

# Welcome to Smalltown, N.C.

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A group of students crowds into a dormitory television lounge at 5:30 p.m. one weekday. It's time for the *Andy Griffith Show*.

On the rerun today, Opie thinks about which college he will attend, even though he's still in elementary school. Andy hears about the astronomical tuition rates and opens a laundrette in Mayberry to set aside a nest egg for Opie's education.

Opie finds out about the sacrifices his dad is making. He decides to help by planning to go to a public school.

The students smile smugly as Opie announces he wants to go to UNC-CH and become a dentist.

The series ended before Opie ever went off to school, but life went on in Mayberry — a town that has become synonymous with small-town North Carolina. It represents, for good or bad, places like Sunbury, Mountain Home, Iron Station, Ararat, Ellerbe, Tar Heel, Waco, Supply, Flat Rock, Welcome, Whynot, Pfafftown and Cliffside, from Manteo to Murphy.

These places have their Andys, Barneys and Aunt Beas — so do rural burgs all over America. And they have Opies, who dream of leaving home for college. Though Opie never makes it, counterparts from Seagrave and Hiddenite and Rural Hall and Candor do.

What's it like being at UNC when you're from a small town? "I liked the change," says David Squires of Whortonsville, a town of about 200 on Pamlico Sound.

"I had visited Chapel Hill before I came here to school. I loved Chapel Hill then, and when I left, I had tears in my eyes. But I knew I'd be back someday."

"Whortonsville is incorporated, but it's not on most maps. There's not a stop light or a service station there. The only thing is the crab factory where a lot of the old people work."

"I enjoyed growing up in a small town, and I'm proud of being from the country."

"It gave me a chance to grow up in the church. Down in Whortonsville, all the old ladies live for church. They work all week just so they'll have something nice to wear on Sunday. We have two churches down there — a preacher comes to the United Church of Christ every first Sunday and to the Free Will Baptist on every third Sunday."

"I haven't gone to church too much since I came to school, though."

"I came up here with the idea that I was already behind in my studies. I had to work to catch up, and I feel like now I can compete with anybody from the city."

"I don't plan to go back to Whortonsville after I graduate. There's nothing you can do with a degree there. And there's another thing — there are lots of mosquitoes down there, and they just eat me alive."

*Cameron, Alexis, Dudley, Jackson, Stanley, Clyde, Conway, Todd, Dana, Shannon, Thurmond, Wade, Julian, King, Vale, Spot, Coats, Vass, Star, Hays, Henrietta, Ellenboro, Sylva, Sophia, Trap Hill.*

Rolf Wallin hails from Whispering Pines, "the only incorporated village in North Carolina," near Pinehurst. Its population is 300-400, he says.

"Whispering Pines is mostly old people — only two or three families have kids there. It's just homes, no businesses inside the town limits. I've lived there nine years."

"I grew up doing most things by myself or with my brother. I took up sports I could do alone, like running, and some handcrafts. I guess I was more independent, since I couldn't rely on others."

"I was pretty shy in high school. I went to Union Pines High School — it's a vocationally oriented school, but I took college prep courses and was valedictorian of my class. It wasn't hard to get better grades than the farmers there."

"Chapel Hill was a total change. It took me awhile to adjust. I didn't know how to study, since high school was so easy, but a friend helped me out and I was okay."

## Where everybody knows when the neighbor's pig escapes from his pen

"I can see that my values are changing since I've been here. Things are more reserved in a small town, but they're liberal here. I remember one time when I went home — I'd grown my hair out some — the people there were stunned. My science teacher almost went into cardiac arrest. They were all surprised, but they expected it."

"Now, I look forward to changing and trying to get out and meet people." *Cedar Falls, Cedar Grove, China Grove, Walnut Cove, Gumbert, Troy, Carthage, Warsaw, Dallas, Denver, Mineral Spring, Connelly Springs, Boiling Springs, Willow Spring, Spring Hope, Hobgood.*

Faith, a town of about 500 near Salisbury, is Gary Fink's hometown.

"There are a bunch of stories about how Faith got its name. One says that a man who owned some rock quarries there loaned money out to the people at no interest. He just had confidence in them to pay. That's the story they tell, anyway."

"Small towns help you relate to people better. There is a sense of togetherness, and you can turn to other people. When I was in high school, my father was killed in an automobile accident and my mother was hurt so she couldn't work. Every day, for months after that, people would come by our house."

"Chapel Hill has variety they don't have in small towns. Socially, Chapel Hill is an enjoyable change. I like the opportunity to be exposed to different things."

"I want to go to med school, and I'd like to go back to a small town, but probably not to Faith. There's some small town pressure there — everybody knows I want to be a doctor. When I go home, they're always asking when I'll be through with school. I guess they're keeping up with me more than I'm keeping up with them."

*Pineville, Pineops, Spruce Pine, Southern Pines, Whispering Pines, Pine Level, Pinehurst, Peachland, Woodland, Midland, Richlands, Mt. Gilead, Mt. Olive, Mt. Airy, Mt. Pleasant, Pilot Mountain, King's Mountain.*

Lois Deloatch comes from Margarettsville, population 260, near the Virginia-North Carolina border in Northampton County.

"What's in Margarettsville? There's nothing there, not even many people anymore. It's mostly old people, but there are a few young couples. We don't have a mayor, no water system, no town taxes, but we pay county taxes."

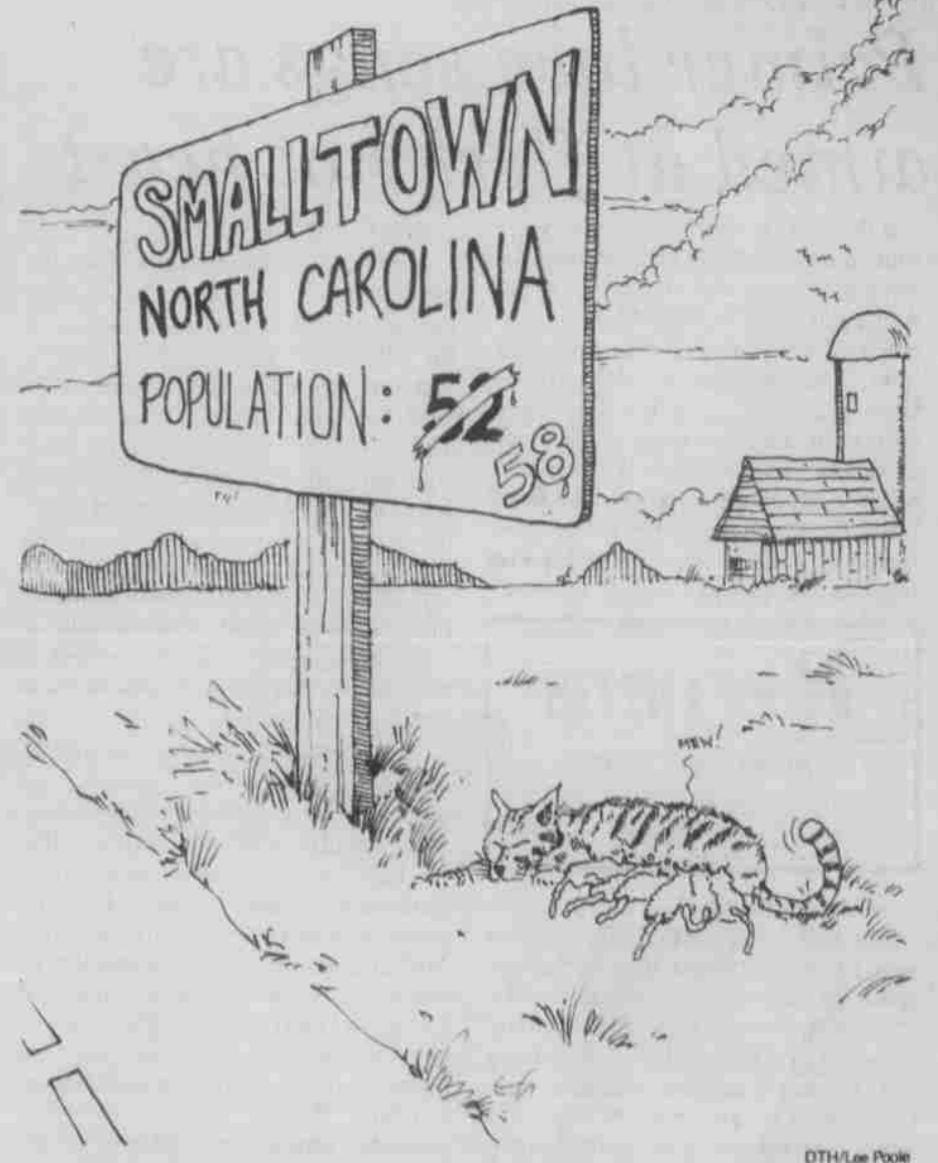
"There is a store where everybody congregates, but a lot of the old sitters seem to be dying off. Mayberry and Margarettsville are alike in a lot of ways — everybody knows everybody's dog, their cat, and their pig when it gets out of the pen. That's the truth."

"We don't have a cop, so there's nobody like Andy. There are lots of Aunt Beas, though, who gossip all the time. People help each other when they're sick, and there's not any hate there. Everything's not all peaches and cream like Mayberry, but there is a kind of unity in Margarettsville."

"I wouldn't want to live there for the rest of my life unless I retired there. But I never want to get so far away that I can't go home — I love going back."

*Lilesville, Gatesville, Taylorsville, Mocksville, Hamptonville, Waynesville, Stoneville, Winterville, Beulaville, Marsheville, Snow Hill, Rose Hill, Mint Hill, Sandy Ridge, Jonas Ridge, Staley.*

Annette Rountree is a native of Harrellsville. It lies in the northeast corner of the



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state and has 150 people.

"There are more people leaving Harrellsville than staying, but I plan to go back there and live. I wouldn't trade it for anything."

"There's a store there, and outside there's a picnic table under the trees. At night, the kids congregate there and watch the cars go by. That's all there is to do. We used to throw water balloons at cars, until we got in trouble."

"The biggest problem I had adjusting to Chapel Hill was walking into the street. We play in the streets back home, so I'm not used to watching the laws about crossing the street. Silly things like that were my biggest problems."

"I didn't have any trouble with the people here. A lot of times, people think you're backward if you're from a small town, but people think it's really neat that you come from a small place."

"I'm going to take some of my friends home sometime, but I'm a little scared to do it because I'm afraid it will be dull. What I'd like to do is show them the flat country and the contrast between the real rich and the real poor."

*Oak City, Tabor City, Elm City, Siler City, Bryson City, Trinity, Moncure, Sneads Ferry, Granite Quarry, Granite Falls, Coinjock, New London, Cleveland, Grimesland, Climax, Crisp, Speed, Micro, Hornytown.*

Donald Whitfield, from Hurdle Mills, doesn't see major differences between life in a small community and Chapel Hill.

"It's like our minister said this morning. You can't just see it, you've got to live it."

## Ex-FBI head Gray indicted

By United Press International

WASHINGTON — Former FBI Director L. Patrick Gray and two of his senior assistants were indicted Monday for ordering agents to conduct break-ins, tap telephones and read private mail in their hunt for Weatherman radicals in the early 1970s.

Attorney General Griffin Bell said only the higher-ups of the bureau should face charges for such illegal activities.

But Bell also said less serious disciplinary action will be taken against 70 people, including FBI agents and Justice Department officials.

Gray, associate FBI director Mark Felt, and former FBI intelligence chief Edward S. Miller were charged in U.S. District Court with 32 overt acts of conspiring to violate civil rights in their surveillance of suspected associates of the Weatherman radicals. Bell said.

Justice Department officials said the maximum penalty is 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

"There has been uncovered ... documentary proof that officials at the highest levels of the FBI were aware of, and did in fact authorize, certain illegal activities in the FBI's pursuit of the Weatherman fugitives," government lawyers said in New York, where U.S. District Judge



Kevin Duffy dismissed charges against Kearney.

Bell said among those facing disciplinary action is J. Wallace LaPrade, now assistant director of the New York City FBI office. The disciplinary actions might range from



Griffin Bell

letters of censure to forced resignations, Bell said.

Gray was acting director of the FBI when the Senate, angry over his burning of files that Richard Nixon's aides gave him during the Watergate investigation, refused to approve his nomination. The nomination later was withdrawn.

### Soviet official defecting?

UNITED NATIONS — The highest Soviet official in the United Nations has left his office due to differences with his government, a U.N. spokesperson announced Monday.

It was unclear immediately whether Arkady N. Shevchenko, undersecretary general for political and Security Council affairs, actually had defected.

In Washington, State Department spokesperson Tom Reston said Shevchenko had notified the State Department through his attorneys that he would not return to the Soviet Union.

## Donate toys to cleft palate program

### NCMH student volunteers aid facility

By LAURA ALEXANDER  
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The UNC School of Dentistry's Cleft Palate Residence Speech program received some much-needed playground equipment Friday thanks to student volunteers at North Carolina Memorial Hospital.

Ken White, Ruth Thomas and Ruthie Ward, members of the UNC Student Volunteer Services Coordinating Committee, presented a \$120 collection of toys to the program including basketballs, baseball equipment and indoor games. The program center is located on a farm three miles outside of Chapel Hill on Highway 54.

Mr. and Mrs. Houston D. Dickerson, owners of the farm and house-parents to the children who attend the center's intensive therapy program received the donated toys. Also present were Mary McDonnell, recreational therapist at the center, and Laura Johnson, patient care coordinator for the Oral-Facial and Communicative Disorders Program. The toys were purchased with the proceeds from a film show presented by volunteer services Feb. 16.

"We wanted to do something for children," Ward said, "and we found out that playground equipment is not paid for by the hospital."

The center is a division of NCMH.

Dickerson said he and his wife have been housing the children for seven years. The children live on the farm and report to the dental school on weekdays for classes, including an hour of speech therapy.

Six of the children who attend each 10-week session are sponsored by N.C. Crippled Children, an organization stationed in Raleigh. A child in the program may have a cleft palate or some

other speech disorder, Johnson said. "We enjoy it," Dickerson said. "It's a good program. We've seen a lot of good results from it."

Volunteer services, directed by Elaine Hill and coordinated by Susan Thomas, is located on the first floor of NCMH. Participation in the student volunteer program is open to any UNC student. Volunteers are accepted at the beginning of each semester.

## Applications available now for the Women's Forum

By LAURA PHELPS  
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The Women's Forum, a group designed to act as liaison among administration, faculty, staff and students, is now accepting applications for student members.

The forum consists of seven women students and seven faculty and staff women. Applications are available at the Carolina Union desk.

Applications will be judged on interests and ideas that the applicants are capable of contributing to the group. The deadline for applying is April 14.

The purpose of the Women's Forum is "to ameliorate the conditions of women on campus; to advocate expansion of women's roles academically, socially, culturally; to seek and disseminate all pertinent information," according to the forum's by-laws.

"We have meetings every few weeks but they are more like discussions," Kay Upchurch, student chairperson said

recently. "We help other women's groups with their ideas and also develop new ideas for them."

The forum was established in 1969 as the Implementation Committee. Its purpose was to inform women of rule changes concerning women on campus. In 1971, the name was changed to Women's Forum and its new objective was to further the causes of women. The broad nature of its purpose is to give flexibility to the group.

Last year the Women's Forum sponsored a luncheon for female members of the UNC Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees. It also worked to have women nominated for honorary degrees and distinguished alumni awards.

The forum also publicizes scholarships which are available for women and aids the Women's Studies program and the Association for Women Students. This semester, it held a reception for Bella Abzug when she spoke at the 1978 AWS Women's Festival.

### THE Daily Crossword by Edward M. Gallen, Jr.

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