Through The Looking Glass

New Bernians attending the New York World's Fair won't necessarily have to be loaded with money. You can make it expensive if you go whole hog, but 75 percent of the sights are free.

What this editor remembers most about the other New York World's Fair--25 years ago-is the 7-million dollar Russian exhibit. Joe Stalin used it for impressive propaganda. This time the Soviet Union and its satelites aren't participating. Draw your own conclusions.

Folks in New Orleans seem to be more sentimental about their streetcars than New Bern was. Citizens in the Deep South city want the trollies—in operation for 70 years—to continue. Our town gave its streetcars up without a whimper many years ago, and didn't bother to preserve just one of the things as a possible museum piece.

Goethe, the German poet and philosopher, gave these rules for contentment: 1. Health enough to make work a pleasure. 2. Wealth enough to support your needs. 3. Strength enough to battle difficulties and be able to overcome them. 4. Grace enought to confess your sins and forsake them. 5. Patience enough to toil until some good is accomplished, 6. Charity enough to see some good in your neighbor. 7. Love enough to move you to be useful and helpful to others. 8. Faith enough to make real the things of God. 9. Hope enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future.

Elmer Brock's reminder in a Mount Olive Tribune editorial that aerosol-type cans are dangerous if handled carelessly deserves further comment. As he says, the popular dispenser of everything from aromas to zinnia spray has become a right hand to householders.

Liquid gas in the top of the can expands into vapor, which pushes the product toward the bottom of the can, into a tube which leads to the outlet. As the product is used, more of the gas vaporizes and expands, keeping constant pressure on the material until the can is emptied—and there is still pressure to spare.

Like Elmer says, it works beautifully, but there is something else that will make it expand, and violently. That something is heat. One of the cans exploded in an automobile when the summer sun reached where it lay in the seat, and literally tore up the car's interior.

In a test, a full can tossed into a bonfire exploded with enough force to cause rocks or metal debris to pierce the tailgate of a pickup truck 150 feet away. A woman was killed after she put a can of hair spray on a radiant heater in her bathroom.

Reputable manufacturers test the cans, after being filled, by exposing them to temperatures above 130 degrees. Even so, keep them away from heat sources. And above all, never try to puncture one, even when it is empty. It can become a bomb.

Exactly 164 years ago today the Library of Congress was established in Washington. Millions upon millions of published and unpublished items are on file there, including some of

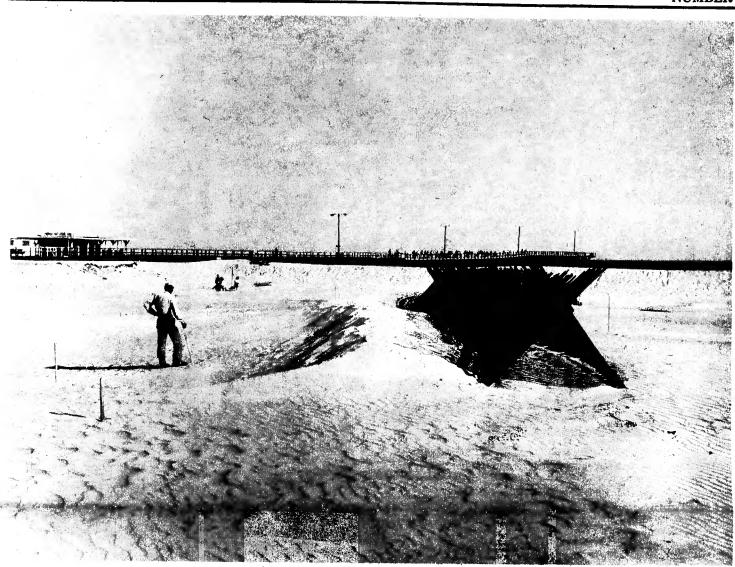
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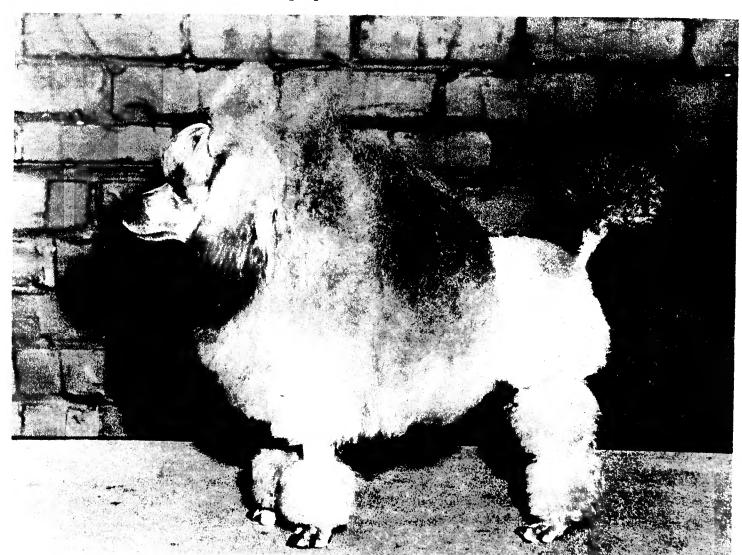
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FIGHTING THE SEA—Man's effort to prevent further erosion by the relentless Atlantic, and his hope for restoration of vanished sands along our Outer Banks, are embodied here. This scene within view of the fishing pier at Emerald Isle shows the unique portable

contrivance now being used to trap wind-blown sand. The accumulation back of the barrier proves the method works. Later grass will be sown.—Photo by Billy Benners.



WHAT A CHAMP—New Bern's Francoise Silver Satan, owned by Florence E. Hanff and Frances McD. Fulford, is continuing his winning ways. Latest conquest for the 15-month old toy poodle was the Hanover Kennel Club Show at Wilmington where he copped

honors in four classifications. He has competed successfully at Charleston, Columbia, Norfolk, Raleigh, Salisbury and High Point. Who can blame him if he appears slightly vain?—Photo by Wooten-Moulton Studio.