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Our thanks to J. C. Bagg for passing along to us a little booklet of traffic ordinances, published exactly 50 years ago by the City of New Bern.

Section 26 warns that no horse shall be unbitted in any street, or highway, unless secured by halter, and Section 27 declares that no person, in any street, or highway, shall remove a wheel, pole, shaft, whiffletree splinter bar or any part of a vehicle, or any part of the harness of a horse likely to cause an accident if the horse should start, without first unhitching the horse or horses attached to such vehicle.

Taken at face value, Section 35 was phrased in a manner that could bring complications. It says "No one shall crack or so use a whip as to annoy, interfere with or endanger any person, or excite any horse other than the one he is using." Are we to assume that whipping your own horse into a state of dangerous excitement was made legal by this portion of the ordinances?

Section 53 decrees that "Any restrictions upon, or privileges allowed to vehicles, as so denominated in this ordinance shall apply equally and as well to equestrians, led horses and everything on wheels or runners, except street cars and baby carriages." Incidentally, New Bern did have street cars at the time the ordinances were written, and for quite some years thereafter.

The booklet reminds any and all drivers that "The speed limit fixed by the State law is 18 miles per hour in residential districts, 10 miles in business districts and 8 miles in turning corners. But circumstances may make it gross negligence to move the vehicle as fast as prescribed or at all."

Section 43 orders that "No vehicle other than street cars or steam trains shall tow more than one other vehicle at one time and the space between the two shall not exceed fourteen feet, and the towed vehicle shall have at least one attendant."

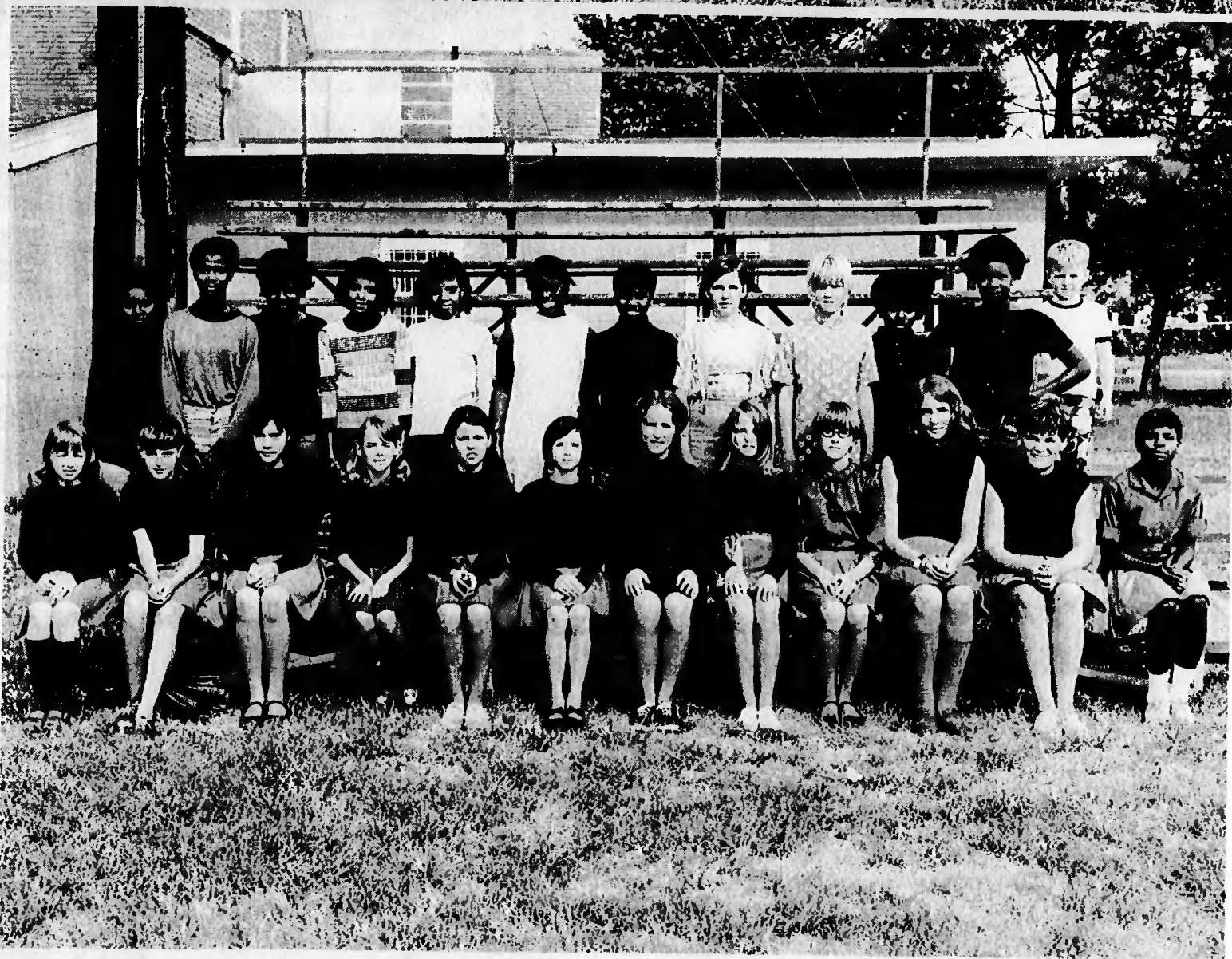
Saddest dogs in town each morning, Monday through Friday, are the pets who either follow, or try to follow, the kids they worship to school. How do you explain to man's best friend that classrooms are off limits for canines?

Children and dogs belong to a mutual admiration society all their own, which makes us wonder why Mother Goose chose a lamb instead of a pooch to tag after Mary in one of the best remembered of all nursery rhymes.

Next to dogs, small tots are fascinated by other small tots. Even tiny infants, more often than not indifferent to adults who make overtures, perk up and smile broadly when they get a glimpse of another child. Instinctively, it seems, they recognize and respond to their own kind.

If you are asked to pick the happiest and saddest place frequented by a great many New Bernians, what spot would you select? Our choice would be the lobby of the main Post Office here. Daily, hundreds of hopeful and fearful people unlock their boxes, and sort through junk mail for impor-

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THEY SOUND OFF — Pictured in the larger group seen here are the enthusiastic cheerleaders who whoop it up for the Lions in the New Bern Recreation Department's Midget League. Less in number, but quite vocal, are the cheerleaders for the Bears, also featured on our front page this week. The fine points of yelling in unison for their favorite team have been mastered by these youngsters; and uppermost in

their minds is the dream of one day becoming a New Bern High school cheerleader. When that happens to a fortunate few, they'll have for inspiration on the gridiron quite a few of the boys they support loyally now. This year, as in seasons past, there's nothing sissy about the Midget League. The kids give it all they got, and exciting contests are the rule rather than the exception.—Photos by Chick Natella.