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Unless you're a New Bernian past 65, it's entirely possible that you heard "Happy Birthday" sung at parties when you were just a child.

A little old lady, out in Indiana, wrote the catchy composition back in 1907, and collected royalties on it for years and years. Incidentally, do we have a reader who ever came across the entire song?

Speaking of familiar melodies and their composers, how many of you know that "Hall, Hall, The Gang's All Here" was penned by the same man who wrote "Onward Christian Soldiers"?

If his name, Sir Arthur Sullivan, rings a bell for you, it's probably because of the Gilbert and Sullivan operas (including H. M. S. Pinafore produced here years ago) that live on and on.

Anonymous, abusive, and obscene telephone calls may soon be a rarity, says the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. Telephone companies throughout the country are beginning to move against them and new electronic equipment is making it possible to catch the guilty persons.

Included are gadgets to notify authorities while the annoying call is being made. They "lock in" the line so that the originating telephone can be located through computers in a matter of seconds.

In one New York case a prankster was arrested in a phone booth while he was actually making the call. The system can be that efficient. You're an exception if you haven't been the victim of such calls at one time or another. It's good news for everybody, but the fools who indulge in anonymous dialing, that a new day is dawning for the rest of us.

You're wrong if you're under the impression that U. S. citizens are the best informed in the world. Here in America, 30 newspapers are printed for every hundred people, compared with 50 per hundred people in England. As for British television and radio, more programs are devoted to news and discussion of current events than here.

It probably would be surprising to know just how many New Bernians of reading age rarely if ever read a newspaper. As an editor, we naturally find this hard to understand, but you too encounter fellow mortals, no doubt, who say almost boastfully, "I don't have the time."

Admitting that all publications, including The Mirror, publish things that may not be of general interest, virtually every newspaper, if only accidentally, carries something worth reading.

For our part, we wade through just about everything on every page, with the exception of the society section. We scan that briefly for items concerning those we may be personally acquainted with.

Few men devote much time to stories dealing with weddings, stork showers and teas. Likewise, the percentage of women who reach for the sports section to see how the Baltimore Orioles fared last night

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**It's School Time,
And Once More
Thousands of Children
Are Traveling Along
New Bern Streets
And Craven County Highways.
For Their Sake,**

PLEASE

DRIVE

CAREFULLY