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## HANG UP

Sooner or later, if it hasn't already happened, you'll get an obscene call on the telephone. Approximately a million nuisance calls were reported in the nation last year, and probably as many went unreported.

Don't give these senseless characters the audience they crave. Simply hang up the receiver, unless because of previous pestering you've made arrangements with the telephone company to have a detecting device placed on your line.

For what it may be worth, one large phone company that made a study of such calls discovered that the majority of them are placed by persons between the ages of 16 and 30. Not all of them are males.

However, don't dismiss the possibility that you're being annoyed by someone considerably older. Here in New Bern, for example, we know personally of an instance where the guilty party proved to be an elderly man.

There was an occasion here, also, when the housewife managed to keep an obscene caller engaged in conversation until her husband traced the call to a pay phone several blocks away.

The husband hastily drove to the scene, caught the man in the act, and promptly beat him up. This was a most unlikely culmination, but rest assured it ended the nuisance.

Threatening or obscene calls, in the event of arrest and conviction, can result in a fine or imprisonment, or both. The law takes a dim view too toward those who phone in false fire alarms, or fake ambulance calls.

Of course, many nuisance calls are not of an obscene nature. In fact, among the more frequent types, often made late at night, are those where silence prevails at the other end of the line. Usually repeated, they are easier to trace.

Almost always they can be tracked down, and are apt to originate with an unfriendly neighbor, a business enemy, an estranged mate, or a jilted lover. Chances are you'll have a pretty good idea who it is.

A new detection device has been developed to trace the source of a call. Locked into a customer's line, it involves the use of a punch tape on which the calling number is recorded in perforations of that tape. It also records the time of the call.

Things were simpler in days gone by, when there were fewer telephones and dialing hadn't come along. To place a local call, you had to speak to the operator, and she probably recognized your voice.

That was a great deterrent, reflected by the limited number of nuisance calls. However, in these complex times you aren't beyond help. Complain to the business office of your telephone company, and notify the police. They'll do something about it.

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## Historical Gleanings

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**PLOTS AND DIVISIONS OF CRAVEN COUNTY**  
North Carolina, Craven County. The Sheriff commanded to summon the following Commissioners, Gideon Jones, James T. Jones, Esq. Joseph Physloc, Esq. Abner Neale, Esq., Lucas Benners, Esq. to meet and make partition of tract of land on the South side of Neuse River, on Long Creek, improved with mill &c, estimated to contain 1390 acres, 3 tracts on Clubfoot Creek, estimated to contain 1710 acres, a tract of 720 acres on Cahooky Creek, a tract of 500 acres on Hancock Creek, also 3 half lots in Dryboro, also one lot No. 2 in New Bern and part of Lot No. 1, part of lot at corner of East front Street and a tract of 360 acres on Bogue Banks, Carteret County between:

Michael H. Lente, Trustee for Thomas J. Emery and Frances, his wife, and Sarah Vall, an infant by Eliza Vall, her guardian which said Frances and Sarah are children and heirs of Benners Vall, Esq. deceased. &c. 4th Monday after the 4th Monday of Sept. 1824. John W. Guion by J. G. Stanly. Commissioners make partition of the above lands and make return January 10, 1826. Signed by James T. Jones, Abner Neale, L. Benners, Gideon Jones, Jos. Physloc. Witnessed by John Neale, Dep. Sheriff.

North Carolina, Craven County, September Term 1808.

Joseph Oliver, Jun. John Dunn, John Dewey, John Jones, Nathaniel Street ordered to make partition between William Good and James Ross of a certain lot in New Bern on New Front Street, No. 40.

Commissioners make partition of the foregoing lot No. 40 to William Good the westernmost half of said lot which he purchased of Solomon Shenawolf and his wife Susannah. Signed: Joseph Oliver, Sr. John M. Dunn, John Dewey, John Jones, Nath. Street.

North Carolina, Craven County. Joseph Green, Charles Ernull, Cason Brinson, John Brinson, Jese Holton appointed commissioners to make partition of a tract of 50 acres opposite New Bern, one of 100 acres between Neuse and N. W. Creek, one of 40 acres between said creek and Neuse, one of 200 acres between NW and Broad called Sand Hills land and one of 50 acres between Broad and NW Creek between: Sidney Vendrick, Lucinda Daw, Mary Daw, John Daw, Ann Nelly Daw, Sarah Daw and James Daw, heirs of James Daw, deceased. June 1818. J. G. Stanly, C. C. Plot shows: Neuse River, Northwest Creek, Pocoson, lands of Adam Scott, James

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And get a nasty fall.  
Your bedroom slippers you won't find  
In quite the strangest places;  
Those prized tomes on your book shelves  
Will bear no pencilled faces.  
And when you crave a movie  
You won't have to tend some brat  
Who sprinkles talcum powder  
In your one and only hat.  
That lovely vase, or is it vaz,  
Can rest on any table;  
You won't invest in diapers  
While you long for mink and sable.  
There won't be night-long vigils,  
Kept because a curly head  
Is burning up with fever  
In its little trundle bed.  
You'll live without restrictions,  
Doing everything that's nice;  
Never knowing that a baby  
Is cheap at any price.

—JGMCD.

Daw, Dixon's deed.

Commissioners: Joseph Green, Charles W. Ernull, Cason Brinson, John Brinson, Jesse Holton make return 16 days of Sept. 1818.

North Carolina, Craven County. March Term 1802.

On Motion of Edward Graham, Esq. on behalf of the heirs of Christopher Dawson, and the purchases under the heirs of Francis Shine, deceased, devisees under the will of Francis Dawson.

Thomas Jocelyn, Henry Carraway, William Gardner, Ephraim Fulcher, William Brooks, appointed Commissioners to divide lands devised to Christopher Dawson and Francis Shine, agreeable to will.

Plot shows: Dawson's Creek, formerly Cocawink; the heirs of John Dawson, Esq. lands, Smith Delemar lands on Neuse River.

The Commissioners met at the house of Smith Delemar on the 1st day of April 1802, &c to divide the lands containing 400 acres between the heirs of John Dawson, Esq. deceased, and Smith Delemar, purchased under the heirs of Francis Dawson, according to their respective claims. Commissioners return 3 April, 1802.

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