

So This Is New York

By NORTH CALLAHAN

Lunch at the Lamb's Club with my friend, Chet Shaw, magazine executive, and oddly enough, no lamb chops on the menu. It is a merry and warmly-hospitable place on West 44th Street just far enough off Times Square to escape most of the noise. Inside, one bumps into Fred Waring or Bobby Clark or Gene Autry or most any famous person in the entertainment world. For this is their Manhattan club. Chet explained to me, as we sat down at a natural-wood table, to — pork chops!

The story of the Lamb's Club is interesting. It is the oldest and most famous theatrical club in the world. There are two versions of the origin of its name. One is that Mary Lamb, sister of Charles Lamb, the English writer, kept hospitable open house for actors and actresses after the shows. Another account states that a "small party" of men occasionally took a dip in the English Channel near where sheep were raised. These men of the stage saw the sheep being washed, thus suggesting the name, Lamb; that of the head of the club, the Shepherd; and their festive outings, called Washings, names which are still used.

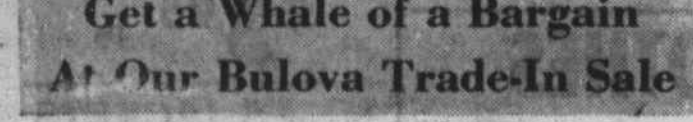
In 1924, the silent movie hero, Thomas Meighan, was elected Shepherd. Several years later, Frank Crumit took this job and in 1936, William Gaxton. Later when Fred Waring was the prexy, he often appeared with his orchestra and singers at the Gambols, popular events indeed. With World War II, John Golden was elected Shepherd and he organized a system by which over five million free tickets to the theatre were given to service men stopping in New York. I recall this very well, for I received some of them — and along with other GI's was entertained at the Lamb's Club as well.

For at least 15 years, the most popular figure in the club was Tommy, the club cat. He was your best friend, when he was hungry; at other times, he didn't know you existed. In many ways, the local Lamb still follows the rule laid down by their English predecessors, almost a hundred years ago. It was: "That the fold do meet to browse every Saturday at 4:30 p.m.; that the Shepherd may inflict a fine of two shillings and six-pence on any member who fails in attention to the bell."

Pitch For Comfort

DECATUR, Ill. (AP) — Among gifts Luther Ringo received when he retired after 33 years as a Wabash Railroad machinist was a set of horseshoes for pitching. He says pitching horseshoes helps his lumbago.

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TO OWNERS OF WATER HEATERS IN THE AREAS OF ALLENS CREEK AND HIGHWAY 19A-23 (Below Allens Creek School)

The new water line in this area will be turned on Wednesday, February 1. This new line will increase the water pressure to 125 or 135 pounds in some areas. It may be necessary for you to have the setting increased on the pressure release valve of your water heater in order to prevent overflow that might be caused by the increased water pressure. The water pressure has been increased to provide better fire protection in your area.

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PRINCE CHARLES AT THE HUNT



PRINCE CHARLES returns a riding crop to Major Hoard, master of the hounds, after borrowing it to keep the enthusiastic animals from knocking him down. The young Prince attended a meet of the West Norfolk Hunt at Harpley Dams, Hillington, with his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, and his sister, Princess Anne. (International)

N.C. Employment Security Coverage Extended Jan. 1

Approximately 10,350 additional employers will be taxed and an estimated 60,000 new workers will be covered by the provisions of the amendment to the North Carolina Employment Security Law, effective January 1, 1956, when the amendment becomes fully operative during the year. Col. Henry E. Kendall, chairman of the N. C. Employment Security Commission, has announced.

The newly covered employers will be those employing four to seven workers, inclusive, except for exempted employment, to be added to the 17,502 employers of eight or more workers, already covered by the law, and the additional covered workers of these firms will be added to almost 1,000,000 workers who have wage credits by virtue of having worked for the already covered employers.

A breakdown of most of the additional workers to be covered indicates that an estimated 23,300 will be added in wholesale and retail trade, another 11,350 in the service trades, and about 6,750 in manufacturing, probably about one-third of these in lumbering employment.

Chairman Kendall points out that the General Assembly of North Carolina amended the law at its 1955 session, effective January 1, 1956, after the Congress of the United States had amended the Federal Unemployment Tax Act to extend its provisions to employers of four or more workers. The N.C. amendment was enacted to conform to the federal law. In prior years both laws provided that only employers of eight or more workers were liable.

The state's Employment Security Commission, Chairman Kendall reports, is planning to make information available through various media to employers who may be subject to the law in the hope of eliminating any misunderstanding as to what firms are liable (covered) or when the first reports and tax payments are due. However, he stated, the failure of any employer to receive the information or other materials being distributed in no way relieves him of his li-

ability under the law. It is not compulsory for any employer to become liable until he has had as many as four individuals employed during each of 20 weeks in a calendar year after January 1, 1956—the earliest date is May 20, 1956. The law does provide that an employer may elect voluntarily to come under the law, irrespective of the number of workers or before the expiration of 20 weeks, if he so desires.

Col. Kendall announces that there are some who know they will be liable in 1956 and may wish to elect coverage voluntarily so they may get their records in order and pay the taxes each quarter (tax due on a quarterly basis) so as not to have an accumulation of two or more quarters due at one time—since liability is effective for them as of January 1. Once an employer becomes liable, he must remain liable until liability is terminated as provided by law.

Informational material explaining more fully this provision of the law and the Unemployment Insurance Program will be mailed to employers of three or more workers, based on the list of such employers who make reports to the Bureau of Old Age and Survivors' Insurance. This material will be mailed within the next 60 days.

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Mrs. Averell Harriman Supporter Of Modern Art

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—Some wag said he'd like to see Gov. Averell Harriman of New York elected President in 1956 so there'd be a Picasso in the White House.

If Harriman were to become President, the Executive Mansion undoubtedly would house not just an original by the famed contemporary artist, but an imposing gallery of some of the best works of some of the world's most widely acclaimed moderns.

Mrs. Harriman has been proponent of modern art for 15 years. She operated her own gallery in New York. She closed it in 1942 to devote her time to war work, but still owns masterpieces, which the Louvre and Metropolitan would love to own—originals by Cezanne, Picasso, Derain, Coubet, Toulouse-Lautrec and the American Walt Kuhn.

These have been enjoyed by Washingtonians before when the governor came here to head up the Mutual Security Administration, an appointee of President Truman. I saw the pictures one day early in 1952 when I went to interview Mrs. Harriman after her husband had announced his intentions of seeking the Democratic presidential bid. They were hung with the great care and the artistry of the true connoisseur on the walls of Uplands, the former home of Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, once rented by Perle Mesta, and at that time by the Harrimans.

Mrs. Harriman told me then that "if she moved into the White House she had no intention of taking down the famous oil paintings of former presidents that decorate the state parlors of the Executive Mansion, but she certainly would find wall space for her own priceless collection."

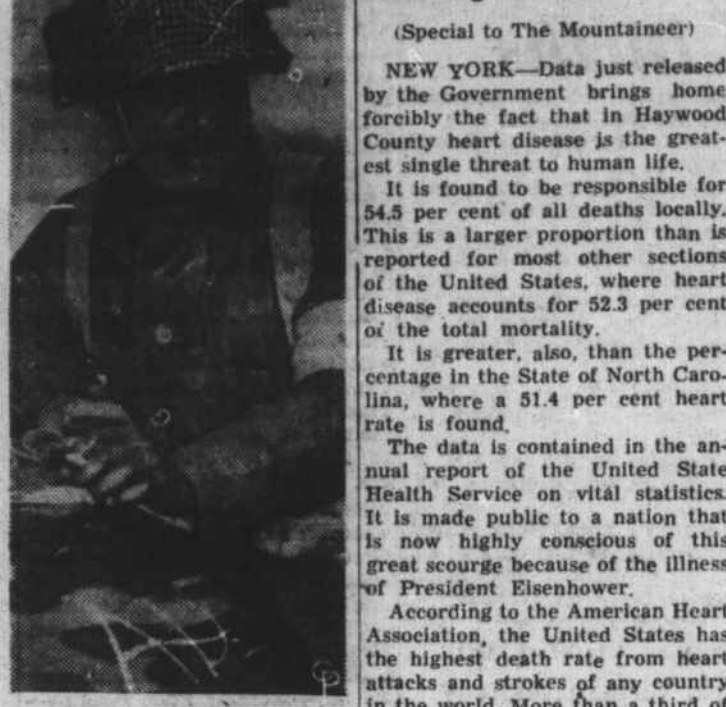
In addition to her paintings by the aforementioned professional artists, Mrs. Harriman boasts a collection of the works of some renowned amateurs, including President Eisenhower and Sir Winston Churchill. The Eisenhower painting is a scene of the famous skiing resort Sun Valley in spring greenery instead of snow.

Another Washington official's wife has gone into the interior decorating field following the pattern set by Mrs. Robert Kerr, wife of the Democratic senator from Oklahoma, who opened a swank shop in the capital's exclusive Georgetown section. The newcomer is Mrs. Arthur Compton, whose husband, a career diplomat, is currently head of the Austrian desk at the State Department.

Mrs. Kerr, like many interior decorators, dislikes parting with the treasures in her studio. While there I admired a pair of extraordinarily beautiful imported Rosenthal china figures about two and a half feet tall which had been fashioned into lamps. One was the figure of a standing woman, the other was of a seated woman. They were white with touches of pink, apple green and a lovely blue. They were priced in four figures.

"But they're sold," an assistant in the studio reminded me. "We're decorating an entire, huge bedroom about them." The buyer — Mrs. Kerr.

Queen's Equerry



FIRST African to be appointed equerry to a British sovereign is a Nigerian, Maj. Johnson Thomas as Umanamkwe Aguiyi-Ironsi, of the 4th Battalion. He will attend Queen Elizabeth during her tour of Nigeria with her husband, the Duke of Edinburgh. They will start their trip January 27. The major has been taking an Infantry company commander's course at Westminster, England.

Bands For Prison

JACKSON, Mich. (AP) — When they play "If I Had the Wings of an Angel" at Southern Michigan Prison, it's liable to come out in any of six arrangements.

The prison has six bands — a 40-piece concert orchestra, a 16-piece dance band, a dixieland band and a progressive jazz band of 10 pieces, an eight-piece hillbilly group and a seven-man polka band.

Prison officials say it helps to ease tension for players and listeners alike. The bands include professional musicians and even one man who taught music in public schools for 18 years.

The prison also offers music for beginners. Each fall two groups of 35 men each enroll in classes where they learn to play the instrument of their choice. Prison officials say it teaches the men to work together.

Heart Disease Greated Threat In Haywood

(Special to The Mountaineer)

NEW YORK—Data just released by the Government brings home forcibly the fact that in Haywood County heart disease is the greatest single threat to human life.

It is found to be responsible for 54.5 per cent of all deaths locally. This is a larger proportion than is reported for most other sections of the United States, where heart disease accounts for 52.3 per cent of the total mortality.

It is greater, also, than the percentage in the State of North Carolina, where a 51.4 per cent heart rate is found.

The data is contained in the annual report of the United States Health Service on vital statistics. It is made public to a nation that is now highly conscious of this great scourge because of the illness of President Eisenhower.

According to the American Heart Association, the United States has the highest death rate from heart attacks and strokes of any country in the world. More than a third of this mortality is in the under-65 age group, the most productive years.

In addition, some ten million persons in the United States, or one out of every 16, suffer from some form of heart disease.

Among residents of Haywood County it took a toll of 143 lives during 1953, the period covered by the new report. The total mortality locally, from whatever cause, was 262.

Apart from other considerations, the economic loss attributed to heart disease is staggering. The American Heart Association places it at 1 1/4 billion man hours a year. In dollars and cents, this exceeds \$2 billion.

While the mechanisms responsible for 90 per cent of heart disease — hardening of the arteries, high blood pressure and rheumatic fever—have yet to be discovered and coped with, certain progress has been made in other directions.

Some forms can be prevented, some cured and almost every type helped by proper treatment.

An elaborate locomotive and car testing machine on British railways measures the performance of engines and cars in a wide range of speeds in a wide variety of traffic conditions.



It doesn't fit!

MUCH HAS BEEN SAID recently about so-called "pirating" techniques used to lure industries to the South. This talk just doesn't fit the facts.

No doubt local enthusiasm has created situations that are not above reproach. But these are isolated instances—the exception and not the rule. And they are by no means confined to the South.

The industries that reputable industrial development agencies in the Southland are seeking—and getting—are not the fly-by-night variety, looking for something for nothing.

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Henry A. Ogletree
President

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THERE HAS BEEN some loose talk lately accusing the South and its industrial development agencies of using and endorsing practically any type of tactics in order to attract industries from other regions. You know and we know that "blanket accusations" of this kind pointing a finger of criticism at the entire Southland not only are unfair — they simply are not true.

Yet, talk of this sort is often picked up and passed on and on. That's why we felt impelled to "speak up" — in the national advertisement reproduced above.

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