WORK WONDERS



HALFMAST - It could be said that Upchurch School was flying its flag at halfmast on Veterans Day to honor the war dead but it was not intended that way. The true fact is that something went wrong and that is as high as the flag riser could make it go. In recent years Veterans Day is set aside and observed in honor of all veterans of all wars. (Work seen in progress across the road is a project to widen the entrance of the mill cut-off where it enters the Highway 211 by-pass in front of the school.)

The secret to the enjoyment

North Carolina farmers use

of that food delicacy is in the

three primary methods of curing meat. They are shelf

cure, pack cure and wrap cure.

All give satisfactory results, but

shelf cure gives a more uniform

Food science specialists at North Carolina State University have prepared a 16-page booklet which provides detailed instructions

for curing hams, from selecting

eight pounds of salt, three pounds of sugar and three

ounces of saltpeter for the sugar cure. A straight salt cure

gives good results, also.

Sugar gives a more desirable color and helps keep the ham

from becoming quite so hard during aging. Saltpeter gives the bright red color to the lean

and helps produce that good red gravy that goes well with a

The mix is applied to the

meat as soon as it's cut after chilling. Use 1-1/2 pounds of mix per pound of ham. Rub the curing mix on the ham at

three different times. The first

application is made when the

meat is cut and ready to go on the shelf. The second application is made on the third day and the third application on the 10th day.

Also, be sure to rub some

curing mix in the shank end at

each application. Hard rubbing

is not required.

Ideal temperatures for shelf

curing are from 36 to 40 degrees. If the temperature

goes above 50 degrees for any length of time, there is a

For 15-pound hams, cure two days per pound; 20-pound hams, cure 1-14 days per

pound; 25-pound hams, cure

1-1/2 days per pound. For each day the temperature averages

Hang the hams in a clean, tightly woven cutton bag by a

string fixed in the ham shank.

touch the bag at any piace. Tie the bag securely and hang the ham by the string fixed to the

shank and not that fixed to the

Fill the space between the ham

chance of spoilage.

meal of country ham.

They suggest using a mix of

the hog to aging the ham.

curing.

# To Be Observed Hog-Killing Time Dies November 4 At Hoke School Can't Be Far Off

A program will be held at Raeford Elementary School in observance of American Education Week.

Following the 8 p. exercises, all classrooms will be open for visitation of parents

Children's work will be on display and special bulletin boards will be prepared.

trough is a sure sign that hog-killing time is just around the corner. That means fresh sausage, tenderloin and maybe a treat of hog jowl, backbone,

or spareribs. sometimes next summer, about tobacco barning time, it

# **Acid Soils Found** Statewide Problem

Name one thing that the Mountains, Piedmont and Coastal Plain of North Carolina

have in common. If your answer is "acid soils"

you are right. An analysis of 127,000 soil samples tested by the N.C. Department of Agriculture between 1963 and 1965 shows that acid soils are a problem in North Carolina from the

mountains to the sea. The seriousness of soil varies slightly from to crop, but the problem is statewide.

Dr. Preston Reid, director of the Soil Testing Laboratory, reported that 57 per cent of the soil samples analyzed during the three year period showed the need for lime.

"I suspect the acidity problem is even worse than the

commented Dr. Jack Baird. "Soil samples are usually taken by better farmers. If cropland were sampled would probably find that 60 to 80 per cent of it needed lime."

Soil test information shows that over 60 per cent of the corn, soybean, flue-cured tobacco and forage crop acreage in the state needs lime. Over 50 per cent of the small grain, cotton and vegetable crops could benefit from lime. And over 40 per cent of the peanut and pasture acreage needs more lime.

To bring all of this cropland up to the best pH level for top farm profits would require about 2,700,000 tons of lime immediately, or about three times as much as farmers now apply annually.



SWEET THINGS

No doubt about it: 2,800 jars of jams, jellies and preserves are a lot of "sweet things And according to Mrs. Floy

G. Garner, home economics Extension agent, 'Homemakers in Carteret County brought that many half-pint jars at one time this summer and still ran out."

The bountiful crop of fruits and berries set the stage for homemakers and 4-H'ers to engage in daily food conservation, the agent

In addition to preserving for home use and for gifts, reported sales amount to 5549.60 thus far, and orders are still being filled. Mrs. Fred Kelly, Beaufort,

Rt. 1, county nutrition leader,

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techniques has been a rewarding experience for me and my family. We are enjoying the improved quality wondering now why we wasted time and materials last

I want to help other homemakers improve their techniques so that they, too, may enjoy the full rewards that from quality products. she added.

INSIDE STORY

When a homemaker sets out to buy a new mattress, she's pretty much at a loss to know what's inside the cover.

said, "Mustering the preserving

They may be smoked to improve appearance, but this should not be done until the salt has had time to equalize throughout the piece of meat.
If hams are not to be smoked, just brush off excess cure at the end of the curing schedule.

Not so, however, if she makes her own, as many in Durham County have done

Mrs. Stevenson

Funeral services for Mrs. W.C. Stevenson who died Monday Nov. 4, were conducted Tuesday in Chester, S.C., at Trinity Presbyterian She is the former Anna Ruth

McLauchlin of the Antioch section and daughter of Mrs. Flora McLauchlin of Antioch. Other survivors include her husband and two sons.

## Polyester Is A Polyester

RALEIGH - No matter whether it goes under the trade name of Dacron, Kodel, Vycron or Fortrel, a polyester

is a polyester.
Polyester is the family name for a whole group of fibers, Mrs. Ruby Miller, extension clothing specialist, North Carolina State University, points out. And all members of that "family" need the same

washday care.

For example, all polyesters have wet and dry wrinkle This means they resistance. won't become any more wrinkled wet than dry; provided the garment is not wrung during the washing process.

A garment made with a blend of half polyester will hold pleats and creases that are pressed into it exceptionally well

Another plus for the polyester group is its wicking action. Perspiration can come through the fabric and evaporate on the surface. Depending on the weave of the fabric, this can mean a fabric, comfortable garment on warm days.

Polyesters have superior wash and wear performance, too, says Mrs. Miller. However, don't allow oily stains to set for more than 24 hours. Pretreat stains immediately even though you don't plan to wash the gament right away.

Pretreat the neckline with a liquid heavy-duty synthetic degergent just before washing. below freezing during the curing process, add an extra day to the curing schedule. Rinse, allowing soil to flow off the surface, then follow regular washing procedure.

> Another point to remember is that chlorine bleach doesn't make polyesters white, the specialist explains. After repeated washing, white polyester fabrics may begin to yellow. This happens because they pick up and hold stains, such as bacon grease, salad oil and body oil. The only cure is reconditioning or stripping.

Wash polyester fabrics in moderately warm water, using a light agitation action in the washer. Drip-dry or spin in cool dryer. Remove from dryer and bag with crumpled newspaper. Do not let the ham immediately. Hang and straighten garment, seams and

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the flag on Veterans' Day.
The 862 students of Sandhills and members of the faculty and staff stood in front of the white pillared Administration Building in a chill wind for a flag-raising ceremony, a special tribute to Vereraus who have fought for and defended the United Sattes from its beginning.

demonstration of respect for

The brief program opened with the national anthem sung by the 90-voice Sandhills College Concert Choir under the direction of McKellar Israel of the department of music Dr. Raymond A. Stone president of Sandhills College Stone. in enlisted man in the United States Navy in World War II, spoke briefly following the raising of the stars and stripes and the flag of North Carolina.

The ceremony was sponsored by 30 Student Veterans Association of Sandhills College who have served in the Armed Forces, a number of them were combat veterans of Vietnam. For the special occasion they wore their uniforms - those of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard Eugene A. Watts, a retired Army Colonel, now an instructor at Sandhills, is the faculty advisor to the Studnet Veterans.

Larry Michaels of Orlando, Fig., a graduate of East Southern Pines High School, who served with the Fourth Infantry Division, is president the Student Veterans Association which was organized on the campus last year. Sponsoring a formal observance of Veterans' Day is one of several objectives of the group which also sponsors campus visits of the Red Cross Bloodmobile and cooperates in community projects in the

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