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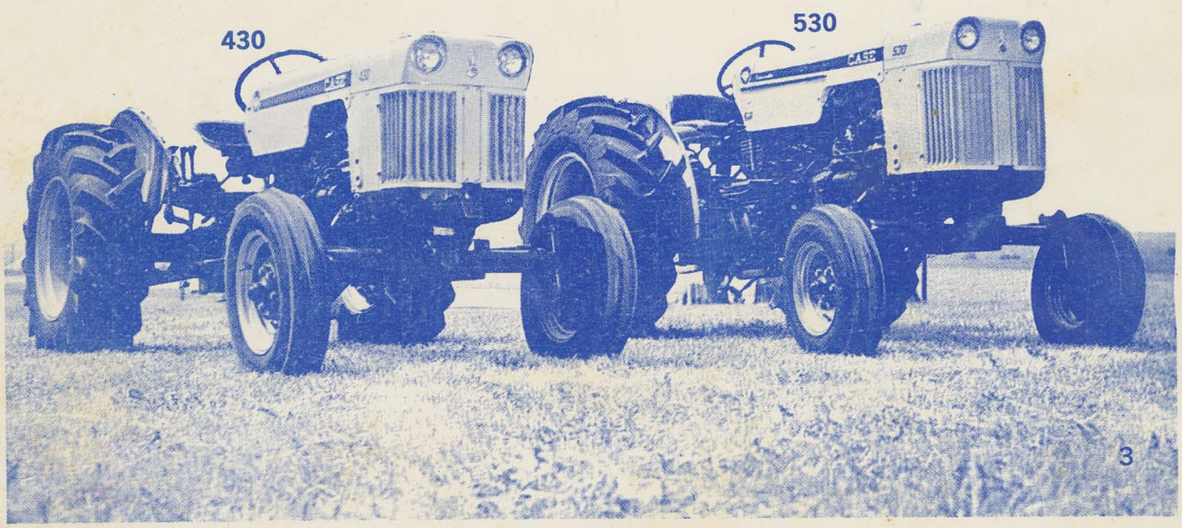
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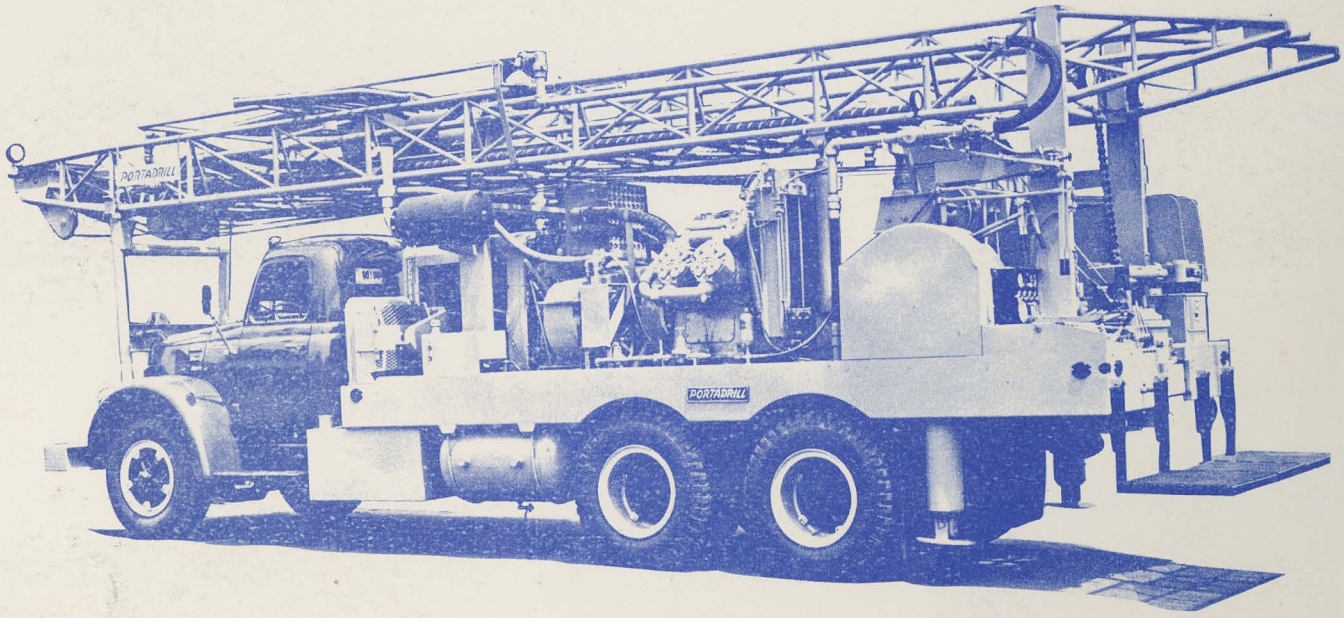
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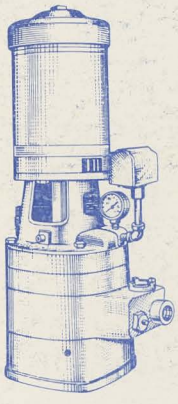
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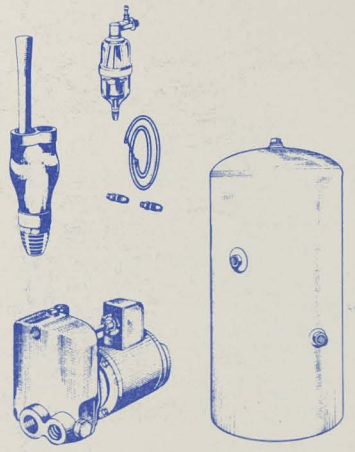
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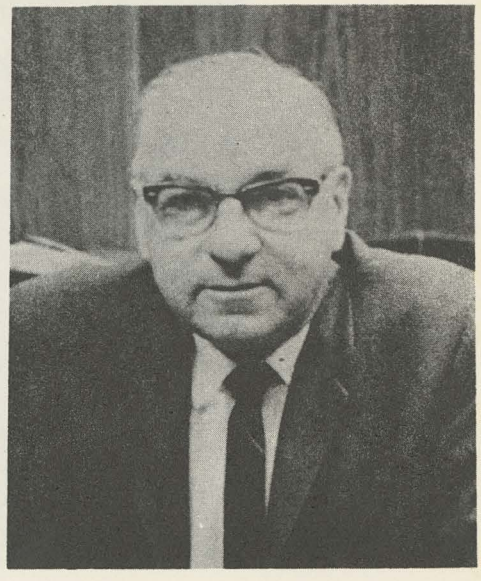
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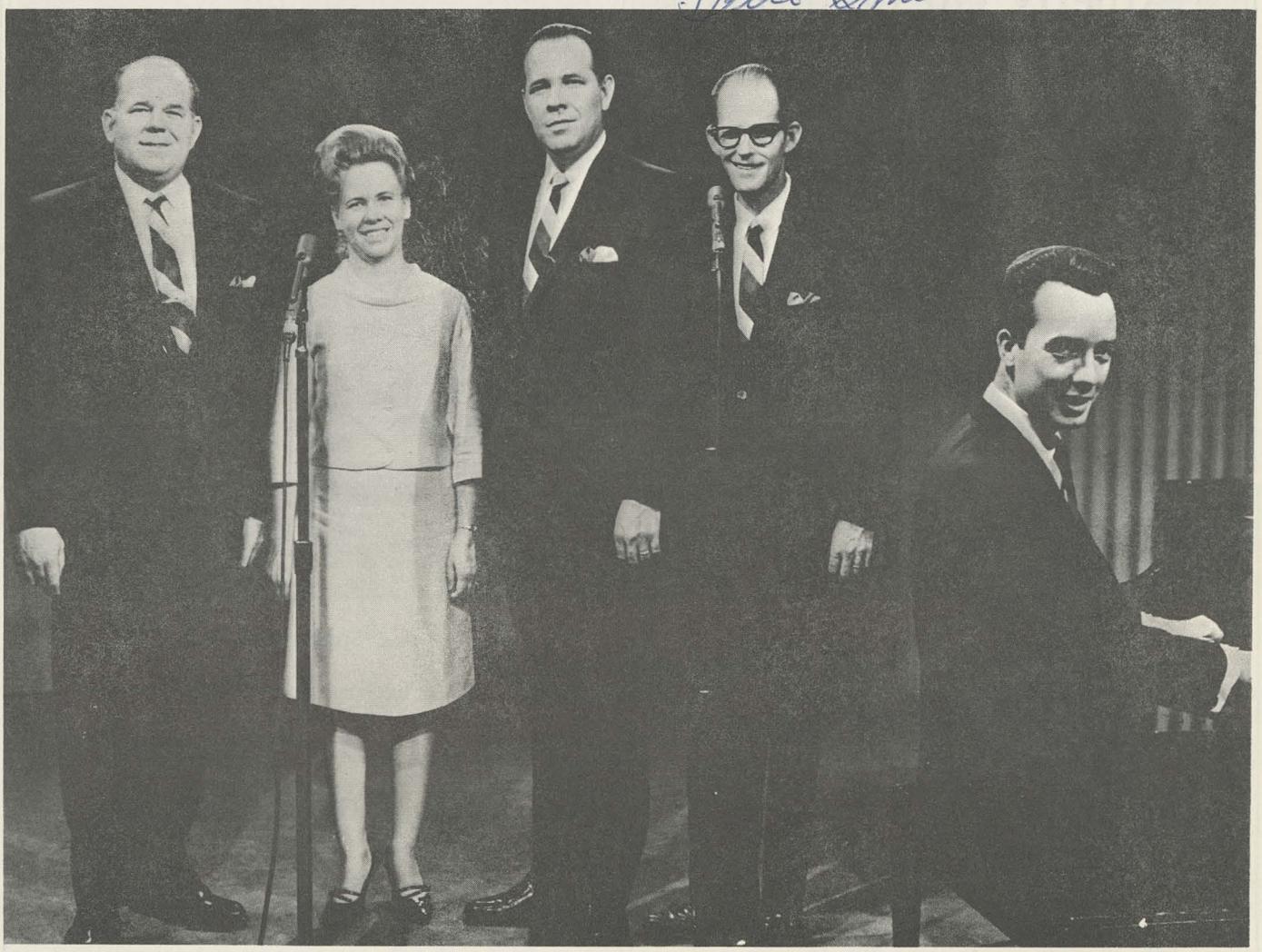
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In Hollywood, California they have produced 10 long play albums that have received national acclaim. They are regular features on Bob Pooles "Gospel Favorites and Wally Fowler's color television shows that cover over 250 channels from Alaska to the Bahamas. In full, colorful, Indian costumes they are a television natural.

Their first movie was a Gospel Spectacular filmed in "Music City USA" Nashville Color, entitled "Sing Me A Song For Heaven's Sake". It features the foremost Gospel Groups in a musical that has brought great honors to "The Indian Family".

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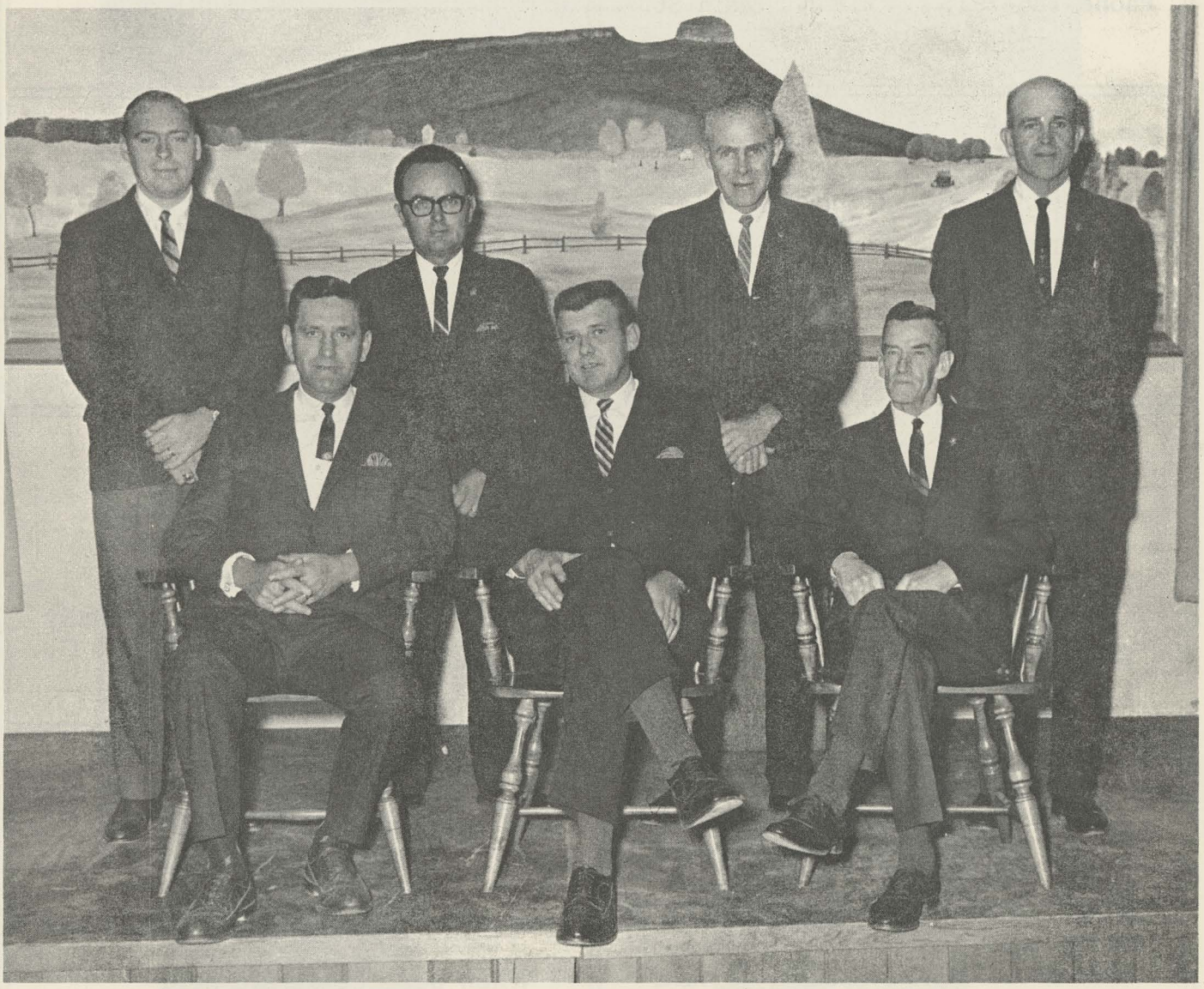
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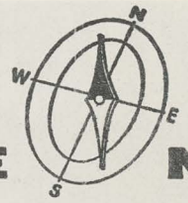
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Winner Ruritan National Essay Contest
"What Made America Great"

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Context on Following pages

WHAT MADE AMERICA GREAT?

How did America arrive at the stage of being the greatest Nation that has ever been on this earth? Today the average American enjoys the highest standard of living ever reached by any people in the world.

Many reasons can and will be given as to how we have reached the greatness that is America. I shall give the following as my answer.

The two most important happenings of the past two thousand years have been: (a) The birth of Christianity (b) The Birth of America and its free institutions.

The second could not have happened without the first. The strength of America comes from having her roots firmly imbedded in the teachings of Christ.

The desire to worship as they saw fit impelled the Pilgrim fathers to leave their native soil and set sail for an uncharted land, to fight and survive hardships of every description, thus was America born.

Their search was for freedom, and the foundations laid by our forefathers were upon the virtures of self-discipline, self-reliance, the free enterprise system, integrity, morality, honesty, responsibility and thrift.

This nation wsa founded by men and women who were familiar with the histories of other great civilization that had risen and fallen over the past centuries. They knew why nations such as Ancient Greece and the Roman Empire had fallen. They profited by the mistakes of others and were determined by the aid of God to perfect a form of govern-

ment that would last. This form of government is granted to be the greatest ever devised by man.

Free enterprise in this country began with Jamestown. Originally plagued with communal ownership of property and by a stronger desire to demand equal shares than to contribute equal labor, this colonizing effort almost ended in disaster. It was saved by new pioneers who were willing to labor long and hard with the realization that they would enjoy the fruits of individual ownership of their lands and crops.

The Pilgrim Fathers had the same experience. Originally agreeing that they would own everything in common, they so lost their initiative that they nearly died of starvation. As Gov. Bradford wrote in his diary, they had thought they were "Wiser than God" who gave every man his freedom. And so they turned away from communal ownership and gave each family a tract of land. And when the harvest was gathered, instead of famine, they had plenty.

This experience was repeated 150 years later. During the early part of the Revolutionary War, the Continental Congress took over the economic control of the thirteen colonies and its people. However, so disastrous were the consequences that one year before the surrender of Cornwallis to Washington, Congress reversed its policy, repealed all economic controls, and our forefathers proceeded to win their freedom.

Then, under the inspiration of God, our founding fathers gave birth to our Constitution, described by Gladstone as, "The greatest document ever struck off by the hands of men," In this document they gave to the world a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the hope that all succeeding generations by following its God-given percepts would remain forever free.

America was considered by all as the "Land of Opportunity", where every individual who made use of his God-given talents could achieve and live an abundant, worthwhile and useful life.

Contributions to the greatness of America have been made by those citizens that over the years have kept in mind that the price of Freedom is Eternal Vigilance.

Having fled the centralized powers of Europe, they knew that they had to work just as hard to hold onto their heritage of Freedom, as they did to first win it.

Every man who took part in the creation of this great nation learned the lesson of individual responsibility. Each man took pride in standing on his own two feet. He assumed the responsibility of supporting himself and family and contributing to the welfare of his neighbor without coercion. He did not feel that the world owed him a living. The accent was upon individual responsibility and not upon his so called "rights."

America became the great nation it is today because, in a free society, men were given a free atmosphere in which to put their intelligence to work, to develop their initiative, and to develop their creative powers. Men accepted and lived up to the challenges of Liberty and Freedom. They did not seek security but welcomed the opportunity to develop strength, power and vision to meet danger, hardship and the unknowns of the future.

The statesmen, doctors, nurses, lawyers, farmers, scientists, writers, inventors and others in all walks of life who on their own initiative without coercion or promise of great rewards have labored to make America great. Their reward was the satisfaction of personal accomplishment.

2,500 years ago, Aristotle the Greek philosopher, said: "Democracy is not a permanent form of government. It lasts only until the citizens discover they can vote themselves gifts out of the Federal Treasury, and from then on it becomes a race to see who can secure the most gifts."

Later, Plutarch, the Greek Historian wrote: "The real destroyer of the liberty of the people, is he who bestowes upon them gifts and donations."

When we are not guided by the lessons of the past we are doomed to repeat them.

"America, America, God had indeed shed his grace on thee, and crowned thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea."

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Equality of opportunity
The right of every man to the fruits of his labor
These have made America Great



ELDON HARDY

Winner Ruritan National Essay Contest
"What the Ruritan Club means to my Community"

Context of winning Essay on Following Pages

"WHAT THE RURITAN CLUB MEANS TO MY COMMUNITY"

By: Jeffrey Eldon Hardy
Siloam, N.C.
Age 13
Copeland Elementary School
Member of Copeland Piedmont District
Parents: Mr. and Mrs. Jobie M. Hardy

Since the Copeland Ruritan Club was organized in October, 1962, it has meant many

things to my community. The following are some of the things they have done and are doing for the betterment of the community.

(1) There was no building for various community organizations to meet in, so one of the first things the Ruritans did was to buy one acre of land in a central location and start planning a community building. This building was completed in 1964. It is a beautiful well planned building, and is used by the Home Demonstration Clubs, the Boy Scouts, the 4-H Clubs and other community organizations. Teen-age dances are sponsored by the Ruritan Club. This has been a fine thing for the younger members of the community.

(2) The Ruritan Club has brought together members of all walks of life in the community who are interested in a better place in which to live and work. Farmers, businessmen, ministers, teachers, etc. who have cooperated in all the endeavors of the club.

(3) The members of the club have been of great service when there is a death in the community; by parking cars, directing traffic, etc. Many people have congratulated the Ruritans for this.

(4) The members of the various churches of the community have been brought together in a spirit of cooperation that had not existed before. Seventeen different churches are represented in the club. A harvest sale is held by the churches in the Ruritan Building each Fall. All ministers of the community have an open invitation to attend the meetings.

(5) The club has worked with the local school in various ways. They paid $300.00 on football uniforms for the elementary school football team. They help with all phases of school programs.

(6) The Ruritan Club sponsors Little League and Pony League baseball teams in the summer recreation programs. This has meant much to me and the other 10 to 15 year old boys.

(7) Each Christmas the club distributes food, clothing and gifts to needy families of the community.

(8) Several hundred dollars have been given to families in case of sickness, death, or other hardships which they were not in financial shape to take care of.

(9) A scholarship has been set up to pay the fees of a deserving student to attend Surry Community College. The club sponsored an essay contest in the local school. Over 30 essays were submitted for judging. This carried more interest in the study of History.

(10) The club has erected a flag pole and raises the stars and stripes on all public occassions

(11) Public figures from all walks of life have visited the club meetings and spoke on various subjects. The Lt. Gov. of N. C., the President of the Community College, Chief's of volunteer fire departments, County Sanitations, Highway Commissioners are some who have visited and spoke to the club members. Much helpful information has been obtained from the speakers.

The members of the different committees of the club have all tried to do a good job for the community. These committee members have been picked from all sections of the community and therefore, the club is well informed on all the different problems and needs. The welfare, recreation and public highway committees have had a lot of work to do.

There are lots of ways in which the Ruritan Club has meant much to the community, but erecting a place to meet and plan was, and is the first and greatest asset to the community, and will continue to be so in the years to come.

The Ruritan Club means more to this community than any other organization on account of the fact that it represents all sections much better than any other organization and is more devoted to all phases of community service.

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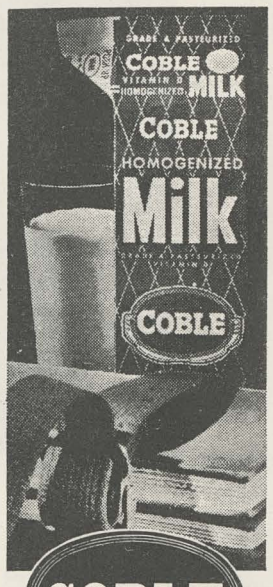
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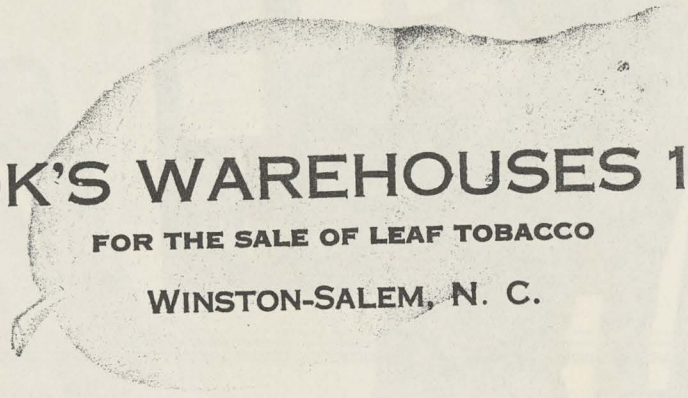
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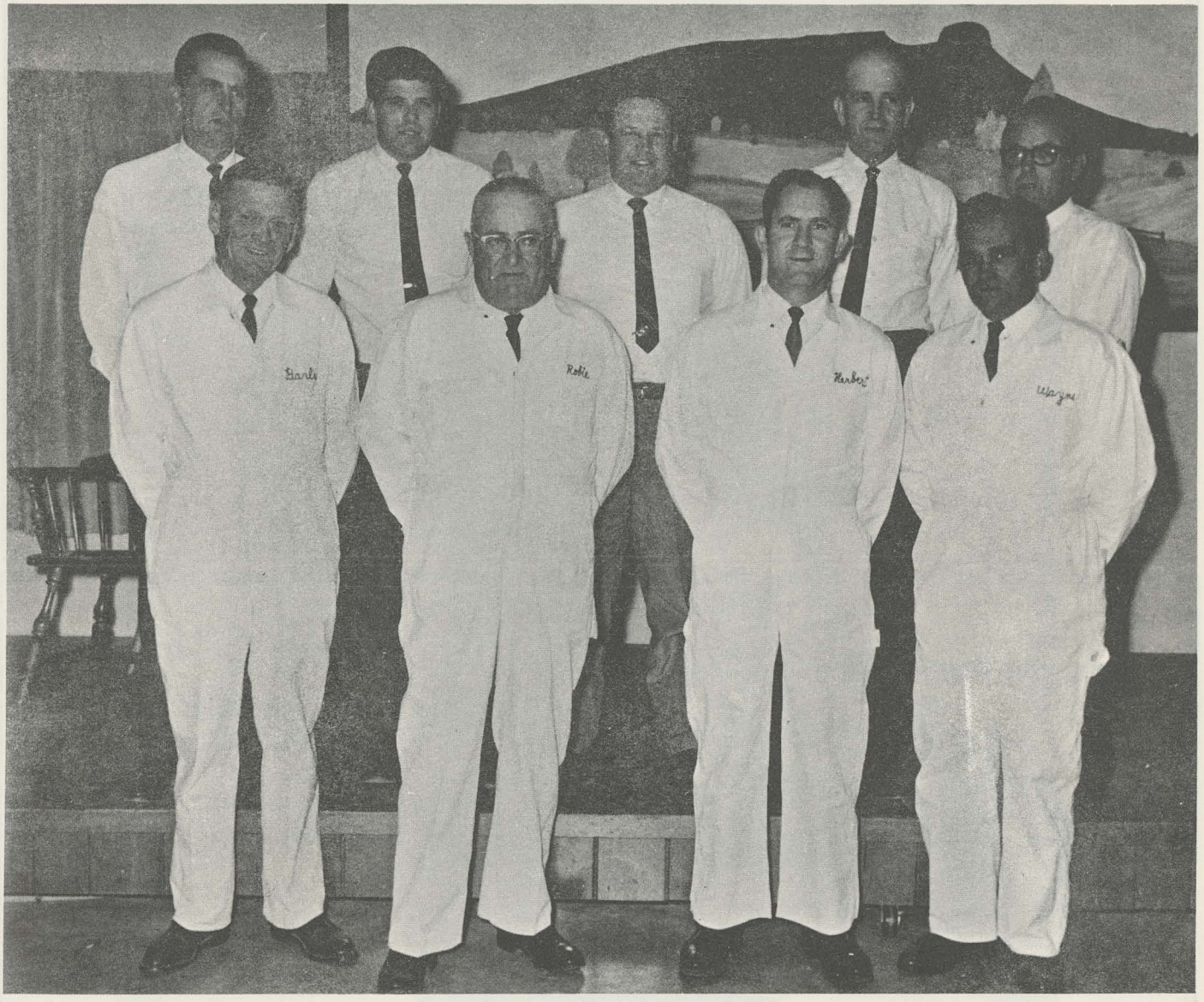
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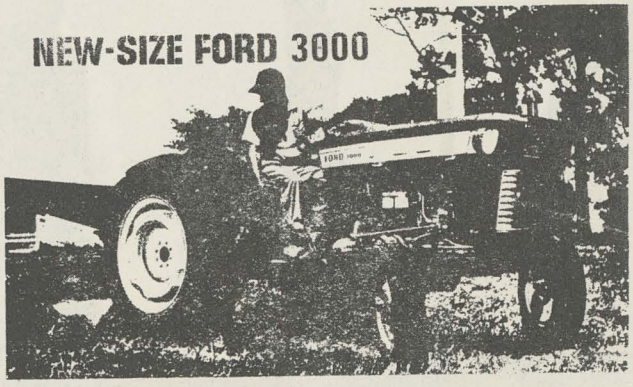
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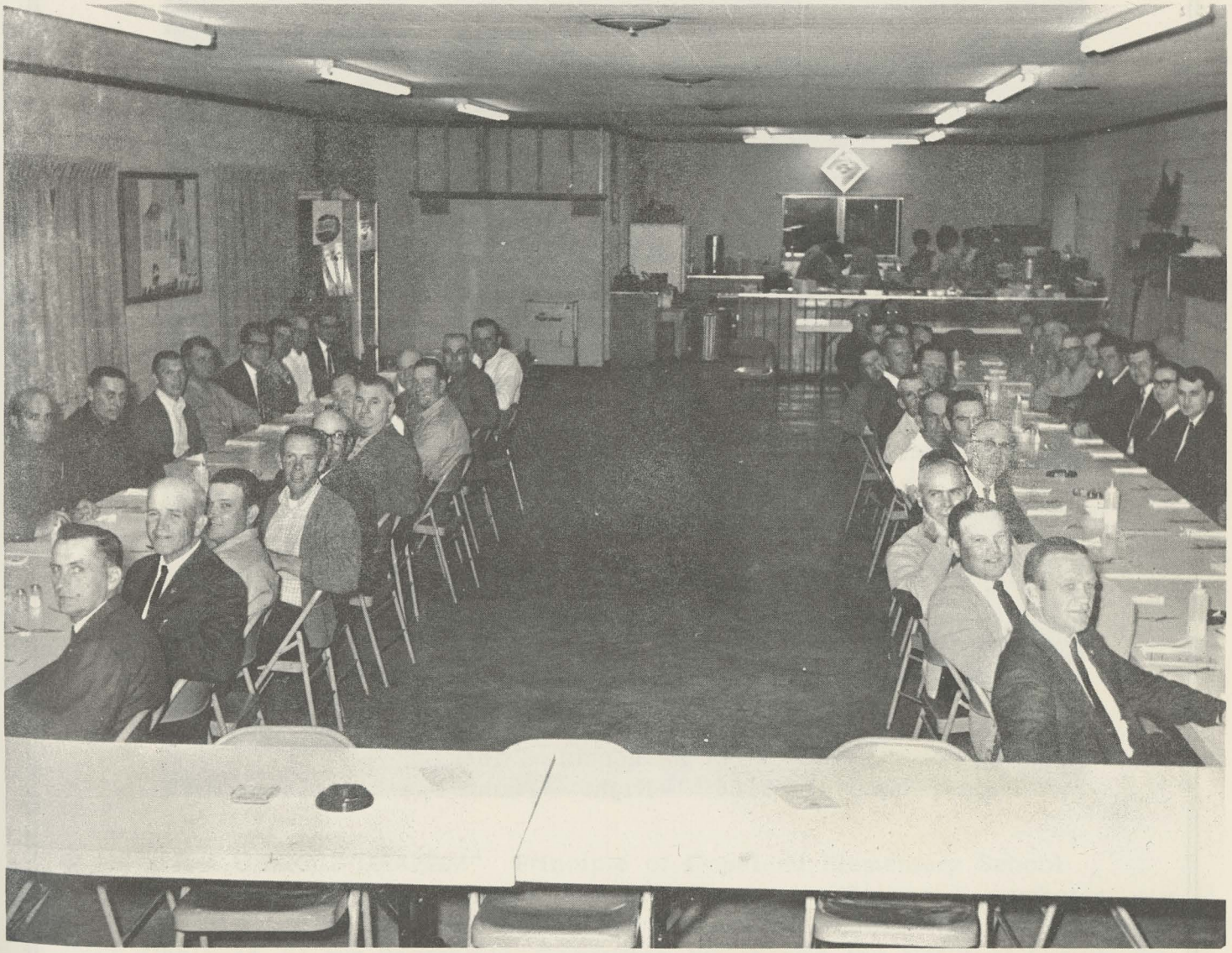
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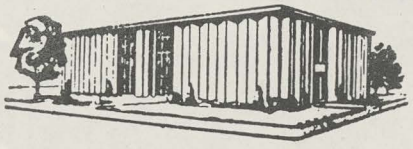
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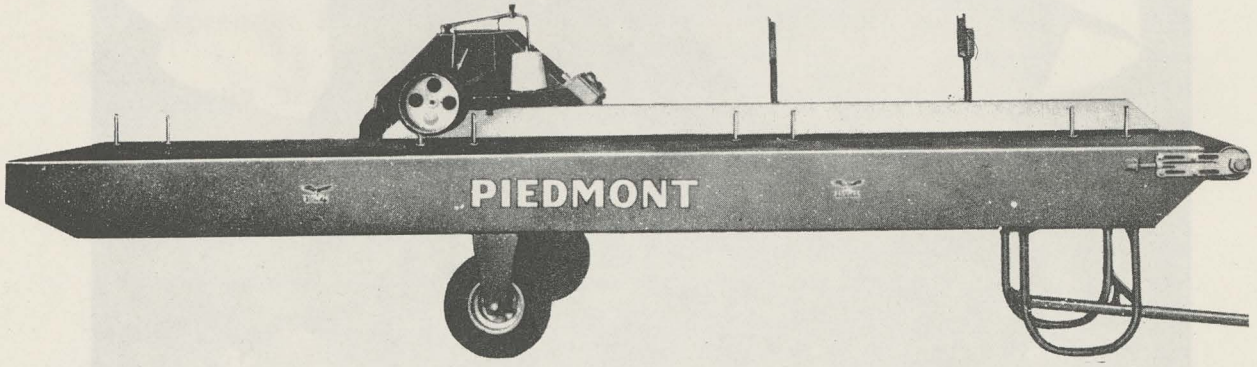
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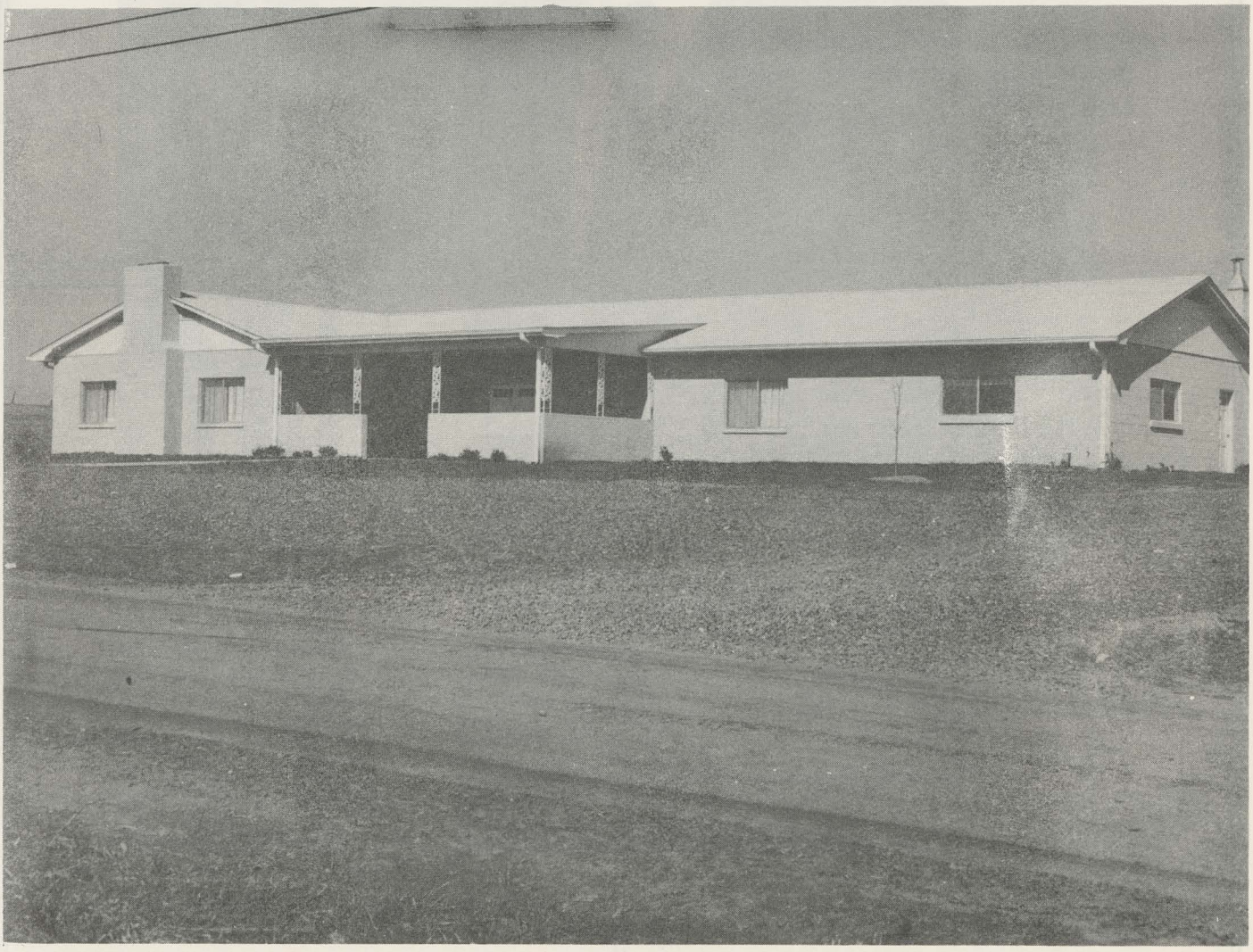
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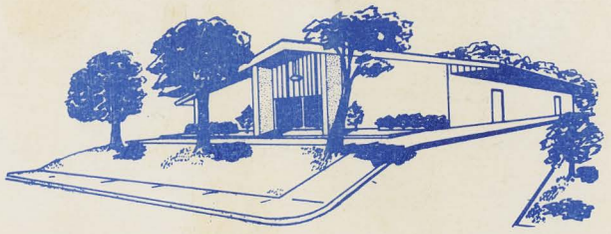
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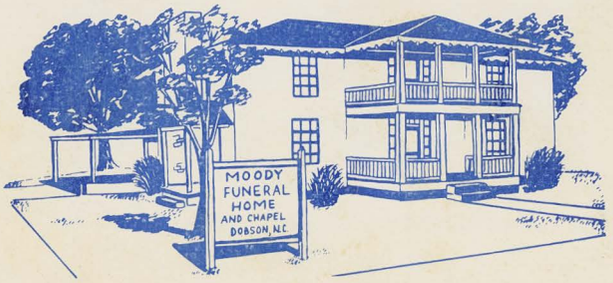
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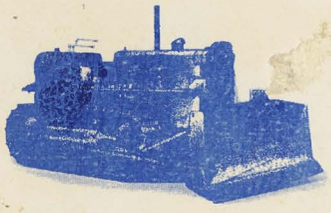


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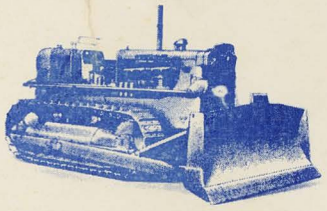


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