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Rev. Fred Mauney, pastor of New Bern's First Baptist church, has a very patient and understanding wife. However, even a preacher's better half is entitled to a small portion of exasperation once in awhile.

The other day she was left stranded at a local beauty shop, when the parson failed to pick her up on time, as he had promised. "He said he was looking for a sermon," she commented almost peevishly, "and if he doesn't hurry up he is going to have one."

Sister Mauney has a keen sense of humor, and so does her husband. Neither objected when we suggested that a story as cute as this one ought to be passed along to readers of The Mirror. Anyhow, the minister has been forgiven, although Mrs. Mauney probably filed the incident for further reference in the event she needs it for ammunition on a later occasion. Women, bless their hearts, are like that.

Writing in The New Republic, Gerald W. Johnson says, "As an exercise in futility nothing exceeds trying to recall today what one thought of John Fitzgerald Kennedy last month or last year; for what anyone thought of him pales into insignificance by comparison with what the nation feels about him now and will continue to feel through the predictable future,"

Concluding Johnson observes that "What is already evident is that the national pantheon has a new figure and a shining one. It is, above all, the ideal of youth; which is to say, it will continue an inspiration to the rising generation for longer than we can see; and when a nation has gained a symbol that can release the generous impulses of its young men and women it is fortunate beyond computation."

On this day, back in 1922, an enterprising gentleman by the name of C. K. Nelson obtained a patent for the first Eskimo pie. If memory serves us faithfully, they were smaller than the chocolate-covered ice cream bars you see today, and were priced in New Bern at twenty cents. At that rate, in our current era of deflated money values, a popsicle would be selling for close to a half dollar. It's nice to know at least one thing is cheaper than it used to be.

Also on this day--back in 1888--J. L. Wortman perfected the first typewriter ribbon, and exactly eleven years later Humphrey O'Sullivan came up with the first rubber heel. Earlier, in 1848, J. W. Marshall discovered gold at Coloma, California. More recently, in 1925, the first moving picture of an eclipse of the sun was taken from a dirigible at Montauk Point, Long Island.

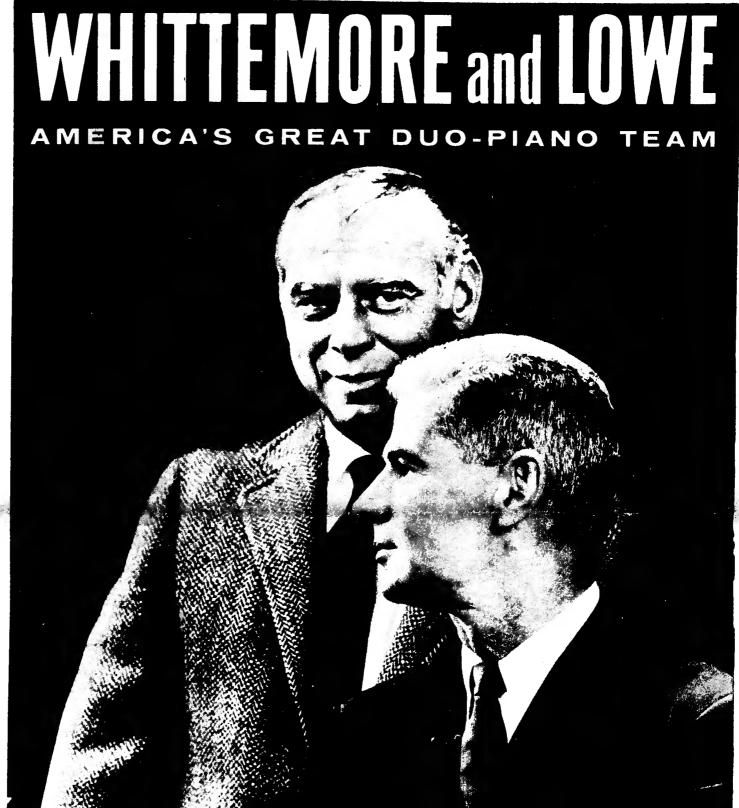
Senator Barry Goldwater's speech in Kinston last Friday, attended by quite a few New Bernians, was billed as "nonpolitical." Goldwater's oratory was most certainly political—just as political as the "nonpolitical" mouthings resorted to by other Republican and Democratic office seekers on

the state and national level.

Let's cut out the kidding.

Politicians--not just at election time but day in and day

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"AMONG THE BEST TWO-PIANO TEAMS NOW BEFORE THE PUBLIC."

"ENORMOUS POPULAR FAVORITES."

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"CONFIRMED THEIR RIGHT TO BE CALLED TODAY'S MOST SUCCESSFUL TWO-PIANO TEAM." CHICAGO AMERICAN

"THEIR CONCERT TURNED OUT TO BE ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR OF THE SEASON."

NATION'S FINEST—Never before, in New Bern's long history, has the town played host to a pair of musicians as celebrated as Arthur Whittemore and Jack Lowe. The famed duo-piano team will be presented 8:30 p.m. Wednesday in the latest Community Concert at NBHS Auditorium. Admission is restricted to mem bers of the Concert Association. The two have appeared as soloists with the New York Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra, and the Boston Symphony, as well as the orchestras of Chicago, Cleveland, San Francisco, St. Louis, Washington, Cincinnati, Los Angeles, Dallas, Detroit, Oklahoma City, Denver, San Antonio and Rochester. They were the first classic instrumentalists to have their own regular show, a five-day-a-week

program. They have appeared on the Jack Paar Show, and been regularly starred on "Today." Other guest appearances have ranged from Captain Kangaroo to the Telephone Hour. They are among the very few serious-music performers to sell over one-million records. Typical of their tremendous appeal was the audience of 4,000 that packed the Municipal Auditorium in New Orleans for a Community Concert there. It's front page news for anybody's paper when Whittemore and Lowe visit a city large or small. For New Bern, it's one of the noteworthy events of our time, and members of the New Bern Community Concert Association are to be congratulated for bringing this outstanding cultural contribution to our midst.