

TEEN Topics



IN NEW BERN TODAY

Several New Bern business men, who took turns serving at the Salvation Army's Middle Street booth for Christmas fund contributions last Saturday, gained new respect for the younger generation.

"What impressed us most," one of these men remarked later, "was the high percentage of children and teenagers who gave money, some of them as much as a dollar, to provide holiday remembrances for those less fortunate."

Young people are often accused of being selfish and concerned only with their own desires. "To some extent this is true," the man at the booth admitted, "but I saw dozens of young people today who clearly weren't thinking just of themselves."

Was the generosity shown by the children and teenagers he referred to an exception, or do most of us have compassion in our heart for the deserving in our community, who may not have a Christmas as wonderful as ours?

Not just the younger generation, but adults too, seem to be more charitable during the Yuletide. However, even at Christmas there are many

people who deny themselves the joy of being one of Santa's helpers.

Look around you this Christmas season. You'll find that a majority of the happy faces belong to men, women and children who know what it means to share with others.

And so often you'll notice that those who frown, and appear soured on the world, are the type of humans who do nothing or very little to spread Christmas cheer where it is needed.

To understand fully how much each of us can be transformed by the Christmas spirit, we suggest that you read once more the inspiring pages of that wonderful classic, A Christmas Carol, by Charles Dickens.

Surely, if someone as selfish and disagreeable as Scrooge could be changed for the better, there is hope for the rest of us. Next to the message of the Christ Child's birth, nothing surpasses the message that Dickens brings us.

Looking Glass -

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Radio and television, like the printing of newspapers will never be totally rid of miscues. Someone was napping at WITN-FM during last Saturday's broadcast of the UNC-Crayton basketball game, and failed to switch from the network when a time-out was called.

So what you got wasn't one

MIRROR MIRTH

Lightning never strikes twice in the same place. It doesn't have to...Automobiles make us lazy, but not if we're pedestrians...Alarmists always regard the rising generation as a falling one.

Reforms come from below. No man with four aces howls for a new deal...A man can't make a place for himself in the sun, if he keeps taking refuge under the family tree.

A patriot is a fellow who is always ready to lay down your life for his country...Many people live expensively to impress people who live expensively to impress them.

Advice is a commodity sold by your lawyer, given away by your mother-in-law. but

impossible to dispose of yourself...Women are facts, because facts are stubborn things.

Never strike a man when he's down, jump on him...A pat on the back develops character if administered often enough, young enough, low enough, and hard enough.

Man is a creature of superior intelligence who elects creatures of inferior intelligence to govern him...The young don't know what age is, and the old forget what youth was.

A noiseless typewriter is one who doesn't chew gum...Conscience is the voice that tells you not to do something after you've done it.

If you've never heard a good word about some people it's because you've never heard them talking about themselves...A tired businessman is one who can hardly lift his feet to the top of the desk.

Experience is what enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again...Earl Wilson...There were fewer wrecks in the horse and buggy days because the driver didn't depend entirely on his own intelligence.

A man will sometimes devote his whole life to developing his wishbone...Women are attractive at 20, attentive at 30, and adhesive at 40...The most common diseases among writers are writer's cramp and swelled head.

Some of us like work so much we can just look at it for

hours...Antique hunters seek the real stuff in aged wood. There are others who seek the real stuff aged in wood.

The man of few words generally keeps them mighty busy...The only time a husband gets a chance to open his mouth at home is when he yawns.

Don't race trains to crossings. If it's a tie, you lose...A pacifist is somebody who can't argue in favor of peace without getting into a fight...Golfers, roughly speaking, play golf roughly speaking.

It's better to know nothing than to know what isn't so...A gangster is a man with gunning little ways...When a woman really loves a man, he can make her do anything she wants to.

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