



**Most Useful Item**



# Plain Old Salt

What's the housekeeper's best friend . . . the single most useful item you have around your home? In a popularity contest, there would be plenty of votes cast for a really good set of kitchen knives . . . and another big block for a pile of old often-washed diapers (which make the best dish towels and polishing cloths). But the overall winner — on the basis of general, all-round handiness, might well be an extra box or two of common salt.

**Use In Boiling Eggs**

You probably already know that a cracked egg will stay neatly inside its shell when you boil it if you add a teaspoonful of salt to the cooking water . . .

## Play Has History

Bud Mayes has begun production of "Inherit the Wind," a play based upon the very famous Scopes "Monkey" trial that took place in Dayton, Tenn., a small town near Chattanooga, nearly a half-century ago.

There the forces of religious fundamentalism led by three time presidential candidate, evangelist, and lawyer, William Jennings Bryan met the forces of agnosticism, led by Clarence Seward Darrow, distinguished criminal and labor lawyer, who had defended such notorious labor radicals as Eugene V. Dedds and Bill Haywood, and who had pleaded for the lives of Leopold and Loeb, the Chicago "thrill-killers."

The occasion for this confrontation of ideologies was the prosecution of one John Thomas Scopes, a science teacher and athletic coach in the Rhea County High School who, with the encouragement of the American Civil Liberties Union, defied a recently enacted state law which forbade the teaching of the Darwinian theory of evolution in the public schools of Tennessee.

Darrow, already a vociferous agnostic, viewed the fundamentalist movement, championed by Bryan, as a serious threat to education and free thinking, and he volunteered to defend Scopes after learning that Bryan had offered his services to the prosecution. In his autobiography, Darrow relates:

I knew that education was in danger from the source that has always hampered it — religious fanaticism. To me it was perfectly clear that the proceedings bore little semblance to a court case, but I realized that there was no limit to the mischief that might be accomplished unless the country was roused to the evil at hand.

The unwinding of the dramatic clash of these two great figures of the early twentieth century remains to be seen — at certain time, some weeks hence.

Incidentally the title of this play is taken from the Book of Proverbs, Chapter 11, verse 29 and reads, in its entirety:

"He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind; and the fool shall be servant to the wise of heart."

Don't miss it.

and that a tiny pinch makes egg whites or chilled cream beat up easier. But did you know that a smidgen of the same seasoning will keep raw milk from souring quickly? Or that fish are easy to clean if you douse them in hot saltwater until the scales curl?

**For Whole Kernels**

Salt will also help you extract nutmeats unbroken, it's said, if you soak the nuts in brine overnight. Then tap the end of each shell with a hammer it will break easily, leaving the kernels whole.

**Instead of Grease**

Pancake breakfasts are more fun for the cook, too, if you make a little salt bag to rub the griddle with instead of greasing it. The flapjacks won't stick, and the hot metal won't smoke.

**To Stop Smoke Odor**

And speaking of smoke . . . if the pie boils over in the oven just throw a big handful of salt over the spilled juice. The mess will stop smelling up the kitchen and will cool into a light, dry, porous crust which you can sweep off the oven bottom when the stove cools.

**To Toughen . . .**

Another surprising talent of good old sodium chloride is that it seems to make some things wear better . . . brooms and toothbrushes, for instance, last longer if you soak them in hot saltwater before you use them for the first time. You can also toughen glassware by setting it in a pan of cold saltwater, gradually bringing the solution to a boil and then letting it cool.

**For Cleansing**

In fact, salt — used like scouring powder — cleanses all sorts of things . . . discolored coffee pots and cups, for instance, or wood table tops. In a hot water solution, the same chemical cleans bamboo furniture . . . and drains . . . and the insides of bottles. Made into a paste with flour and vinegar, it does wonders for tarnished brass or copper. (Leave your homemade polish on for an hour or so, rub it off with a soft cloth, and wash the metal). Mixed with turpentine, salt also whitens bathtubs and sinks.

**Caution**

One of the few things you don't want to use salt for is melting ice on paths and roads. You know what the residue does to auto bodies and to the plants that you hope will come up in the spring — but if you have to hang out your wash on a cold day, you can take advantage of sodium chloride solution's low freezing point in a different way. Used in your final rinse water, salt will keep the clothes from freezing on the line.

**Household Wonder**

There's no need to go overboard about salt, although you really can't go wrong with it. It's a cheap, harmless, handy replacement for a whole shelfful of expensive chemicals that may be none too good for you or for the water they will eventually wind up in. And knowing the uses of this household wonder makes the job of chief cook and bottle washer a lot simpler and more fun.



Front Row, Left to right: Debbie Elliott; Norma Corpening; Vicki Bullis, captain; and Billie Becknell; middle row: Becky Eller, Georgia Brown Debbie Osborne. Top row: Barney Graham, Sharon Rhoadis, Linda Shaffner, and Grant Elledge. (Not pictured: Patricia Cockerham).

# Sis-boom-bah!

Cheerleading tryouts were held Tuesday, September 24, in the Teaching Auditorium. Ten very spirited young ladies and two liberated, energetic males make up the 1974-75 cheerleading squad. This reflects the greater amount of school spirit here at WCC this year. These enthusiastic students have varied backgrounds and interests, but one thing they do have in common is spirit.

VICKIE BULLIS, a sophomore, is captain of this year's squad. She lives in Wilkesboro and is in the College Transfer Program. PATRICIA COCKERHAM, from Traphill, is a sophomore in the Counselor Associate Program. Vickie and Patricia gained more experience in the art of cheerleading

by attending camp in Charlotte this summer.

Three other sophomores are on the squad this year. NORMA CORPENING, who comes to WCC from Lenoir, is in the General Office Technology Program. DEBBIE ELLIOTT lives in the College Apartments, is from Ashe County, and is presently enrolled in the Early Childhood Program. LINDA SHAFFNER is from Elkin, and she too is in the Early Childhood Education curriculum.

The remainder of the squad is composed of freshmen. BILLIE BECKNELL from Wilkesboro and SHARON RHOADES from North Wilkesboro are both enrolled in Early Childhood. GEORGIA BROWN, from North Wilkesboro and BECKY

ELLER, from Millers Creek, are in the College Transfer Program. DEBORAH OSBORNE is from Elkin and is in the Social Service Associate Program.

The guys on the squad this year are CHARLES GRAHAM, sophomore and GRANT ELLEDGE, freshman.

Ms. Cheryl Poston is advisor for the cheerleaders.

A co-captain for the squad will be chosen by the cheerleaders at a later date.

Because of the large squad this year, extra uniforms and shakers are needed. To finance these items, the cheerleaders will be engaged in money-raising activities in the near future.

Congratulations!

—Aletha Baker

## New Faces At Wilkes Community College

Christine (Cree) Flowers is a new art teacher at WCC. Mrs. Flowers, a native of Lumberton, received her B./S. Degree from the University of South Carolina in May of 1974, with a major in Art Education.

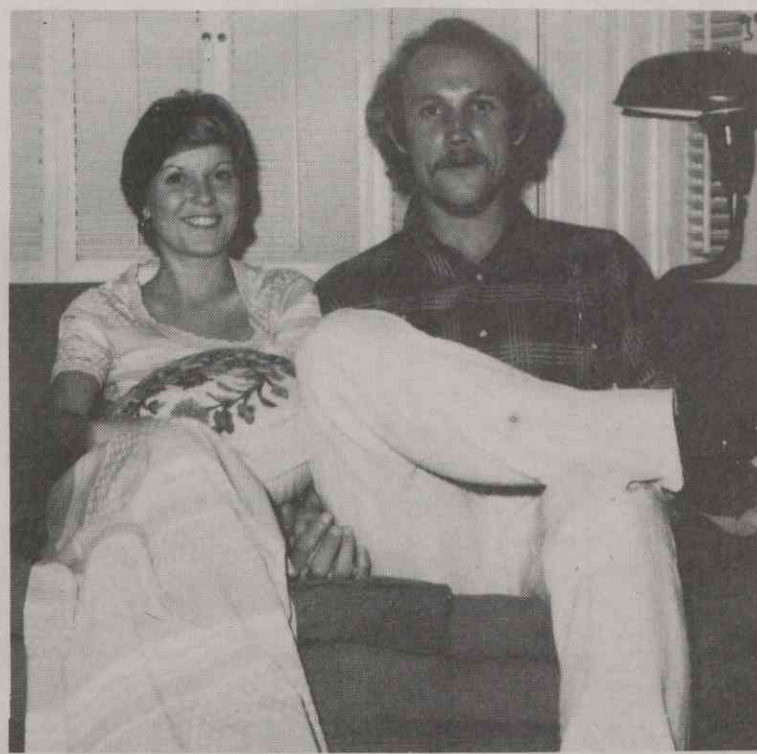
While in Columbia, Mrs. Flowers taught classes at the University and at the Columbia High School. She also taught private classes. She is a member of N.A.E.A. Her specialties include textiles, weaving, batik, macrame, printing and etching.

She and her husband, Dan, who also teaches at the college, have recently moved to North Wilkesboro. Dan is originally from Rockingham. He has a B./S. in sociology and business from Pembroke State and he received his Masters in Business Economics at ASU. He is teaching business courses in Ashe County and at WCC. A warm welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Flowers to the college and to the community.

As newly appointed Director of the Northwest Art Gallery, Mrs. Flowers would like to remind the art students and other art enthusiasts of the upcoming events. "Day in the Park" at Smoot Park, October 12. There will be paintings, crafts, and eats. Anyone wishing to exhibit should contact the gallery.

Also, there are several juried exhibits coming up:

- (1) Winston-Salem: The Northwestern Bank Open Juried Show — Carolina Art Competition — Co-sponsored with Associated Artists on September 22.



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- (2) Winston-Salem: Contemporary Gallery's Southeastern Juried Show, November 8.

- (3) Lincolnton Juried Show October 13-25.

- (4) Raleigh: The 37th N. C. Museum of Art and N. C. Art Society Show. November 14-29.

- (5) Fayetteville Annual Juried Show November 3.

Further information concerning entry fees and entry dead-

lines may be obtained from the gallery.

Mrs. Flowers would like to extend a special invitation for you to come by the gallery, make yourself to home and browse a while. The exhibits change every two weeks. A local artist, Ray Pierce's one-man show will be on exhibit September 29 through October 12. Ray Reid, of the WCC faculty will be featured October 13-26. Ray Reid's work is in mixed media.