Lifestyles

Locklear completes NG basic training

Army National Guard Pvt. James V. Locklear, son of James L. Locklear of Rural Route 1, Maxton, and Dorothy J. Woods of Rural Route 2, Red Springs, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Walker promoted

Ernest C. Walker, son of Ernest H. Walker of Rural Route 2, Raeford, has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of private first class

Walker is a medical specialist at Fort Bragg with the 82nd Airborne

He is a 1984 graduate of Hoke County High School.

Variety of factors affect farms

Reviving the press

Jeff Crum, editor of the Sandhills Community College student

newspaper The Eye of the Needle begins work for the first issue. The

students of the Hoke and Moore County campuses of Sandhills Com-

munity College are about to find themselves involved in the revived

college newspaper. According to Crum, he and his staff are "taking a

fresh approach" to satisfy the demand for a campus paper. The Eye of the Needle will feature editorials, student essays, "S.C.C. Scenes,"

Student government news, commentaries, and a "Gabby Weisenhimer" column (with apologies to Ann Landers) written by one of the wrier men on campus, assistant editor Ken Newton. In the

past weeks, Crum has pulled together some of the best and brightest

from the S.C.C. campus to form a staff made up of production manager, Keith Borshak; photographer, William Jarrell; and writers Amy Clark, Brian Crum, Tip Iuliucci, Monica Parsons, Brenda Squires, Shane Varney, Thomas Wolfe, and Sarah Young. The first

issue is due out the second week in November.

Editor's Note: This is the fourth in a series of four articles focusing on the changes in North Carolina farm structure since 1950.

The structure of the farming industry is determined by a variety of factors, and our knowledge of the underlying causes of changes in structure is limited.

Nevertheless, this article will consider briefly some of the topics

Extension News Willie Featherstone Jr. County Extension Chairman

usually thought to be related to farm numbers, the size distribution

Sidney Mansfield/Exterminator

of farms and other structural characteristics.

There is a clear relationship between technological change and changes in farm size. Farm numbers have fallen and farms have grown in size over the last half century as new methods were introduced to allow more output per farm operator and to allow a

(See FARMS, page 5B)

Insulation should be checked before cold winter weather hits

Chances are good that your mobile home already has insulation, but there are other things to check in searching for ways to prepare the home for winter. First check to be sure there is insulation in the floor. There should be three or four inches.

there isn't, add R-19 fiberglass batts. Consider installing storm windows and doors.

If it isn't possible to add conven-

tional storm windows and doors, put plastic over the inside of the windows. In some cases a custom made storm door can be placed on the inside of the existing door.

You may also weatherstrip around doors and windows, or caulk around all windows, doors and other places where air may pass through. Placing a skirting material around the base of the mobile home may be one of the best investments you can make to reduce heating costs.

This reduces heat loss and helps prevent water pipes from freezing. You should allow some vent space in the skirting. Have your heating system checked and servic-

ed by a competent service person, if this hasn't been done recently. The system should be adjusted for maximum operating efficiency. If heat system duct is exposed

under the floor, wrap it with a minimum of R-4 insulation. Also, insulate all water pipes and tanks to prevent freezing.

On the Front Burner Alice Pettitt Home Economics Agent

Keep doors and windows closed when possible.

Lower thermostat setting as low as possible without keeping the home too uncomfortably cool.

Biscuit Lasagne

1 lb ground beef 1 jar (32 oz.) spaghetti sauce 1 teaspoon dried oregano leaves cup creamed cottage cheese 1/4 cup milk

1 teaspoon dried basil leaves 2 cups mozzarella cheese (8 oz.) 1/2 cup chopped onion

1 tablespoon parsley flakes 3 cups biscuit baking mix 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese

l tablespoon parsley flakes I cup shredded zucchini (about 1 small)

Heat oven to 375°. Cook and stir ground beef and onion in 4-quart saucepan over medium heat until beef is brown; drain. Stir in spaghetti sauce, 1 tablespoon parsley and the oregano. Heat to boiling over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally. Keep warm over low heat. Mix remaining ingredients except zucchini and moz-

zarella cheese until dough forms; beat 20 strokes. Spread half of the dough in ungreased rectangular pan, 13"x9"x2". Sprinkle half of the zucchini over dough; spread half of the beef mixture over zuc-chini. Sprinkle with half of the mozzarella cheese. Drop remaining dough by heaping teaspoonfuls on-to cheese. Repeat with remaining zucchini, beef mixture and cheese. Bake until biscuits are dark golden brown, 32 to 35 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before cutting. 15 serv-

Pumpkin-Coconut Bar

2 cups biscuit baking mix 1 cup flaked coconut

1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

Easy coconut frosting (below) I cup chopped pecans

2/3 cup sugar

1 ½ teaspoons ground nutmeg 1 can (16 oz.) pumpkin Heat oven to 325°. Grease jelly roll pan, 15½x10½x1". Mix all ingredients except frosting; beat 40 strokes. Spread in pan. Bake until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean, about 20 minutes; cool completely. Spread easy coconut frosting over top. Cut into bars, about 2x1". 75 bars.

Easy Coconut Frosting: Mix 1 cup powdered sugar, 1 tablespoon plus 2 teaspoons milk and 1/2 teaspoon coconut flavoring until

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