

North Carolina Jaycees Formed At Charlotte In April, 1929

ASHEBORO — North Carolina's first Junior Chamber of Commerce was organized at Charlotte in April, 1929. Winston-Salem was the second club, Raleigh the third, and Fayetteville the fourth. In 1937 there were eight clubs in North Carolina, and at a meeting in Winston-Salem on April 17, 1937, the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce was founded. T. Spruill Thornton of Winston-Salem was elected the first state president.

State officers elected at the annual meeting were a president and two vice presidents. The secretary-treasurer was appointed by the president, subject to confirmation of the board of directors. The board of directors

consisted of two delegates from each club, and clubs in good standing were entitled to the same number of votes and delegates as provided in our present by-laws. From this nucleus, has grown a state organization serviced by a professional staff and over 30 state officers. Age for membership requirements today is not under 21 nor over 35.

By 1954 there were 100 clubs, in 1960 there were 136 in operation and by 1963 more than 190 were in existence. Today, there are now 11,000 members in over 208 chapters.

In 1943, North Carolina Jaycees adopted the Miss America franchise, and in 1950 it was adopted as a permanent project. North Carolina was the first

state club to affiliate with the Miss America pageant. In 1947 North Carolina's Future, monthly publication of the organization, was born. Originally financed through advertising, for the past nine years it has been financed by the State Jaycee organization. In 1963, in a move to enlarge the publication, the idea of advertising was again implemented.

The first state office was opened in January, 1950, with a full-time executive secretary. Originally located in the basement of the Security National Bank Building, it was moved to a new location in August, 1952. A building known as "The World's Largest Bureau", being constructed to resemble a bureau, an article of furniture manufactured in High Point, housed the North Carolina Jaycees office. It was formerly occupied by the High Point Chamber of Commerce. State President Luther Britt

appointed Hickory's Glenn Hilltop as chairman of the committee to study and recommend the feasibility of a statewide campaign for building a new headquarters. The study was completed in October 1967, and at the mid-year convention in Greensboro on November 12, 1967, the North Carolina Jaycees approved the proposed building. Immediately following this meeting the North Carolina Jaycee Memorial Foundation, Inc. was formed to oversee the activities of this important project. Hickory Architect D. Carroll Abbe was contacted to do the architectural work and Paul Drollinger Construction Co. in Asheboro did the building. The building was dedicated on April 26, 1968, as a memorial to the 11,000 young men who are members of the North Carolina Jaycees.

North Carolina chapters have been high in the awards on a National level. Winston-Salem brought home the coveted Harold Marks Award in 1944 for being the outstanding club in the nation. Winston-Salem repeated the honor in 1945. Rocky Mount was also a double winner of this award, winning in 1952 at the National Convention in Dallas, Texas; and again in 1954 at Colorado Springs, Greensboro was the winner in 1967 as the top chapter in the world.

In 1962, at Las Vegas, North Carolina made its greatest showing on the National level, clinching a great year in growth and activity, the North Carolina Jaycees were honored as the number one state in the nation in the Parade of States.

That convention also saw the Tar Heel Jaycees win more National Awards than any other state had ever won. A total of 1,042 new members that year established a national record that has yet to be equalled.

One of the coveted national awards is the Clayton Frost Memorial Award given by the Winston-Salem Jaycees to the five most outstanding state presidents in the nation each year. There have been many winners from North Carolina carrying home this coveted award.

The Clint Dunagan Award, given to the 10 most outstanding national directors in the United States was awarded for the first time to a North Carolina Jaycee in Los Angeles, 1958, when Stover P. Dunagan was named a recipient. Since then many North Carolinians have paraded down to the front of a National Convention to accept this award.

The first North Carolinian to win the Keith Upson Award given to the national headquarters of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States in Washington, D. C. After much discussion it had been decided



TO KOREA — Pic Jerry Paul Manning spent the Christmas holidays with his family and friends. He left Dec. 28th for a 13 months tour of Korea. He is the son of Eulalia Doby of Sims St., and a 1968 graduate of Kings Mountain high school.

that the Junior Chamber should remain completely independent of the senior body.

The headquarters was again on the move, however, in 1938, this time to Chicago.

Before World War II, the Junior Chamber became the first young men's organization to back selective service proposals. During the war, eighty-five percent of the organization's membership entered the military.

In 1944, following a meeting in Mexico City, Junior Chamber International was formed. Attempts to found such a world group date back to the 1930's.

The first full-scale convention of the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce after the war was held in Milwaukee during June of 1945. It was during this convention that a young Jaycee, Bill Brownfield, from Columbus, Ohio, found the inspiration that prompted his authorship of what was to become the official Jaycee Creed.

After returning home, Brownfield pondered the events at the convention and the way of life typified by the young men who attended it. Within an hour he penned the basic phrases of the creed, a document which was officially adopted by the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1947.

In 1947 the offices of the na-

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BESSEMER CITY — Elwin E. Smith, president of Lithium Corporation of America, and D. W. Stubbury, managing director of Revertex Limited of Harlow, England have jointly announced the signing of a royalty agreement under which the two companies will work cooperatively in the technical and commercial development of the new Lithene (TM) liquid, polybutadiene resins.

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national organization were moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where citizens had pledged one hundred thousand dollars for the construction of a War Memorial Headquarters.

The cornerstone of the Jaycee headquarters was laid on December 7, 1950, and final dedication ceremonies were conducted in August of the following year. Since then several improvements have been made including the addition of a third story, office remodeling and the construction and 1968 dedication of the Bill Brownfield Conference Room.

At the 1955 convention the name of the national organization was officially changed from the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce to The United States Jaycees.

Through the years the progress of the young men's civic organization has been rapid. From a base of twelve chapters and four thousand members in 1920 the body grew to include more than six thousand chapters and over 300,000 Jaycees.

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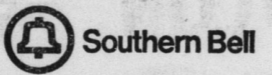
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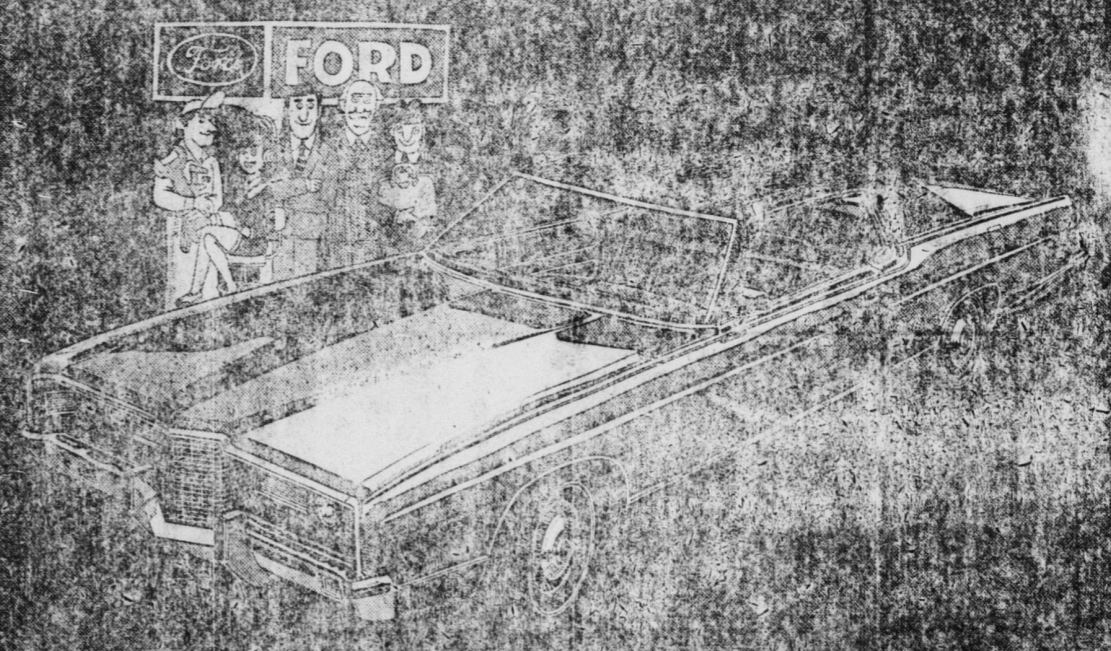
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