

Extension Homemakers To Sponsor Second Annual Festival Of Skills

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It seems that we are hearing a lot about this festival or that festival in town all over North Carolina and the United States. But please don't

overlook the festivals right here in Perquimans County. The Second Annual Festival of Skills sponsored by the Perquimans County Extension Homemakers will be held October 22 and 23, from 10 A.M. to 9 P.M. on Friday and from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Saturday. Location will

be White's Boarding Home, Church and Dobbs Street, down town Hertford with parking available at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. In case of rain the parking lot will not be available.

We welcome back from the 1981 Festival crafted and skilled participants in 20 booths. These include: split oak baskets by Joyce Hobbs; woodcraft, ceramics and dolls by Joe Segar; felt and crocheted Christmas Ornaments and fall decorations (crocheted

pumpkins) by Louise Knight and Patricia Benton; machine embroidery skirts, pocket books and pillows by Nancy Hobbs; variety and miscellaneous articles by Belvidere Extension Homemakers Association, Snug Harbor Woman's Club, Burgess Extension Homemakers Association and Ladies Auxiliary of Hunter's Fork Pentecostal Holiness Church. Also, canned items by Belvidere-Chappell Hill Fire Department.

Others returning include

Helen Timms with woodcraft, dolls, needlecrafts and other surprises. Margie Wood and Anzie Wood will have pillows, smocking, hand made items and I hope chocolate cakes, pound cakes, pear bread and other delicious breads. Ruby Stanley will have a table full of crocheted sweaters, vests, hats and scarfs. Mrs. Bettie Overton and Mrs. Colon Jackson will team together with Raggedy Ann and other stuffed and hand made items such as stuffed

baseballs autographed by

Jim "Catfish" Hunter. Val Short and Edna Wolverton will have many gift items including counted cross stitch, smocking, dough art and probably parchment sculptured lampshades. Mr. Elvis Perry - known as the "Broom Maker" will have an assortment of hearth brooms made from broom corn. Miriam Haskett and Annie White will return with dolls and other items. I understand that Billy Wooten will manage Haskett's and White's booth.

Billy might be mistaken for a doll himself! We welcome Jean Silis and Jane Overton back from Elizabeth City. They will have baskets, dolls and miscellaneous.

Mary White and sister, Carolina Pratt, plan to offer great gift ideas from bonnets to doll beds. Another sister team will be Thelma Rogerson and Ethel Winslow with a variety of items including quilting, grapevine wreaths and baskets.

Helen North will demonstrate her incredible

postage stamp miniature which are a treat to behold. Several new comers will join the 1982 Festival. They will be announced in the near future.

All in all, it sounds like it worth marking your October calendar for Friday the 22nd and Saturday the 23rd order to visit with this group of talented and skillful people. They'll be sharing showing and selling beautiful and useful items. You can start or finish your Christmas Shopping right here in Hertford in October

Computer Registration Begins

Students registering for fall classes at College of The Albemarle next month will be the first to use a new computerized registration system at the community college.

Sharon Mudge, director of management information services, said installation of IBM Series I computer hardware has been completed and the records of all Spring Quarter students are now being programmed.

The information will be available for use for returning students during the August 23-27 registration period. Data on new students will be stored in the computer's memory banks as their applications are processed, she said.

The equipment, utilizing four video display terminals, provides the college with an on-line registration and records system. Using PROMPT, a data base facility, the MIS director said Fall Quarter students will have their course selections entered directly into the system from terminals located in the

Student Development Office.

As data is entered, classroom space will be reserved for the enrolling student. Registration personnel will know immediately when a class is filled and if another section needs to be added.

The new system will eliminate a number of time-consuming procedures which previously required manual processing. Mudge cited as an example the computation of tuition and activities fees. "When students go to the business office to pay their fees now," she said, "they will receive a computer-printed registration receipt in a matter of seconds."

The system also provides faculty with constantly updated class rolls. And future transcripts will be maintained in the Series I memory. Mudge said that centralization of the information will greatly improve service to currently-enrolled students and for those who attend the college in the future.

Hospital Costs Attacked

"Forcing hospital costs, higher seems a peculiar way to achieve economic recovery," North Carolina Democratic Vice Chairman Betty Speir of Bethel said today.

"We're getting reports from hospitals all over North Carolina that they are being forced to increase their prices for room and board and other necessary hospital services because of the Medicaid cutbacks caused by President Reagan's budget of last year," the Democrat continued.

"This means that people who are able to pay their hospital bill are forced to subsidize those who cannot. The hospitals have to get their money from somebody."

"So even if a middle class family, like so many in North Carolina, have hospital insurance to help with their bill, they still have a problem. If the hospital insurance company has to pay ever-increasing bills, they have no choice but to increase the in-

surance rates that must be paid."

Speir noted that "for David Stockman and the other advocates of supply side economics -- also labeled the 'trickle down' theory -- the answer seems to be that if the nation just sticks with Reaganomics, everything will eventually get all right. They keep postponing the date of this happy moment."

"If present economic trends continue, Democrats believe the American people will find their own answer at the polls on November 2."

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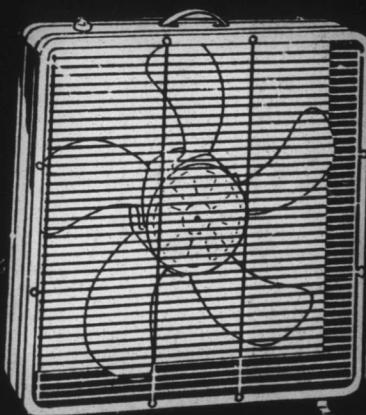
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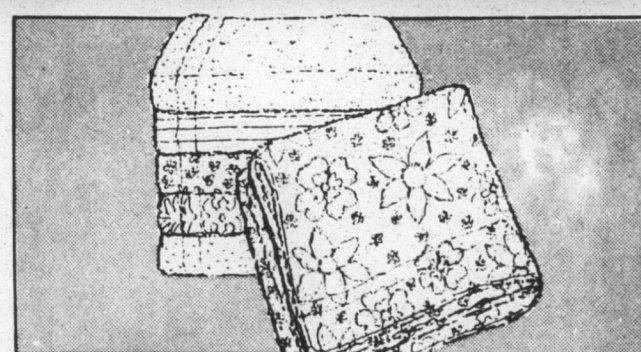
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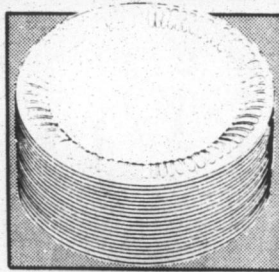


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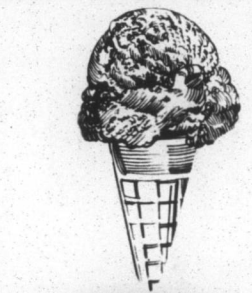
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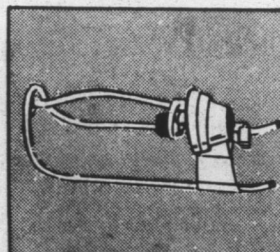
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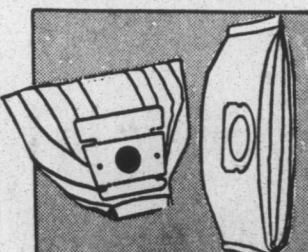
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