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LATEST EDITION—Publishing a newspaper has its headaches and heartaches, but the chore does provide brighter moments. Ever since The Mirror arrived on the local scene, we have made it an unfailing practice to front page a "graduation picture" each year of Christ Church kindergarten. Of course, all of the adorable children seen here aren't 1965 graduates. A number will return in September, and couldn't be happier over this fact. On the first row, left to right, you'll recognize Loulie Henderson, Billy Flowers, John Hawkins, Sina Jo Norris, David Williford, John Disosway, Roger Clark, Lisa Phillips, Ann Dill, Catherine Wall, and Marvin Jarman. Second row— Nancy Jones, Jean Brooks, Peg Baggett, John Setzer, pe, David Alderman, Beth Hearren, Betty Lyn Phillips, Danny Williams and Elizabeth Tolson. Third row—Rob Holmes, Cecil Bell, Mike Riggs, Karen Johnson, Brian Corbett, Chris Carroway, Bobby Bordeaux, Martha Varner, Eric Koonce, Kathy Chitty, Brooks Bristow, Doug White, Jimmy Lingman, and Ebbie Howard. Fourth row—Beth Hand, Brian Maxwell, Carla Barwick, Tommy Barefoot, Marty Ward, Traci Legette, Pam Bratton, Dave Davis, Jo Carole Moore, Dale Marshall, Gaye Burwell, Ted Cashion, and Cathy Lyn Fuller. Absent, but not forgotten by classmates were Margaret Scott, Judy Copley, and Mark Watts. No praise could be too high for Anna Gillikin and Celia Ferebee, who have kept affectionate watch over the flock since the kindergarten's very beginning. On our visits we are invariably impressed by their patient but remarkably successful handling of every situation. Truthfully, we

want to go on record as favoring a special school of instruction for New Bern parents, with Anna and Celia at the helm. All of us could learn a lot from this wonderful pair. Dozens of Christ Church kindergarten graduates are making a name for themselves in colleges and universities. Unquestionably, the start they got as toddlers in a Parish House classroom influenced their later scholastic undertakings. Already the kindergarten is a place of hallowed memories. For our part we remember best the day the late Will Dunn, a regular visitor while his granddaughter was a member of the class, received an award for perfect attendance. The local attorney beamed with pride, and for him it was one of life's forget-me-nots . . . And who could fall to mention Captain Bob Whitley, self ap pointed traffic officer for the group, or the long-time rector of Christ Church, the Rev. Charles E. Williams. who had a special spot in his heart for every child in the class Thousands, including countless tourists, pause year after year to watch the youngsters at play in an historic church yard, and then wall on in a better frame of mind because of this brief communion with childhood . . . Nearby are ancient gravestones, attesting to the fleeting duration of man's span on earth, but God in His way of doing things doesn't burden small children with great concern for the inevitability of death. There are shrill voices and rippling laughter in the old churchyard, for nine months of the year. Like the Good Book says, of such is the kingdom of heaven.— Photo by John R. Baxter.

All New Bernians, in these troubled times, can do worse than recall President Franklin D. Roosevelt's message to Congress, delivered on January 6, 1941. We offer it to you in its entirety.

"In the future days, which we seek to make secure, we look forward to a world founded upon four essential human freedoms.

"The first is freedom of speech and expression--every-where in the world."

"The second is freedom of every person to worship God in his own way--everywhere in the world.

"The third is freedom from want, which, translated into world terms, means economic understandings which will secure to every nation a healthy peacetime life for its inhabitants--everywhere in the world.

"The fourth is freedom from fear--which, translated into world terms, means a world-wide reduction of armaments to such a point and in such a thorough fashion that no nation will be in a position to commit an act of physical aggression against any neighbor--any-where in the world.

"That is no vision of a distant millennium. It is a definite basis for a kind of world attainable in our own time and generation. That kind of world is the very antithesis of the so-called new order of tyranny which the dictators seek to create with the crash of a bomb.

"To that new order we oppose the greater conception—the moral order. A good society is able to face schemes of world domination and foreign revolutions alike without fear.

"Since the beginning of our American history we have been engaged in change--in a perpetual peaceful revolution--a revolution which goes on steadily, quietly adjusting itself to changing conditions--without the concentration camp or the quick-lime in the ditch. The world order which we seek is the cooperation of free countries, working together in a friendly civilized society.

"This nation has placed its destiny in the hands and heads and hearts of its millions of free men and women; and its faithin freedom under the guidance of God. Freedom means the supremacy of human rights everywhere. Our support goes to those who struggle to gain those rights or keep them. Our strength is in our unity of purpose.

"To that high concept there can be no end save victory."
Roosevelt didn't live to see World War II come to an end. Even when it did, his prediction "for a kind of world attainable in our own time and generation" failed to materialize.

FDR, ailing physicially and possibly no longer mentally alert in his final days as the nation's Chief Executive, has been blamed by some for the predicament confronting us since hostilities ceased in the global conflict.

Certainly many New Bernians, including admirers of Roosevelt, feel that various aspects of World War II, in its final European stages, were handled poorly. Permitting Russian forces to enter Berlin

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