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## Let's Close The Gap

THE NEWS OF ORANGE COUNTY, which wishes to be remembered as having spoken and as frequently as it legally could voted—for the school bond issue which failed to carry last June 10, hopes very much that the County Council of Farm Women were listening and taking to heart the plea of Gordon Blackwell of the university for "a bridging of the tragic gap between Chapel Hill and the rest of the county."

Not that we enjoy being reminded of the existence of such a gap; but it was there last June, because Chapel Hill voted overwhelmingly for the bonds and Hillsboro, along with other precincts, voted them down.

This does not necessarily mean that the citizens of the university community are the only voters in Orange county interested in their schools. Let's don't assess blame for what happened; but let's get together and see that it does not happen again.

## The Farm Bureau

The North Carolina Farm Bureau is currently in a drive for 100,000 members and is making every effort to insure that every farmer who desires to join may have the opportunity.

In this county the farm bureau is a potent organization for the welfare of the farmer and we hope that those of you who are interested in making farm life better will avail yourself of the opportunity to join this organization.

All of the farm organizations have their place in our farm economy and we believe that a farmer would do well to consider membership in the group.

With a constant aim of an improved agriculture, fair prices for farm products, better rural living standards and farm equality in our national economy the farm bureau constantly makes every effort possible to improve the welfare of the farmer.

## More About The Farm Bureau

Less than two weeks remain of the drive for 1,000 members of Orange County Farm Bureau, and the campaign is only about half-successful.

The membership committee is composed of men we

would not presume to advise on how to conduct a campaign of this sort; but we do feel that we have a right to assert that a farmer who does not take advantage of organization nowadays is powerfully short-sighted and need not be surprised if those who do plan and work together for a common cause are wearied by his complainings.

Personally, we do not believe the extension of the bureau just now will affect in the slightest the marketing of the rest of this year's tobacco crop; but it could have a lot to do with succeeding crops of tobacco and other farm commodities.

## Thanksgiving

As the Thanksgiving season approaches, autumnal colors begin to show themselves in the forest of oaks on the campus of the Oxford Orphanage and remind us that 308 boys and girls present that many opportunities to benevolent men and women desirous of making wise and loving contributions in behalf of needy children.

For 75 years the Orphanage has continuously been in the business of caring for, educating, and training orphaned children. In this three-quarters of a century some 6,000 North Carolina boys and girls have been molded into good and useful citizenship, becoming important assets in the life of the state. These graduates have entered into the various businesses, trades and professions. The records are impressive.

While the Orphanage is wholly owned and operated by the Grand Lodge of Mason, no child is debarred from its benefits because of non-Masonic parentage. Scarcely 20 per cent of the children in the Orphanage today have Masonic lineage. The question is never, who was the father or mother, but what is the need of the child? This is the deciding factor, always.

Special emphasis is this year being laid on the needs for more and larger gifts at Thanksgiving. In its long list of expense requirements the Orphanage has many "musts." The institution "must" provide shelter, clothing, food, recreation, heat, light, books, school supplies, health programs, athletic equipment, staff of trained workers, vocational training in several departments, laundry, repairs and upkeep of grounds, building and equipment, experienced case work for the big family of children. All these "musts" and many others have

## Veterans Information

Veterans Administration today answered the six questions most frequently asked by veterans about out-patient treatment in a VA hospital clinic or by their own physicians at government expense.

The questions were asked in a survey that VA conducted recently to learn how much veterans know about their federal benefits. The questions and answers follow:

Q. Am I entitled to treatment in an out-patient department?

A. Only if you have a service-connected disability, or if you have a nonservice-connected ailment and are on leave from a VA hospital and ordered to report to an out-patient clinic for periodic treatment or examination. Eligibility for out-patient treatment is set by law, and, except in rare instances, treatment is limited to those with service-connected ailments.

Q. Under what circumstances may a veteran be admitted to a VA hospital through the out-patient department?

A. Veterans with service-connected disabilities who requested out-patient treatment and who then are found to be in need of hospitalization, often are assigned to hospitals by doctors in the out-patient clinics. Also, veterans who have no service-connected disabilities may apply to an out-patient clinic for hospitalization. If physical examinations disclose the need for hospitalization, such care will be arranged for by the staff of the out-patient clinics.

Q. Does VA provide maternity care to veterans or their dependents through out-patient clinics?

A. No. Only veterans with service-connected ailments are eligible for treatment in out-patient clinics, except under rare circumstances.

Q. What is the waiting list for hospitalization?

A. Veterans with service-connected disabilities must be provided medical care first. Then, if beds are available and if veterans with nonservice-connected ailments say they cannot afford to pay for treatment elsewhere, they may be admitted to VA hospitals. Inasmuch as VA almost always has more applications for hospital care from veterans with nonservice-connected disabilities than it has beds, there is always a group of veterans awaiting their turn for hospitalization.

Q. How long does a veteran have to wait before he is hospitalized?

A. If a veteran has a service-connected disability, he does not have to wait to receive hospitalization. If he has a nonservice-connected ailment and he is an emergency case, he is admitted immediately. But if he has a nonservice-connected ailment that is not emergency, he must wait until a bed is available. The time he must wait varies. Some hospitals are more crowded than others and thus have longer waiting lists.

Q. May a veteran be treated by his own physician, on the outside, at VA expense?

A. Yes, if he has a service-connected disability and receives prior VA approval for such care.

risen enormously in cost and this must be adequately balanced or the children will suffer from the neglect. The history of a neglected child is never a happy one—neither for the child nor for the state. Always someone must pay.

The Orphanages of the state are adding additional fervor to their appeals this season. This is a matter of logic and figures. There is no way out of it. They have got to find the money.

The majority of us waste money every day for things that serve no real purpose or give adequate return. This is a common experience. All of us may be sure, however, that every dollar given needy childhood yields interest compound and never ceases to work.

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## WDUK NOW FULLTIME STATION

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The station will now be able to operate unlimited hours with a daytime power of 1000 watts, and a nighttime power of 500 watts on 1310 kilocycles, its present assignment on the dial.

WDUK was Durham's second radio station and has been on day-

light operation for a year and a half.

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