

TEEN Topics



IN NEW BERN TODAY

If your hobby is coin collecting, you don't have to be told that finding something rare in change you receive is really the impossible dream. It may happen one of these days, but don't count on it.

For many years, thousands of professionals and amateurs have regularly exchanged dollar bills for rolls of coins at the nearest bank. Often working as a team, two people will go

through the rolls for hours.

Then they turn the rolls in for dollar bills, and get still more rolls. So carefully has this been done that finding an unusual coin in circulation today is harder than locating the proverbial needle in a haystack.

Of course, it can happen. Somebody discovers a few coins in an old house that is being torn down, or in an old trunk. Not realizing the possible value, and short on money, he or she spends it.

This happens less and less every year. There aren't that many really old houses being torn down. As for old trunks, the majority of them have been long ago purchased by eager antique collectors.

Almost anyone who is 40 or 50 years of age could be much wealthier today, if he or she could have had the foresight or good fortune to save trivial things in their youth.

Mickey Mouse watches, once quite common and inexpensive, bring a high price now as a collector's item. Shirley Temple cups that used to come in boxes of cereal are very much in demand.

That Model A roadster your father drove when he was young and carefree would be worth a fortune, if he still had it in the backyard. Almost anything that's ancient finds a ready market.

Knowing what you, as a teenager, ought to save for future wealth is the problem. The next



FIRST VIEW . . . Dr. Peter Crowcroft, Director of Brookfield (Ill.) Zoo, announced that "the Zoo's first polar bear cubs made their public debut in outdoor grottos recently. The three cubs, born in November of two females, were raised by their mothers in separate dens inside the Bear Grottos. These are the first cubs ever conceived and successfully raised at this Zoo," added Dr. Crowcroft, "and I'm sure the public will find them, as we have, especially appealing."

Looking Glass

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to blasts at the noon hour, and headed to the house for dinner.

The whistle we have today isn't even in the same class. Those other whistles are gone too, the ones that summoned employees to our lumber mills, and train whistles that wailed far off on wakeful nights.

Even people have stopped whistling, except a few diehards like Mark Dunn and the Mirror's editor. Now, if you walk along the street whistling, folks stare at you, or turn to see who in the heck is sounding off.

problem is finding a place to hoard it. With the world, and certainly your home, getting more crowded by the minute, what can you do?

If you can discover what others aren't saving, you're on the right track. A crystal ball, or a trip to the fortune teller might help.

At least the mockingbirds approve. In springtime, strolling along Middle between Johnson and New, we always get a response from them, especially in the morning. That's the block where New Bern's most enthusiastic bird lover, Wilson Lee, lives.

During last winter's big snow we telephoned him, and found him to be exasperated. The storm caught him without sufficient provisions for his feathered friends. At our house we scattered small pieces of bread.

It is typical of human vanity that people think birds sing for their benefit. Perhaps they do, at times, but mostly they warble for their own enjoyment, or to impress an intended mate.

But there's a moral in that. You can't express joy in your own heart without spreading a little of it to someone else. So, you birds, keep on chirping, and this world will be a better place for all of us.

Top Ten Tunes In New Bern This Week

1. Tie A Yellow ribbon Round The Ole Oak Tree—Dawn.
2. The Cisco Kid—War.
3. You Are The Sunshine of My Life—Stevie Wonder.
4. Frankenstein—Edgar Winter.
5. The Twelfth of Never—Donny Osmond.
6. Stuck In The Middle With You—Stealers Wheel.
7. The Night The Lights Went Out In Georgia—Vicki Lawrence.
8. Drift Away—Dobie Gray.
9. Reeling In The Years—Steely Dan.
10. Little Willy—The Sweet.

(This week's Mirror pick for a future spot in the Top Ten is Jud Strunk's Daisy A Day.)

CRAVEN COUNTY'S COUNTRY AND WESTERN FAVORITES

1. Come Live With Me—Roy Clark.
2. If You Can Live With It—Bill Anderson.
3. Behind Closed Doors—Charlie Rich.
4. Emptiest Arms In The World—Merle Haggard.
5. Nobody Wins—Brenda Lee.
6. What My Woman Can't Do—George Jones.
7. Superman—Donna Fargo.
8. What's Your Mom's Name—Tanya Tucker.
9. I Love You More and More Every Day—Sonny James.
10. Something About You I Love—Johnny Paycheck.

(This week's Mirror pick for a future spot in the Top Ten is Joe Stampley's Bring It On Home.)

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