

Hertford Festival Of Skills Sponsor Reports Event Is "Sold Out"

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An update on the Festival of Skills (Arts and Crafts) scheduled for Friday, and Saturday, October 9 and 10, from 10 A. M., at the Morgan

Furniture Building downtown Hertford is very exciting. The response from 25 skilled individuals and five clubs has made the festival a "sell out" as for as

available space in the Morgan Furniture Building is concerned. The Perquimans County Extension Homemakers and Agricultural Extension Service are pleased to offer

this first event for cultural enjoyment. It will also give you an opportunity to shop for your pleasure or for gifts on your 1981 Christmas list. What could be more fun than spending a few hours

on a fall day browsing among baskets by Joyce Hobbs; hearth brooms by Elvis Perry; tote painting, leather crafts, quilted bonnets and pillows by Mary White; toys, Christmas and

fall items by Patricia Benton; beaded Christmas ornaments by Sharon Godfrey?
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No festival is complete without food! Helen Gaither Extension Homemakers Club will have "The Baked Booth". Goodies will consist of pies and cakes you might like to buy for your weekend guests from these ladies who are excellent cooks!

In addition, there will be snacks available at the Festival.

Plan to spend a few hours at "The Festival of Skills". Tickets are \$1 for adults; 50 cents for children. Mark your calendar for October 9 and 10.



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Clowns on a dowel that disappear into a cone will be a miscellaneous item appealing to children of all ages offered by Burgess Extension Homemakers Club and made by Helen Timms. Other clubs and organizations participating are: The Ladies Auxiliary of Hunter's Fork Pentecostal Holiness Church, Belvidere Extension Homemakers Club, Snug Harbor Women's Club, Belvidere - Chappell Hill Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary who will sell canned pickles, jellies, jams, tomatoes, and other home canned products.

Mrs. Helen North, who doesn't use an artist brush but stroke by stroke with tweezers, creates the rare, incredible miniature postage stamp pictures, will demonstrate her art. At first glance the picture appears to be hand painted or embroidered. Looking closer the observer soon discovers that the picture is made of tiny pieces of postage stamp. It's unbelievable! You'll want to see this art by Mrs. North.

Another unusual art is reverse glass painting by Cheri Williams.

As you continue your adventure from booth to booth, you'll find Stephanie Mills and Val Short with country collectibles, baby gifts, pillows, samplers and other handwork. Anne White and Miriam Haskett, will have a booth of miscellaneous items, but I just bet there will be some dolls - maybe even Raggedy Ann and Andy?

Have you seen the beautiful English smocking by Anzie Wood? Pleated pieces will be for sale in the booth by Anzie and Margie Wood. English smocking is a "must" for it makes blouses, dresses, etc. very unique. Anzie and Margie will also have quilted items and hand painted items in

Energy Producers Set Record

This is the first in a series of three articles on America's energy future. WASHINGTON, D.C. — Every 12 minutes, on average, somebody completes a producing oil or gas well somewhere in the United States.

It happened nearly 43,000 times last year, in 31 states and beneath U.S. coastal waters. And it is happening even more often in 1981. Last year, the nation's 12,000 large and small producers set records for the number of drilling rigs at work and the number of wells completed. Figures just released, covering the first half of 1981, indicate that these records may be broken this year.

Most government and industry analysts interpret these trends -- along with other encouraging evidence -- as proof that the United States is turning the corner on energy and is moving along the road toward greater energy security. The analysts generally agree that these developments have been stimulated, at least in part, by the decontrol of domestic oil prices and by the higher prices now being permitted for some categories of natural gas.

The American Petroleum Institute, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and others regularly compile exploration and drilling information. Their latest figures show these dramatic rises in drilling activities: A total of 696 seismic crews at work during June 1981, an increase of 30 per cent over the number active in June 1980. (Seismic work is one of the first steps in petroleum exploration.)

More than 34,000 wells drilled and nearly 24,000 productive wells completed in the first half of 1981, a 28 per cent gain over the same period in 1980.

An average of 3,659 drilling rigs operating during the first six months

of 1981, a gain of 36 per cent above the same six-month period in 1980.

Here are some other facts that document the energy progress this country is making:

Total U.S. energy production reached a record high in 1980, up almost 8 per cent above the average for 1975-1977. Increases in coal and crude oil output helped to achieve that record.

Meanwhile, U.S. energy consumption in 1980 declined for the first time since the recession years of 1974-1975. The figure reported by the Department of Energy was down 3.5 per cent from the all-time high of 1979. DOE reported another 5 1/2 per cent drop in energy use in the first three months of 1981, compared with the first three months of 1980.

By conserving energy and producing more of the energy they use, Americans have sharply reduced their dependence on imported oil.

In 1977 the U.S. imported an average of nearly 8.8-million barrels of oil a day. In 1979 the figure was almost 8.4-million barrels daily. In the first half of 1981, imports were down to an average of about 5.9-million barrels a day.

As encouraging as these trends are, government and industry leaders are pointing out that much more remains to be done. Charles DiBona, president of the American Petroleum Institute, said:

"We are far from out of the woods yet. We cannot allow ourselves to be lulled into complacency by temporary surpluses in supply. Instead, we must keep working to achieve lasting solutions to our long-term energy problems. The important thing is that we are moving toward greater energy security. If we stay on that course, we may be able to cut oil imports in half during the 1980s, compared to what they were at the end of the 1970s."

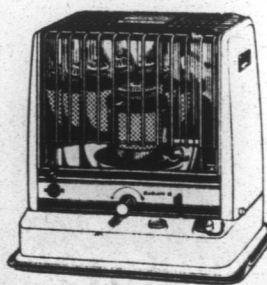
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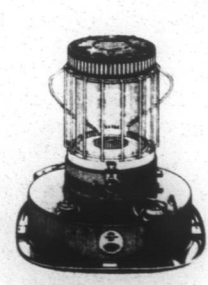
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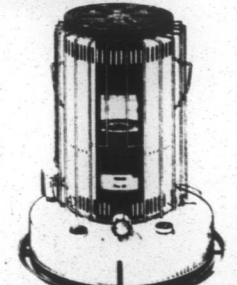
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