



...."Some are suggestive"



Opinions At The Market

ould Pop Music Be Given Ratings?

It's no secret that the lyrics of some pop music are suggestive or violent. Whether they are "too" suggestive or violent is a matter of opinion. It has been recommended by some groups that pop music be rated in a fashion similar to the way movies are rated: G, PG, R, X, etc.

The Charlotte Post went to the farmers market at Kings, Queens, and Morehead to find out what people think of the idea. Here's what those interviewed had to say on the subject.

e HERMAN HUNTER, an eighth grader at McClintock Junior High School, is working at the market for the summer ceiling watermelons. Hunter, who lives on East Tenth St., agrees that some of the lyrics are suggestive. "I guess ratings would be a good idea. They might influence what I listen to."

LAFAYETTE BELK of McCray
St. will be going into the fifth grade
at Tryon Elementary. He, too, is
working at the farmers market for
the summer. "I think it's a good
idea. I like to watch videos. If one
was an "X" I wouldn't watch it."

o MYBON HEMPHILL of Sargent Drive will be a seventh grader at Carmel Junior High come Septem-ber. In the meantime, he, too, is working at the farmers market. Hemphill doesn't think "little chil-dren" should see suggestive videos.

More Minorities



"They shouldn't show 'X' or 'R' rated videos when young children are up. And I wouldn't buy an "X" rated album because my mom wouldn't let me."

e THOMAS WHITE, another youngster earning some money at the market, lives on East Tenth and will be an eighth grade student at McClintock Junior High. White believes a rating system is "a good idea" because some albums have bad words and some don't. The ones with bad words should be rated "X". If an album had an "R" or "X" rating, would he buy it? "That depends" on how it got the rating, he



says. "If it was just cuss words, I would; but if it was for nudity, I probably wouldn't get it."

SHELLY STROUD of Abelwood Road was at the farmers market buying Silver Queen corn. She'll be going back to school, too, but as a third grade teacher at Gardner Park Elementary School in Gastonia. Stroud thinks rating is a good idea "because some of those songs I've heard on the radio I wouldn't want children to hear. I think it's an excellent idea. It would give parents who were going to buy an album for their children an idea of what's on the music,"

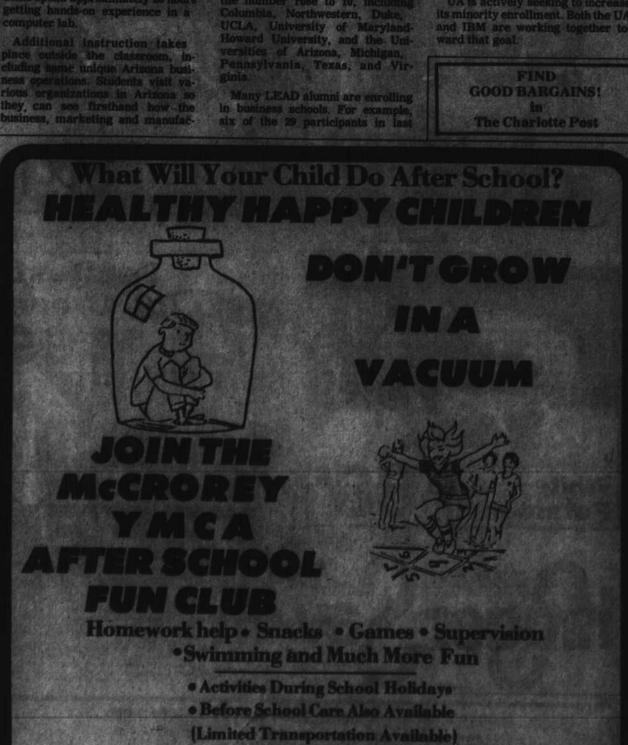
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