

Teen Topics



IN NEW BERN TODAY

New Bern High school students who visited France during recent weeks had no trouble finding wonderful French fries, but there were no hamburgers to go with them. All teenagers will agree this was a catastrophe.

If it's possible to do so, you should learn typing before you enter college. Professors prefer typed themes, and with some of them it's a must. In fact, students who can type are able to pick up spending money typing papers for other students.

Speaking of themes, in a number of schools throughout the country reading and grading them is being done by outsiders rather than by the teacher who assigned them.

Qualified individuals, quite often retired teachers, read and grade from 50 to 100 themes

or term papers a week. This relieves the teacher of one of the most distasteful chores in his or her profession.

This new approach to the problem makes us wonder whether the teachers who no longer have to wade through themes are inclined to assign more of them to their students.

Also, some schools are now operating eleven months out of the year. This isn't making the teachers happy either, since most of them prefer a three months vacation from the classroom.

School officials who have tried the eleven months system say it is more economical. The eleven months are broken up into quarters, and a pupil is required to attend three of the four quarters.

It sounds somewhat confusing to us. We certainly prefer the system we have at New Bern High school, where everybody starts the same day and attends the same nine months.

July is almost gone, so get set for August and enjoy the rest of your vacation.



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Home Agent Says Question Habits Of Work in Home

"Why?", is the key to effective management of time and energy, extension home economics specialists at North Carolina State University, point out.

Why do you towel-dry dishes when it's easier and more sanitary to air-dry them in a rack? Why iron sheets or knitted garments when they can be used and worn without pressing?

Housework habits are helpful as long as they serve a useful purpose, the specialists note. Habits make it possible to do many routine tasks while your mind pursues more interesting thoughts. But if you don't keep questioning their purpose, you may become the victim of your habits.

It's human nature to resist change, and habitual methods may seem easier than something new. If you find yourself rushed and tired and never able to finish necessary jobs, you may have strong motivation to change.



INTRODUCING—Permit us to present still another of New Bern's happy babies, Mary Ellen Rose. She rules the roost at 804 Clark Avenue, where she is the pride and joy of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Rose.—Photo by Wray Studio.

How can you find out which habits need changing? It may be helpful to have another person watch and question your work methods.

Once you begin to look for ways to change and improve, you have overcome a major stumbling block. It will take effort and practice to find new work methods and develop skills until they become habits. Your reward for newlyacquired habits is a better managed

home and extra time and energy to spend with your family, the specialists believe.

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Top Ten Tunes In New Bern This Week

1. They're Coming To Take Me Away--Napoleon IV.
 2. Wild Thing--Troggs.
 3. Lil Red Riding Hood--Sam The Sham and the Pharaohs.
 4. Pied Piper--Crispian St. Peters.
 5. Paperback Writer--Beatles.
 6. I Saw Her Again--Mamas & Papas.
 7. Mother's Little Helper--Rolling Stones.
 8. You Don't Have To Say You Love Me--Dusty Springfield.
 9. Summer In The City--Lovin' Spoonful.
 10. Hungry--Paul Revere.
- (This week's Mirror pick for a future spot in the Top Ten is Tommy Roe's version of "Sweet Pea.")

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