



Teen Topics

By CHERYL SMITH

This week we want to salute one of our former New Bern High School students, John Gaskill, Jr.

In addition to playing trombone in the college concert and marching bands at Wake Forest, and in the Reserve Officers Training Corps Band at the school he has the title of commander of the band and rifle platoons. As the Winston-Salem Journal says in a feature arti-

cle on him, that's an order-barking not a horn tooting assignment.

Because the ROTC band does not have a director, John was pressed into active service in this capacity when the group participated recently in the National ROTC Association Band and Drum and Bugle Corps Competition at Jersey City, N. J., and at the New York World's Fair.

The concert portion was at Jersey City, and the marching and maneuvering competition was in the Singer Bowl of the World's Fair. John, 21, played trombone in the New Bern High School band, and got his first directing experience with a small student band.

He has majored in English at Wake Forest, and expects to continue his studies in graduate school. He plans to put off his tour of Army duty while a graduate student, then serve "two or three years."

John was the only senior in the ROTC band this year, and there were only four juniors. The rest were sophomores and freshmen. The band had only a month's notice to prepare for the World's Fair competition, but performed very creditably.

We are very proud of John's record at Wake Forest. He has been a credit to NBHS, and to our town. Included with the feature story about him in the Winston-Salem Journal was a picture of him, looking quite serious and dignified.



CHARMING—Linda Daniel, who graduates from NBHS next week has beauty as well as brains. President of the Senior Girls Hi-Y and treasurer of the National Honor Society, she has received a Belk Foundation scholarship.—Photo by John R. Baxter.

Top Ten Tunes In New Bern This Week

1. My Guy--Mary Wells.
 2. Love Me Do--Beatles.
 3. Chapel of Love--Dixie Cups.
 4. Hello Dolly--Louis Armstrong.
 5. A World Without Love--Peter & Gordon.
 6. Love Me With All Your Heart--Ray Charles.
 7. Little Children--Billy J. Kramer & Dakotas.
 8. Bits & Pieces--Dave Clark Five.
 9. Romeo & Juliet--Reflections.
 10. Walk On By--Dionne Warwick.
- (This week's Mirror pick for a future spot in the Top Ten is a Bachelors recording--"Diane".)

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Some of New Bern's leading male citizens won't admit it, but rain did represent a problem for older boys. A sudden downpour was certain to ruin the cigarette butts that were harvested daily from local sidewalks for furtive enjoyment.

In retrospect, we're convinced that most adult smokers were healthy then. Otherwise, the growing lads of that era would have been infested with

more diseases than you could shake a stick at. If you're a man of middle age or older, you know we're not spoofing.

Filters wouldn't have been much protection in a situation like this. Maybe there was a guardian angel around, or perhaps the germs ate each other up.

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