



ALTHOUGH BORN IN THE CITY, Ed McCargo can hold his own with anyone when it comes to talking tractors. McCargo, a member of Ford Motor Company Tractor Operations' Graduate Training Program, has been involved with the farm implements ever since he joined a Ford-sponsored engineering co-op program in 1969 at the age of 16. Currently in design development, he studies and analyzes the strength and stability of various tractor components.

Born In The City, Tests Tractors

Sometimes even Ed McCargo finds it hard to believe that he makes his living testing the various qualities of huge Ford agricultural tractors.

"I grew up surrounded by cement, not by soil," McCargo said. "I never thought I'd turn out to be an engineer testing tractors."

A member of Ford Motor Company Tractor Operations' Graduate Training Program, McCargo unknowingly began his career in 1969, when, as a 16 year old student at Highland Park (Mich) High School, he joined an engineering co-op program sponsored by Ford Tractor.

"At Highland Park High," he said, "I was enrolled in a college prep program, but I didn't know exactly what I wanted to be."

Two years in the co-op program convinced McCargo that engineering was for him. During every semester of those two years, he was

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Ushers Union Annual Oratorical Contest Held At Mt. Zoar

The Annual Oratorical Contest of the Durham Ushers Union, sponsored by the Advisory Commission, was held recently at Mount Zoar Baptist Church. Miss Paula Bryant was mistress of ceremony.

The theme developed by the contestants was "Somebody Loves You". Music was by the Mount Zoar Male Chorus. Other program participants were Juanza Daniels, Andrea Spearman, Ponsella Brown, and Fluer Steele.

Mrs. Mary Vanhook introduced the contestants: Tara Fields, St. Mark; Tammy McCrae, White Rock; Retha Daniels, Mount Gilead; Francine Buie, Kyle's Temple; Bridgett Miller, St. Mark; Brenda Hayes, New Bethel; Tony Hall, St. Mark; Quinton Brown, St. Joseph's Antonia Booth, New Bethel.

Judges were Mrs. Bennie Holeman, Mrs. Othia Grant and Joseph Moore. Praise was given all contestants by W. M. Grandy, chairman of the Advisory Committee and president Clyde Moore, Jr.

Words of encouragement were given by Dr. Miller who challenged the contestants to continue to take part in contests of this kind



WINNERS IN THE DURHAM USHERS Oratorical contest (above) held recently at Mount Zoar Baptist Church are (l-r): Tammy McCrae, third place; Bridgett Miller, second place; and Antonia Booth, first place, receiving prize from Mrs. Mary Vanhook. (Below) All of the contestants. The State Ushers Association will convene in Raleigh, August 12, 13, 14 at the St. Augustine's College. Antonia Booth will enter the state contest.

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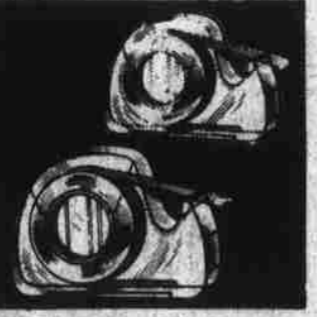


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TAX CHANGES FOR HOMEOWNERS

Moving expenses have been increased to \$3,000 for the sale, purchase or lease of a residence when a person's job change requires that person to travel an increase of 35 miles in distance over what was being traveled previously. Temporary housing costs allowed for house-hunting have been increased to \$1,500.

Older people (where one spouse is 65 or over) who sell their residence are now allowed to exclude all gain if the selling price is under \$35,000. Above that, part is taxed - see your accountant for the formula.

A major change has been made on the sale of long term capital gains, as real estate. Holding period for long term gains in 1977 will be 9 months instead of 6. In 1978, the period will be increased to one year.

For vacation homes used for more than two weeks each year, or 10% of the rental use, deductions are limited to rental income, less property taxes and interest. If home is rented for less than 15 days, no deductions, BUT rents are not taxable.



Our Town

Warning: Living here may be hazardous to your health.

You'll probably live longer if you don't live in "Our Town". Because people in "inner cities" have a higher incidence of tuberculosis, cancer, respiratory diseases, high blood pressure, and... you name it. And even though health care in America has improved in general, health in Black communities, specifically, is steadily on the decline. So the chances of a kid in Our Town going through

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untapped resource. They provide the real energy that runs this country. We have to work together to solve our problems... to utilize the potential of every person in this country. It begins with us. Our families, our communities. Join your local church, community and political groups. Band together and make your voices heard. There's strength in numbers. We've got to stop wasting Human Energy. It's America's greatest resource.

LOCAL VA NURSES ATTEND RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Mrs. Susan Darrenbacher and Sara Pettiford attended a nursing research conference, part I given by the Veterans Administration, Southeastern Regional Medical Education Center in Birmingham, Alabama on July 13 and 14. The conference was designed to promote patient care research by nurses through an understanding of the research process.

The two participants will investigate a nursing problem as a team at the Durham VA hospital.

A follow-up conference Part II is being planned by SRMEC for February 1978.



THE 1 O'CLOCK LUNCHEON met last Tuesday at 1 p.m., where were you? Ben Ruffin, Executive Director of N. C. Human Relations Commission was the guest at the YWCA on Umstead Street. Ruffin gave the functions of and detailed plans for the organization's activities at the luncheon on July 19.

All members are invited to attend and bring a guest member.

CONCERNED BLACK AMERICANS

- Dr. James Beckett, National President, National Newspaper Publishers Association, Newark, N.J.
- Rev. Jesse Jackson, National President, People's Temple, Berkeley, Calif.
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