

### Newton Girl Extols Value of Home Ownership in Keesler Memorial Essay

Durham, June 15.—Miss Helen Corpening of Newton was declared winner of the \$100.00 first prize in the Keesler Memorial Essay Contest, sponsored annually by the North Carolina Building & Loan League, at its recent convention in Winston-Salem, according to a statement issued today by W. A. Biggs, President of the League. Miss Katherine Jackson, Elizabeth City, won second prize of \$50.00 and Mr. Eugene Francis, Waynesville, won third prize of \$25.00. Ten contestants participated in the state contest, which is the culmination of school, county and district contests. "The Keesler Essay Contest," Mr. Biggs stated, "is sponsored by the League primarily to promote habits of thrift and saving and to create a desire for home ownership among the high school students of the state. A great deal of enthusiasm was displayed in the contest this year, with several thousand students participating. Miss Corpening represented Catawba County and District 9 in the contest."

Her essay titled "The Value of Owning a Home" is reproduced herewith:

"Home is where the heart is, or so we have been told countless numbers of times, but it seems to me that the heart is where the home is. You know yourself that your home means more to you than any other place on earth; you do your best to make it comfortable, attractive and livable because it is your home and it does belong to you alone. Do you not feel a glow of pride sweeping over you whenever you think of home? Do you not feel a surge of loyalty and unexpressible love every time home is mentioned? You are happy in the assurance that you have a home in which it is your privilege to live your life with no shadow of a landlord hanging over you. You rest secure in the knowledge that what you put into that home is put there to stay forever if it pleases you.

"But the man who lives in a rented house—does he ever want to beautify the place or preserve it in any way? Does he want to plant flowers and shrubbery or have the rooms redecorated? Of course not! If anything like that should be done, he leaves it up to his landlord and more than likely he never gets his desired improvements. If he does, rest assured that he will pay again and again for his acquired home beauty when he pays his monthly rent. Moreover, in renting a house, a tenant is never able to secure his ideal home; he must take what he can get and be thankful for it. The homeowner builds his ideal home, furnishes it according to his own desires, and lives happily in harmonious surroundings.

"To the juvenile court in New York City many children are brought each week for slight and serious misdemeanors. An investigation into the lives of the different children showed that over three-fourths of them came from tenement districts or lived in rented houses where little or nothing is done to make the home and the life there pleasant and attractive. When asked as to why they did so very little to beautify their abodes, the parents of the children responded, 'Why should we? We don't own these places; why, we may not even be living here a month from now.' So it is that the children of today, the children of the future, remember, suffer because they do not have what they can call a real home. Careful surveys of training schools and prison camps show that few of the inmates ever knew any actual home life. Now they, too, suffer because they received none of the advantages of the home. Do you want your child to become as one of these I have just mentioned? He will—if he doesn't receive the proper training and correct environment in his youth. It is not difficult to see why tenement sections of a city have a much lower morale than that of a section of homeowners, for dwellers in rented houses are usually the class of people who haven't enough pride, enough ambition to secure for themselves and their families a real home. As a consequence, their children are handicapped. On the other hand a community of homeowners develops pride, ambition, culture, stability, and establishes a habit of thrift. The children of such people are those whom America is proud to claim as her own. Do you not see, therefore, the value of really living in a home instead of merely existing in a rented house—not for yourselves, at least for your children?

"Now, in conclusion, let me say that home ownership is congenious with, and comes from man's love of home; that home ownership does not dwell merely in the present but reaches far, far into the future, and so makes every man a builder for com-

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### ALL IN A MUDDLE

Moravian Falls, July 2, 1935.

Editor Journal-Patriot: The following letter has been addressed to Stanley W. Abbott, Landscape Architect National Park Service, Roanoke, Va.

"Dear Sir: On receiving my favorite local family newspaper, The Journal-Patriot, this morning, the first thing that greeted my eye was your map of the great Parkway leading from the Shenandoah National Park to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Holding the map up before my eyes, head of the paper up, I looked and I wondered what I pinched myself to sleep. I was asleep. I wasn't, but I knew something was wrong. There was Asheville where Roanoke ought to be and Roanoke over in the mountains where Asheville is supposed to be located. Winston-Salem was on North side of Parkway. Then I stood on my head and looked again. All was confusion. Then I got down on my all fours and looked back between my legs at the map with results no better.

I remembered that Joshua once commanded the sun to stand still upon Gibeon, and it was so, and then I thought that since the New Deal had reversed about everything and ushered in so many innovations that may be they had reversed the cardinal points of the compass, repealed the lines of latitude and longitude and set geography in reverse gear. So I am writing you to set me right on this amazing puzzle. If a typographical or geographical error has been committed, I hope you will immediately advise me so that I can advise the people who get wry-neck in their effort to correctly read this map.

Very respectfully,  
R. DON LAWS.

### STRONG ENDORSEMENT FOR 'FARMER BOB'

2809 Connecticut Ave., N.W. Washington, D. C. July 3, 1935.

To The Editor The Journal-Patriot North Wilkesboro, N. C. Dear Sir:

Attached is a copy of a letter I recently wrote to Congressman Robert L. Doughton. Believing that I express the sentiment of the people of our state I thought your readers might be interested in reading this letter in your paper.

Sincerely yours,  
JAMES T. GOBBEL.  
Spencer, N. C.

(Enclosure)  
Hon. Robert L. Doughton House of Representatives Washington, D. C. My Dear Congressman Doughton: As a life-long Democrat and resident of your District I wish to express my admiration of your long career in the service of the people of North Carolina. I know that I express the sentiment of the people of our state when I

say that your life has been a source of inspiration to all of us in our efforts for self-betterment. Those of us who have been fortunate enough to have known you personally are better citizens and stronger men and women because of our contact with a man of your great ability, character, and understanding of the problems confronting our nation.

My earliest recollection of any man in public life goes back to my childhood when I heard my mother speak of our great Congressman, "Farmer Bob" Doughton. Since then your every action has served to increase the admiration and respect I held for you then. Like thousands of other Tar Heels I was disappointed when you decided not to run for the governorship of our state. However, North Carolina's loss was the Nation's gain. President Roosevelt never had a man like you to help him in his fight for the economic and social recovery of our country.

In closing, allow me to express my conviction that you will live always in the hearts of North Carolinians as a great patriot and statesman who put duty to his country above all personal ambitions. Your place in our state and national history is secure for all time.

From a young man who is a better citizen and a stronger Christian because of his contact with you.  
Sincerely yours,  
JAMES T. GOBBEL.  
Spencer, N. C. June 28, 1935.

### 'The Way Of Life'

How good and how pleasant for the Brethren to be united in love and fellowship, seeking not to find false in each other but looking to Jesus Christ for his approval of their walks in life; when they all walk in peace and helping the poor and weak ones along, lending a hand and a smile to the sick and afflicted servants. Surely His Heaven on earth to be found in company with such a sweet band, where never a heartache never a wound from the stroke of an unfriendly mouth; to meet another at church in town or in the home or anywhere we roam where we can realize Jesus is in our midst, we are not above each other. Grace be unto you and peace from God the Father of all and from Jesus Christ, follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see the kingdom of God. "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." He that hath ears let him hear—he ye therefore perfect, even as your father which is in Heaven is perfect." But now being made free from sin and become servants to God ye have your fruits unto holiness and the end everlasting life, in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our lives.

An unworthy servant,  
REV. E. A. LONG.  
Laurel Springs, N. C.

### Boy Scout Court Of Honor Meets Tuesday

Boy Scout court of honor will meet Tuesday night, eight o'clock, at the Presbyterian hut. All members of the court and any having business before the court are asked to be on time.

### RUNYON'S 'HOLD 'EM YALE' IS BRIGHT COMEDY

The Yales take the Harvard football and half a dozen very delightful people take the cake in Damon Runyon's "Hold 'Em Yale" which comes to the Liberty Theatre, Thursday and Friday. This highly entertaining picture definitely rates as one of the outstanding laugh attractions of the year and you're going to be definitely on the losing side if you miss it. Though you might suspect from its title that "Hold 'Em Yale" is another football picture, you're very much mis-

taken if you do so, for football plays a very minor part in the production. As a matter of fact, what "Hold 'Em Yale" is, is a pictorialization of Damon Runyon's quaint Broadway stories on the screen—a process in which none of the quaintness, none of the hilarity of the original stories is lost. Splendidly acted by Patricia Ellis, Larry Crabbe, Cesar Romero, William Farley, Warren Hymer, Andy Devine and George E. Stone, "Hold 'Em Yale" is indeed the comedy classic of the season.

### TIMELY NOTES FOR ORCHARDS, GARDENS

July suggestions for the orchard and garden, as recommended by Prof. M. E. Gardner, head of the horticultural department in the revenue building, N. C. State College, are:

Make additional plantings of snap beans. Spray beans where they are affected by the Mexican bean beetle. Magnesium arsenate is good. Rotenone or pyrethrum dusts and sprays are also effective, but somewhat more expensive.

Spray the tomatoes with Bordeaux mixture to control leaf spot and blight. Plants for a fall crop of tomatoes should be set in July. Late Irish potatoes should be planted during the latter part of the month.

Keep egg plants covered with Bordeaux mixture to control flea beetles and potato beetles. Cultivate all crops often enough to keep down weeds and prevent baking of the soil. A side dressing of some form of quickly available nitrogen will help vegetables whose growth has been slow.

After raspberries have been harvested, the old fruiting canes should be removed and burned. Frequent shallow cultivations should be continued until frost. Don't let up in the fight against insects and diseases in the orchard and vineyard. Spray protection is needed to aid the development of perfect fruit. Spray thoroughly at the right time with the right materials—it pays big dividends.

Fruit trees and grape vines which do not have a dark green foliage are lacking in vigor. A second application of quickly available nitrogen will be helpful.

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### Rural Electrification Offices to Open Today

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July 1.—The North rural electrification authority will open its offices to-day in the revenue building, Raleigh. Dudley Bagley, of Moyock, former state senator, in charge.

The authority had not reached a definite decision as to its executive secretary, Bagley said tonight, but added that Professor David S. Weaver, of State College, was still being considered.

In a lengthy meeting today the authority spent most of its time discussing survey figures on hand, plans for future hearings on petitions for power lines, means for placing electric equipment in the hands of customers and other similar matters.

Bagley said the group will meet at Raleigh once each month or oftener if necessary.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Shumate and little daughter, Sidney Anne, have returned to their home in Huntington, W. Va., after a visit with relatives at Abshers post-office.

### Winston-Salem Baseball Tournament to Be Held in Southside Baseball Park in Winston-Salem on July 23, 24 and 25.

Any youth in the state, over 16 years of age may enter the tournament with his parents' consent. A beautiful trophy will be awarded to the champions.

Joe Bistruff, manager of North Wilkesboro baseball, has entry blanks for any person in this part of the state who wishes to take part in the tournament and entries will close on July 15. There are a number of first class amateur boxers in this section, including several at the C. C. Camp, and Mr. Bistruff is expecting a number of calls for entry blanks.

Price clothes, representatives of the company state a feature of style, value and individuality. W. C. Marlow, proprietor of The Men's Shop, has an invitation for this section to see the new display at his establishment the latter part of this week. All materials are shown in full length drapes.

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