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Oriental's coastal charm has attracted quite a few summer residents from up state in recent years, and more are bound to come. One of the most congenial is Ferne Winborne, wife of Raleigh's Municipal Judge.

Owner and operator of Ferne's Antiques in the Capital City, she brings some of her pieces with her when she heads east, and sells them in an astoundingly low pressure manner in a frame house across from Oriental's motel and restaurant.

Ferne calls the place Trash and Treasures, and the name is quite appropriate. She'll be around until Labor Day, and even if you aren't a nut about antiques it's worth a visit just to talk with this friendly and attractive authority on old stuff.

Definitely the outdoor type, she loves the water and, if we remember rightly, is co-chairman of the big sailing regatta that has been staged with such success at the picturesque Pamlico town for several seasons.

Unlike so many communities along Carolina's sprawling shores, Oriental has escaped, up to this point, the things that can spoil its peaceful, almost serene setting. No wonder it appeals to those who prefer sunsets and quiet surroundings to neon signs and constant noise.

Countless yacht owners, cruising to and from Florida along the Inland Waterway, make a stop there. Word has reached Yankee Land about the town's Marina and the delicious seafood served at an eating place established by the late James Regan and his wife, both former New Bernians.

Fortunately for the community, it is only a short distance from Camp Sea Gull, Camp Seafarer and several smaller church camps, and youngsters from these, along with visiting parents from many states, spend thousands of dollars there each summer.

Back in 1933, when this editor covered his first hurricane, Oriental was one of the spots we visited with John R. Baxter, local photographer. The bridge between New Bern and Bridgeton had been partially swept away, so we crossed the choppy Neuse in a small boat to reach stricken Pamlico County.

One of the things still vivid in our memory about the big blow that brought death to 22 persons in the coastal section is a large frame church at Oriental. It was lifted from its foundation by the violent wind, turned around to face another direction, and then placed back on its base.

Although we have no recollection now of seeing the interior of the church, it is said that a vase of flowers on a piano in the sanctuary remained upright. In view of remarkable happenings in subsequent hurricanes we've covered, the "vase of flowers" legend is believable.

Not to be believed, it seems, is the story we've heard about the Oriental cemetery. As it was told to us, years ago, a road ran through the resting place, with Republicans buried

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BRIEFING—Jo Ann Frank of WNBE-TV, who plays a major role in the staging and promotion of the annual Miss New Bern pageant, gives contestants competing in Saturday night's affair a few pointers on the eve of the big event. Sponsored by the New

Bern Junior Chamber of Commerce, the pageant will determine the successor to New Bern's reigning queen, Marie Gerlach. Later, the local winner goes to Charlotte for the Miss North Carolina pageant.—Photo by Billy Benners.



WON'T BE LONG—August is still with us, but this grandstand glimpse of the New Bern High school band performing on its home gridiron reminds us that Coach Roger Thrift's 1966 Bears will soon be in action. Meanwhile, the Bruin squad is getting in

shape for the curtain raiser against Goldsboro's 4-A Earthquakes, and a rugged Northeastern Conference campaign that follows. An exciting season is in prospect for loyal supporters of the Red and Black.—Photo by Billy Benners.