

TEEN Topics



IN NEW BERN TODAY

Think twice before you choose teaching as the profession you'll follow, after you graduate from college.

According to a report by the National Education Association, 234,000 new teachers will be competing next summer in the nation for the 118,000 positions that are going to be available.

Circumstances could improve by the time you receive your diploma, and embark on your

career, but don't count on it. The trend is discouraging. Four years ago, vacancies and applicants were just about equal.

Mount Olive College has inaugurated a policy of accepting High school students for some of its courses. Welcome are those with excellent scholastic records, and available time to supplement their study in High school classrooms.

This should be good news for some of the students in the Mount Olive area. With all necessary High school credits accounted for, they can get an early start on their college education.

For the average student this would appear to be an ambitious undertaking. The new policy has merit. Right there at home you can better prepare for your college years ahead by studying reference subjects on what you plan to major in.

One disadvantage is the fact that a great number of High school graduates change their minds about their major after they enroll in a college or university. Some of them remain undecided beyond their freshman year.



WILLING VICTIM—Rebecca Hines, 18 months old, not only tugs at the heart strings of everyone acquainted with her, but delights in yanking the hair of her four year old sister, Stephanie. They're vivacious like their mother, Betsy, but are the exact image of their father, Steve. The grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Hines of New Bern, and Mrs. H. F. Capps of Jacksonville.

Looking Glass —

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sophisticated, however, and didn't involve deadly weapons as such.

And in case you've forgotten, cartoonists found it profitable to take sly digs at law and order. Slim Jim, built like a basketball center suffering from the last stages of malnutrition, always got the best of the cops.

Only in those days, a man with a badge wasn't referred to as the fuzz, or called a pig. For

that matter, Slim Jim wasn't a punk. He never did anything really bad, but just enjoyed jumping fences with the police hotly chasing him.

And, in the realm of comic strips, disrespect for parental authority is nothing new. Every youngster in New Bern, a half century and more ago, delighted in the constant mayhem cooked up by the Katzenjamer Kids.

Taking advantage of the fact that their old man, the grumbly Captain, was usually incapacitated by a bad case of the gout, they made life miserable for him. They were especially adept at whacking him solidly where it hurt most.

You could always rely on Mutt and Jeff to sock each other in your Sunday morning paper. Jeff, a little short guy, invariably got the better of the much taller Mutt.

This was a source of great satisfaction to their creator, Bud Fisher, who was a little guy himself, as we discovered when he visited New Bern.

Dried in the Sun

There are four kinds of raisins produced commercially—natural raisins, golden-bleached, sulfur-bleached and lexia. Lexia raisins are dipped in a lye solution that has a thin film of olive oil on it, then dried in the sun.

Teachers, professors, and parents may be helpful in your selection of a profession, but the final decision should rest with you. Until you know your own self better than you think you do now, make haste slowly.

The opportunity for financial reward cannot be ignored, but this won't suffice to make life meaningful, if you prove to be unhappy in what you are doing. Steady work becomes monotonous, but it helps if you love your profession.

For example, if you are someone who likes to travel, don't settle for an occupation that will keep you in one place. On the other hand, you may prefer to remain in the same community for a lifetime.

Top Ten Tunes In New Bern This Week

1. Without You—Nilsson.
2. Hurting Each Other—Carpenters.
3. Down By the Lazy River—Osmond Brothers.
4. Lion Sleeps Tonight—Robert John.
5. Precious & Few—Climax.
6. Joy—Apollo 100.
7. Everything I Own—Bread.
8. Sweet Seasons—Carole King.
9. Heart of Gold—Neil Young.
10. Let's Stay Together—Al Greene.

(This week's Mirror pick for a future spot in the Top Ten is Runnin' Away by Sly & Family Stone.)

Craven County's Country and Western Favorites

1. Bedtime Story—Tammy Wynette.
2. It's Four in the Morning—Faron Young.
3. Ann—Tommy Overstreet.
4. Only Love Can Break A Heart—Sonny James.
5. Take Me—Tammy Wynette.
6. Untouched—Mel Tillis.
7. Good Hearted Woman—Waylon Jennings.
8. My Hang-Up Is You—Freddie Hart.
9. The Best Part of Living—Marty Robbins.
10. Cry—Lynn Anderson.


(This week's Mirror pick for a future spot in the Top Ten is A Thing Called Love by Johnny Cash and Evangel Temple Choir.)

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