

Lunchroom Educational Program In Haywood Attracting State Attention

5 Meetings Already Held In County

Haywood county is setting the pace for what might become a state-wide program of presenting the advantages of a modern lunchroom program before the teachers and patrons of every school.

Under the supervision of Mrs. Rufus Siler, lunchroom director, five such programs have already been held in Haywood, and others are planned.

The last one at the Crabtree-Iron Duff school, with 75 attending, included Miss Mildred Barry, nutrition consultant of the State Board of Health, who pointed out the need of such a state-wide program as soon as possible. Also visiting from out-of-the-county was Miss Christine Herring, Asheville city school lunchroom supervisor who acclaimed the program as one of the finest projects yet undertaken, and one which showed 100 per cent cooperation between all groups in such a plan.

Fred Safford, principal, presided, with all the faculty being present. A turkey dinner was served by the lunchroom staff.

Mrs. Margaret Noland, member of the staff, started looking at the school 20 years ago when the first lunchroom was opened in a small wooden room, and 10 students were served. Now about 165 are served daily.

Mrs. Myrtle James has been a member of the staff about 10 years.

Others speaking at the meeting besides Mrs. Siler and Miss Barry, included Mrs. Grace Stamey and Mrs. Belle Ratcliff, teacher supervisors.

The theme of the general plan is "To contribute to the total growth of the child through the use of the lunchroom as a learning



THE LUNCHROOM program at Crabtree-Iron Duff school has been in use for 20 years, and about 165 students are served daily. From the left: Mrs. Myrtle James, Fred Safford, principal, and

Mrs. Margaret Noland, a member of the lunchroom staff for the past 20 years.

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situation."

Mrs. Siler discussed "Why a Lunchroom"; Mrs. Ruby Bryson of the County Health Department spoke on "How does your school child grow in Haywood County".

The Lunchroom — a road map to health, was presented by Mrs. Ratcliff, and Mrs. Stamey of Waynesville, supervisors in the Waynesville Elementary and High School respectively.

Mrs. Siler pointed out that, "We want our school child to be physically fit, mentally alert, and morally sound. We felt that the lunchroom may be used as a learning situation

to help make him just that way."

She discussed the National School Lunch Act and explained how this act provides 3, 4, 5 or 6 cents for all children who want to eat, and at the same time requires each community to provide a lunch for those who cannot pay.

In this way the 20 cents each child pays for his lunch is divided to pay for those who cannot pay.

But in spite of excellent lunch room facilities and personnel, Mrs. Siler stated, "problems still exist, such as poor participation, children not eating the food prepared, bad manners, untidy habits, chil-

dren coming to school without breakfast, and sometimes the selling of candy and soft drinks near the school.

"We decided one way we might try to solve these problems was to have meetings such as this and let the public know our policies and what we are striving to do and ask for cooperation.

"Our goal is to give the child back to you, the community, a happy, healthy, and wise individual ready to take his place in building a better place to live."

A similar meeting is planned for the Cruso school in early January.



AMONG THOSE discussing the advantages of a modern lunchroom program, include, from left: Mrs. Glenn Noland, Mrs. Oral L. Yates, Mrs. Rufus Siler, supervisor of county lunchrooms,

Mrs. James Kirkpatrick and Mrs. Roxie James. All but Mrs. Siler are members of the Crabtree-Iron Duff faculty.

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Lions Sell Selves \$311 In Baby Beef

Members of the Lions Club bought at auction Thursday night, packaged cuts of the 1021-pound 4-H Baby Beef they purchased for \$311 at the recent sale.

The auctioneering was done by Charlie Woodard, and the beef brought just a few dollars more than the purchase price. The project was to aid the 4-H Fat Calf program, and not a fund-raising scheme. Virgil Holloway, project chairman said.

The calf was purchased from Barbara Jenkins, a member of the Fines Creek Junior 4-H Club. She lives in White Oak.

Rotarians Hear Story Of Four New Members

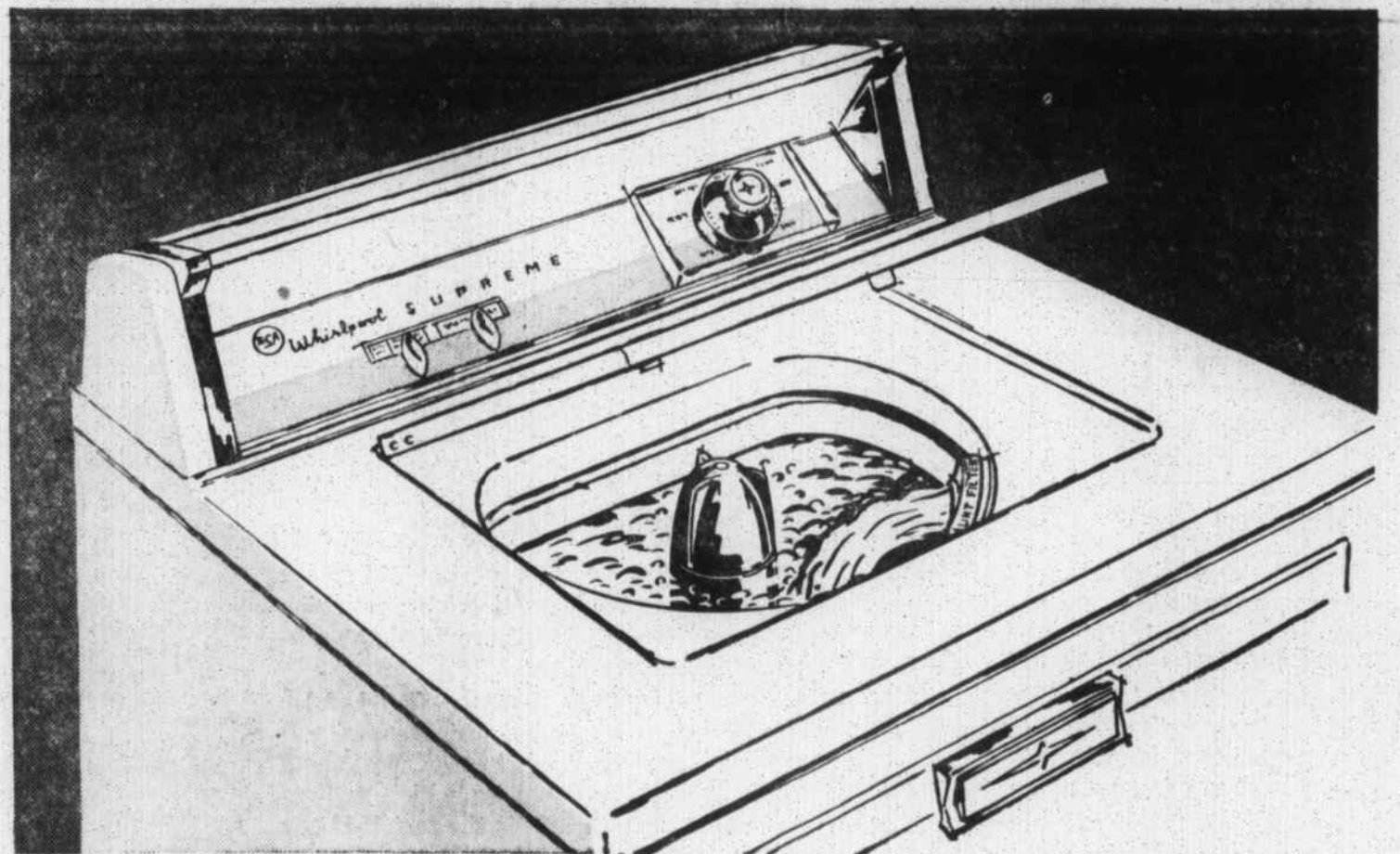
Rotarians heard the "life story" of four members Friday at the regular meeting, with John N. Johnson, president presiding.

The new members having the program, under Henry Foy, chairman, were: Dr. Jack Dickerson, John Metzger, John Wilmont, and Marvin Culbreath.

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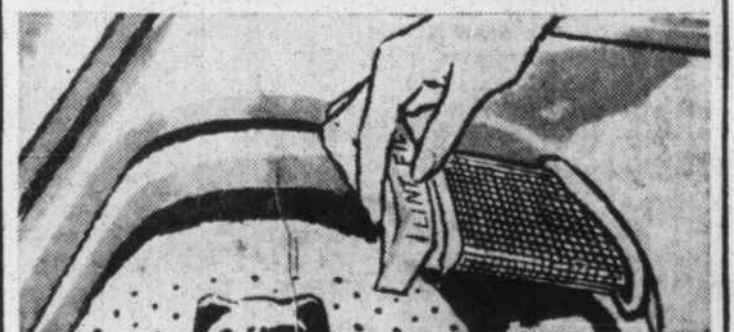
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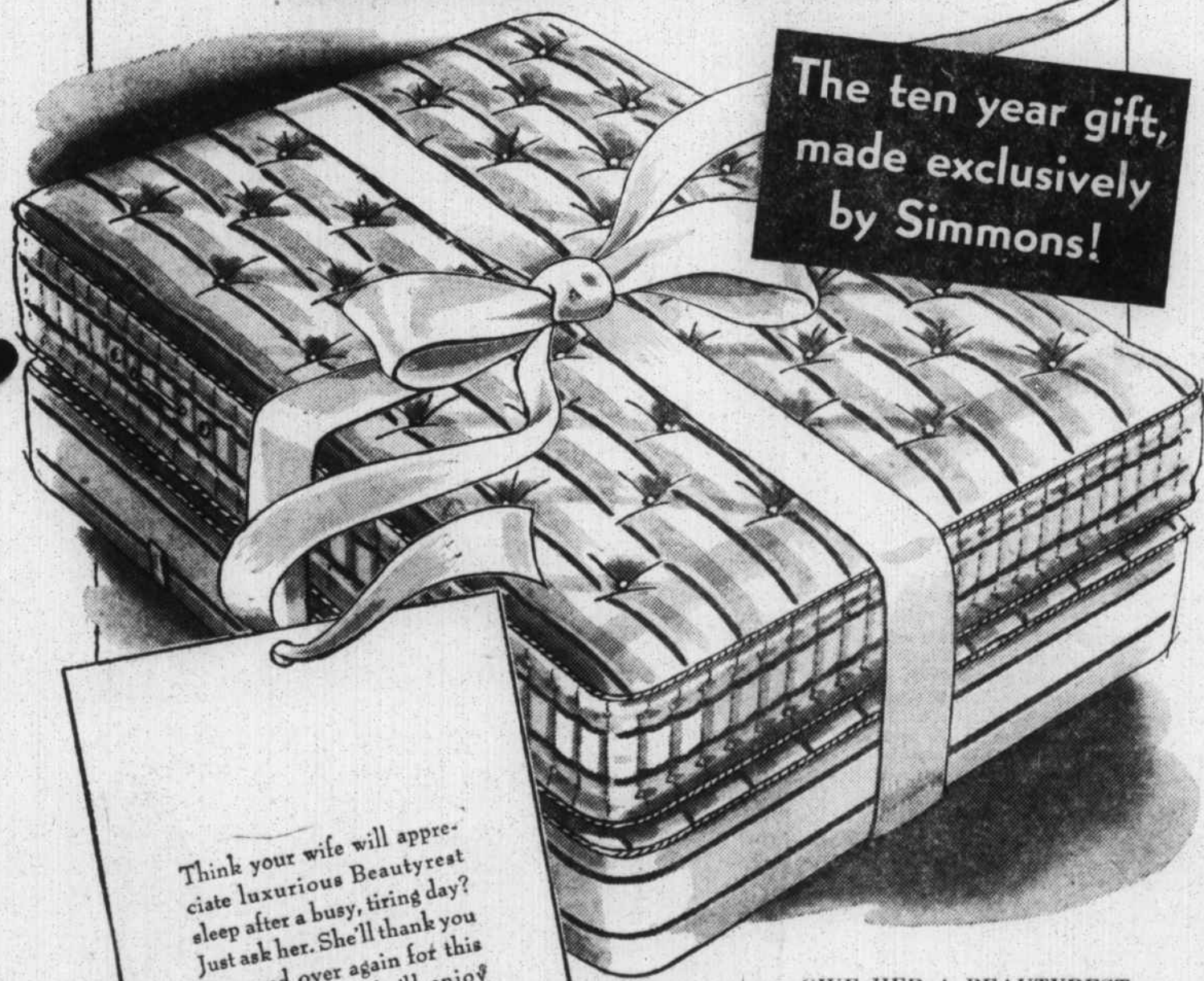
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