Charlotte Writers Club **Sets Historical Contest**

The Charlotte Writer's Club announces The Jane Corey Travel Historical Article Contest.

The contest is open to all residents of North Carolina who have published less than three travel articles within the past Articles must be typewritten and double spaced, and run between 500 and 2,000 words. Please do not send any photographs. The article must concern a historic place in North Carolina, and travel information to it.

Send three copies of the article to Jane Corey, 2404 Kenmore Ave.; Charlotte, N.C. 28204.

Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope, and an index card with your name, address, and phone number. Do not put your name on any pages of the manuscript. Articles must be postmarked no later than January 22, 1980. There is no charge for members of the Charlotte Writer's Club. Nonmembers, please enclose a check for \$3.00 made out to the club.

Prizes of \$50, 30, and 20 will be awarded, with winners to be announced in February, 1980. This contest was made

possible by a generous donation from Ms. Corey.

Activity Time In Gastonia

Gastonia Recreation Department will offer an activity period for retarded citizens each Saturday in December at Memorial Hall. Included in these sessions will be disco dance instruction, arts and crafts, bowling, new games, and other activities of interest to the participants.

A monthly fee of \$5 for residents living inside Gastonia City limits and \$7 for those living outside Gastonia City limits. No special equipment is needed.

Disco dance instruction is scheduled for the first four activity sessions. Parents and guardians are asked to bring participants at 12 noon and to return for them at 1 p.m.

Stocking Fund Began

The Children's Home Society of North Carolina, Inc., announced today the opening of its Little Red Stocking fund-raising campaign. This appeal traditionally is made during the Thanksgiving and Christmas Seasons. The goal set for this year by the agency's statewide Board of Directors is \$130,000. Mrs. Sidney J. Stern, Jr., President, made the announcement while issuing the following statement:

"We are happy to know that the private agency retains its importance in today's world. Since 1908, The Children's Home Society has served children and their families across our state. We are North Carolina's only statewide, private, non-

sectarian adoption agency." During the past year, 188 children found the love and security of permanent adoptive homes through the efforts of The Children's Home Society. Clients are served from seven area offices located in Asheville, Charlotte, Chapel Hill, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Greenville and Wilmington.

The operating budget of The Children's Home Society comes from various sources. Approximately 31 percent of the budget is allocated from North

Carolina United Ways. Almost half of the funding comes from direct contributions, a major portion of which is derived from gifts made to the Little Red Stocking.

In addition to adoption planning for infants and older children, The Children's Home Society offers free, professional problem pregnancy counseling

and post adoptive counseling. Gifts to the Little Red Stocking are tax deductible and may be mailed directly to The Children's Home Society, P.O. Box 6587, Greensboro, North Carolina 27405.

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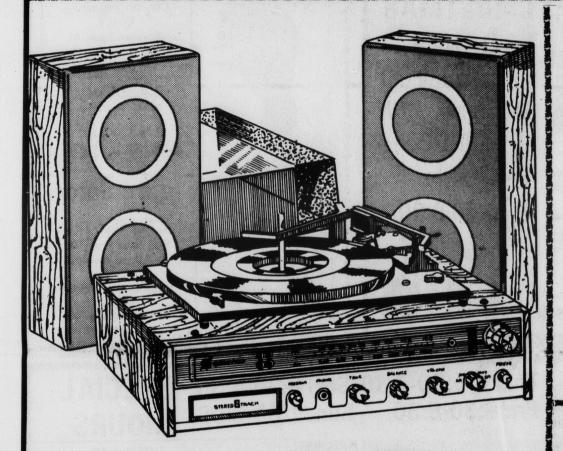
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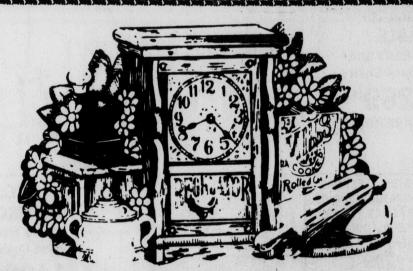
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