

TOT TALK



As a typical New Bern mother, do you ever have the urge to go back to school? Members of parent-teacher associations in Chicago are in the classroom once more, not for an academic course but to get instruction designed to make them better parents.

Their textbook, published by The Fund for Adult Education, outlines its aims as "the knowledge and understanding which they need to bring up children who will become mature, responsible citizens, able to function in and maintain a free, democratic society."

The mothers have turned pupil in response to an invitation issued by their local parent-teacher associations, with cooperation of the Chicago Public Schools. The current course, one of the 169 that have been taught, is "Parenthood in a Free Nation."

One of the recent subjects discussed was "Establishing Feelings of Security and Adequacy." Out of an exploration of the problem, several points were arrived at. The first step is for parents to clarify their ideas as to what is right to do, then to have enough "inner security" to establish their own standards.

Once these are defined the parents can say to their child, "If Patty's family does it that way, that's fine for them, but our family does it differently." And the parents may then say to their child that everyone has a right to be different.

"If everybody is wearing beanies, and you don't like to wear one, that is your business. Wear what you like." Come to think of it, that's pretty good advice for adults too, although few of them have sufficient backbone to risk the scorn of others by refusing to yield to popular whims that hold no appeal for them.

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Tony Curtis meets a 4-year-old heart-breaker in Claire Wilcox, who upsets his hardboiled, lousy, sophisticated and avowed bachelor existence in the new Curtis Enterprises production, "40 Pounds of Trouble." The chance meeting of these two in the lobby of a swank Nevada casino, of which Tony is general manager, leads to unexpected complications, not the least of which is a special visit to Disneyland. Tony and Suzanne Pleshette pose as Claire's parents in the chase through Disneyland, with private detectives in hot pursuit, which is one of the film's highlights. A Universal release, "40 Pounds of Trouble" is in color and Panavision.

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SPORTS REFLECTIONS

of Athletes and Events

When Coach Bob Lewis and his New Bern High school basketballers journey to Kinston Friday night for a return battle with the league-leading Red Devils, more than victory will be involved.

The game's outcome won't have a drastic effect one way or another on Northeastern Conference standings. Pat Taylor's quint has already asserted itself as the front runner, and New Bern dropped out of the picture as a regular season contender some time ago.

What keeps it from being an ordinary contest is the ancient sports feud between the two towns. No one living knows how old the feud is, but it was going hot and heavy back in the nineteenth century, and has festered occurrences that didn't always reflect credit on the com-

munities represented.

Fans, overly agitated, have been guilty of varying degrees of violence. In one past generation, for example, Kinston rooters infuriated by a New Bern baseball victory attacked an excursion train loaded with New Bern fans and did extensive

damage to the cars.

Outnumbered, the New Bernians decided discretion was the greater part of valor, and beat a hasty retreat. Unfortunately, the train was halted above Neuse river, outside the Lenoir town, and a number of local fans ended up in the stream.

This year, when the Bears and Devils met here in their first basketball encounter, an official's questionable decision in the last seconds of play killed New Bern's chance to pull an upset. When such things happen, it doesn't help matters.

A victory for the Bruins Friday night, on Kinston's home court, would be an even greater upset.

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