Top Ten Tunes In New Bern This Week

1. The Battle of New Orleans—Johnny Horton.
2. Lonely Boy — Paul Anka.
3. Lipstick on Your Collar—Connie Francis.
4. Waterloo—Stonewall Jackson.
5. Personality — Lloyd Price.
6. Tiger — Fabian.
7. Bobby-Sox to Stockings—Frankie Avalon.
8. What A Difference A Day Makes — Diana Washington.
9. There Goes My Baby—Drifters.
10. I Only Have Eyes For You—Flamingos.

Rushing around smartly is no proof of accomplishing much. — Mary Baker Eddy.

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country. Getting back to Mrs. Beard, and the feminine viewpoint, she has nothing but praise for the role of Army wife and mother. "Everybody gives everybody else a helping hand," she says, "and no matter where you go you're bound to bump into old friends from your earlier days."

In other words, Mom and Pop Beard and their six youngsters have long since learned to take things in stride. Seven years from now the colonel comes up for retirement. "I don't know where we'll end up," he says, "but I want it to be close to the water, and by water I do mean the Atlantic Ocean."

One thing is sure, in the future as in the past the Beards are going to get the most out of life.

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