

TEEN Topics



more applause than the Governor, who thoroughly understood why.

It isn't easy to remember how some folks looked in life, even a few short years after their death. Not so with Martha. Many moons have passed since the Sweet Chariot swung low for to carry her home, but her image remains.

Most of us knew little, if anything, about her background. To this day, the Mirror's editor doesn't know where she lived, or even if she had children. Certainly she loved those of us who were young.

Strangely, she never seemed to grow old, not in the eyes of us kids. Perhaps adults detected a slower pace, as Father Time shadowed her cart, but we didn't take notice, until one morning she didn't come by.

New Bern wasn't quite the same after that. No one took her special place among the street peddlers, or even tried to. Some people in the world of ours really are one of a kind.

There have been others of her race, like Louis Armstrong and Bill Robinson. Martha Royall, in New Bern, is equally legendary, and rightly so.

Poor Brothers-in-law? Tradition forbids women of the Big Namba tribe on Malekula Island in the New Hebrides from being seen by their husband's brothers. If a girl happens to be walking along a trail when one of her brothers-in-law wanders by, she sits beside the path and covers her face with a large purple-dyed wig fashioned from pandanus leaves.

Top Ten Tunes In New Bern This Week

1. Superstition—Stevie Wonder.
2. Crocodile Rock—Elton John.
3. You're So Vain—Carly Simon.
4. Why Can't We Live Together—Timmy Thomas.
5. Your Mama Don't Dance—Loggins & Messina.
6. Super Fly—Curtis Mayfield.
7. Oh Babe What Would You Say—Hurricane Smith.
8. Hi Hi Hi—Wings.
9. Me & Mrs. Jones—Billy Paul.
10. Love Jones—Brighter Side of Darkness.

(This week's Mirror pick for a future spot in the Top Ten is Elvis Presley's Separate Ways.)

CRAVEN COUNTY'S COUNTRY AND WESTERN FAVORITES

1. Lovin' On Back Streets—Mel Street.
2. Old Dogs, Children and Watermelon Wine—Tom T. Hall.
3. She Needs Someone To Hold Her—Conway Twitty.
4. She's Got To Be A Saint—Ray Price.
5. I Wonder If They Ever Think Of Me—Merle Haggard.
6. Catfish John—Johnny Russell.
7. Love's The Answer—Tanya Tucker.
8. Pass Me By—Johnny Rodriguez.
9. Rated X—Loretta Lynn.
10. Do You Know What It's Like To Be Lonesome—Jerry Wallace.

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IN NEW BERN TODAY

When a High school graduate goes off to college, he or she must do a lot of adjusting. And if you were regarded as an outstanding student for one reason or another, back in your home town, your adjustment problem isn't less but greater.

The student who stood out on his or her local campus because of scholastic excellence, athletic ability, or social background, will often find that it's much harder to get recognition higher up the ladder.

To be whittled down to size is never a pleasant experience, and it can come as a severe jolt when you discover that among the thousands of young people at your college or university there are some just as smart or even smarter than you are.

You may have been the best looking, best dressed boy or girl in your senior class, but off at school you may be hardly noticed in the crowd. This sort of thing will be a blow to your vanity, but it won't be a disaster unless you permit it to be.

Being bitter or resentful of the fact that you're one among many isn't much help. For the first time in your life, perhaps, you are getting a glimpse of what the majority of your classmates experienced in High school while you were basking in the limelight.

If you're made of the right stuff, you'll become a better human being. Having seen how it looks on the other side of the street, you'll become more understanding. In your own disappointment, you'll realize that the world is crowded with people who need comfort and encouragement.

Just as important, you'll face up to the fact that physical attractiveness and superior intelligence won't win you lasting friends and success if you lack personality. All of us can take the first step toward being personable by practicing the Golden Rule.

birth defects are forever... unless you help

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(Continued from page 1) give the campus a wide berth, or at least lower her proclamations.

When the town had a historical pageant, Martha and her cart were included, much to the delight of everybody assembled for the auspicious occasion. She was accorded

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