



Are Answers To Your Questions At The Children's Home Society

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ples make unexpected visits to the Society's offices without an appointment at a time when the Supervisor is unable to see them because of other appointments already made. In order to avoid such disappointments, a letter is best.

How much "red tape" is involved in adopting a child? Change the words "red tape" to the word PROTECTION and the answer is ALL of it! There is no red tape. There are certain legal, medical, and personal protections every couple should have before they make the most important decision of their lives—adopting a child. The Children's Home Society makes sure that every basic safeguard is given to couples and that every baby finds his permanent home just as soon as it can possibly be done with safety.

Is there an age limit on couples who want to adopt a baby? No, there is no arbitrary age limit set by the Society. The needs of the baby are considered in terms of the adopting couples' character, personality and general circumstances. Most children are born to young parents; therefore, when a middle-age couple seeks help in adopting a child, the Society suggests that they consider the possibility of an older child so that he can have the immediate advantages of their time of life.

How long does a couple have to wait for a baby? An average of ten couples apply for every baby that is adoptable. Such an overwhelming discrepancy often results in waits of eighteen months to two years. Waits, however, do not depend upon "waiting one's turn." When the right baby is found for a home, he becomes a part of that family. Sometimes this takes less than eighteen months, sometimes it takes longer. The Children's Home Society is constantly striving to shorten the length of the waiting period.

Do couples have to pay for adoption service? No. The services of the Children's Home Society are given without charge. Gifts sometimes sent by couples who are applying for a child are returned to them. Couples who have already received a child may voluntarily offer a gift which will be accepted. After the adoption is completed, adoptive families receive the very same solicitation material that is sent to other citizens of the state. They are never singled out for special solicitation. Our adoptive parents are among our most generous supporters and their contributions are made voluntarily.

When a couple comes to me, or writes to me, and says they want to adopt a baby, what do I do? Please tell the couple to write a letter expressing their wishes to the Supervisor of Applications, Children's Home Society of North Carolina, Inc., 740 Chestnut Street, Greensboro, N. C. Please explain to them that this is the wisest thing to do. Only too often, cou-

ple's who hear of a baby in my community whose relatives need help in planning for his future, what should I do? Please ask the relatives of the baby to telephone, wire or write to the Children's Home Society, 740 Chestnut Street, Greensboro, N. C. Our telephone number is 4-1538. The office is open until one o'clock on Saturdays and on all holidays except Christmas Day. Emergency situations can be handled at any time.

What does the Children's Home Society do for an un-wed mother? The Society offers her skilled counseling service and guidance in deciding upon the best future for her baby. It will care for the baby in its nursery so that the mother can have plenty of time without pressure to make these grave, life-time decisions. The Children's Home Society does not finance the mother's confinement care, but it sometimes helps to secure financial assistance elsewhere if the mother has no resources.

How many babies can be cared for in the Nursery at one time? "Full House" means that eighteen babies are in the nursery. Often there are others being cared for by boarding home mothers or waiting in hospitals.

How long do the babies stay at the Children's Home Nursery? No longer than is absolutely necessary, for every child should have the tender care and love of mother and father just as quickly as possible. Most babies stay from five to seven weeks. Others remain longer solely because of some legal or medical problem which must be cleared before a child is ready to go to his new parents.

What happens to the children who are not adoptable? While we do help many children who have physical disabilities, occasionally there is a child who is not adoptable because he is severely handicapped mentally or physically. When this is true, the Society and some other organization, usually the Department of Public Welfare in the county of the child's residence, plan the most satisfactory arrangement for the child's well-being in a supervised boarding home.

As your community becomes more aware of the services offered by the Children's Home Society, more such questions will be asked. If you do not know the answers or have any doubts about answering these questions, put them on a post card and mail them to the Society. We will be only too glad to answer them for you individually.

NATIONAL VIEWS & NEWS

MANY DIE AT VICKSBURG—More than 30 people were killed by a tornado that hit Vicksburg, Miss. recently. Cat D8 Tractor clears a street of rubble that was once an apartment building. Damage was estimated at \$25 million.



HARES FUR THE LADY—Lovely Bettie Harbin, "Miss Fort Worth", models prettily in these (believe it or not) rabbit furs.



1954'S POLIO POSTER BOY is Delbert Dains, 4, Gooding, Idaho. His appealing picture will lead the nation's March of Dimes Campaign in January.

SPEAKING OF HOMEMAKING

BY MRS. ELIZABETH G. PARHAM
Home Service Representative of Carolina Power & Light Company

THE ELECTRIC MIXER
Many of our readers are now enjoying the wonderful advantages of the electric food mixer. There are others who use the mixer occasionally but usually keep it stored on an out-of-the-way shelf, and still others who have not yet discovered one of the best friends a homemaker can have—a time saving, labor saving food mixer.

"You Can Hit What You Can't See!"
RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 26.—The old adage "You can't hit what you can't see" was changed around here today by J. T. Outlaw, executive vice-president of North Carolina Motor Carriers association, Inc. Mr. Outlaw, in a statement issued as part of his association's program of advising the public on safe winter driving techniques, said, "You can hit what you can't see and that's why vision is important in driving."

He pointed out that winter driving vision is especially important because wet and icy roads make it imperative that the driver see danger far in advance so that he can take action without danger of throwing his car out of control.

SAM Conference Plans Revealed
Tentative plans to hold the 1954 Southeastern Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Management in Asheville on May 6 and 7 were divulged this week by N. H. Collisson of Ecusta, president of the WNC Chapter, and Eugene Bengé, of Bengé Associates, arrangements chairman for the conference.
Elected general chairman for the elected chapter conference is Wes Suit of Fieldcrest Mills, Spray, S. C. Stuart Ingram of Old Dominion Box company, Charlotte, has been named program chairman.
"Participation — a tool of Management" has been chosen by representatives of the southeastern chapters as the general theme for the conference. Emphasis will be placed on how to obtain participation according to Chairman Bengé.
—During the year ended June 30, 1953, USDA plant quarantine inspectors examined more than 78,000 passenger planes in which they intercepted at least 60,000 lots of contraband plants or plant products.

MEETING SCHEDULE

SWANNANOVA LODGE
Swannanova Lodge No. 561 AF & AM, stated communication first Thursday each month, Masonic hall, old post office building, Arthur R. Cannon, master.

ORDER OF EASTERN STAR
Black Mountain Chapter No. 200, first and third Tuesdays of each month, 7:30 P.M. Mrs. Addie Gaskins, W.M.

SWANNANOVA CHAPTER NO. 132, meets second and fourth Thursday, Masonic hall, Mrs. Pearl Connelly, W. M.

JUNIOR ORDER UNITED AMERICAN MECHANICS
Black Mountain Council No. 145. Every Monday at 7:30 P.M. W. W. Morgan, Councilor.

MASONS
Black Mountain Lodge No. 663 AF & AM. Stated Communication first Friday of each month, 7:30 P.M. Fred Higginbotham, Master.

SWANNANOVA CAMP 970 WOODMEN OF THE WORLD
Swannanova Camp 970 Woodmen of the World meet fourth Wednesday, 7:00 P.M. Woodmen Hall, Buckner building, Swannanova. Don Wright, council commander.

Boys of Woodcraft, every Monday night, 7:00 P.M., W.O.W. hall.

ODD MEETINGS
The D.A.V. meeting will be held the first and third Mondays of each month at the main entrance of Moore VA hospital at 6:00 p.m. All members are cordially invited to attend. W. R. Copeland, Commander.

Local Newspaper Leads The Field

In the comparatively recent past, the local newspaper was about the only place where merchants could advertise their wares. Since then, other important media have come into existence—notably the radio and television. But, the newspaper is still the dominant factor in the field by a wide margin.

A recent survey indicates that the typical department store allocates 80 per cent of its advertising dollar to newspapers, nine per cent to television, four per cent to radio, three percent to direct mail, and four per cent to other media.

The local newspaper offers the surest means of reaching the masses of the people—whether with a news story or an editorial opinion or an advertising message. And that's why merchants place it first when dividing up their advertising appropriations.

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