

# HOME WITH CHILDREN

By Richard M. Heard

HENRY GOOLSBY was a retired postal clerk. For nearly thirty years he had served his small community by sorting mail and selling stamps in the two-man post office. He had always enjoyed his work. When people asked him if he hadn't gotten tired of standing all day in the small, cage-like office, he answered with a smile. "You don't get tired if you keep busy," he said. "Besides, I liked my work because it gave me a chance to meet my neighbors."

He was that sort of man. He liked his neighbors, and he enjoyed talking to them. He especially enjoyed children, and that is why he came daily to the small "City Park."

This love of children had prompted him many years before to begin drawing pictures of them at play. Henry had become quite good at his hobby, so that occasionally he sold what he drew. More times than not it was to his good friend Martha that the sales were made.

Martha, who like Henry never married, loved the children too. Often she came to sit beside her friend in the park and watch him sketch. When she particularly liked a drawing, she bought it from him for a small fee. She told him that she resold the drawings to a friend in Adamsville who has a small art shop.

On one particularly warm Spring afternoon, when the rest of the town was going busily about its work, Henry was sitting quietly on his favorite park bench, drawing as usual. Suddenly he felt someone near him. He turned his head a little and saw Martha standing behind him. "Why, Martha," he said, "you sneaked up on me. I didn't hear you."

The old woman looked at the drawing. "That's one of your best, Henry. I'd like to buy it. I'm sure my friend in Adamsville could resell it easily."

"I'm sorry," he explained, "but

this one isn't for sale. It's for someone very special."

"Oh, I see," she said. "May I ask who the someone is that will get such a fine drawing?"

"You certainly may," he answered. "It's for you, Martha."

She blushed a little. "Well, that's very sweet of you, Henry. I just don't know how to say it, but thank you very much for thinking about me." She hesitated a moment. "You know, Henry, I've been thinking about you a lot, too. We've been good friends for over forty years now."

"Yes, Martha," he said, thinking back over the years. "And it's been a good friendship too." They sat for a few moments without speaking.

"Henry Goolsby," she said, "I think it's high time we made that friendship permanent. You may think me a bold and silly old woman, but I'm asking you to marry me."

"But, Martha," he protested, "it isn't proper for a woman to ask a man to marry her."

"You forget, dear," she explained. "It's proper this year. This is leap year."

"Bless my soul if it isn't," he said. "Why, I'd be happy to marry you, Martha. I'd be right proud, in fact." He kissed her cheek lightly, and they spent the afternoon watching the children.

After they married, Henry moved into Martha's small home. He had never been inside the house before. As he entered the parlor he stopped suddenly and looked at the walls. The whole room was filled with his drawings, each one framed neatly.

"No, Henry," she explained, "I didn't sell them. I couldn't bear to, for they are too much a part of both of us."

The old man thought for a moment. Tears came to his eyes. "You know, Martha, it's like coming home," he said. "Yes, it's like coming home to the children."

## VALUE OF FARM PRODUCTS SOLD IN COUNTY

The value of products sold in 1954 by operators of 2,153 farms in Yancey County was \$2,014,601, according to a preliminary report of the 1954 Census of Agriculture published by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The value of all crops sold was \$1,295,007 and included \$1,219,610 for field crops, \$6,746 for vegetables, \$47,723 for fruits and nuts, and \$20,923 for horticultural specialties.

The value of all livestock and livestock products sold was \$673,355 and included \$279,188 for dairy products, \$203,529 for poultry and poultry products, and \$190,638 for livestock and livestock products.

The value of forest products sold from the county's farms was \$46,239.

Information on the value of farm products sold is presented for each county in a preliminary State report, copies of which may be purchased from the Bureau of the Census, Washington 25, D. C., at 10 cents each.

## MONTHLY REPORT

### NORTH CAROLINA YANCEY COUNTY

Debt ..... \$10,000.00  
 Poor ..... 185.10  
 General ..... 8,209.83

I, Evelyn H. Pate, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Board for the month of May, 1956.

Witness my hand and official seal of office, this the 8th day of June, 1956.

Evelyn H. Pate, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners.

## SAFETY PUBLICATION PRINTS 1ST ISSUE

Raleigh—The first issue of Tar Heel Safety topics, a new publication of the Governor's traffic safety council, came off the presses last week, Chairman Ed Scheidt of the Council's Official Division announced.

The initial issue contains progress reports of the council's road safety activities and features an article on the drag racing menace currently plaguing Tar Heel Highways.

Safety topics will be published occasionally, according to Scheidt, and distributed to members of the GTSC and others interested in the field of traffic safety.

The new publication accepts no advertising and is distributed free. Costs are borne by the Governor's Traffic Safety Council from contributions.

Bill Crowell, director of the Motor Vehicles Department's Public relations office, is editor.

## GOSPEL SONG SERVICE

There will be a Gospel Song Service at the Little Ivy Baptist Church in Madison Co. Sunday afternoon June 10th. at 2 o'clock. This church is located on U. S. 19 and 23.2 miles East of Mars Hill, N. C. Singers from all over Western N. C. and Eastern Tenn. will be taking part in this song service. You have an invitation to bring your singers and take part, also if you love good gospel singing come early, get a good seat and enjoy the Sunday afternoon of good gospel singing.

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## NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S RESALE TO EFFECT PAYMENT

### NORTH CAROLINA YANCEY COUNTY

Know all men, and particularly S. W. Shuford, that as authorized by the power of sale conferred upon me in that certain deed in trust executed by S. W. Shuford and wife, Minnie Shuford, on the 10th day of October, 1947, and which is recorded in the office of the registry of deeds for Yancey County in book 31 at page 551, and default made in payment of the debt secured, and demand made upon me to sell the property therein described:

I shall again offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the East Court House door in Burnsville, N. C. at 11 o'clock, A. M., on the 23rd day of June 1956, those tracts of land conveyed in said deed in trust, located in North Carolina, in Yancey County, in South Toe Township, adjoining the lands of Albert Ballew

and others, described as follows:

First Tract—Beginning on the Pink Ballew S. E. corner and runs thence S. 13 poles to the Wilburn Robinson line; thence E. with said line 13 poles to a stake; thence S. 13 poles to a stake; thence W. 26 poles to a stake on the E side of the highway number 104; thence S. E. with said highway 48 poles to a branch; thence up and with N. 40 E. 7 poles and 13 links to a stake in the W. A. Simmons old line; thence N with said line 54 poles to a stake at W. A. Simmons old corner, also a corner of J. R. Simmons tract; thence with the said Simmons line 53 poles to the beginning, containing 19 acres more or less.

Second Tract—This tract will also be offered for sale only if the tract above described fails to bring enough to satisfy the debt secured; adjoining the above described tract and with it forming one contiguous tract:

Beginning at a white oak at an

od corner in the Bowditch line and standing on the N. bank of Laurel Branch and runs N 55 W. 56 poles to a stake at or near a pine stump; thence N. 2 1/4 E. 54 and 4-5 poles to a stake in John Griffin's corner; thence N. 87 1/2 E. 45 poles to a stake in the Bowditch line 86 and 2-3 poles to the beginning.

This June 7, 1956. . .  
 E. W. Wilson, Trustee  
 Copy posted at Court House Door in Burnsville on June 5 1956.  
 June 7, 14, 21

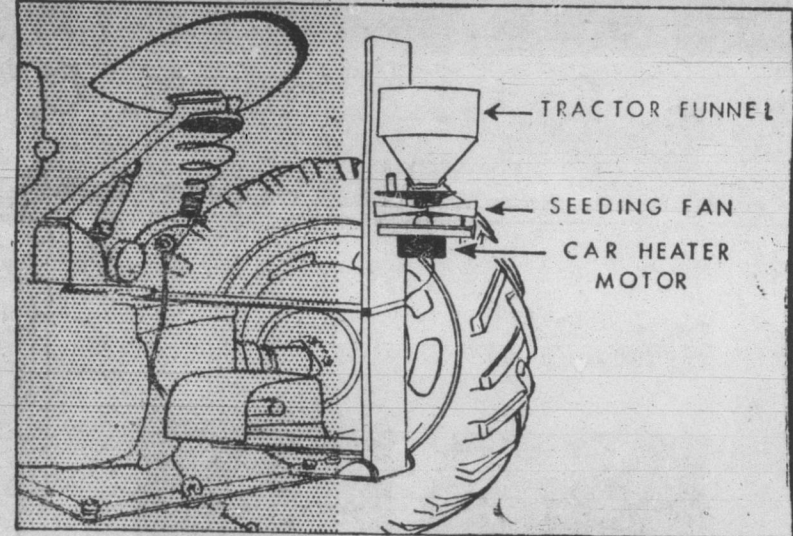


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