

# Regina Nakutis First In 'Voice Of Democracy'

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following essay by Regina Nakutis, student at St. John's School, won first place in the local "Voice of Democracy" contest sponsored by the Waynesville Jaycees.)

## Army Accepting Enlistments For 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 completion of a 33 month tour of duty in Germany the 10th will tentatively return to Fort Riley, its

ence, formally adopted on July 4, 1776 and written chiefly by Virginia's Thomas Jefferson, expresses the feelings of the people against an unjust ruling. They wanted then, as we want now, a democratic government, a government which would give them and their descendants the right to vote and all the other different rights which they had been denied in England.

That is the chief reason why I, a person who could well be ignored, have come to this land. I have come here to seek the freedoms stated in the Declaration of Independence and I have sincerely looked forward to being a citizen of this country. This wish will come true soon.

I love this land, as well as my own country, and I feel free to say with my whole heart, "America, my Country, Land of the Free."



"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

By CARL GOERCH

"For goodness sake!" exclaimed my wife, "Look at your pants!"

I looked at the garments in question. They were spotted in several places with some substance that looked as though it were used oil out of the crank-case of an automobile.

"Where in the world did you get that?" she inquired.

I told her I didn't know. We were in our room at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst. Our purpose in being there was to attend the district Rotary conference. Her exclamation about the pants came a few minutes after a bell-boy had delivered us safely to our room.

"What are you going to do," she demanded. "You can't possibly go downstairs looking like that. And you haven't got another pair of pants with you."

It was true. Many years ago I learned the wisdom of traveling light. So I just take along whatever apparel will be necessary, and let it go at that. One pair of pants was all that I had with me on the trip. It was a serious situation. No question about that. The only thing I could think of was to call the valet service. I explained my predicament and asked them to send up for the pants and see if they couldn't be cleaned.

In five minutes a bell-boy arrived. He looked at the pants and shook his head solemnly. "Mighty bad!" he murmured.

"I know they are," I told him, "but you can have them cleaned, home station."

The enlistment campaign will only last through December. Both prior service and men who have not been in service can enlist if they can meet the standards that have been in effect for some time.

Details of this program may be obtained from the Army recruiter at the Waynesville post office or from the recruiting station in the Asheville post office.

can't you?" "We'll try," he said somewhat dubiously.

"I've got to have them back in ten minutes," I explained.

"I don't know whether they can be cleaned that quickly," he protested. "Why don't you wear another pair of pants?"

"Because I haven't got another pair of pants."

He regarded me with a look which seemed to say that any guest who came to the Carolina Hotel with only one pair of pants, wasn't much of a guest. However, he said he would do the best he could.

Ten minutes. No pants.

Fifteen minutes. Still no pants. At the end of twenty minutes, I went to the phone and asked to speak to valet service.

"Sorry," said a voice from the other end of the line, "but that department is now closed."

"Bt they've got my pants!" I screamed.

"They undoubtedly will be delivered first thing in the morning," said the voice in what was intended to be a comforting tone.

"But I've got to have them tonight. I've got to have them right away."

"I'll see what can be done," said the voice.

So there I was; panting but pantsless.

John Bragaw, from Washington, called the room. "A meeting of the committee on prizes is to be held right away," he said. "Come right down."

"I can't." "Why can't you?" "I haven't got any pants."

There was a moment's pause. And then in accents of indignation, he inquired, "You mean to tell me that you came down here without any pants?"

I explained what had happened. And then I said: "Look here, John; be a good sport and let me have a pair of your pants."

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

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

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — The one thing that Neenie Taylor Ross looked forward to on retiring last May after 20 years as director of the U.S.

Mint was to enjoy her friends and 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 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' attention. She is an associate member of the American Newspaper Women's Club. One of the first women appointed to a top government post in the New Deal administration, and the last to leave, she presented the group with a baked 25-pound turkey, several boiled beef tongues and scalloped potatoes—all products of her nearby Maryland farm—for a recent dinner-meeting.

"The turkey was so big I couldn't find a pan large enough to hold it," Mrs. Ross said. "My cook and I had to piece out the one I had with aluminum foil. We were cooking all day, but it was fun."

Mrs. Ross is one of 122 distinguished women on the newspaper

women's club associate list. Honorary member Mamie Eisenhower, who group to the White House last Spring.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman are also members and attended of the club's parties during years they were in Washington TV and radio personality of the organization has its own charming club which to entertain many town's bigwigs and important members.

Lady Makins, wife of Irish Ambassador, hostess Mesta; Mrs. Charles E. wife of the defense secretary Arthur M. Hadford, chairman of the Joint Staff; Mrs. Joseph R. wife of the Hawaii delegate Tom Clarke, and Mrs. Bolton, Republican congressman from Ohio, are among the members.

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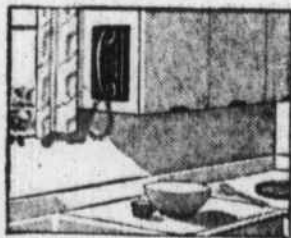
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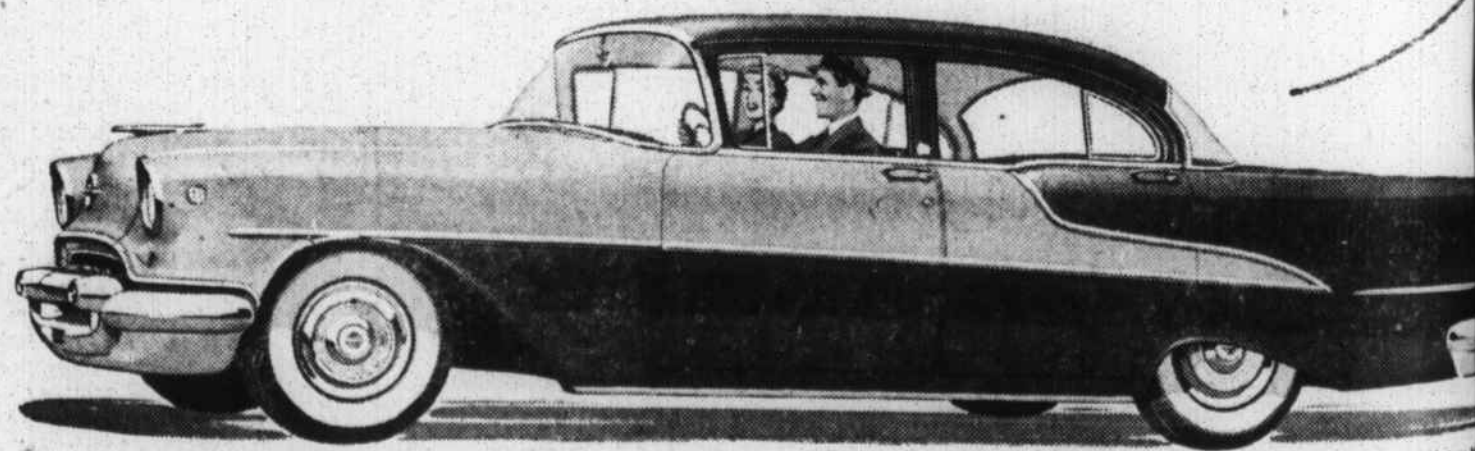
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