

# TEEN Topics



## IN NEW BERN TODAY

A great deal has been written and said about the importance of the youth vote, since the minimum age for registering was reduced to 18.

It was predicted by many observers that young people would flock to the polls, in sharp contrast to the pattern of older citizens.

These predictions did not hold up. In North Carolina's two primaries, highlighted by the state's first opportunity to determine a Presidential nominee, teen agers were as

indifferent as other voters.

Thousands under 21 were conspicuous by their absence, proving the discouraging fact that teenagers are more eager to complain about what's wrong with American than they are to do something about it with ballots.

This has been the dismal finding of Student Vote, a national nonpartisan organization of young people, dedicated to promoting youth registration and political activism.

More than 60 percent of the eligible students in the United States are registered which is higher than the figure for older citizens, but the voting percentage for both groups was approximately the same in most Primaries.

Seasoned politicians are convinced that there will be no significant increase in the youth vote, when the Election is held in November. Less is being said now about the importance of this portion of the registration.

In Columbus, Ohio, according to Student Vote surveys, a 300 percent increase in the number of youths registered to vote didn't alter the number of young people voting. The percentage for all voters was 61.3. In two student populated districts the percentage was only 57.9.

Despite an increase of 3,000 newly registered young voters in Madison, Wis., the youth

## MIRROR MIRTH

An amateur carpenter who grabs a hammer and tries to build something, is just like lightning. He never strikes twice in the same place.

Nothing else under the sun is ever as crowded as the pair of slacks a fat woman wears.

In my youth I thought of writing a satire on mankind, but now in my age I think I should write an apology for them.—Walpole.

If we consider the frequent reliefs we receive from laughter, and how often it breaks the gloom which is apt to depress the mind, one would take care not to grow too wise for so great a pleasure of life.—Addison.

Have the courage to be ignorant of a great number of things, in order to avoid the calamity of being ignorant of everything.—Sydney Smith.

The nearer I approach the end, the plainer I heard around me the immortal symphonies of the worlds which invite me. It is marvelous, yet simple.—Hugo.

We are all of us more or less echoes, repeating involuntarily the virtues, the defects, the movements, and the characters of those among whom we live.—Joubert.

When necessity ends, desire and curiosity begin; no sooner are we supplied with everything

segment made a poor showing in that state's Primary. The city turnout for all voters was 52.4 percent. In six student precincts, the turnout was only 46 percent.

Boston, where there was been a strong effort to register those under 21, is a sad example of indifference among young voters. Nearly three out of four among the youth registrants failed to cast a ballot.

nature can demand, than we start to contrive artificial appetites.—Samuel Johnson.

The most important thought I ever had was that of my individual responsibility to God.—Daniel Webster.

## Looking Glass

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you'd better believe.

"Your answer to the sixth question was like hers too," the teacher informed us," but you were trapped on the seventh question. Aileen wrote I don't know, and you wrote I don't know either."

And then there was the time, as soloist for the New Bern High school glee club, we sang Among My Souvenirs at a concert held in the Masonic Theatre. We had practiced for weeks and weeks, and had it down perfect.

Two little old ladies, one of them apparently hard of hearing, sat on the very first row. As we concluded the solo, in the silence before relatives started the applause, one of the old ladies turned to the other.

With a whisper so loud that it rattled the rafters in the deepest recesses of the balcony, she croaked, "Well, anyway he's a nice boy."

Learning to add sums in grade school was a nightmare for us. We couldn't seem to catch on to that four and two to carry stuff. "Let me take Joe into the cloak room, and I'll straighten him out," said another kid.

Later he told the teacher that he simply explained to us that carry is the same thing as tote. These and other confessions to those students at Briarwood the other night won us acceptance, and maybe approval.

## Top Ten Tunes In New Bern This Week

1. Candy Man—Sammy Davis, Jr.
  2. Oh Girl—Chi-Lites.
  3. Sylvia's Mother—Dr. Hook & Medicine Show.
  4. Nice to Be With You—Gallery.
  5. Little Bitty Pretty One—Jackson Five.
  6. I'll Take You There—Staple Singers.
  7. Walkin' in the Rain With the One I Love—Love Unlimited.
  8. Song Sung Blue—Neil Diamond.
  9. I Didn't Get to Sleep At All—5th Dimension.
  10. Tumbling Dice—Rolling Stones.
- (This week's Mirror pick for a future spot in the Top Ten is Todd Rundgren's I Saw The Light.)

## Craven County's Country and Western Favorites

1. The Happiest Girl in the Whole U. S. A.—Donna Fargo.
  2. On Our Latest Date—Conway Twitty.
  3. Grandma Harp—Merle Haggard.
  4. Made in Japan—Buck Owens.
  5. Lost Forever In Your Kiss—Porter Wagoner and Dolly Parton.
  6. Lonesome Lonesome—Ray Price.
  7. Eleven Roses—Hank Williams, Jr.
  8. All the Lonely Women—Bill Anderson.
  9. Kate—Johnny Cash.
  10. That's Why I Love You Like I Do—Sonny James.
- (This week's Mirror pick for a future spot in the Top Ten is Hank Thompson's Cab Driver.)

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