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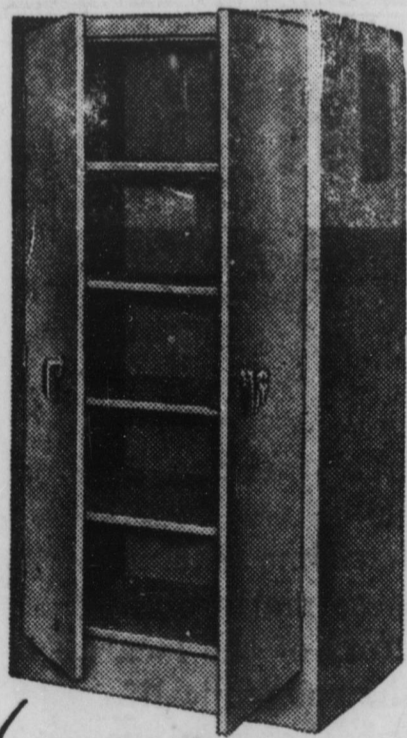
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Wonderful Assortment Makes Mechanical Tobacco Hander

A rough assortment of nuts and bolts, a rusty wagon wheel, a metal hub extracted from an outmoded Model A Ford, and a tiny motor which use to run an ice cream freezer have been cleverly enclosed within a homemade wooden frame to produce a machine which accelerates the tobacco handing process for the farmer.

Inventor of the dubious-looking affair is Cecil Hopkins, who has the tobacco hander in operation on his farm near Hopkins Cross Roads.

But the machine, which looks like the framework for something not yet finished, works with watch-like precision and with four people operating it, the hander will accomplish the work of six persons.

To describe how it works would probably be easier than to describe why it works or what it looks like.

The main portion of the machine is a circular wooden wheel which Mr. Hopkins made himself by cutting boards to the specifications desired. This wooden wheel is adorned with more than thirty tobacco clamps, into which bundles of tobacco are placed prior to being put onto a stick by the tier.

The wheel turns in either direction, for the benefit of the tier, who may be either right or left-handed. As the wheel turns, two persons place bundles of tobacco into the clamps.

On the opposite side, when the wheel has completed a half-turn, the tier removes the tobacco bundle and ties it onto a stick.

When the stick is finished — Mr. Hopkins says that he uses 36 bundles to the sticks — the tier trips a foot lever which permits the stick to slide onto a ramp-like affair, from which point the sticks are taken to the barn.

Mr. Hopkins says that he first used the machine on his farm on June 17 of this year. Asked whether or not he thought it would work the first time it was put into operation, he grinned and said:

"Yeah, I was pretty sure it would work. I carried the idea of the thing in my head and built it from that. I didn't see much reason why it shouldn't work."

Representing a seventy-five dollar investment and about thirty days of labor, the tobacco hander and its four operators are capable of turning out one stick of tobacco containing 36 bundles every 55 seconds.

"In other words," Mr. Hopkins explained, "we're getting a stick of tobacco every time that wheel makes a complete turn."

The idea for constructing the hander was born when Mr. Hopkins visited the Ford Motor Co. in Detroit following the 1952 tobacco season.

"Some of us were on the way to Canada, and we stopped in at

the Ford plant in Detroit," Mr. Hopkins said. "I got impressed with the way that the workers on the line did just one thing, and all of them together turned out a car. I thought then that we could use something like that on a tobacco farm."

Work on the machine did not begin immediately. In fact, it was not until last May that Mr. Hopkins actually began constructing the hander.

Seeing the machine in operation, and impressed with its capabilities, Mr. Hopkins went to Washington, D. C., not long ago to seek patent information. He says that he is now in the process of acquiring a patent for the hander.

"There are still a few improvements which I would like to make in the machine," Mr. Hopkins said, "and I hope to build another one this winter which will be even better."

Wendell to Vote On Water Bonds

Wendell town officials have voted to proceed with a \$145,000 water and sewer bond election expected to be held in October if all requirements of bonding attorneys can be met by that time.

The election will be held to get approval of local residents on the proposed issuance of \$110,000 worth of water bonds and \$35,000 worth of sewer bonds for permanent improvements here.

In connection with the water improvements, which include developing the old Rock Quarry as a raw water reservoir, it was noted that several families are living in old buildings on the quarry site. The board of commissioners has instructed Town Manager R. R. Thompson to contact those families to arrange a lease of the buildings by them from the town, or order them to vacate. The town manager said that only a small amount of money would be involved in any leasing of the buildings to make their occupancy legal.

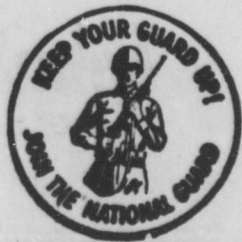
Berk M. Montague, Raleigh attorney, has been appointed assistant solicitor of the local Recorder's Court to act in the absence of Solicitor Thomas D. Bunn of Raleigh.

Miss Rose Pace Honored Monday

Mrs. James Sykes and Miss Carol Hatton were hostesses at a surprise linen shower Monday night honoring Miss Rose Pace, bride-elect of September 10.

Mixed summer flowers were used throughout Mrs. Sykes' home in Cameron Court Apartments. The honoree was presented a corsage of lilies of the valley and tube roses.

Delicious refreshments of bridal cakes, mints, nuts and punch were served to the honoree, her mother, Mrs. C. B. Pace, Mrs. L. B. Chamblee, Mrs. Bobby Pace, Mrs. Charles Wayne Pace, Mrs. Clayton Whitley, Ruth Pace, Kay Chamblee, Geraldine Hood of Zebulon, Miss Frances Deans, Marietta Sims, and Mrs. Marilyn Clark of Raleigh.



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Dedication

Formal dedication of the William B. Umstead State Park is set for Sunday, Aug. 28, at 5 p.m., with Governor Hodges and Mrs. Merle D. Umstead of Durham, widow of the State's late chief executive, being the principal speakers.

Formerly known as Crabtree Creek State Park and located almost midway between Durham and Raleigh on Highway 70, its name was changed by the State Board of Conservation and Development last January in a move to honor the memory of the late Governor Umstead, who died last November.

The general public is urged to attend the dedication ceremony which will be further highlighted by the unveiling of a marker to the park's main entrance by Merle Bradley Umstead, daughter and only child of the late Governor. Director Ben E. Douglas of the Department of Conservation and Development will introduce Governor Hodges.

Amos R. Kearns of High Point, chairman of the special committee named by Governor Hodges to plan the park dedication, will preside. Kearns is also chairman of the parks committee of the State Board of Conservation and Development. Vice chairmen of the Governor's special committee for the dedication are Mayors E. J. Evans of Durham and Fred B. Wheeler of Raleigh.

Kearns said Governor Hodges and Mayors Evans and Wheeler will issue a joint proclamation designating Sunday, Aug. 28, as "William B. Umstead State Park Day" and urging all North Carolinians to attend the dedication ceremony honoring the late Governor Umstead. There will be no individual invitations issued by the committee, Kearns said.

Being especially urged to attend the dedication ceremony are the present members of the State's delegation in Congress as well as those who served with Mr. Umstead for North Carolina when he was in the National House of Representatives and later the Senate. Also urged to attend the event are mayors and county commissioners from Durham and Wake counties. Mr. Umstead was a native of Durham county.

Special musical selections will be given by the Elizabeth City High School band before and after the dedication ceremony. Members of this famed band will spend a week at a group camp in the Umstead State Park before the ceremony on August 28.

WSCS to Meet

The Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Zebulon Methodist Church will meet Monday night at 8 o'clock in the social room of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. H. C. Wade is in charge of the program. The subject is "United Effort toward a Better Life."

Bride-Elect Feted

Miss Jean Robertson entertained at a lingerie shower last night honoring Miss Linda Bridgers, bride-elect.

The honoree was presented a corsage of white flowers from her hostess.

A pink and white color theme was used throughout her home. Refreshments of bridal cakes, ice cream and gingerale were served.

There were about ten guests present.

Earn while you learn by joining The National Guard.

Guardsmen Load For Fort Bragg Summer Training

National Guardsmen of Battery A spent several hours last night checking and loading supplies and equipment for the 15-day training period beginning August 14 at Ft. Bragg. The unit will leave the Zebulon armory about 6:15 Sunday morning.

More men will be at camp from this community than ever before, according to First Lieutenant Jack Potter, battery commander. He said that training has been very good and the field exercises will be a test for the men's knowledge.

Ft. Bragg, the nation's largest artillery range, will provide the best site for Guard training since the local unit was organized in 1949.

The first week of the encampment will be devoted to individual and sectional training, with special emphasis given those Guardsmen who have never before been to summer camp.

The second week will be spent in the field, with artillery firing beginning on Tuesday, August 23. Battery A will have three 105-mm howitzer sections trained for this work.

During the second week Aggressor forces will be active in the field, stimulating enemy invaders. The Guardsmen will have to prepare and maintain extensive battery defensive positions 24 hours a day, and the rocket launchers and machine guns will form the backbone of this defense.

The parade Saturday, August 20, will be the highlight of the first week. Gov. Luther Hodges, commander of the North Carolina National Guard, will be present to review the 7,000 members of the famed 30th Infantry Division, as will a host of other dignitaries.

Water Show Set For August 20

Wake County's annual Water Show sponsored by the Wake County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be held at Pullen Park on Saturday, August 27, at 8 p.m.

The show has a Davy Crockett theme, traveling along with Davy from his diaper days until he visits Congress and passes a bill to put the fun back in swimming.

Included in the program will be synchronized swimming, clown diving, canoeing, and water safety demonstrations — all accompanied by Dave Brown's orchestra.

To highlight the evening, the runner-up in the Miss North Carolina contest, Miss Pat Cowden, will render a vocal selection.

Representatives of the city council and police and fire departments will participate in a tub race.

The entire show will be staged by local volunteers. Rehearsals have been underway for several weeks.

Though the cooperation of the Raleigh Recreation Commission, which is co-sponsoring the event, there is no charge for admission.

PERSONAL

Mrs. Bertha Hood and daughter, Louise, will spend the weekend in Greensboro with Mr. and Mrs. Royce Hood.

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