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Bob Pugh, rounding out his final year as superintendent of Craven's public schools, has one thing in common with the current crop of prospective first graders. He too is sporting an itchy smallpox vaccination. Pugh needed his to get passport clearance for a Masonic trip abroad with other notables of the fraternity.

A sample survey by The Mirror reveals that two out of three packs of cigarettes sold over New Bern counters are the filter type. With the demand for fags at an all-time high, despite the cancer scare, 542 billion of the "coffin tacks" were smoked in the U. S. during 1966.

If yours is an average American family, the odds are nine to one that you eat your meals in the kitchen, and reserve the dining room for occasions when you have company or an overflow of relatives.

Even wild geese can get confused in flight without an experienced navigator in the flock. Ambling up Broad Street Wednesday morning, right at day-break, we were surprised to see and hear 20 of the feathered critters come over at low altitude.

They were headed northeast but suddenly swerved, lined up abreast instead of using the familiar "V" formation, and headed southeast over Trent river. Could it be that all the honking came from 19 of the 20 geese, saying to the lead goose, "Fool, you're taking us the wrong way?"

Mark Dunn's dog is the saddest-eyed canine in town. As a puppy, the Dunn pet had the same expression of deep despondency, so wouldn't you know it, Mark's kids named him "Happy."

Parenthood has its hazards on all levels of God's Creation. A sparrow, building its nest at the Louis Daniel home, got entangled in a piece of string the other day and hung herself. Louis discovered the tragedy on a spring morning that wasn't quite as bright after that.

Worst than the junk letters and circulars crammed daily in New Bern mailboxes are the unordered items of merchandise that show up from time to time, with instructions to return the stuff to the sender if you don't want to buy it or make a donation to this of that cause.

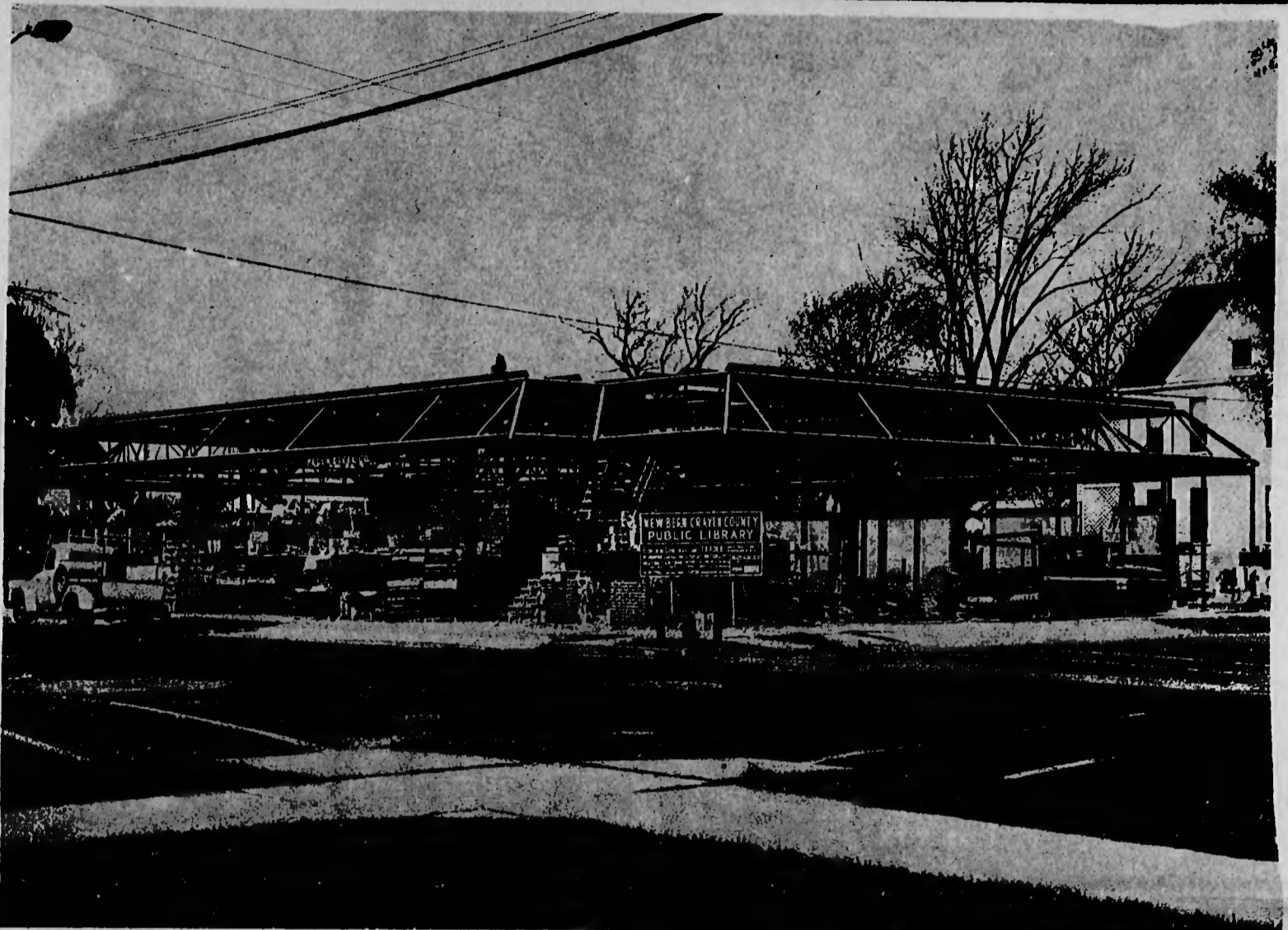
Do not pay for what you have not ordered. Do not return the merchandise. Put it on a shelf and leave it there for at least three months. Let the sender come and get the merchandise if he wants it.

You and millions of other citizens can put an end to this kind of sales trick if you band together and make it unprofitable to mail out packages to a list of names and addresses.

As for strangers who ring your telephone, and rattle off a sales pitch or a plea for donations, you can throw these human parrots into a tizzy by asking questions not covered by the spiel they are reading. Or to make them really stutter and back off, ask them to give you their phone number and where they are located.

While we're on the subject of nuisances, what a blessing

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TAKING SHAPE—Scheduled for completion before the end of the year, the new New Bern - Craven County Public Library is well on its way. It will provide spacious and attractive surroundings for 38,000 books now housed in temporary quarters on East Front

Street. In addition, there'll be a meeting room, where among other things there'll be story hours for children. Incidentally, the library's volumes are a true treasure house of literature.—Photo by Billy Benners.



WHEN IT IS READY—This artist's drawing shows you how the local library will look after its last finishing touch. There'll be semi-classical and classical phonograph records that can be borrowed, a framed print collection of reproductions likewise available,

a film forum and a North Carolina room containing rare publications and documents to delight researchers interested in the State's history. That's what is in store for you before 1967 fades into the past.—Photo by Billy Benners