

# High In Praise Of Boys' Home

By Rev. Preston Cayton  
I am writing this article about Boys Home, because I am concerned about the youth of America, and the world. We must realize that we are living in a complex and dangerous age. There are many sworn enemies walking the highways and byways of life.

We are handing to the youth of the world the most dangerous world in the history of man. What they will do with this world depends on what kind of training they will get in the home, in the school and colleges of today.

We know that in the Boys Home at Lake Waccamaw, that these boys are getting the right kind of training, both in school and in church. I have been a supporter of this school for some time, because I know it is in good hands.

Boys Home offers a home of Christian environment to neglected, under-privileged, and in many cases homeless boys who may be sent to a training school if they do not receive help and guidance.

Boys Home of North Carolina is a non-secretarian, non-stock corporation operated on a year round basis. There are two campuses. The first comprises 150 acres beside Lake Waccamaw in Columbus County. The second campus, 125 acres, is near Huntersville in Mecklenburg County. Boys Home was chartered in 1954 and the first boy was ac-

cepted in 1956. Boys Home is licensed by N. C. Department of Social Services as a child-caring institution and to solicit for necessary funds. These licenses are renewed yearly; all matters of policy, program and fund raising must meet the approval of the State Department of Social Services.

Each boy receives individual counseling and guidance, for every boy has his particular problems and needs. Each cottage has a counselor and housemother who are available at all times to talk with a boy about his problems. The counselors are professionally trained men who make every effort through love and guidance to see that each boy achieves his potential.

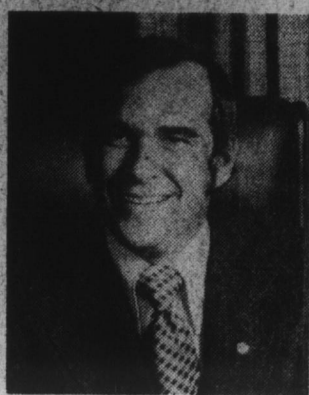
From the desk of Les Craft, Executive Director: On December 13, 1978, Boys Home of North Carolina, Inc., completed its 24th year of service to boys needing help. Through the lives of the boys and the death of one sacrifice and dedication of our staff and family of donors through the past 24 years. I see confused little boys with big problems coming to our campuses wondering why they cannot be in their own homes and wanting very much to become successful young men; I see underpaid and overworked staff members spending hour upon hour with these young men

helping them to cope with and solve their problems; I see you giving unselfishly, many times when you did not have it to give, to assist us in providing the type of care the boys need.

The 25th year of service finds us in a more complicated and diversified society, and, as a result, the problems of children and families, and the solutions to these problems, become more complex. During our 25th year the staff and I will be reviewing and evaluating the role of Boys Home of North Carolina, Inc. in assisting families and young people in solving the problems brought on by the changing world in which we live. I pledge our best effort and pray we will select the proper approach. Thanking you for helping us, and I know we can count on you to meet the challenge of the next 25 years.

Carl Cox, a former political campaign coordinator at the state and national levels, has joined the staff of Boys Home in Huntersville, with primary duties in the area of staff development.

Cox, who is a native of Shelby, has been an instructor of psychology and director of counseling services at Potomac State College of West Virginia. Cox holds a bachelor of arts degree from the University of West Florida and a Master of Arts Degree from the University of South Carolina. He is the son of



Les Craft

Mr. and Mrs. G. Carl Cox of Shelby. So, you see the boys are in good hands.

One starry night. A cold and lonely world. Man struggling to touch a far-off God, and then, one starry night in Bethlehem God bent down and gathered up the world in a warm, loving embrace Christmas. The loving embrace is felt by everyone on both campuses during the Christmas season at Boys Homes. It can be felt in the goodness of generous friends who underwrite boys gifts, or bring loads of home-baked goodies to the cottages, or take time to shop with boys for their dreamed-of treasures.

It can be felt in the soft squeeze of a little boy's hand, a mute thank you for the shining wonderment of the cottage family Christmas tree. It is felt in the depths of his hearts of all those who gaze at young faces, lit with the innocent flow of the season's eternal enchantment.

The most recent appeal to you asked that you ring a bell in love for our boys. The joyous pealing of those bells in the beautiful music of your caring.

A boy's prayer:

Lord, I thank you for the love of those who care and are close to me and care for me. I thank you for the love of those who have given so much to me without even knowing my name. Keep them from distress and give them joy, even as you have done for me. Help me to use the gifts and the opportunities which are mine that I may be the kind of boy, and become the kind of man who will make you happy. Lord, lead me, Lord, to be aware of the beauty in people which is greater than that which I see in the flowers and trees and birds and fish which you have made. As I grow up, O Lord, teach me to care as I have been cared for; as I have found love in persons, make me a lover of all mankind. I am only a boy, Lord, and small for thoughts like these. Help me to grow to fit them. But keep my faith in you young enough that loving and serving you will never grow old.

Let us help God to answer the prayer of this boy at Boys Homes.



LEARNING A TRADE — Each boy at Boys Home has a job to do and is taught a trade. There are two such homes in North Carolina.

## Letter To Herald Editor

The General Assembly is now considering House Bill 631 which has the greatest potential danger of any liquor measure that has come down the pike yet in this session.

nothing."  
J.W. Phillips, Chairman  
Good Government  
Committee,  
Christian Action  
League of N.C.  
and Asst. Dist. Supt.  
The Wesleyan Church

This act will allow any city, town, or township where ABC stores have been established to have an election on liquor-by-the-drink.

Currently, elections can only be held in counties, cities, or towns that have ABC units. What will be next? School districts? Fire districts? Sanitation districts? Precincts? City blocks?

The intent is clear. Any facsimile of control over our No. 1 drug, liquor, is being thrown out the window by certain legislators who have sold out to the liquor industry, the motel and restaurant people who want to get rich at the expense of the taxpayer.

By allowing townships to have elections on such an issue is ridiculous that this might involve on down the of the implications this might involve on down the road.

What can be done? Write or call your State Senator now because this bill is on its way from the House to the Senate. "All that is necessary for evil to flourish is for good people to do

## Ceremony Set

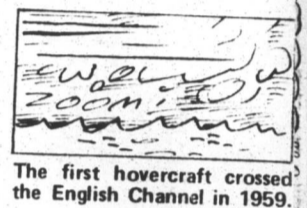
The ceremony honoring James Iredell revolutionary patriot, is scheduled to take place at the cemetery on Hayes Plantation at 2 P.M. Saturday. It is open to the public.

This ceremony is sponsored by the Edenton Tea Party Chapter, Daughter of the American Revolution Former N.C. Chief Justice William Bobbitt will be the keynote speaker.

## CARD OF THANKS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each one who sent cards, flowers and any other expressions of kindness to me while I was patient in Chowan Hospital. A special thanks for all your prayers.

Cora Whit  
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The first hovercraft crossed the English Channel in 1959.

## Unique Spring Holiday

Traveling thousands of miles, going back several hundred years in time and crossing the International Date Line, two students and a Chowan High School French instructor are spending a unique Spring holiday April 14-22 as participants in the American Institute for Foreign Study's (AIES) "Tale of Two Cities" tour of London, England and Paris, France.

On April 14, Mrs. Carol Diggs, Chowan High School French teacher, Freda Blanchard, a Chowan High junior, and Bonnie Underwood, a Perquimans County senior, met in Raleigh with approximately 300 other Junior High and High School students and their sponsors from North Carolina and other southern states. From there they jetted to Gatwick, England on an AIFS Charter flight and were met by AIFS couriers, their guides for the next seven days.

The Travel-Study Tour itinerary includes many places of educational and historical interest. An all day sightseeing tour of London will be highlighted with visits to Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral and the Tower of London.

Students will see the English countryside as they are driven to Windsor Castle via Runnymede, where the Magna Charta was signed and from London to Newhaven, where they will board the cross channel ferry to Dieppe, France.

A drive through the French countryside will include an overnight stop in Rouen, where Joan of Arc is buried, before going on to Chartres to visit the Gothic Cathedral and viewing the famous Rose Window. In Versailles, the group will tour the Palace of King Louis XIV, with its Hall of Mirrors and beautiful sculptured gardens.

Arriving in Paris on April 19, the next two days will be

spent sightseeing at the Louvre, Arc de Triomphe and Les Invalides, place of Napoleon's tomb. Side trips to the Eiffel Tower, the student center on the Left Bank and the commercial and government establishments of the Right Bank are also planned for the tourists.

The three nights and two days in Paris have built in time for individual sightseeing, shopping and seeing the glamorous Paris night life.

Not a novice in England and France, Mrs. Diggs has toured these areas twice, the last time being in 1974 at which time she chaperoned several other Chowan County students on a similar tour.

In preparation for their trip, the students were thoroughly briefed on the places which they would visit through extensive readings, slides from Mrs. Diggs' previous trips and film strips. The monetary system of exchange was touched upon, as well as a crash course in conversational French.

The students and their chaperone will depart from Orly Airport in Paris and arrive in Raleigh on April 22 with a "Tale of Two Cities" that Charles Dickens never dreamed of.

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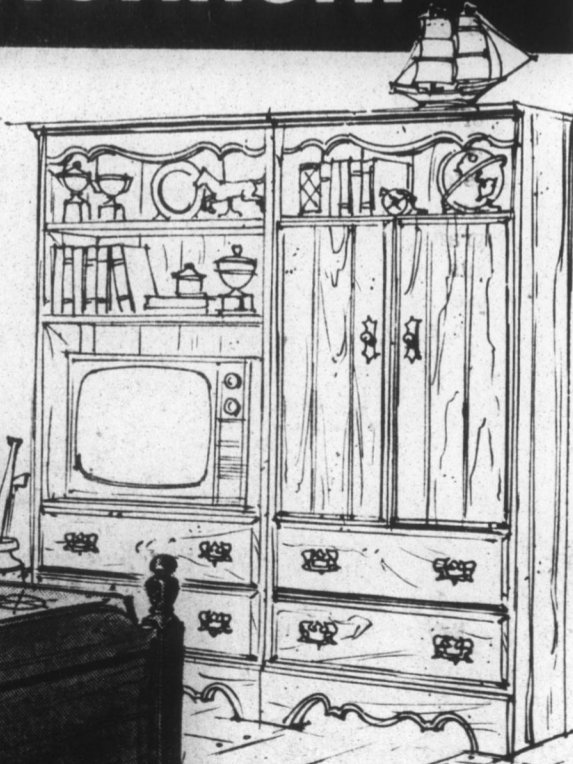
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