

## Governor Hodges Welcomes New Plant For Buncombe County

Gerber Products company, one of the world's leading producers of baby foods, on Monday informed Governor Hodges of its plans to build a new plant and warehouse near Asheville in Buncombe county for increased manufacture and distribution of its products.

The plant and warehouse, which, when completed, will have approximately 380,000 square feet of floor space, will be constructed on a site eight miles south of Asheville and 14 miles north of Hendersonville on U. S. Highway 25, the Governor said.

Daniel F. Gerber, president, said construction of the warehouse will begin as soon as possible and is expected to be ready for occupancy by the end of 1958. "Over-all plans are being made for a complete warehouse and production facility similar to our other plant locations," Gerber said.

Governor Hodges said he was informed that the long-range plans of the Gerber company contemplate the eventual construction of a production facility on the Buncombe county site similar to the multi-million dollar production plant it built at Rochester, N. Y., in 1949, and where approximately 700 persons are now employed.

Production facilities at the Buncombe plant, Gerber said, will be added from year to year as required. "We are indeed happy to welcome Gerber Products company to North Carolina," the Governor said. "We are particularly happy over what the location of the new Gerber facility in western North Carolina will mean to the economy of the farmers in that section and the opportunities for another market for the fruits and vegetables they grow."

The Governor expressed the hope that farmers in the area will grow quality fruits and vegetables so as to meet the requirements of the baby foods company and thus help speed to full production and capacity the type of operation the Gerber company plans at its Buncombe county facility. The success of this operation can increase agricultural income by millions of dollars.

man, who, incidentally, wrote the text books used by the Latin I and II classes here at school. Following the business meeting, everyone adjourned to attend various discussion groups. Of the seven groups that met, we had delegates present at the following discussions: Latin week, Latin programs, the organization of the Latin club, a movie "Wings of Italy," and Roman Banquet. When they were dismissed from these groups, they went to the Planetarium for a program titled "Devils, Demons, and Stars." It told the history, size, and some of the superstitions regarding the stars. Then they went to lunch. Because of a delay they did not get back to Memorial hall in time to be present for the afternoon program on the election and installation of officers. All this was presented to the club at its regular meeting Wednesday in the form of a very clever skit by the delegates who attended and Ted McCall and Carroll Norwood.

Last week mention was made of a poster contest on conservation. To the list of those who entered should be added Charles Blaine and Jerry Klein, who turned theirs in this past week. First prize for this contest is \$75; second prize, \$50; third prize, \$25. If the first prize-winner should be from Owen, the Student Council will receive \$25 for its participation and cooperation.

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The Music club held its monthly meeting last Monday at the Swannanoa clubhouse. After Alice Stevens, president, had dispensed the business, and Joan Connet had led devotions, a Saint Patrick's day program, planned by Melba Riddle and Peggy Cooley, was presented. Sarah Marcia Perley and Flo Barnhill began with two songs: "Cockles and Mussels" and "My Wild Irish Rose." Also on the program was a dance by Mary Kay Morgan, who was dressed in one of the plain majorette uniforms with green shamrocks on it. In keeping with the theme was an Irish tune played by Peggy Cooley on a recorder, a small wind instrument. Craig Eller, an old member of the Music club, was also on hand to sing "Mother Machree." He was accompanied by Annette Hall. The program was concluded by a game in which everyone participated. Refreshments were served by Dianne Nesbitt and Helene Nichols.

Friday was the deadline for a 6th Good Citizenship Essay contest sponsored by the Asheville Civitan club. Those eligible to participate are the seniors in all the Buncombe County schools. The title for this year's essay is "Good Citizenship in the School." First prize is \$50 in U. S. Defense Bonds; second prize, \$25 in bonds, and third prize, \$10. The first prize-winning essay will be entered in the district contest. Nana Owenby was the only entrant from Owen. Best of luck!

On Thursday most of the student body saw a film titled, "The Unchained Goddess," put out by Bell Telephone Co. This film was on the same order of "Our Mr. Sun" and "Hemo the Magnificent" which had previously been shown at school and on television. This show was about the weather.

The "Teacher of the Week" this week is S. R. Neskaug, one of the agriculture teachers. Mr. Neskaug, whose parents came from Norway to settle in this country, is originally from Deer Lodge, Tenn. He finished his last two years of high school at Tennessee Polytechnic institute in Cookeville, Tenn., where he also received his B. S. in agriculture; however, because this school was not an accredited one, he had to attend the University of Tennessee, where he received his second B. S. in agricultural education. At this same school he received his Master's degree in agriculture economics, working his way through as an assistant professor. This was followed by a brief term in the army. Mr. Neskaug has been teaching in the Swannanoa valley for 15 years, having previously taught for a year at Farmington High school in North Carolina. This year he teaches three classes of Ag. I, one of Ag. II, and one of Ag. IV. He is also co-sponsor of the Future Farmers of America and a member of a committee on hotel accommodations for the FFA rally to be held in May at the George Vanderbilt hotel. The Neskaugs and their 11 year old daughter are now living in Grovemont. Outside of school Mr. Neskaug is vice-president of the Swannanoa Finer Carolina program and a member of the Swannanoa Men's club. He also helped make the shelves for the new Swannanoa library.

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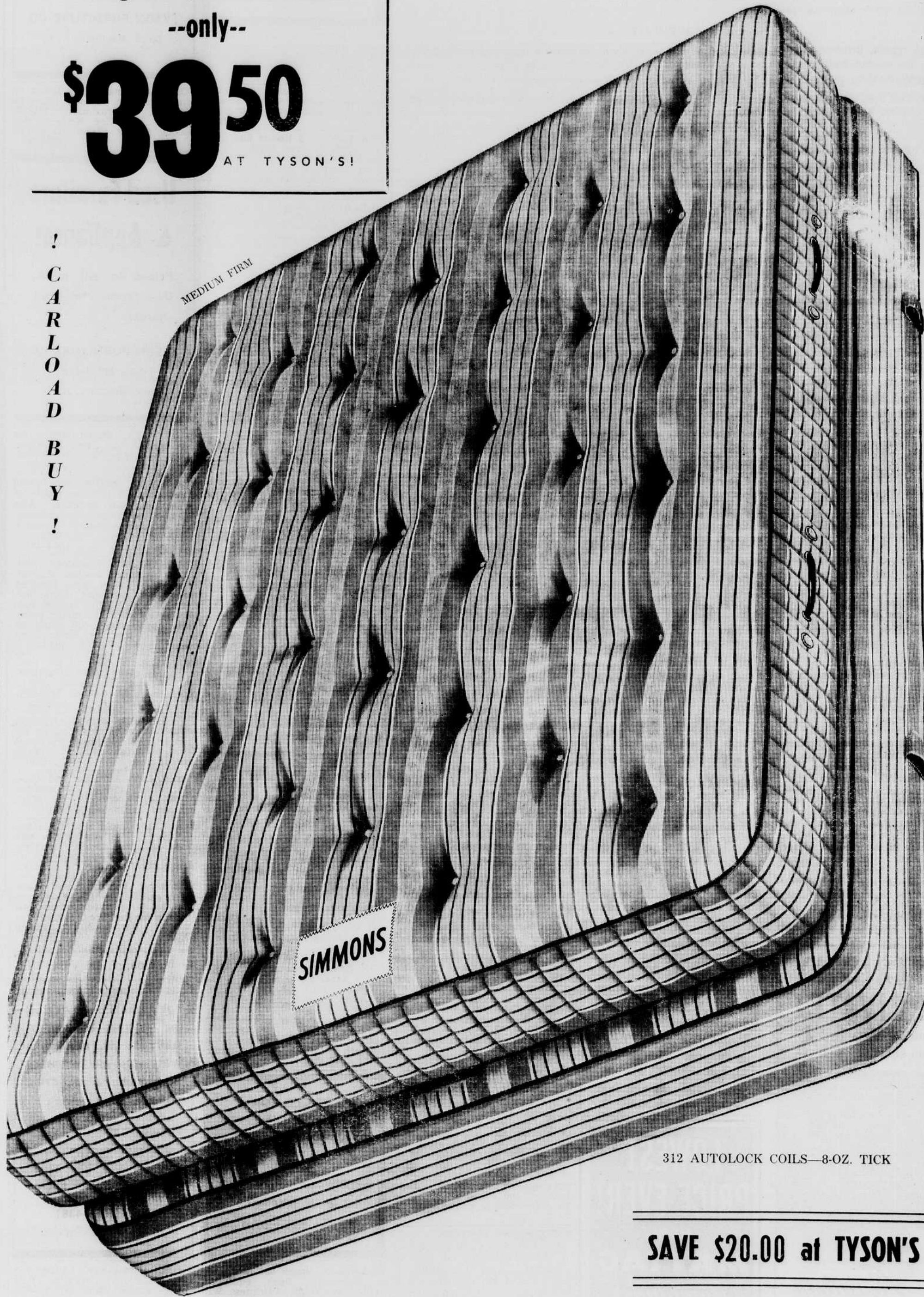
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By Lynda McGraw

The highlight of this past week at Owen High was a talent show sponsored by the Student Council to raise funds for the P. Because it was so well attended, the Student Council was able to hand over about \$45 means committee. The Morgan Brothers, with Bill Alexander and Robert Brown, opened the show with an instrumental number. This was followed by an Elvis number, featuring Bill Morgan. The next act was "Come to Town," by Diane, dressed in typical garb, was followed with another performance by Louise De-fer, who sang "Back in My Arms."

One of the most entertaining skits was Joan Connet's presentation of "The Movies." Also presented appropriately for the occasion were a skit on cracker, cup of potato, and a sack of potatoes. All most of the acts were done by Owen students, the school and out of the red carpet for a graduate. Bob, for a "Gators." They presented an instrumental number and then, the latest hit recordings, were followed by a skit titled "Mac," Melba Riddle, Peggy, and Carolyn Epley doing honors. "Mac" is a combination of two people arranged in a way as to present a three-minute act. The ways and means committee would like to thank all above for participating and making the program possible.

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