



Photo by Harold E. Lucas

HERMAN FINDS PEACE WITH
...Convenient afternoon nap

Herman Mystifies Friends

In Greenville Neighborhood

How old is "Popo"? Is his true name Herman Elder? These are some of the questions circulating this week throughout the Greenville neighborhood in northwest Charlotte.

No one seems to know if Herman is 65, or 70, or 75 years old. They only know that he's a fixture in the community, like, you might say, the street lights, grocery stores and the children. He is held in equal high regards.

This writer can remember being chased by Herman back in the days before age began to restrict his movements to a slow walk. The writer was a young boy. Herman was then a young man.

He still chases the little ones in his playful manner.

"I can't say exactly how old he is," stated a lady, who admits to being "about 72" but who did not wish to have her name printed. "He (Herman) has been around here for so long or longer, than I have."

No one in the neighborhood seems to know where Herman lives or where he came from. They only remember having seen him working through the years on a vegetable truck. According to them, he has no other work history.

The world is his playground and the neighborhood kids and grownups are his family and friends.

The ancient gentlemen with the frail clothing can often be seen walking slowly along the streets in the Greenville section with kids tagging along close behind. He sometimes is seen taking a peaceful nap under the street signs, or on a neighbor's front porch, or where ever it's convenient.

It would be difficult to measure Herman's worth to his community. The neighbors were made aware of the fact that he's perhaps one of the most admired individuals in their midst when recently the news began to make the rounds that Herman was dead.

"I found it shocking to learn that he (Herman) had died," concluded the lady. "I was most happy and greatly relieved upon learning that he was still alive."

The gentleman, who is held in the high esteem of almost everyone who knows him, is still very much alive. He still finds his way through the neighborhood playfully teasing the little ones, chatting with the elders and occasionally taking a short nap when-



Beloved Herman
...Taking afternoon walk
ever and where ever it's convenient.

Spirit Square Names Administrators

The top administrative positions at Spirit Square, the new arts center in downtown Charlotte, have been filled.

John A. Shaffer, 25, now with the North Carolina Arts Council in Raleigh, will become managing director on Oct. 11.

Mary Montague, 46, of 3900 Abingdon Rd. in Charlotte, will continue as program director, the position she has held in an interim capacity since February.

Shaffer will manage the arts center and the 50-member part-time faculty offering more than 70 classes in the visual and performing arts. His responsibilities will include budgeting, planning and money raising.

For the past year, he has been a community associate with the North Carolina Arts Council through an internship with the National Endowment for the Arts. He has worked with arts councils throughout

the state and coordinated dance and theatre touring programs.

She was a graduate of West Virginia Wesleyan College and has a master's degree in arts administration from the University of Wisconsin.

Mrs. Montague has been active in arts, educational and community activities in Charlotte as a volunteer. She is past president of the Charlotte Nature Museum and has served on the boards of the Charlotte Opera.

Parents Should Carefully Review Bike Safety Procedures

By Melvetta Jenkins
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Thousands of children have gone back to school this fall across the nation, crowding the streets with more bicycles this year than ever. Every parent who sends a child off to school on a bicycle should carefully review bike safety procedures and equipment, said a recent statement from the Wackenhut Corporation, one of the world's largest security companies.

Many children think of bikes as a toy rather than a real vehicle that must compete with automobile traffic. Motorists know the difficulties that are experienced with cyclists. They see first hand the erratic patterns of cyclists - children riding side-by-side and blocking the road, children wobbling on bicycles that are too large to handle, bikes on the

wrong side of the road, and more. Also, too many young cyclists are riding bikes that are improperly equipped and in poor condition.

James L. Marshall, Charlotte manager for Wackenhut Corporation, offers these suggestions for safe cycling:

--Be sure the rider fits the bike. A bike too large or too small can be difficult to handle. And if a bike is too large, the brakes are hard to use.

--Children should be encouraged to wear bright colored clothing, especially at night. Strips of fluorescent tape on the rider's jacket will improve visibility. Fluorescent colored flags on lengthy staffs attached to the rear fender are an excellent safety feature.

--Night riding should be discouraged, but on occasion where it may prove necessary, a powerful headlamp, whether battery or generator po-

wered, is a must. --The rear of a vehicle should be seen from 500 feet - reflectors should be supplemented by a red tail light.

--Remind children that most auto traffic regulations apply to bike riders, as well. "Cyclists can get tickets, too," reminds Marshall, one of Charlotte's leading security authorities.

--Proper safety education is the responsibility of all parents. Select the best routes for your cyclists to take to and from school, then go over the route with them. They should know all laws and hand signals, and to always keep right, with the flow of traffic.

Don't let your child be one of the thousands injured each year in cycling accidents. Make cycling safety a part of your youngster's back to school program.

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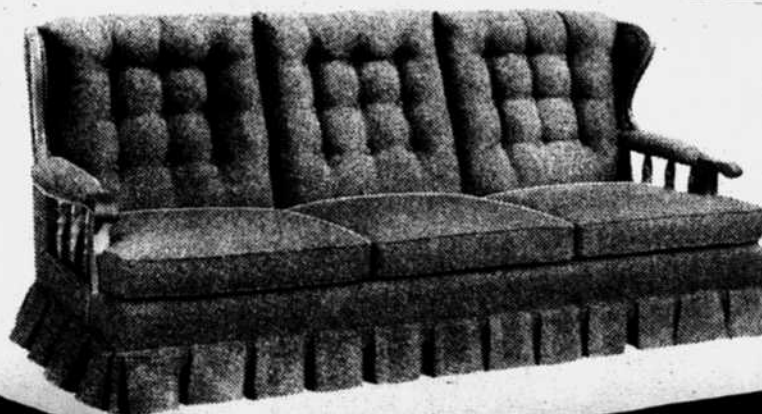
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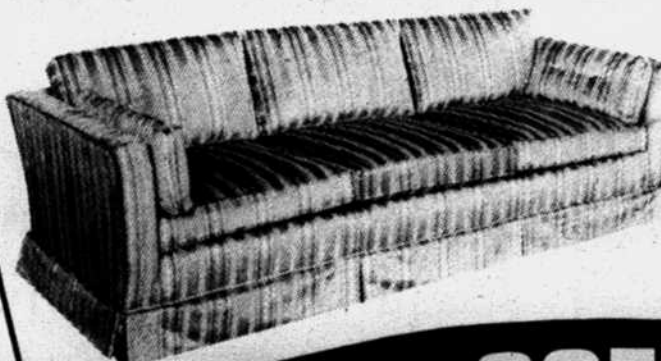
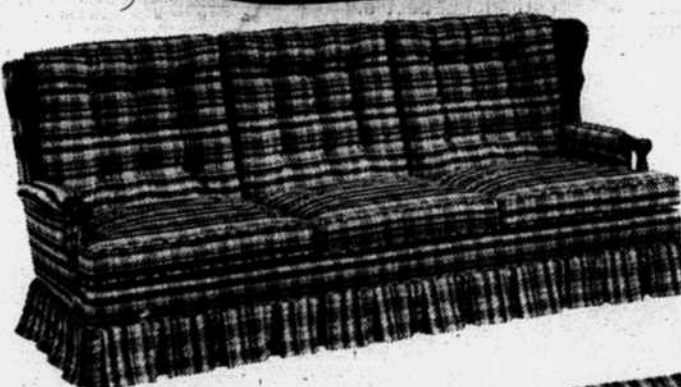
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