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You'll recall that recently we came up with some misty recollections, and allowed as how no one would remember them unless he qualified as an honest-to-goodness old timer on the local scene.

Considerable comment was aroused, and on our desk are some additional observation from a former New Bernian, Ike Brooks, who lives at 4105 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., in Washington, D. C.

"I read the article in The Mirror," he writes, "and could have added a great deal that would antedate some of the things included. I could take the editor back to the days when Sheriff Biddle was the 'high sheriff' and had among his deputies 'Free' Ernul, old man Blacklege and Claus Credle. Mr. Jim Bryan was mayor and C. B. Hill was U. S. Commissioner.

"The market dock was usually filled with oyster boats and bootleggers, and the Blades building hadn't been built. Charlie McSorley was operating his ice cream and candy store in the old building where the Elks Temple now stands, and had one of the very few soda fountains in New Bern.

"The front door was closed on Sundays, but you could enter through the Pollock street door. Upstairs Mr. Gerock had his photograph shop. Next to Bradham's old drug store on Pollock street was the Farmers and Merchants Bank, which Mr. Dewey wrecked about 1904.

"Going on towards Craven street you found D. F. Jarvis trimming store, Simmons and Hollowell's dry goods store, J. G. Dunn's haberdashery and dry goods store, New Bern National Bank, Moses Whitehurst's book and stationery store, and Hackburn's grocery. I can't remember what was on the corner of Craven.

"Among the stores on Middle street, going toward South Front, were 'Bue' Ennit's book store, Sam Eaton's jewelry store, William T. Hill's bicycle and sporting goods shop, S. Coplon and Sons, New Bern Banking and Trust Co., Cutler Blades hardware store, The Chatawka Hotel, M. Suskin, Phillip Howard, and Duffy's drug store."

Just when we were beginning to feel like an old timer ourselves, Brooks shattered this illusion with his own nostalgic contribution to the community's folklore. He outdistanced us on Memory Lane the moment he started talking about "the old building where the Elks Temple now stands." As far back in childhood as we can recall, this village skyscraper was adorning the corner of Middle and Pollock.

In the realm of movies, we have no recollection of John Bunny, although Ike undoubtedly does. The first screen comedian we recall was Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle. And still vivid is a comedy he played in. Arbuckle accidentally set his bed on fire, while staying at a hotel. Instead of spreading the alarm, he made repeated trips downstairs to get a glass of water from the desk clerk. By the time the clerk knew what was happening, the hotel was going up in flames. To a small boy, this was very funny.

We'll never forget Jackie Coogan when he played in "The Kid" with Charlie Chaplin. He was only a tot at the time, and every time we see him on television today, very fat and very bald, it makes us feel ancient. Another unforgettable movie was "Daddy Long Legs" with Mary Pickford. It was a real tear jerker.

The saddest film of them all, however, was a drippy epic entitled "Over The Hill To The Poor House." Among the more dazzling productions was the original version of "Ben Hur." Equally spectacular were "Birth of a Nation," "The Covered Wagon," "Last of the



PRIM AND PROUD—We couldn't think of a better way to usher in Girl Scout Week than running a picture of some of the very cute Brownies we have here in New Bern. Shown on the steps of the First Presbyterian church with three of

their adult leaders are members of Troop 145 and Troop 256. The Mirror salutes them, and all other Scouts and Brownies in our town.—Photo by Billy Benners.

New Bern Youngsters Ready To Observe Girl Scout Week

There's a big week ahead for the 884 Girl Scouts and Brownies in New Bern and Craven county. Beginning Sunday and continuing through the following Saturday, they and their 268 adult leaders and advisors will be observing the 49th anniversary of their organization.

Joining with them throughout the 20 counties comprising the Coastal Carolina Council are going to be the 6,012 other youngsters who have been giving Scouting in the feminine category a tremendous boost in recent years.

Heading the sprawling, super-active council as president is New Bern's own Helen Grantham Neely, while Goldsboro's energetic Lib Hawley, a former member of the New Bern High school faculty, is the executive director.

For years, Lib has worked at a furious pace to establish scouting at its present high level in the eastern half of the State. Since the council's expansion some time ago it includes Craven, Pamlico, Jones, Carteret, Onslow, Beaufort, Lenoir, Pitt, Wayne, Martin, Greene, Hyde,

Mohicans," and Lon Chaney's "Phantom of the Opera."

Maybe we're prejudiced, but it seems to us that the western stars you see on television today are less exciting than William S. Hart, Dustin Farnum, Tom Mix and Hoot Gibson used to be. There are more killings in the present era—so many that they have become commonplace—but gunplay in the old days was an art that was injected into the action just often enough.

Duplin, Dare, Tyrell, Columbus, Brunswick, Pender, Washington and New Hanover counties.

Comprehensively and intelligently planned, the Coastal Carolina council has no less than 2,500 adults working in the cause. They include troop leaders, directors, committee members, district chairmen and neighborhood chairmen.

These volunteers are doing a splendid job under the supervision of a professional staff composed of

the executive director, an assistant executive director, seven district advisers, and an office force at the Goldsboro headquarters composed of a registrar, secretary and book-keeper.

There are four established camps. White scouts attend Camp Trailee near Goldsboro, Camp Pretty Pond at Wilmington, and Camp Hardee near Washington. Negro scouts attend Camp Carver at Dudley, in Wayne county. In addition,

day camping and individual camping are done throughout the area.

Founded by Juliette Gordon Low, the Girl Scouts is a nationwide organization for girls from seven through 17 years of age. Its purpose is to help girls develop as happy, resourceful individuals ready to share their abilities as citizens in their homes, their communities, the country and the world.

Latest figures show 3,420,000 members, including 2,650,000 girls and 770,000 men and women. Activities are geared to three age groups. Girls from seven to nine years are Brownies, from 10 through 13 they are Intermediates, and from 14 through 17 they are Seniors. Each group has its own uniform, its own program, and its own goals.

Major Girl Scout activities and interests are demonstrated in the seven days of Girl Scout week. The week opens with Girl Scout Sunday (or Girl Scout Sabbath for girls of Jewish faith). Other days in order are Homemaking Day, Citizenship Day, Health and Safety Day, International Friendship Day, Arts and Crafts Day, and Out-of-Doors Day.

The movement had its start at Savannah, Ga., in 1912 when Juliette Low called together 12 girls to form the first Girl Scout troop there. Among the millions who have belonged to the organization during the years that followed has been a very high percentage of America's leading women.

To really appreciate the enthusiasm in New Bern, citizens are be-

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"One for dolly, one for Susie." Through service to others, Senior Girl Scouts, 14 through 17 years, prepare for their future careers including motherhood. Senior aide programs include child care, occupational therapy, and volunteer service in hospitals, libraries and museums. Almost 3 1/2 million Scouts across the country are celebrating Girl Scout Week from March 12-18.