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FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF

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THANK YOU, GOVERNOR JIM HOLSHOUSER.

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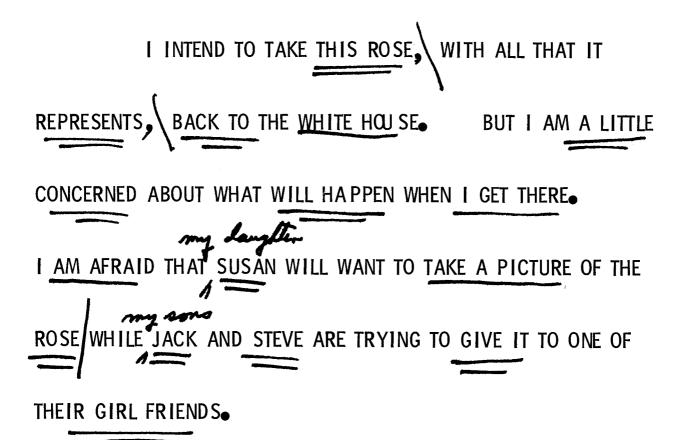
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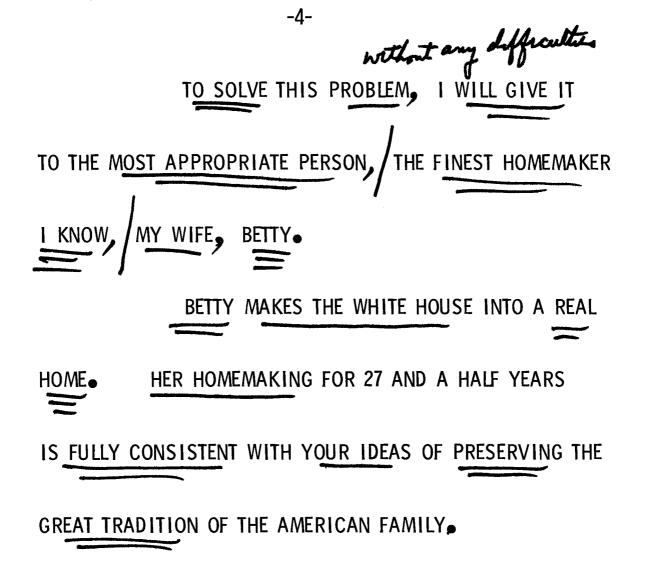
OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF FUTURE HOMEMAKERS

OF AMERICA.

I THANK YOU FOR THE BEAUTIFUL RED ROSE

YOU HAVE JUST <u>GIVEN ME</u> AS YOUR SYMBOL. THE ROSE REPRESENTS THE <u>SEARCH OF FUTURE HOMEMAKERS</u> FOR <u>BEAUTY IN EVERYDAY LIVING</u> AND YOU HAVE CERTAINLY MADE MY DAY MORE BEAUTIFUL



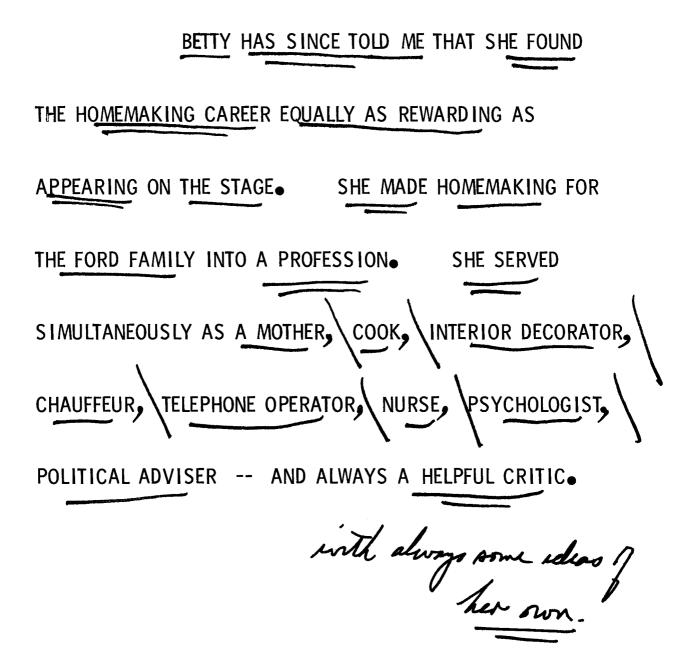


BETTY STARTED HER CAREER AS A PROFESSIONAL DANCER.

WHEN WE WERE MARRIED SHE ADDED ANOTHER DIMENSION TO

HER CAREER -- THAT OF HOMEMAKER.

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NOW THAT OUR CHILDREN ARE GROWN,

BETTY HAS EXPANDED HER HORIZONS AS FIRST LADY.

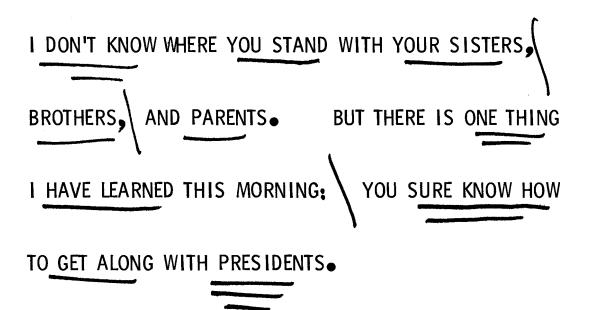
THIS MORNING I HAPPENED TO SEE SOME OF

YOUR CONFERENCE MATERIAL. I NOTICED THAT YOU ARE

BEING ENCOURAGED TO DISCUSS SUCH TOPICS AS

"GETTING ALONG WITH SISTERS AND BROTHERS" AND

"GETTING ALONG WITH PARENTS.



I COMMEND THE WORK YOU AND YOUR TEACHERS ARE DOING TO STRENGTHEN OUR HOMES AND OUR FAMILIES. THEY ARE ESSENTIAL TO A STRONG AND

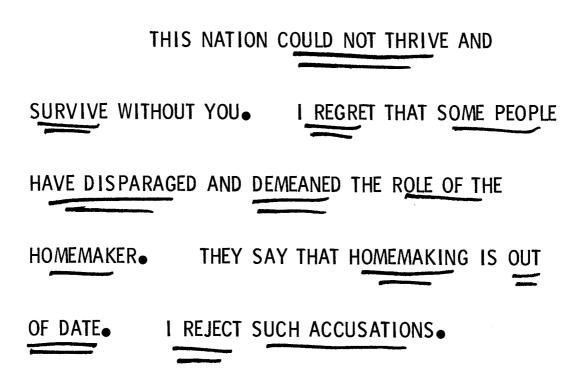
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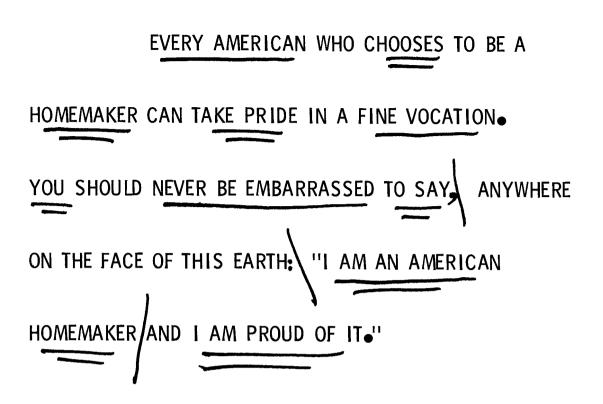
HEALTHY AMERICA.

YOU, AS FUTURE HOMEMAKERS, ARE JUST AS IMPORTANT TO OUR NATION AS THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO WILL SERVE IN OUR MILITARY FORCES. TO MAKE AMERICA A LAND OF HAPPY HOMES AND HAPPY FAMILIES IS PATRIOTIC

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IN THE BEST SENSE OF THE WORD.





AND, IF YOU ADD THAT YOU ARE A

TAR HEEL HOMEMAKER, YOU CAN BE DOUBLY PROUD.

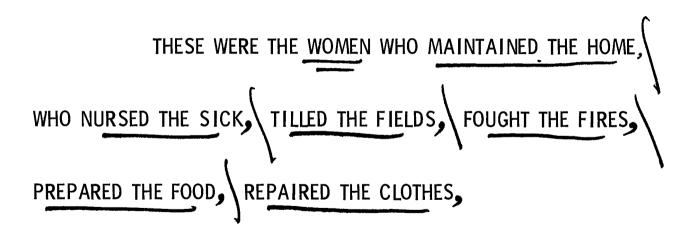
WHEN WE THINK OF THE BICENTENNIAL AND THE HEROES

OF 200 YEARS AGO, WE THINK OF THE MINUTEMEN AND AND GEORGE WASHINGTON, AND OTHER MEN WHO STRUGGLED TO WIN LIBERTY FOR AMERICA.

BUT WE SELDOM HEAR OF "MINUTEWOMEN" AND

MARTHA WASHINGTON AND OTHER WOMEN WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS

TO THE CAUSE OF INDEPENDENCE WERE JUST AS ESSENTIAL.



AND EVEN DEFENDED THE HOME ITSELF.

MODERN HOMEMAKING GREW FROM A MODEL

THAT MUST NOT BE FORGOTTEN IN THIS BICENTENNIAL YEAR.

I LOOK TO THE FUTURE AND SEE A VERY

FAMILY-ORIENTED SOCIETY IN AMERICA. I SEE PEOPLE BECOMING MORE MATURE - ESPECIALLY IN HOW MEN AND WOMEN UNDERSTAND THEMSELVES AND ACHIEVE THEIR

FULLEST HUMAN POTENTIAL.

I SEE FREEDOM WITHOUT ANARCHY AND WITH NO EXPLOITATION OF ONE PERSON BY ANOTHER. I SEE LOVE AND RESPECT NURTURED BY THE FAMILY AND GENERATED BY INDIVIDUAL

SELF-CONFIDENCE.

THERE WILL BE DIFFERENT STYLES OF LIVING

IN THE NEW AGE. BUT THE MAINSTREAM WILL BE EXEMPLIFIED BY THE KIND OF HOMES YOU WILL MAKE AND FAMILIES YOU WILL RAISE. BY BUILDING THE AMERICAN HOME, YOU ARE BUILDING AMERICA. ALL THE POWER OF OUR ARMY, AIR FORCE, NAVY AND MARINES WILL NOT DETER OUR ENEMIES IF THEY SUSPECT THAT THE AMERICAN HOME AND THE AMERICAN FAMILY HAVE DISINTEGRATED, THAT OUR COMMUNITIES NO LONGER FUNCTION, AND THAT EVERY INDIVIDUAL CARES

ONLY ABOUT HIMSELF OR HERSELF.

BY JOINING IN SUCH GROUPS AS F.H.A. - HERO, YOU SERVE AMERICA. YOU BUILD TODAY FOR TOMORROW'S

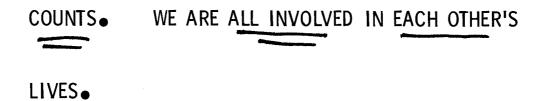
DREAM

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THERE ARE NEW PERCEPTIONS OF LIFE AND

NEW DISCOVERIES THAT HAVE TRANSFORMED HOMEMAKING. BUT ONE THING HAS NOT CHANGED. IT STILL TAKES A LOT OF LIVING TO MAKE A HOME. THE OLD VALUES OF CARING AND SHARING HAVE NOT GONE OUT OF DATE.

I SHARE YOUR BELIEF THAT EVERY INDIVIDUAL



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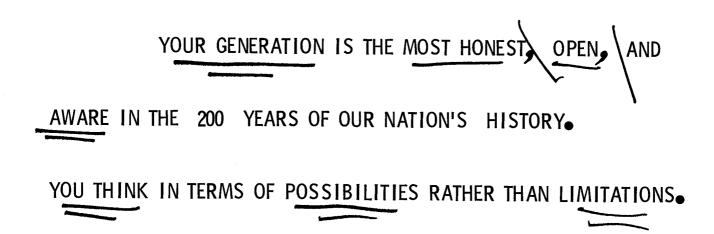
WHEN YOU DISCOURAGE THE USE OF DRUGS AND ALCOHOL,

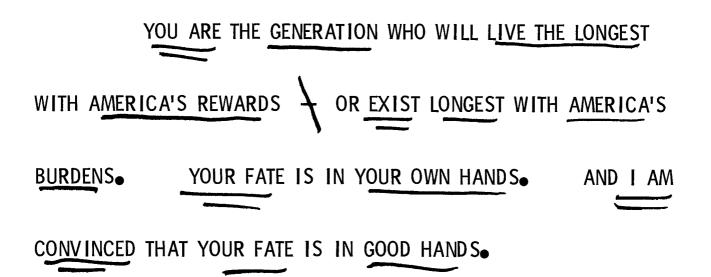
YOU HELP YOURSELVES AND INFLUENCE OTHERS BY YOUR EXAMPLE.

YOU MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR BABIES TO BE BORN HEALTHY INTO A

WHOLESOME CLIMATE.

THROUGH YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF NUTRITION AND CONSUMER EDUCATION, YOU CAN SEPARATE REAL FOOD FROM JUNK FOOD. YOU CAN ALSO SEPARATE REAL AND ENDURING VALUES FROM PHONY AND TEMPORARY FADS.





LAST WEEK I ATTENDED THE ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE OF THE FAMOUS BATTLE AT GUILFORD COURTHOUSE. IT WAS THERE THAT NORTH CAROLINIANS FOUGHT SO COURAGEOUSLY IN OUR REVOLUTIONARY WAR. TODAY, THE COMMON SENSE AND MODERATION OF NORTH CAROLINA SYMBOLIZES THE NEW REALISM OF THE ENTIRE UNITED STATES. I CONGRATULATE YOU, NOT ONLY FOR YOUR STATE'S HISTORIC COURAGE, BUT FOR YOUR MODERN NORTH CAROLINA LIFESTYLE. YOU COMBINE THE BEST OF THE PRESENT WITH THE FINEST VALUES OF THE PAST. AND YOU DO THIS WITH GENUINE HUMILITY. I ADMIRE THE NORTH CAROLINA APPROACH. AND I AM CONVINCED THAT DECISIONS AFFECTING YOUR

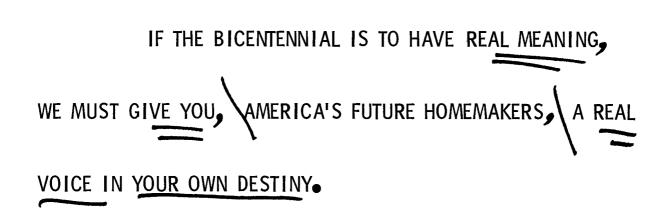
HOME AND FAMILY LIFE, SHOULD BE MADE RIGHT HERE IN

NORTH CAROLINA AND NOT BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR ANYONE

ELSE

WE MUST RESTORE THE PRINCIPLE OF LOCAL CONTROL BY LOCAL PEOPLE. THAT'S WHAT THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION WAS ALL ABOUT - GOVERNMENT BY THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED. THAT'S WHY AMERICANS 200 YEARS AGO SAID "NO TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION" AND THREW THE TEA INTO THE BOSTON

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YOU LIVE IN A STATE WHICH IS A SHOWCASE OF

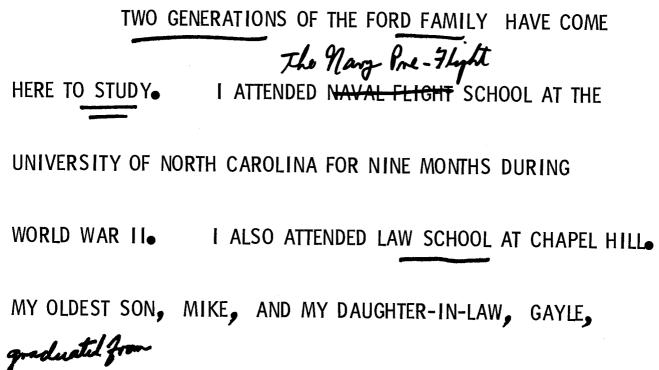
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STUDENTS FROM MANY PLACES ARE ATTRACTED

TO NORTH CAROLINA BY YOUR EXCELLENT INSTITUTIONS OF

HIGHER LEARNING.

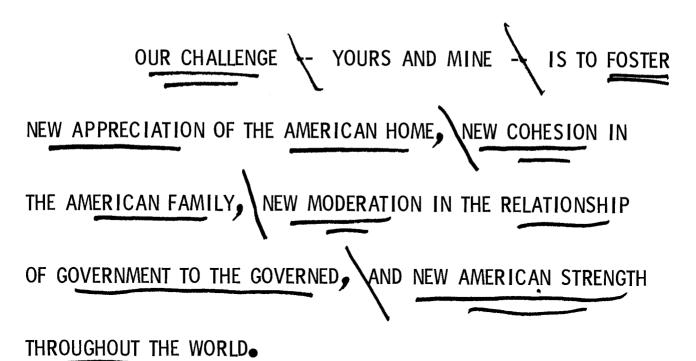
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ATTENDED WAKE FOREST.

THE FORD FAMILY SHARES WITH YOU AN AFFINITY FOR THE ENLIGHTENED SPIRIT OF YOUR STATE. THE PATRIOTISM, THE DEDICATION, AND THE WILLPOWER OF THE THIRTEEN ORIGINAL STATES STILL BURN BRIGHTLY THROUGHOUT THE OLD NORTH STATE. THE TAR HEELS MUST BE DOING SOMETHING

RIGHT



TOGETHER, WE WELCOME OUR NATION'S THIRD CENTURY. TOGETHER, THE AMERICAN PEOPLE WILL RISE UP TO THE CALLING OF YOUR INSPIRING MOTTO, "A PAST TO HONOR --

TOGETHER WE WILL BUILD A BETTER AMERICA.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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