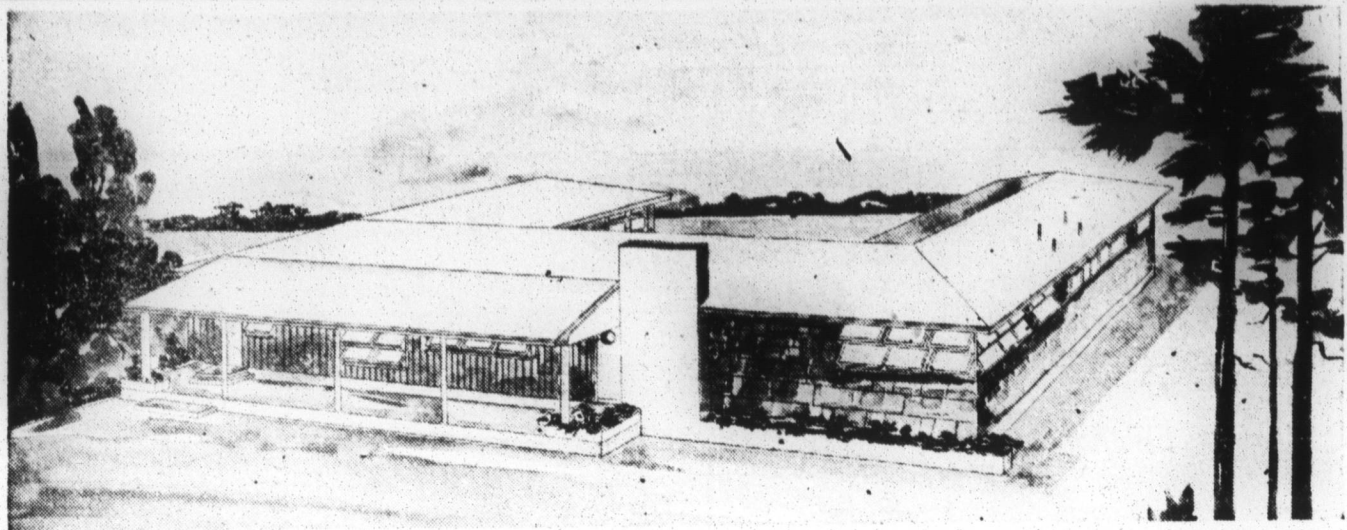


**NORTH CAROLINA'S FIRST BOYS HOME**



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Pulitzer Prize Winner  
Tabor City — North Carolina's first Boys Home is nearing reality.

Leaders of the Home, to be located three miles from Chadbourn in Columbus County, have hopes that construction will begin by November 1 on the \$40,000 cottage to house the needy and underprivileged youngsters.

Boys Home is still new to North Carolinians. It first received publicity several months ago when the Whiteville Civitan Club headed A. D. Peacock's plea for an institution of this kind and quickly endorsed it as a civic project.

"It was too big for one club and the kind of thing in which every resident of Columbus County was anxious to participate," said Mr. Peacock.

Actually, Boys Home began to take shape as far back as 1937 when Peacock, who is a funeral director, buried the wife of a minister in Smithfield, N. C.

"As I watched the 12 children standing at the head of their mother's casket, I promised myself that someday I'd devote part of my life to helping youngsters."

Peacock took no action other than helping needy children at Christmas on his dream until 1950. When four boys between the ages of 6 and 11 had been orphaned by the death of their parents and left with him, he made plans to lease a farm on which to start a home.

After a few days some relatives who had shown no previous interest in the boys found there was some insurance involved and intervened.

The idea went on the shelf again until October of last year. Peacock arrived late for the regular meeting of the Civitan Club. He had just buried the mother of seven children. The oldest child was 15. There was no food in the home and the youngsters were ragged and barefooted.

"This empty stocking fund will make a lot of kids happy Christmas," remarked one of the Civitan members in regards to the project at hand.

Peacock, with tears in his eyes, told the group, "I know where you can make seven youngsters happy tonight."

His story touched the hearts of many that night. Over \$100 in cash and \$140 in clothing was donated by Civitans and merchants.

"That was the making of Boys Home," reflected Peacock.

The following month, he outlined the project to the Civitans. They quickly appointed committees and

within two weeks the corporation was formed and Boys Home existed in name.

Peacock visited Ardell Nation, founder and director of Boys Estate in Georgia, to seek advice on founding Boys Home.

"Ardell Nation deserves much of the credit for North Carolina's only institution of this type," said Peacock who is serving as executive director.

During the past eight months, Peacock and other Boys Home Leaders have traveled over 5,000 miles to tell the story to civic clubs and solicit their moral support.

Moneywise, the project has been successful with little effort. The people of Columbus County were informed of the need for the initial \$4,000 and the response was overwhelming.

People from North Carolina and other states have contributed with-out solicitation.

Home demonstration clubs in the county have been canning and freezing food to take care of the boys next winter.

Yet starting Boys Home is an expensive program. Peacock estimates that the first year of operation, including building, will run in the neighborhood of \$65,000. Plans are being made to care for 20 boys after the Home gets into full scale operation.

Boys from all sections of North Carolina will find a new way of life at Boys Home. The only requirement is that he be needy or underprivileged.

Peacock's supper featuring the famous Aunt Jemima will be held in Columbus County during this

month and will spread to other sections of the State once permission is secured from the State Welfare Department to make statewide solicitations. Every penny from the pancake suppers will be turned over to Boys Home.

Probably the most interested persons in the success of Boys Home are the youngsters who will be given a chance to become outstanding citizens. The slogan, "A boy saved is a man made" is touching the hearts of many who were denied the opportunity.

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**SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS**



Washington—On Labor Day, it was my pleasure to speak to the convention of the Associated Master Barbers of North Carolina. The meeting was in Durham.

**Doing A Good Deed**  
North Carolina barbers have contributed \$7,000.00 to the Crippled Children's Society this year to aid in its great work for North Carolina's crippled children.

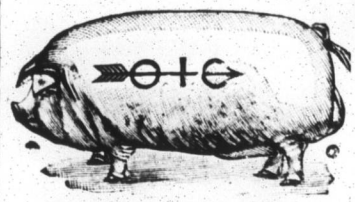
**Sentiment**  
I told the convention that our sentiments about the good deeds they were doing for crippled children could be expressed in John Hay's poem, "Little Britches". And I think that saving a little child

is a durned sight better business. Than loafing around the Throne. I have always been fond of a good story. Somehow, North Carolinians have a facility for wit and conversation. I wanted to pick up

a few good stories from the barbers, so their convention was a natural for this refreshing activity. A politician needs to have a storehouse of amusing stories, and I'll nominate the barbers as a substantial source.

**Open Season**  
Labor Day was a field day for speaking, and it rang in "open season" for talking issues in the effort to gain political control of the country. As we embark on the great American concept of freedom of political debate and discussion, I am impressed with what Daniel Webster wrote and deposited in a second cornerstone of the Capitol, 55 years after the laying of the first cornerstone with Masonic

ceremonies. Webster concluded his epic manuscript with the following: "If, therefore it shall be hereafter the will of God that this structure shall fall from its base, that its foundation be upturned, and this deposit brought to the eyes of men, be it then known, that, on this day the Union of the United States of America stands firm, that their Constitution still exists unimpaired, and with all its original usefulness and glory; growing every day stronger and stronger in the affection of the great body of the American people, and attracting more and more the admiration of the world. And all here assembled, whether belonging to public life, or to private life, with hearts devotedly thankful to Almighty God for the preservation of the liberty and happiness of the country, unite in sincere and fervent prayers that this deposit, and the walls and arches, the domes and towers, the columns and entablatures, now erected over it, may endure forever."



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