(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following essay by Regina Nakutis, stu- Army Accepting dent at St. John's School, won first place in the local "Voice of Dem- Enlistments For ocracy" contest sponsored by the Waynesville Jaycees.)

I SPEAK FOR DEMOCRACY By Regina Nakutis

God in His infinite kindness has brought me and my family from a land which has now been overrun by Communism for almost eleven years. He has although through many hardships, taken us, so to speak, from the land of Egypt to this land of freedom, called Am-

It means much to me to enjoy the freedom of my religion, freedom of my conscience, and the freedom to enjoy the unobstructed beauties of this nation.

As I read back to the early days of the colonists, I understand what it meant to live under the tyrannical rule of England's King George III. Also, it is easy for anyone to understand why the colonists arose with violent acts of rebel-

It is plainly seen in the Mayflower Compact, that even when this country was taking the firs' faltering steps, the people desired a form of freedom, a form of dem-England in her greed desired

everything in her power to safewhat happened to the colonies.

in open rebellion against the un- had been denied in England, just English rule. Men such as Patrick Henry expressed their opinions ment, Nathan Hale sums up beauthat I have only one life to give for my country."

as freedom of press, freedom of re- true soon ligion, freedom of speech, the right | I love this land, as well as my to a trial by jury, and various oth- own country, and I feel free to say er forms of liberties.

Duty In Germany

The Army recently announced a new enlistment plan in conjunction with the unit rotation plan.

Qualified men can enlist for a specific unit and know where they are going and for how long before they are sworn in.

The Army feels that this new enlistment plan has a number of advantages over the present system. It eliminates long periods of waiting and the inconvenience of casual centers. The men will stay in the same outfit with their buddies during their period of service.

The first outfit that has been effected by this plan is the 10th Infantry Division, presently stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, Starting in July 1955 the Division will begin moving to Germany to replace the famous 1st Infantry Division, presently located there. Present plans call for the move to last approximately six months. Upon compleion of a 33 month tour of duty in Germany the 10th will tentatively return to Fort Riley, its

ence, formally adopted on July 4, much power in the New World 1776 and written chiefly by Vir-She fought battles. passed acts ginia's Thomas Jefferson, expresses which seem silly to us now, and did the feelings of the people against an unjust ruling. They wanted guard her position and interests in then, as we want now, a democratic the new land. She protected the government, a government which rights which she had, not caring would give them and their descendents the right to vote and all the The colonists, meanwhile, arose other different rights which they

That is the chief reason why I a person who could well be ignored, openly and bravely against Parlia- have come to this land. I have come here to seek the freedoms tifully, "It brings me great sorrow stated in the Declaration of Independence and I have sincerely looked forward to being a citizen Democracy today is taken to be of this country. This wish will come

with my whole heart, "America, The Declaration of Independ- my Country, Land of the Free."

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"We'll try," he said somewhat

"Because I haven't got another

He regarded me with a look

Fifteen minutes. Still no pants.

At the end of twenty minutes, I

"Sorry," said a voice from the

"They undoubtedly will be de-

"But I've got to have them to

"I'll see what can be done," said

So there I was; panting but pant-

committee on prizes is to be held

There was a moment's pause

"But I've only got one pair!" he

"Why can't you?"

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nate the suit color with which is can be work,

"I haven't got any pants."

"Bpt they've got my pants!"

pair of pants."

"VOICE OF DEMOCRACY" WINNER in a county essay contest last week sponsored by the Waynesville Jaycees was Regina Nakutis (left), a junior at St. John's School, Runner-up was Patsy Holder, junior at Waynesville High School. In

charge of arrangements was Elmer Hendrix, a member of the Jaycees. Other contestants were Johnnie Belle Love of Reynolds High School and Iola Kelley of Bethel.

(Mountaineer Photo).

My Favorite Stories

"For goodness sake!" exclaimed can't you?"

my wife, "Look at your pants!" I looked at the garments in ques- dubiously.

tion. They were spotted in several "I've got to have them back in places with some substance that ten minutes," I explained. looked as though it were used oil "I don't know whether they can out of the crank-case of an auto- be cleaned that quickly," he protested "Why don't you wear an-

"Where in the world did you get other pair of pants?" that?" she inquired

I told her I didn't know.

We were in our room at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst. Our which seemed to say that any guest you might stain them with oil." purpose in being there was to at- who came to the Carolina Hotel tend the district Rotary confer- with only one pair of pants, wasn't ence. Her exclamation about the much of a guest, However, he said pants came a few minutes after a he would do the best he could, bell-boy had delivered us safely to Ten minutes. No pants, our room

"What are you going to do," she demanded. "You can't possibly go went to the phone and asked to downstairs looking like that. And speak to valet service. you haven't got another pair of pants with you." other end of the line, "but that de-

It was true. Many years ago I partment is now closed." learned the wisdom of traveling light. So I just take along whatever screamed. apparel will be necessary, and let it go at that. One pair of pants was livered first thing in the morning," all that I had with me on the trip. said the voice in what was intend-

It was a serious situation. No ed to be a comforting tone. question about that. The only thing I could think of was to call night. I've got to have them right the valet service, I explained my away." predicament and asked them to send up for the pants and see if the voice. they couldn't be cleaned.

In five minutes a bell-boy ar- less. rived. He looked at the pants and John Bragaw, from Washington, shook his head solemnly. "Mighty called the room. "A meeting of the

"I know they are," I told him, right away," hs said, "Come right but you can have them cleaned, down."

home station.

The enlistment campaign will only last through December. Both prior service and men who have And then in accents of indignanot been in service can enlist if tion, he inquired, "You mean to they can meet the standards that tell me that you came down here have been in effect for some time. without any pants?"

Details of this program may be I explained what had happened obtained from the Army recruiter And then I said: "Look here, John; at the Waynesville post office or be a good sport and let me have a from the recruiting station in the pair of your pants." Asheville post office.

said. And then, for fear that might try to over-persuade him, he said goodbye.

There was a knock on the door. It was Frank Thompson, who had ridden down to Pinehurst with us. I opened up and he came in, gazing interestedly at my costume, "Where are your pants?" he de-

I told him, And then I begged

him to help me out.

"Yes," he said, "I've got an extra pair, but I don't know whether I want to let you have them or not. You might lose them, too. Or I promised faithfully that I'd take good care of them. And so he

went and got them. They lacked a lot of being long enough, but at least they were

pants, so I put them on and didn't complain. A few people looked at them rather curiously when I got downstairs, but there was no panic or anything approaching it. "I want 'em back in the morn-

ing," said Frank firmly, as we retired that night. I promised him faithfully that

he should have them.

The next morning at 7:30 I was shaving. There was a knock on the door. I opened it and a bell-boy stood there.

"Here," he said, handing me a belt, "We took this out of your

Ex-Director Of U.S. Mint **Enjoying Her New Freedom**

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON - The one thing that Neure Tayloe Ross looked forward to on retiring last may after 20 years as director of the U.S.

trousers yesterday afternoon and I forgot to put it back when I desivered them.

"Delivered what?" I demanded. "Your pants," he said,

"My pants haven't been deliverea, 1 told him.

"Oh, yes, they have, I gave 'em to the lady. My wite chimed in and said that

she had taken in no pants,

"Well," he said, "iney must be in some other room."

with my own trousers. He said he dinner-meeting.

gave Frank back his garments, and cooking all day, but it was fun." larger, their number is

Mint was to enjoy her friends and Harry S. Truman are als some of the diversions she'd had

to forego while in government. "I'm finding unqualified satisfaction in my new freedom to do

things denied to me all the years president of the organiza I was in public office," she told me. 'I'm not doing anything too important, but I keep myself as busy as I've ever been."

Washington's newswomen are among the friends who are enjoying a large measure of Mrs. Ross' Mesta; Mrs. Charles attention, She is an associate wife of the defense se member of the American News- Arthur M. Radford, paper Women's Club. One of the first women appointed to a top Staff; Mrs. Joseph R. government post in the New Deal wife of the Hawaii de administration, and the last to Tom Clarke, wife of And then he started on a pants leave, she presented the group with hunt, In the meantime, Mr. Thomp- a baked 25-pound turkey, several son was shouting vigorously for his boiled beef tongues and scalloped pants. I kept putting him off. In potatoes-all products of her nearhaif an hour the beli-boy was back by Maryland farm-for a recent

had been to half of the rooms in "The turkey was so big I the hotel, asking for pants, and a couldn't find a pan large enough to varieties of rabbit are lot of folks had got mad with him. hold it," Mrs. Ross said, "My cook meat and fur He finally found them in 331. and I had to piece out the one I Our room was 431, I put 'em on, had with aluminum foil. We were

after that there was no further Mrs. Ross is one of 122 distin- -from 6.800,000 in guished women on the newspaper 400,000 in 1950

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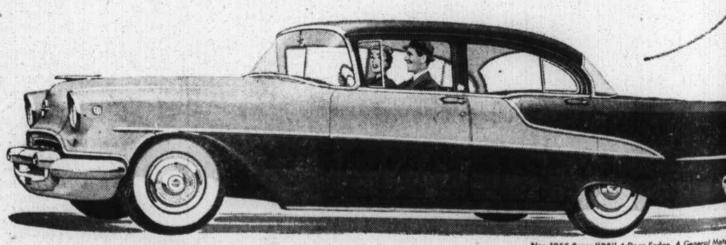
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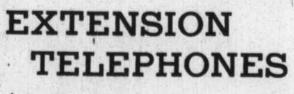
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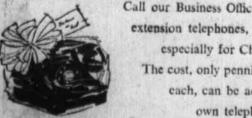
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