

BY NORTH CALLAHAN

Foreigners have varying opinions of our country. Lots of us think if they don't like it—well, they don't have to come here. The fact remains that a lot of them do come every year, and most of them pass through this gateway to the U. S. Along with a lot of undesirables, many good citizens from other lands take seriously the Statue of Liberty as they pass it, and loudly express their thanks and appreciation for this best country on earth.

There was a time when many Europeans came here, made their pile of money, and then promptly left to spend it and the rest of their lives in their homeland. This has changed a good deal. Those who are now lucky enough to get in under our immigration quota, are usually glad to remain in this land of plenty, of far-flung freedom and of unfettered personal happiness, even though sometimes it separates them from their immediate families. One thing must be said for foreigners: they learn our language and our customs much quicker than we learn theirs, as a rule. Somehow, they seem to have more patience and determination. They start as shoe shine boys and end up owning the business; as movie ushers and become Hollywood producers; or as chorus singers and eventually rise to being opera stars. Most folks I know do not object to a certain number of foreigners coming in to this country, but want to be sure we get high type persons who will meet our standards, not try to lower them.

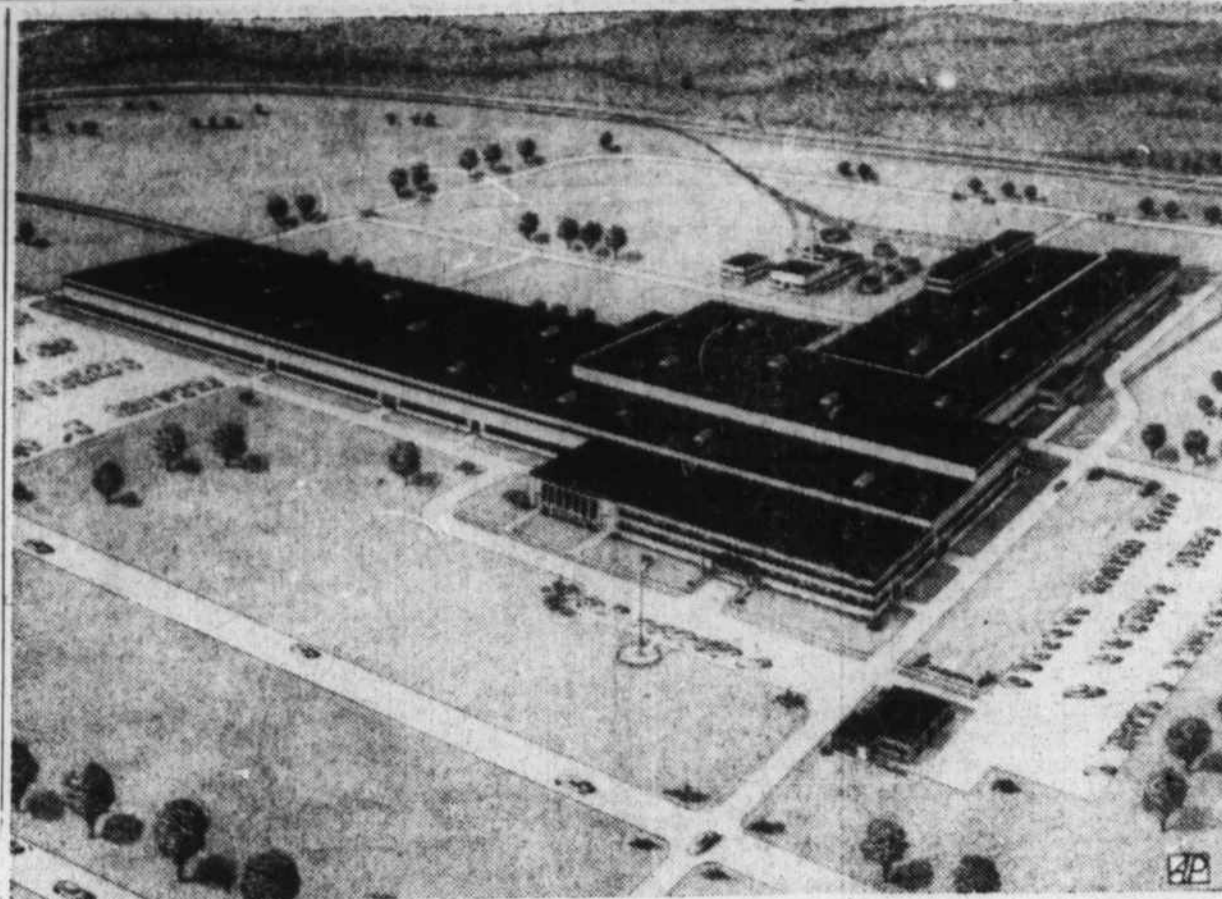
What they think of us is often funny—to say nothing of what we think of them. Recently, I happened to come upon an account of what one European thinks of one of our established institutions. Said this visitor to our shores, after an obviously interesting experience: "there is nothing so American as an American barber shop. One enters, and immediately two or three pugilists attack him as they strip him of his hat, his coat, his vest, his collar and tie. 'Why do you attack me?' asks the stranger. 'It is not necessary. I do not resist.' The stripping finished, they lead one to a chair which in the fraction of a second is transformed

into an operating table. Then a man with a large hand grabs one's head, and holding with the other hand a knife close to his throat, asks him, 'What do you want? A shave? Hair cut? Massage? Manicure? Shampoo? Shoe shine?'

One is completely at the mercy of this man and cannot refuse anything. The man gives certain orders, and with a single stroke of his shaving brush, covers one's eyes and ears with a coating of lather. We note that some one is working on our hands and guess that it is the manicurist. Some one must be shining our shoes. Meanwhile, the barber submits us to some scientific proceedings of torture. An enormous hand massages us. Then he covers our face with a hot towel which burns us. Immediately after, he removes the hot towel and replaces it with one soaked in freezing water. We cannot see, speak nor breathe. Finally free of the last towel we can see the manicurist, the barber and bootblack. All our extremities are in alien hands. Numerous persons work at our expense, and we have a certain satisfaction in knowing that we are supporting so many people. Really, we have not yet enumerated all those who serve us. There is still another man in a corner of the barber shop, dedicated to cleaning, pressing and brushing our hat. The hat receives its own massage. It is our sixth extremity.

And our torture continues. Now we are submitted to a strong electric current. The barber passes over our face a vibrating apparatus which effects us like a steam roller. Now our shoes are shined. The manicurist leaves our right hand and takes possession of our left, while the barber begins to cut our hair. Finally, the torture ends. That is to say, one still has to pay the bill. We take out a roll of bills and distribute them among the multitude. And all this, including the payment, which seems to us the longest, has not lasted more than a quarter of an hour. Everything has been done rapidly and with much machinery. There is no doubt, that an American barber shop is the most American thing in the world."

Foods that contain nitrogen are called proteins.



ARTIST'S CONCEPTION of the new 20-million-dollar distribution transformer plant to be built by General Electric Company in the Hickory-Newton-Conover area of the state. The new plant, which eventually will employ 1,100 persons, will

be a highly mechanized, modern plant with 400,000 square feet of floor space. Construction will begin this year and is expected to be completed in late 1956. (AP Photo.)

### Washington To Observe YWCA's 100th Anniversary

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — Mamie Eisenhower is called upon to do a lot of odd chores like ribbon-snippings at garden fetes, cracking champagne bottles at ship launchings and cutting birthday cakes at anniversaries.

A chore she looks forward to with personal pleasure, however, is the lighting of the candles on a huge cake here Jan. 11 marking the 100th world anniversary of the Young Women's Christian Assn. and its 50th anniversary in the capital. The Washington ceremony will touch off a worldwide celebration centering on a National YWCA Centennial Luncheon in New York. Secretary of State John Foster Dulles will be a speaker at the New York affair.

On a broadcast program, Mrs. Walter Judd, wife of the Republican congressman from Minnesota and chairman of the centennial committee, will introduce the First Lady and the local luncheon speaker, Sir Roger Makins, ambassador of Great Britain, where the first YWCA was founded 100 years ago.

Other speakers here will include Nelson A. Rockefeller, special adviser to President Eisenhower.

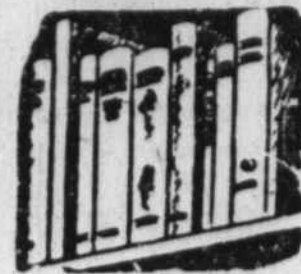
Women prominent in Washington life who will be honor guests include Mrs. Nixon, wife of the vice president; Mrs. Munthe de Morgenstierne, wife of the Norwegian ambassador and wives of the ambassadors of Belgium, China, Sweden, Portugal, the Netherlands, Burma, New Zealand, Cuba, Venezuela, Egypt, Indonesia, Ceylon, Union of South Africa and Iceland and the wives of Supreme

Court Justices Stanley Reed, Harold Burton and Tom Clark.

The Washington YWCA was established in 1905 and in 1906 had

1,119 members. Through it the capital city's first cafeteria was established in 1907, and the first informal adult education classes, the first housing bureau, and the first swimming pool for women. It is an important gathering place and home center for the hundreds of women who come to this city

### Library Notes



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County Librarian  
MUSICAL TREASURY

Would you like to borrow some new records from the Library to enjoy at home?

American Folk Songs for children sung by Pete Seeger.

American Folk Music, Smoky Mt. Ballads sung by Bascom Lamar Lunsford.

American Forest Products Industries, Inc. Mr. Tree goes to town and Tree Faring to the Rescue.

Crawford, Jesse—In a Monastery Garden, played by Jesse Crawford, organist.

Handel—The Messiah.

Ives—Burl—Collection of ballads and Country Songs.

Lalo — Symphonie Espagnole. Yehudi Menuhin, violin and symphony orchestra of Paris conducted by Georges.

Offenbach — Gaité Parisienne. Boston Pops Orchestra with Arthur

Fiedler, conductor.

Puccini, Giacomo—La Boheme, opera, Orchestra and Chorus of Radio Italiana, conductor Gabriele Santini.

Selnescu—Gypsy music.

Shaw, Robert—Great sacred choruses, Robert Shaw Chorale, with Hugh Porter, organist.

Stone, Clifflie—Square dances.

Waring, Fred—Songs of devotion.

Canada is resuming production of nickel nickels, having made the coins of steel for some years.

### Methodist Meet January

Shady Grove Methodist will be host to the Haywood Methodist Men's Monday evening, Jan. 7:00 o'clock.

An interesting program of fellowship, inspiration, and devotion has been planned. A. Lowder, pastor of the Shady Grove Methodist Church, will be the speaker. Having been in Peace Seminars at this subject will be "Struggle for Peace."

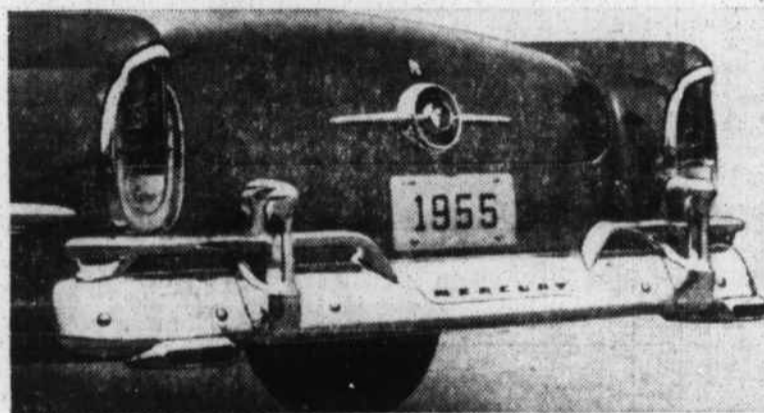
Supper will be served at the school cafeteria at 6:30 by the ladies of the church.

The Haywood Methodist Fellowship is composed of members from all the Methodist churches in the county, and meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Pless of Bethel in Peace Seminars at 7:00 o'clock. All men in the county are invited to attend.

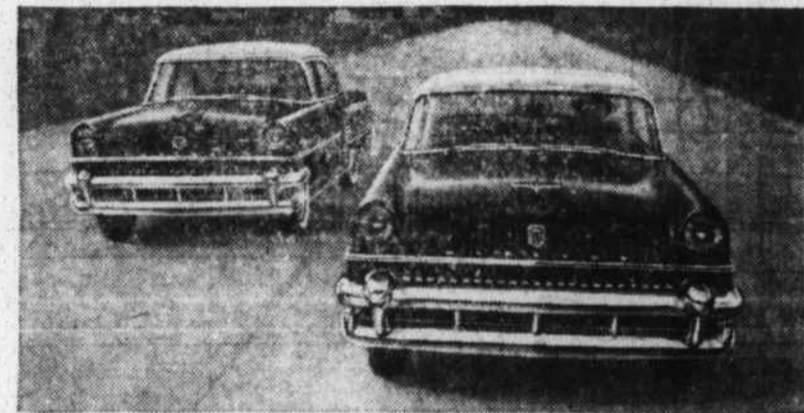
### Silent Night

NEW YORK (AP)—who get annoyed by the trash collectors working can do something to New York's Sanitation sioner Andrew W. M. He said the refuse collected to work as quietly when working at night won't annoy sleepers added, the public can be verstuffing the garbage the workers won't have the cans to empty them.

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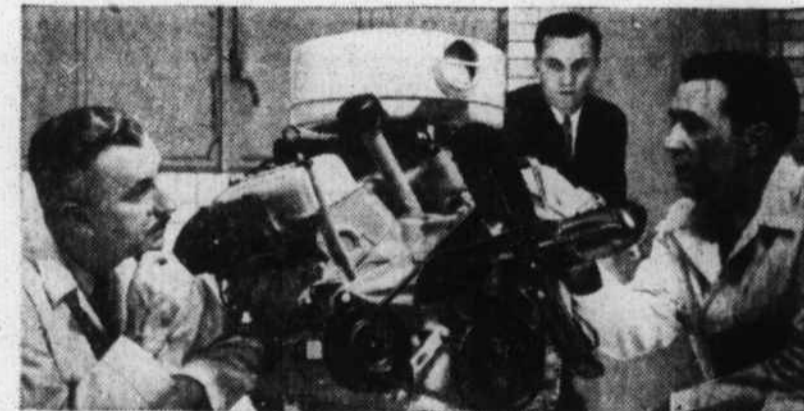
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Tags available at the City Hall for One Dollar Each.

ORVILLE NOLAND

Chief of Police