

# TOT TALK

Anybody's list of the most remarkable kids here in New Bern would have to include Greg McGueness, who won't be four years old until October. He is the younger son of Al and Ruth McGueness, who live at 610 Middle street. Their other son, Pat, is 13.

Greg won't enroll in kindergarten until September, but has been reading quite well for over a year now. Learning the alphabet was a cinch for him, and he has memorized his numbers up to forty with remarkable ease.

Believe it or not, at the age of four months he would stop nursing his bottle to listen to television commercials. He can repeat virtually all of the regular ones, word for word, and even repeats brand new ones after hearing an an-

nouncer say them for the very first time.

Apparently, his mind is so retentive that it permanently records everything he sees and hears. The early books for juveniles that his parents procured for him were read to him only once. After that he read them himself.

"We figured he was memorizing them," says Ruth, "and he probably was. However, he went a step further by reading books that we bought him, without having them first read to him by an adult."

As might be expected, he reads the funnies, and his favorite cartoon is Yogi, the Bear. For television fare, he likes panel shows and programs that require contestants to demonstrate their intellect. He spurns puzzles and games that appeal to children his age, but enjoys such games as "Concentration" and the Jan Murray game. He has both among his playthings.

By the time he was two, he could identify every card in a deck of cards. His brother Pat, who is far from dumb himself, admits repeatedly that Greg makes him "feel stupid." As for Al and Ruth, they find it almost frightening, and each of them expects to end up with an inferiority complex.

Look upon every day as the whole of life, not merely as a section; and enjoy and improve the present without wishing, through haste, to rush on to another.—Jean Paul Richter

# MIRROR MORSELS

In many a war it has been the vanquished, not the victor who has carried off the finest spoils.—Havelock Ellis

There is a sweet joy that comes to us through sorrow.—Charles Haddon Spurgeon

There are some defeats more triumphant than victories.—Michel de Montaigne

Good humor may be said to be one of the very best articles of dress one can wear in society.—William Makepeace Thackeray

It has been the fate of all bold adventurers and reformers to be esteemed insane.—George B. Cheever

The community in which each man acts like his neighbor is not yet a civilized community.—Archibald Henry Sayce

That man is truly free who desires what he is able to perform, and does what he desires.—Rousseau

Remember that it is only this present, a moment of time, that man lives.—Marcus Aurelius

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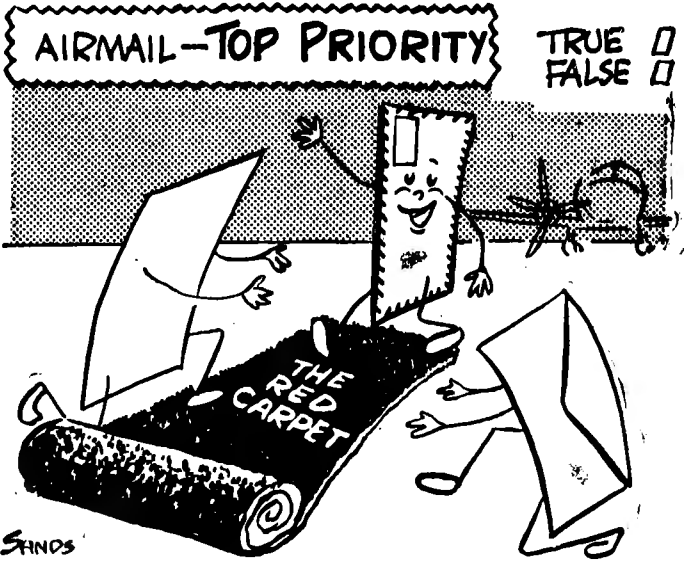
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