

# TEEN Topics



## IN NEW BERN TODAY

A person doesn't have to scatter trash on our streets and highways to be a litter bug. Some of the biggest offenders, far too many of them in the teenage bracket, use our rivers and beaches as a wastebasket or garbage can. Because you have the good fortune to go boating, or visit the seashore, doesn't give you the right to clutter up the sur-

roundings with unsightly and unhealthy objects. Don't expect Dame Nature to clean the place up after you leave.

If you're dating a boy or girl who habitually scatters litter, and has no respect for fellow vacationers, take it as a warning signal. Such acts may seem unimportant, but they indicate an attitude that is apt to continue throughout life.

There's much to be said for the young person, or adult, who recognizes that a public beach or a navigable river is for the enjoyment of many, rather than for the thoughtless abuse of a few individuals.

Being a litter bug, at the beach or in your own community, is almost a mild form of vandalism. You aren't (we hope) malicious when you make the scene around you less attractive, but isn't desecrating public property, and destroying its beauty, what you would expect from a vandal?

This little sermon isn't only for teenagers. Countless adults are notoriously guilty of playing the role of litter bug. In fact, to such an extent that it's difficult to tell where youth leaves off and maturity begins.

We're thinking primarily of rivers and beaches this week, because our State and Federal governments are taking serious steps to attack the nation's water pollution problem. In a very small way we can show our interest in the project by seeing to it that we don't throw trash into the rivers we are blessed with.

## Looking Glass

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handwork, and gave the proceeds to her church.

Even after she could no longer see, she did weaving, and rust-proofed clothes hangers with plastic wrapping. A charter member of Tuttle's Grove Methodist Church, near Beaufort, she had the edifice under pinned, and among other gifts gave the baptismal font and collection plates.

Serenity is seldom achieved on this earth, but Hunnie, as much as any person we've ever been privileged to know, attained it as easily and as gracefully as a fluffy cloud floats in a spring sky.

Her faith was such that she had no fear of death. God may be deceased in the minds of some folks, and for the atheist never did exist, but she knew better. She talked to the Good Lord too often to have any doubts.

Once, while fishing for croakers off Swansboro with Hunnie, quite some years back, we ran out of shrimp for bait. Half jokingly, the Mirror's editor suggested using some popcorn from an all but empty box we had with us.

"I think it will work," she said, and bless goodness it did. No one questioned the story when we got back to land. After all, a newsman on a fishing jaunt might stretch the truth, but who would ever accuse Hunnie of falsification?



**TRACKER . . .** Video signals from the Earth Resources Technology Satellite (ERTS-A) return Beam Vidicon Cameras and Multi-Spectral Scanner will be received by a 30-foot-diameter antenna like this one at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Md. The other two tracking stations for ERTS are at Goldstone, Calif., and Fairbanks, Alaska.

She prized the Mirror column we wrote about the incident, kept it close by her bedside, and insisted that everyone who visited her read it. That's our favorite recollection of Hunnie, and, knowing her, she'll probably recount the tale to other angels on high.

We hear a lot of talk, and see a lot of placards proclaiming love these days. Hunnie literally lived it for more than a century.

## Top Ten Tunes In New Bern This Week

1. Dueling Banos—Deliverance.
2. Killing Me Softly With His Song—Roberta Flack.
3. Could It Be I'm Falling In Love—Spinners.
4. Crocodile Rock—Elton John.
5. Love Train—O'Jays.
6. Last Song—Edward Bear.
7. Don't Expect Me To Be Your Friend—Lobo.
8. Rocky Mountain High—John Denver.
9. Daddy's Home—Jermaine Jackson.
10. Jambalaya—Blue Ridge Rangers.

(This week's Mirror pick for a future spot in the Top Ten is the Stylistics version of Break Up To Make Up.)

## CRAVEN COUNTY'S COUNTRY AND WESTERN FAVORITES

1. Do You Know What It's Like To Be Lonesome—Jerry Wallace.
2. I Wonder If They Ever Think Of Me—Merle Haggard.
3. Till I Get Right—Tammy Wynette.
4. The Lord Knows I'm Drinking—Cal Smith.
5. She Needs Someone To Hold Her—Conway Twitty.
6. Neon Rose—Mel Tillis.
7. Any Old Wind That Blows—Johnny Cash.
8. Love Is The Look You're Looking For—Connie Smith.
9. Rated X—Loretta Lynn.
10. The Teddy Bear Song—Barbara Fairchild.

(This week's Mirror pick for a future spot in the Top Ten is David Houston's Good Things.)

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