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New Bern Junior Chamber Presents Its Annual Award

A reader has written The Mirror, asking us about the church preferences of our various Presidents. It flatters us to think that somebody figured we could come up with the answer.

Kennedy, of course is the first Catholic to occupy the White House. Eisenhower didn't belong to a church, but considered himself a Protestant and attended the National Presbyterian Church in Washington while serving at the nation's Chief Executive.

Three other Presidents — Jefferson, Hayes and Lincoln — were unaffiliated Protestants. Honest Abe attended the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in the Capital City. Well do we remember attending services there. The pew where he worshipped is permanently roped off with a gold cord. Incidentally, this is the church where the Rev. Peter Marshall was pastor.

George Washington was an Episcopalian, as were eight other Presidents. Sharing his faith were Franklin D. Roosevelt, William Henry Harrison, Madison, Monroe, Tyler, Taylor, Pierce, and Arthur. There have been five who were Presbyterians — Jackson, Buchanan, Cleveland, Benjamin Harrison and Woodrow Wilson.

New Bernians, who aren't too familiar with the Unitarian faith, probably aren't aware that John Adams, John Quincy Adams, Fillmore and Taft were members of that church. Polk, Johnson, Grant and McKinley were Methodists, while Theodore Roosevelt and Van Buren belonged to the Dutch Reformed Church.

Harding and Truman were Baptists. Garfield was a member of the Disciples of Christ, Hoover was a Quaker, and Coolidge a Congregationalist. Of the 34 Presidents, only Truman has attended a religious service in New Bern, although a number of other Presidents visited our town. He worshipped at the local First Baptist Church the Sunday following his election.

It made front page headlines when Ernie Kovacs was killed in an automobile accident last weekend, but few New Bernians were deeply touched by the tragedy. His brand of humor tended to leave a great many viewers more bewildered than amused. That he had talent in large measure cannot be denied, but he lacked appeal for a huge segment of the television audience.

In this respect, he was much like Sid Caesar, who in our opinion is a very clever comic. Millions of Americans don't agree with that opinion, which explains why Sid burned out quickly as a top ranking comedian. Milton Berle, who never has been the least bit funny to us, is in the same category.

Rarely does an entertainer come along who appeals to the dumb and the smart, the young and the old alike. Mitch Miller, a terrific favorite with the majority of New Bernians, is blessed with this characteristic. Unlike Lawrence Welk, whose appeal is restricted to oldsters, Mitch has the teenagers on his side too.

Although he and his fellow performers are professionals, Mitch Miller succeeds in projecting an image of what one observer describes as friendly ordinariness." In short, he has managed to create the impression that this sort of party could happen at anybody's house, where a gang gets together and sings some of the songs it loves best.

Mitch will never win any beauty prizes, and his exuberance comes pretty close to being the corniest thing you'll ever be confronted with on your home screen. But the man grows on you, like that ungodly beard grows on his chin, and before you realize it you're patting your

George L. Ballard, local Alderman and assistant vice-president of the First Citizens Bank & Trust Company, was named New Bern's Young Man of the Year Thursday night, when the town's Jaycees held their impressive Awards Banquet at the Scottish Rite Temple here.

Donald Davis, New Bern High school's All-Eastern football star, got the nod as Teen Ager of the Year, while Thomas Sugg, who lives in the Beech Grove section, was recognized as Craven county's Young Farmer of the Year.

Continuing an annual custom, the New Bern Junior Chamber presented appropriate awards to the three leaders honored, while relatives, friends, members and guests expressed their approval with hearty applause.

State Senator Luther H. Hamilton of Morehead City, a former Superior Court judge, was the principal speaker chosen by the Jaycees for the occasion. This, like the award selections, was a popular choice.

Ballard, who is 34 years old, has been a civic leader in his community ever since he reached manhood, and is well known in banking circles throughout North Carolina. He is a graduate of the School of Banking of the South, treasurer of the Young Bankers of the North Carolina Banking Association, and a former member of the executive committee of the North Carolina Bankers Association.

He has been elected repeatedly as an Alderman for the city of New Bern, is a member of the board of

Paper Firms Offer Free Pine Plants

To encourage the growing of trees as a crop, two eastern North Carolina paper companies are offering share-the-cost opportunities of pine seedlings to the farm people of Duplin county, according to V. H. Reynolds, Duplin farm agent.

One of the companies will provide up to 5,000 free pine seedlings on a matching basis to any adult farmer in the county who buys as many as 5,000. The company will also furnish free up to 1,000 trees for any 4-H club member in Duplin.

The other company offers to pay half the cost of the seedlings for Future Farmers of America and 4-H members in Duplin and other coastal counties.

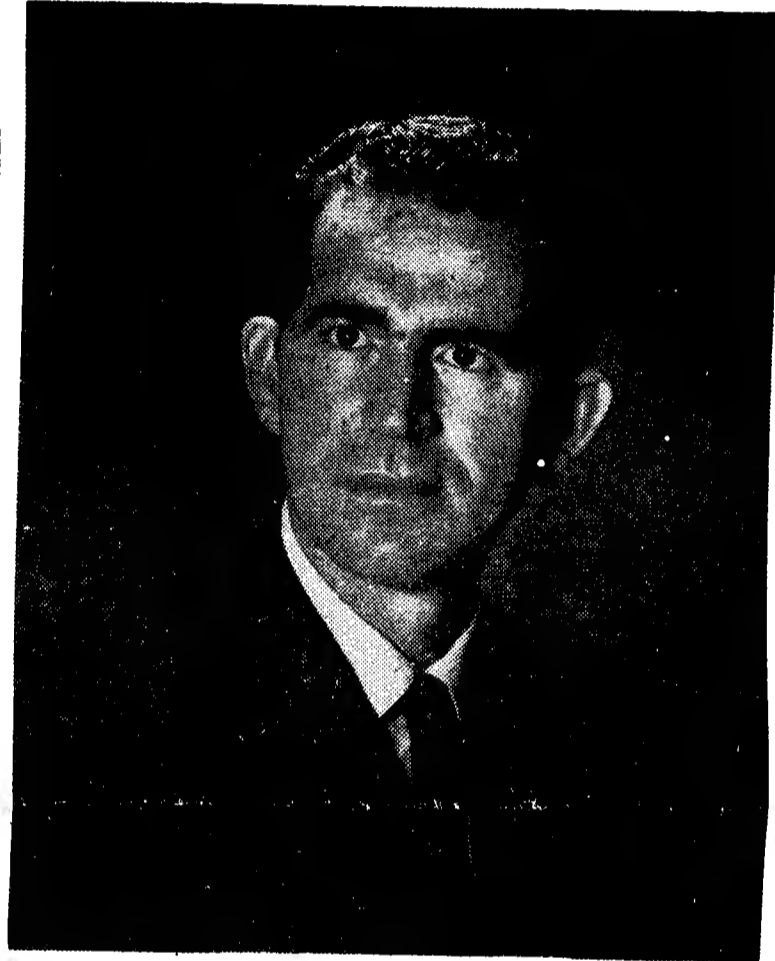
Application blanks and details for ordering the seedlings may be secured at the farm agent's office in Kenansville. Reynolds urges early ordering for the 1962 planting season.

Orders are usually placed in units of 50.

foot and warbling away.

If Miller and his crew aren't good natured, and happy in their chores, they deserve some sort of award for a marvelous job of spoofing. They seem to be having fun, and it gets in the bones of those who listen and watch with weekly regularity. Every New Bernian we've asked about the program has admitted adding his or her own voice to the vocalizing.

Those pretty girls, who make the middle-aged male chorus look even older, add a lot too. No wonder Mitch is tops in popularity.



NEW BERN'S TOP HONOR

trustees for Trinity Methodist church, is president of the Men's club at that church, and chairman of the College Fund campaign.

Ballard is a member of the board of directors of the Craven county chapter of the American Red Cross, chairman of the Blood Donors program, chairman and treasurer of the United Fund and a member of its board of directors.

Quiet and self effacing, George has an easy going manner that fails

to reveal to the casual observer his inexhaustible energy, and his dogged determination to get jobs done.

Donald Davis, whose spectacular ball carrying for the Bears in the tough Northeastern conference, earned him a full scholarship at Wake Forest, or if he preferred, a similar scholarship at the University of North Carolina, is more than an outstanding High school athlete.

He is president of the New Bern High school a capella choir, an ac-

tive member of the Junior Civitan club, and is regarded by the student body at New Bern as perhaps the most modest youngster on the campus.

His 13 touchdowns during the 1961 gridiron season was the top figure for the Northeastern conference, and his total yardage against foes who aimed their defensive strategy at the elusive speedster greatly exceeded his nearest rival's record in this department.

In the classroom, he has come up with good grades, and this was a factor in the eagerness shown by college coaches in trying to attract him to enrollment at their institutions. Donald was heavily scouted, and the scouts liked what they saw.

Thomas Sugg, 28, graduated from Jasper High school in 1951. His advanced education at North Carolina State, where he was a member of Kappa Phi Kappa, was interrupted by three years of Army service in special communications, including a hitch overseas. He returned to State later, and received his diploma.

He is a member of the Beech Grove Methodist church, and is superintendent of the Sunday school there. As a youngster, he was active in 4-H club programs, and equally active in the Future Farmers of America.

Thomas started farming in 1956, before going into service, and entered it on a full time basis in 1959. He runs a dairy farm with 110 cows on it, and plans to add 40 more cows to his herd in the near future. In addition, he has eight acres of tobacco to help keep him busy.

Ballard, Davis, and Sugg have a number of things in common, but most notable is the way each has distinguished himself as a leader who believes in setting an example for others by doing a lion's share of the work on any project tackled.



WHERE THERE'S A WILL — Ann Dill, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Dill, and Debbie Batts, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Batts, had no sleds when the ice and snow visited New Bern. This pro-

dicament was happily solved by converting the top and bottom of a turkey roaster into suitable transportation. It was loads of fun, but it didn't last long enough to suit Debbie and Ann.—Photo by "Fran" Fulford.