

RETIRED TEACHERS HOLDS MEET RECENTLY

The Annual Teachers Retirement Tea, sponsored by the Durham Association of Classroom Teachers and the Durham Association of Educators, was held in the Rogers-Herr Junior High School cafeteria on April 30, at 4:30 p.m. Mr. Lew W. Hannen, Dr. Theodore R. Speigner, Chairman of the Board of Education; John H. Lucas, President-elect of the NCAE; Mrs. Eva M. Pratt and Miss Mary Albert Ward, presidents of the two hosts organi-

zations, joined the honorees in the receiving line. Background music was provided by George S. Harvey, Director of Audio-Visual Media. The honorees were Russell E. Blunt, Hillside High; Glenn W. Bunting, Durham High; Mrs. Gladys A. Dawkins, East End Elementary; Mrs. Johnnie B. Mc Lester, Shepard Junior High; Mrs. Quillie W. Randall, Durham High; Mrs. Pauline Robertson, Durham High; Mrs. Clumpertree Tucker, Whitted Junior

High; Mrs. Grace Thompson, cafeteria; Mrs. Elizabeth R. Herndon High; Mrs. Elizabeth B. Pratt, Burton Elementary; Mrs. Evelyn W. Kennedy, Lyon Park Elementary; Lafenda Frank Bowens, Durham High; Mrs. Martha S. Doooms, Hillside High; Mrs. Marie J. Speigner, Hillside High; and Mrs. Frances W. Schooler, Hillside High.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Anna Belle Self, Director of Cafeterias and her able staff. The cafeteria was



SHOWN CHATTING WITH some of the Honored Retirees are from left to right, Russell E. Blunt, Mrs. Gladys A. Daw-

kins, Mrs. Johnnie B. Mc Lester, Supt. of City Schools Lew Hannen, Mrs. Quillie W. Ran-

dall, Mrs. Clumpertree Tucker, Mrs. Grace Thompson, and Glenn W. Bunting.

attractively and colorfully decorated with art work done by students of Rogers-Herr

under the direction of Mrs. Candy Block.

out, but these trees are not direct risks to the surrounding healthy ones, since spores that infect pines come only from oak leaves.

Rust Disease of Pines Passed from Oak Trees

If you've noticed swellings or galls on your pine trees, chances are the problem is fusiform or eastern gall rust.

All southern pines are to some degree susceptible to the fungus diseases, and the economic losses they inflict can be counted in the millions.

Of the two diseases, fusiform rust is the most common in North Carolina and the South.

The fusiform fungus causes a tapering, spindle-shaped swelling, called a gall, on branches and stems of pines, describes Fred Whitfield, North Carolina State University extension forestry specialist. The disease kills many one to five-year old pines and often deforms stems, reduces growth and increases potential wind breakage of older trees.

It is estimated that fusiform rust causes over \$10 million worth of damage annually in the South.

In oaks, infection is temporary. In pines, however, it persists until the infected tissues are killed.

Whitfield said spraying of fungicides is not an economical means of

control. He suggests other measures, such as pruning.

Pruning branches with galls less than 15 inches from the stem will reduce the possibility of the fungus growing into the stem. Pruning is most beneficial in young plantings but is useless on trees that already have a trunk gall or canker.

On a high value tree with a small, newly developed trunk gall, it is sometimes practical to carefully remove the bark and some of the wood around the gall, then apply a fungicidal paint such as creosote.

Trees with trunk cankers can be thinned

The behavior of the fungus may seem a little strange to the layman in that it does not spread from pine to pine but from pine to oak to pine. That is, part of the life cycle of the fungus is spent on the leaves of some species of oaks.

Two of the important pine hosts are loblolly and slash. They are the most susceptible. Pitch and pond pines are also susceptible. Longleaf pine is relatively resistant, and shortleaf pine seems to be highly resistant.

From late March to early April, the galls of infected pines produce large numbers of orange spores. When they are deposited on young oak leaves, the spores germinate and produce

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localized infections. Yellow pustules develop on the bottom of the leaves, and from April to the middle of June, brown, hair-like structures show up on the leaves. These spores are carried by the wind to new pine needles.

CARPET FASHIONS

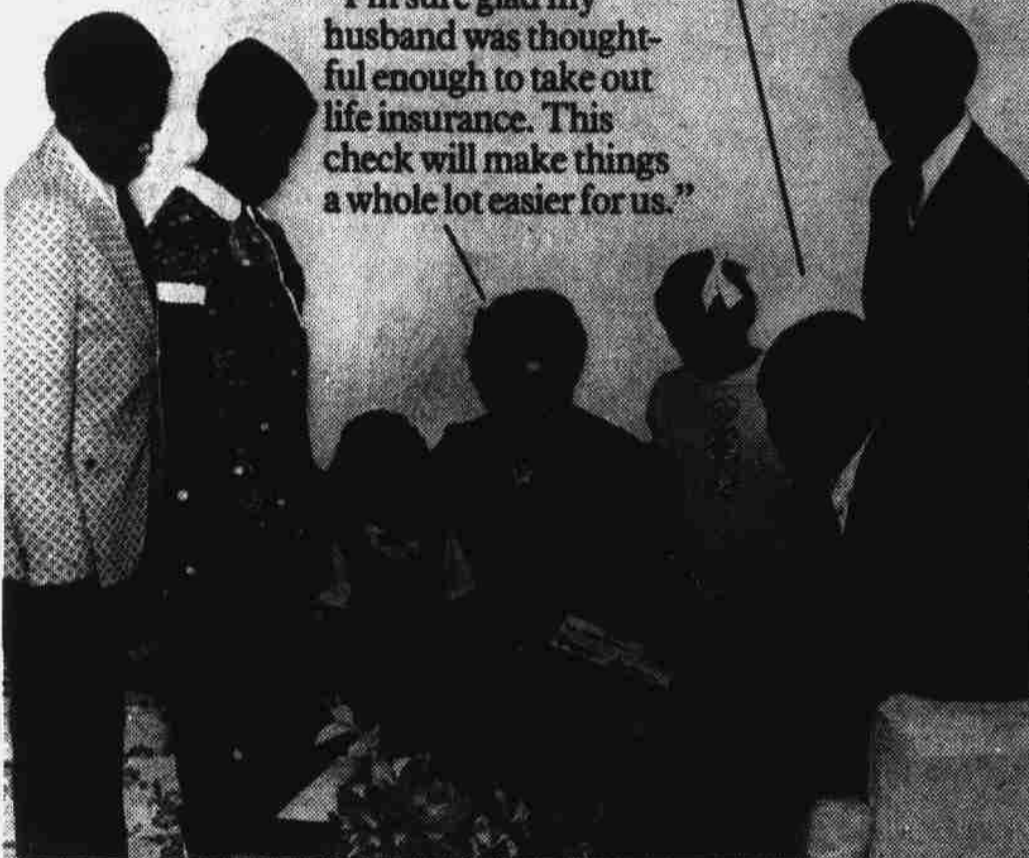
It's hard to believe that carpets used to be all solid colors especially when you look down at everyone's three-color shags or your flowered favorite.

New sophistication in dyeing and printing techniques has allowed the carpeting industry a great deal more leeway, observes Mrs. Edith McGlamery, extension house furnishings specialist, North Carolina State University. Patterns and multi-colors are becoming the rule. Perennial best-selling colors are now less muddy or antique and more clear in tone. Browns and earthtones are popular, and red is important.

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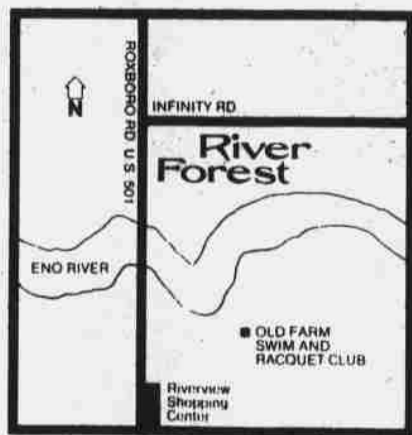
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