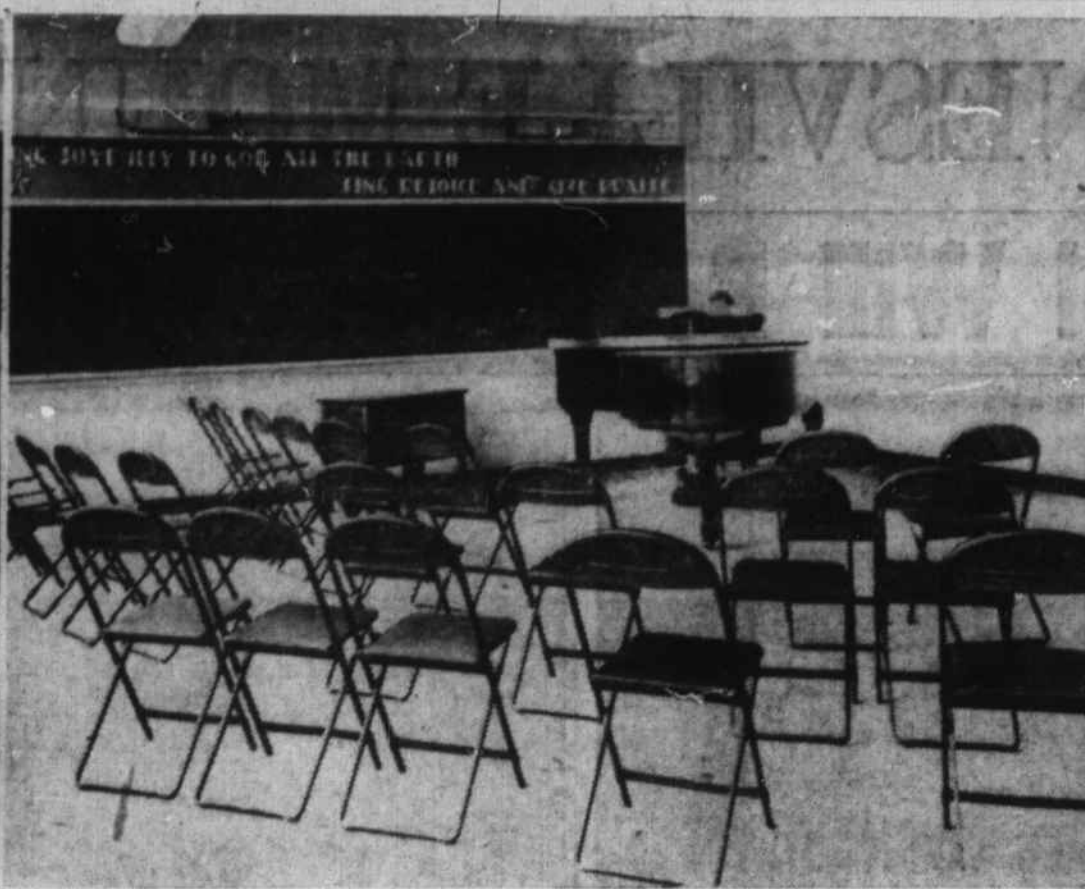




THE KINDERGARTEN of St. John's is especially designed for the youngsters, with ample closet space, and many work tables with blocks and crayons for their use.



MUSIC is taught here—both instrumental and voice. The glee club practices here. A baby grand piano is part of the equipment of this classroom.



THE MAIN STUDY HALL, which has a seating capacity of 60 students, is in the back of the building. Two large blackboards feature the room.

Waynesville Watershed Is Termed Major Asset

By W. C. MEDFORD

Perhaps the great majority of Waynesville citizens and taxpayers who benefit from our wonderful supply of pure water never pause long enough to think and fully appreciate just what we have up there in the mountains.

What is it? "Just an ordinary shed and water supply," some might say, because they think so.

Modern System

No, it is much more than that. We have an extra-ordinary water shed, as well as a modern system of intake, filtering, reservoirs and distribution. Compare it with those of towns of Waynesville's size and you will find but few equals—may be none when you take in consideration our city tax rate of \$1.40 per \$100 valuation. So says our town manager, G. C. Ferguson, and others who are cognizant with the facts.

We wonder how many of our citizens have ever been up there—gone on to some of the tops, Old Bald, Double Springs ridge or The Pinnacle and looked our watershed over. Probably not more than three or four score of our metropolitan

population of nine to ten thousand have done so. Yes, and at the same time, observed the wonderful growth of young timber (mostly it's young) that is growing all the time—even as we sleep, for our benefit.

10,000 Acres In Our Shed

Think of it — approximately ten thousand acres (old measurement) are up there! And most of this acreage was purchased at a nominal price, considering its present worth and great potential.

It was bought for around eighteen dollars per acre. This, thanks to Major J. H. Howell and the board of aldermen serving with him at the time. It was a very fortunate instance of foresight for us—and just at the time when other interests were secretly negotiating with the owners for the boundary.

\$250,000 Worth Already Sold

From this boundary five cuttings have been made since 1948. These approximated \$250,000 income. Also a reforestation and timber-conservation program have been carried on meanwhile. This has been in cooperation with TVA. Incidentally, we might say that TVA officials recently looked over

the project and were very commendatory of the work done.

Eighty thousand young white pines and poplars have been set, along as the mature timber has been sold to the highest contracting bidders. For fire protection there has been built forty miles of road into and around the watershed boundary. These also serve as logging roads.

Saved Additional Tax Increase

At the time our \$300,000 bond issue was voted for the new filtering plant and water-expansion program there was only a 25% increase in the already low city tax rate. Manager Ferguson says that, as a matter of simple arithmetic, it would have been necessary to make a 50% increase had it not been for the timber already sold from the watershed.

This surplus has been sufficient, he says, to take care of all paving of streets and sidewalks, the laying of water mains and sewer lines, even when there has been such extensions as that which was made on the Dellwood road.

Will Take Care of Future Growth And remember: As our popula-

Is Pretty Nancy Kefauver Democrats' Secret Weapon?

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — Now that her four children are back in school, friends are saying it's just possible Nancy Kefauver will change her mind and go out to prove she's the "secret weapon" her husband says she is.

The pretty auburn-haired Nancy, who Estes Kefauver himself said was his greatest asset in seeking the Democratic presidential nomination back in '52, said last spring she did not intend to take the stump with her husband when he announced he'd make a second try for the top spot.

Question is: Will she hold to that decision now that he's running for vice president?

"Our children are now in the formative stage, and it's important that they have at least one of their parents at home to help guide them," she told me then, and she has re-stated her determination to stay away from campaigning on several occasions since.

Those who attended the political-ambitious Tennessee's press conference when he made his announcement to run for the presidency could not help but notice his wife's regret at his decision.

Kefauver did the explaining. His wife would "do her share, but she won't be able to get out on campaign trips as much as she did before," he said. "The children are older and badly need one of us."

tion increases in Waynesville, Hazelwood, Junaluska, and suburban territory, all that the "City Fathers" will have to do to take care of the situation will be this: Just provide the facilities like a new intake dam, etc. for the larger supply of water which will be ample.

Meanwhile, that 10,000 acres of protecting forest (a most wonderful asset and ready source of income for our town) will be growing, growing, to be sold at the right time as merchantable timber.

Truly this is something of which we should all be thankful — our great watershed; and which we are led to believe, just "will get quit" for many years to come!

It was also well known that the children, Linda, 15, David, 10, Diana, 9, and Gail, 5, didn't want their father to become a candidate again.

He said the two oldest objected because they didn't like to be conspicuous at school, Linda, especially shy, is reported to have told her father she was going back to Tennessee if he ran again. The quartet also got up a petition against his running.

While her husband whipped about the country campaigning in the primaries before deciding to give up the fight for the presidency, Nancy and the children spent the summer on a farm near McMinnville, Tenn. Now the youngsters are back in school, Linda in public junior high, the three others in the Horace Mann public school, where Tricia Nixon, 10, and her sister Julie, 8, Vice President Richard Nixon's daughters, are also enrolled.

"He's a wonderful father, the best-natured man I've ever known, but he works too terribly hard," Nancy Kefauver told me.

Methodist Pastor Begins Special Series

A special series of Sunday evening services conducted by the Rev. Earl H. Brendall, pastor of the First Methodist Church started last night.

Mr. Brendall's sermons will be based on the general theme, "The Glorious Use of Our Emotions." The services will begin at 7:30 o'clock and the series will continue through December 9.

Dates and sermon topics as announced by Mr. Brendall are as follows: October 28, "What Will You Do With Your Emotions?"; November 4, "The Vice Nobody Talks About"; November 11, "Fear Can Be A Friend"; November 19, "The Positive Use of Anger"; November 25, "Facing Interruptions That Annoy"; December 2, "The Breeding Spot For Emotional Trouble"; December 9, "Frustrations Can Pay Dividends."

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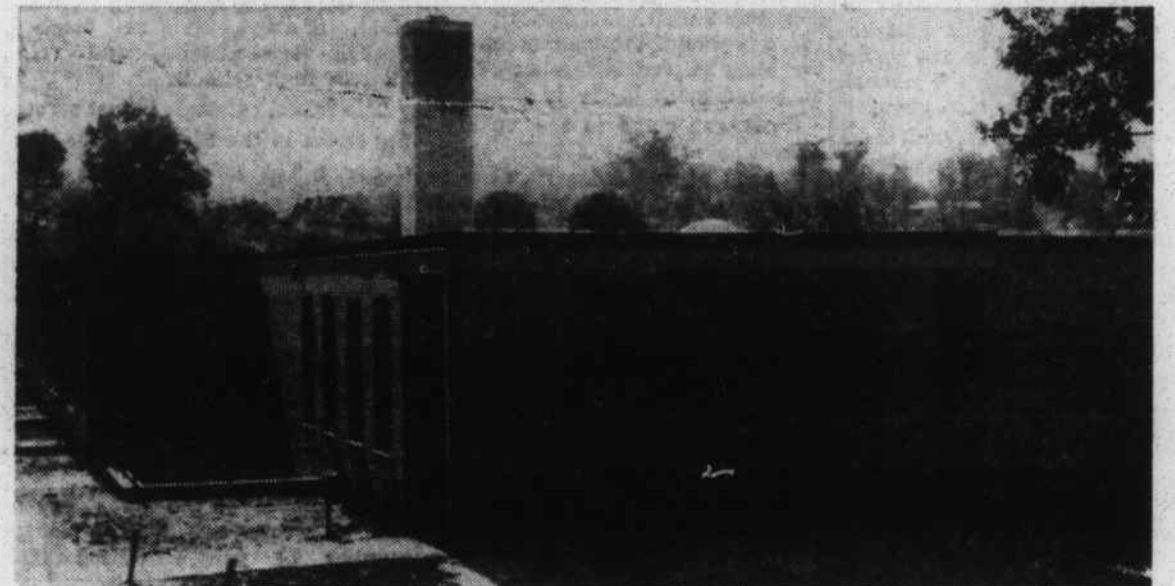
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PARENT PROBLEMS

Kids Love Kitchens

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

THE most dangerous place for the creeping, toddling child is the kitchen. Yet it is the most interesting place for him, not only because of all the alluring things there, but also because his mother is often there. Without adequate training and protection, he is often "at her feet" in the kitchen.

Keep Him Out

Until your child can walk, why let him be in your kitchen at all, except at mealtime? Have a gate to keep him out or have him in a baby pen near the door to the kitchen where he can see and hear you.

Before being allowed in the kitchen, he should be well-trained in the unambiguous meaning of No, said just once in a moderate tone. Then he will be ready to stay in a safe corner of the kitchen, away from the stove, while you are working.

You might let him have pans and other safe kitchen things to play with. No other toys are more attractive to him. You might even provide him with a low kitchen shelf or cupboard of his own.

Safe Place

Not only must he learn to stay in a particular safe place, but he must also learn not to reach above him for things. He will learn rather quickly if you spank him immediately for each offense.

The mother who does not believe in spanking or does not administer it effectively can hardly

expect a toddler to be reasonably safe in the kitchen, no matter how vigilant she may be.

Of course, you must always be vigilant and never leave dangerous things around which he might get at or pull down on himself. But this vigilance will not be enough. Any person may forget sometimes and be distracted by urgent matters and a little child is quick to seize the opportunity to reach for alluring things. You can't afford to step out of the kitchen, even if you consider him well-trained, and leave a small child, even the youngster, four or five, there alone.

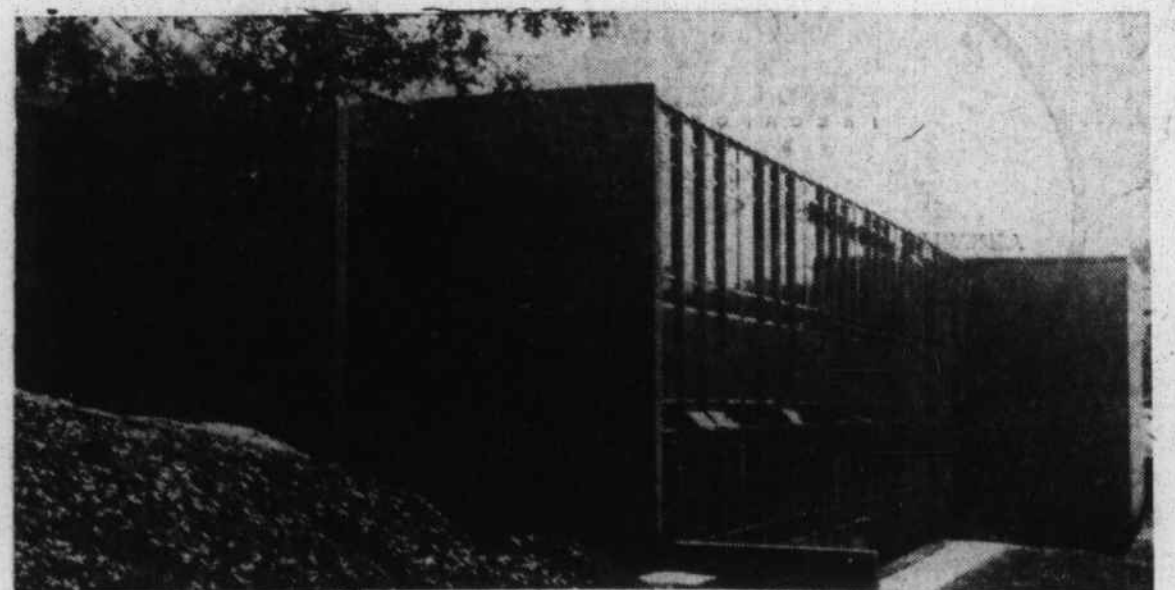
Increased Dangers

Occasionally, a young mother will leave her youngster with a housekeeper or baby-sitter who is busy in the kitchen. She may not be as vigilant as you are. Dangers to your tot may increase then if you have not trained him to avoid certain things and places in the kitchen.

And good habits do carry over. The young child who is effectively trained by the parent to avoid certain definite things and places will also avoid them in her absence. This is not a myth. Habits well learned do persist. The secret is in how consistent the training was.

(My bulletin, "First Steps in Safety," may be had by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to me in care of this newspaper.)

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