

Teen Topics



IN NEW BERN TODAY

Those of us who spent so much time and effort preparing Homecoming floats for the parade were rewarded. Our compensation came from the realization of a job well done, and from the complimentary remarks of spectators.

It was kind of the weather man to keep the rain from falling during the parade and our football game. The very next day (Saturday) was stormy, so we were very lucky. We could have used some of that luck in the football game played against Tarboro in our New Bern High school stadium.

Although the homecoming was creditably put on, there is still room for improvement. It would be nice to have the graduates of classes dating back as far as possible participate in the parade. Some of the classes might prepare a float. Most every class if invited, we believe, would at least enter an automobile occupied by several members of the class.

Then at the homecoming football game each class would arrange to be seated together. We feel sure that if nothing else was accomplished it would help attendance. Hundreds of New Bern graduates haven't been to a football game, or a baseball or basketball game for years and years.

We know you were proud of Patsy O'Neal, our 1959 Homecoming Queen, when she was crowned Friday night at halftime. She is so friendly that everybody loves her.

If you hope someday to be a homecoming queen yourself, here's a tip for you. Patsy picked up a lot of votes from freshmen, who appreciated her attitude toward lowly ninth graders. She probably doesn't even know this herself, but it's true.

Congratulations to the New Bern High school a capella choir and the high school dance band for their fine performances during the state-wide principals' conference. They made a splendid impression on all those visitors who were here.

GARDEN TIME

This may be a good time to depart from the usual and quote a poem written by Albert L. Mason, a fruit grower of Orleans county, N. Y. He is a graduate of Cornell university. He composed a book of poems which was published by the American Fruit Grower magazine. I like this one:

"Little Things"

There're places where I'll never be;
There're vistas that I'll never see;
On many roads I'll never go;
So many folks I'll never know;
There're many sounds I'll never hear;

Some feats I'll never engineer;
So many things I'll never do;
So much that's strange I can't construe.
And yet I'm glad that I can live
In manner quite diminutive.

With awe I've watched the sun come up
Or peeked into a buttercup;
I've felt the thrill of May at night
In apple orchards pink and white;
I've caught a glimpse of orioles;
I've looked for bluebirds' nests in holes;
I've listened to a hoot owl hoot;
I've wrestled with a plow all day;
I've coated trees with sulfur spray.

From little things I get my thrills,
From puppy dogs to daffodils.

Envy always implies conscious inferiority wherever it resides.
—Pliny.



RADIANT ROYALTY—Today for our Mirror Maid we present her highness, Patsy O'Neal, who has everybody's approval as New Bern High School's Homecoming Queen. —Photo by Billy Benners.

Rachel Mundine -

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she can take time off from her engagements to come back for another performance.

In that she shares the feelings of other Revue graduates like Mickey Gunnersen, Johnny Genolius, Kathy Young and John O'Steen, who have attained a measure of fame on the stage, in the movies or on television, but haven't outgrown the thrill of their first rung of success as an entertainer.

Rachel, like the others, is blessed with a deep sense of humility, and that in the final analysis is even more valuable than brass in attaining real stardom. It's nice to know that she is still the very nice kid we remember with affection and admiration.

Well arranged time is the surest mark of a well arranged mind.
—Isaac Pitman.

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News For Veterans

Veterans holding GI term insurance ought to look into the advantages of converting their policies to permanent plans before they get any older, the Veterans Administration said.

Term policies increase in cost as the policyholder gets older, for the same amount of insurance, according to VA. At age 70, agency said, the average American male has seen his income decrease due to retirement or other causes to around \$1,000 a year.

Yet if a veteran of World War II keeps his GI policy as term insurance to that age, he would be paying a total in monthly premiums of \$741.60.

Information on converting term policies to permanent types of insurance can be gotten at any VA office. The chief feature of permanent plans, according to the agency, is that their premium cost remains constant at all ages. The veteran at age 70 would be paying no higher premium than when he was 40 years old.

Permanent policies make it possible for the holder to build up an estate, VA said, pointing out that

after one year the policyholder can borrow on his policy.

In another caution about GI insurance policies, VA warned veterans they should make certain that their list of beneficiaries—the persons to whom the proceeds will be paid on their death—is kept up to date with VA. This also can be taken care of at any VA office.

Decision is a sharp knife that cuts clean and straight; indecision, a dull one that hacks and tears and leaves ragged edges behind it.
—Gordon Graham.

I believe the first test of a truly great man is his humility.
—John Ruskin.

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