

# WILKESBORO YOUTH FINDS LIFE AS CAPITAL PAGE NO BED OF ROSES

By GEORGE SHEPARD  
Washington, D. C.—Gordon Forester, Jr., 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Forester of Wilkesboro, is going to take a well-earned vacation this summer. He is a page boy in the United States Capitol, Washington, D. C., and though appointed

only recently—April 26, 1949—he has been working hard. The life of a page would be easier, thinks Gordon, if it weren't for school. Here's the reason why. Five days a week he has to crawl out of bed about 5:30 a. m. in order to dress, eat breakfast, and get to school by 6:30 a. m. From that hour until 9:30 a. m. he attends classes in the Capitol Page School, under the west terrace of the Capitol Building.

Gordon, who is 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighs 145 pounds, is much interested in sports, and last year at North Wilkesboro high school he played on the football, baseball, and basketball teams. He is a member of the Debate Club at the Page School. A sophomore, he likes English best of his studies and Latin

least. Each day when school is over he reports to the Democratic cloakroom of the House of Representatives, where he helps with the preparation of the House for the activities of the day. This preparation consists in placing in the compartment under each Congressman's chair a copy of the Congressional Record, together with documents bills, reports, and resolutions that the House may be considering. He and the other pages also make sure that paper, ink, pencils, and pens are put on the two long tables in the House Chamber.

This work must be finished before the House is called to order, at 12 noon. At that time the page boys sit on the Pages Bench and wait to answer calls and run errands. When a Representative needs a page he calls one from the bench by pressing an electric button.

Gordon, like most of the other pages, runs many errands. He makes trips to the House Office Building and takes bills, notes, and other papers from one Representative to another. He also may call a Representative to the telephone, look up the meaning of a word in the dictionary for him, or notify him when a constituent is in the reception room.

As a rule he leaves the Capitol about 5 p. m., provided the House has recessed. But he stays later if his services are required. Naturally he doesn't take a fancy to filibusters and long speeches.

In his spare time he has other activities to keep him busy. Besides being a Boy Scout and a member of the Order of the Arrow, he has three interesting hobbies—photography, stamp collecting, and autograph collecting.

When does he study? Well, he

doesn't find much time. Occasionally he gets in a bit of studying in the cloakroom, but he has to do most of it over the weekend and at night. And a hard-working fellow like Gordon doesn't feel inclined to study at night. If more rested than usual he's ready for a movie or some other entertainment; but most of the time he's too sleepy to study and goes to bed.

Gordon has decided to become a lawyer, and he may even go into politics. But his career is still a long way off.

Right now he's more interested in plans for a summer vacation. If his plans materialize, he's going home and visit the homefolks. Then he hopes to attend a Boy Scout camp—Camp Lasater—in Winston-Salem. But wherever he goes he's planning to play some baseball, swim, and take life easy. Happy vacation, Gordon.

## Gilreath H. D. Club Studies Frozen Foods

Wednesday afternoon, May 25, the Gilreath Home Demonstration club met at the home of Mrs. Kate Parker. Twelve members answered the roll call. We were delighted to welcome Miss Ruth Thompson, the new assistant county agent, into our community.

In the absence of the president, the vice president, Mrs. Albert Baity, was in charge of the meeting. The meeting was opened by the singing of "The Old North State" and repeating of the club collect in unison. The minutes of the previous meeting, the roll call, and the treasurer's report was given by the secretary, Mrs. Ed Hendren.

For the business hour, reports were given of the results of the cancer drive. We were very proud of the amount raised by the committee. The members turned in the money for the flavoring which was sold to raise money for the club treasury. Mrs. Albert Baity won the prize for having sold the most bottles.

The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Greene and Miss Thompson. We had all looked forward to this demonstration on preparing frozen foods. Mrs. Greene showed us different kinds of containers used in freezing foods. She pointed out the advantages and disadvantages of each.

Seven pints of strawberries, two pints of peas, and one pint of cherries were processed and we found that freezing foods is much easier than canning.

Mrs. Greene also showed us some useful equipment that is used in the preparing of frozen foods. Many of the members expressed desires to prepare more frozen foods this year than ever before.

For the social hour, the recreational leaders led a game, the prize going to Mrs. J. M. Costner. Mrs. Parker, assisted by her daughter, served tempting refreshments. The June meeting will be held at Mrs. W. H. Tevay's. Everyone is urged to be present for this June meeting. —Reported.

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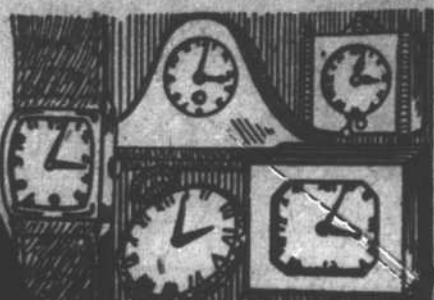
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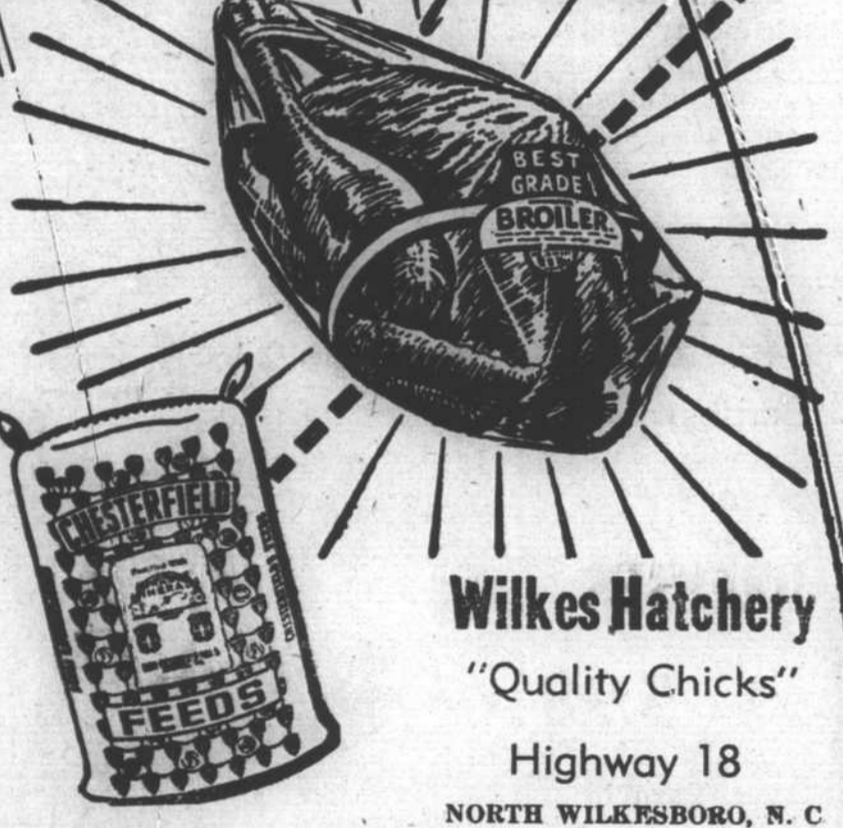
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