

## Foreign Exchange Students Entertain The Classroom Teacher Association

Immediately following the Duplin County Unit of the N. C. E. A. meeting in Wallace on Thursday, the Classroom Teacher Association of Duplin met. Mrs. James Ward of Rose Hill, president of the Association presided.

For the program, Mrs. Ward presented the Foreign exchange students who are visiting in Duplin—three girls and one boy. The girls rendered several selections of their native songs and told of their native countries.

The story of the group follows: Four South American students arrived in Rose Hill and Wallace the first of January. All four are participants in the American Youth Exchange which is an exchange program whereby South American youth visit the United States and vice versa.

During their stay here, the youths have become a part of the families which they are staying. Although no credit will be given, they will attend classes with their "brothers and sisters". The four students are here on a summer vacation. The seasons in the southern hemisphere are opposite those in the northern hemisphere.

Rafael Heckler, a 16 year-old boy from Lima, Peru, was the first to arrive. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kramer are his American "parents" Natalie Kramer, senior at Wallace-Rose Hill School, is his "sister".

Ximena Velasque, a 14 year-old girl from Santiago, Chile, is staying with Mr. and Mrs. Felton Rackley and Ann, a student at Wallace-Rose Hill High School.

Haydee Fernandez, a 16 year-old also from Santiago, is staying with Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Price and Ann, who is a student at Wallace-Rose Hill High.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ward and Nancy are the new "parents" and "sister", respectively, of Patricia Mosca, also from Santiago.

Room and board, laundry and other expenses are being paid by the hosts while transportation and clothing were furnished by the youths' own families.

The youths are here for a stay of ten weeks. The local "sisters" will have the opportunity to study and visit in South America for ten weeks next summer.

## OPEN FIRES are deadly DANGEROUS!



USE SCREENS OR OTHER GUARDS... KEEP YOUNGSTERS AWAY FROM EXPOSED FLAME AND OPEN HEATERS!

### KEEP FIRE IN FIRE PLACE

If you have a fireplace, keep your home firesafe by placing a screen in front of it when in use.

And never, never, leave children alone in the house, no matter whether there is a fire in the fireplace or not, says the National Board of Fire Underwriters. Fire deaths in the United States during 1961 totaled approximately 11,700, and deaths were higher among children under 14 years of age and elderly persons of 65 and over.

By regulating the light and temperature in our greenhouses, we are able to time the blooming dates of such crops as poinsettias, chrysanthemums, azaleas and others.

We anticipated this problem when lights were installed on our campus near our greenhouses. We solved the problem by placing metal shades around the rim of the lights so that our houses are protected.

Several weeks ago I gave you a list of small fruited tomato varieties that you might wish to try in your garden this summer for paste, salads, and pickles - Red Cherry (large and small), Red Pear, Yellow Pear and Yellow Plum. This week I ran across another variety which is unusual - San Marzano. San Marzano is rectangular-shaped, about 3 1/2 inches long and about 1 1/2 inches across. It is reported to be productive and to have a very intense red color, making it especially suitable for puree and tomato paste.

The weather has been a choice conversation piece all winter. In the vernacular, "we have had it". The oil tanker has spent a good portion of time in my driveway not to mention a couple of cords of wood in the fireplace.

I have just read an interesting article on "The Weather Pattern", by a noted meteorologist in which he predicted, last fall, that "due to high altitude nuclear blasts in space, cold air masses would penetrate farther south throughout the Northern Hemisphere this winter. This prediction, as we know, came true.

Dr. Krich's explanation of the cold air disturbances is not, however, in agreement with the thinking of the U. S. Weather Bureau meteorologists. They say that they need more proof.

Be that as it may, it would probably be wise for us to spend more time in thinking and planning for health and happiness at the lower altitudes where we live. There is lots of unconquered space down here.

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Dangerous winter disease germs are often trapped in woolen blankets. Increased indoor living means more chance that germs carrying flu, sore throats or other illnesses will be spread by coughs, sneezes and by blowing the nose. Woolen blankets commonly harbor these germs because the low-temperature washing recommended for wool fibers is not hot enough to disinfect them. They should be pre-soaked in a disinfectant solution made with 2 1/2 tablespoons of Lysol Brand to a gallon of water. This procedure will kill common-disease germs without harm to the blanket.

Pay extra attention to sick-room blankets. Help prevent the spread of disease germs by disinfecting and laundering them regularly.

## Pre-Sprouting Sweet Potatoes Can Mean Savings To Farmers

Tar Heel sweet potato growers are missing savings of \$40-\$50 per acre if they are neglecting the pre-sprouting practice.

Farmers can save this amount by pre-sprouting the seed stock in storage just prior to bedding, according to Henry J. Covington, extension horticultural specialist at North Carolina State College.

"The process is inexpensive and simple," says Covington. "It increases early sprout production and reduces the amount of seed stock you must bed for plants."

The idea is to get the potatoes to push out sprouts the longest of which are one and one-half inches by the time the farmer is ready to bed them.

Pre-sprouting is most beneficial for slow, poor sprouting varieties such as Gold Rush, Nugget and Centennial. It takes 30 days for these three. Porto Rico can be pre-sprouted in 21 days.

"We have been recommending 2 bushels of Gold Rush to produce enough plants in two pullings to set an acre in the field. If you pre-sprout, you can reduce this to 1 bushel, a 10 bushel saving per acre. This amounts to \$40 to \$50 a acre," Covington pointed out.

The seed stock should be given ideal curing conditions for 30 days just prior to bedding. The ideal conditions are 85 degrees F., and 9 per cent relative humidity.

Covington said that while most curing facilities may not be tight enough to maintain the ideal humidity, this doesn't mean pre-sprouting can't be done.

It does mean that the process may take longer and the sprout production may not be as great.

The air where the potatoes are being pre-sprouted must be kept as moist as possible. The wall should be sprayed at least twice daily and the floor should be wet if it is soil or concrete.

The humidity shouldn't be maintained at 100 per cent nor should the surface of the potatoes be kept completely wet. These conditions will produce white rootlets.

After pre-sprouting, the usual recommended practices of seed treatment and bedding should be followed, according to Covington.

He cautioned that the potato should be placed in the bed carefully with the roots situated so that the sprouts are as near straight up as practical. "Be careful to cover with soil two inches deep so the sprout remain upright," he added.

A few of the longer sprouts may be showing when the job is completed but the farmer should not be concerned about these, said Covington.

The plastic cover should be used as usual, removing it during the day when the plants generally start emerging. However, it may be needed for cold spells and late frost.

"Don't bed too early," Covington warned. "If anything, bed a week later than usual as plants can be produced using plastic covers in our weeks after bedding, if the weather is favorable." Around February 25 is regarded as a good time to start the pre-sprouting process.

The pre-sprouting recommendations are based on work done in Mississippi by USDA scientists Leaton Kushman and Marshall Donler. Kushman is now with the USDA at State College.

## Check Personal Tax Exemptions

Every taxpayer is entitled to at least one personal exemption of \$600 in filing his Federal income tax return for 1962. Mr. J. E. Wall, District Director of Internal Revenue for the Greensboro District, said today.

A taxpayer who has reached his 15th birthday on or before January 1, 1963, or who was blind at the end of 1962 is entitled to an extra \$600 exemption, and if both conditions existed, he gets two extra exemptions of \$600 each.

The taxpayer's wife is also entitled to these additional exemptions for age and blindness.

Mr. Wall said a taxpayer who files a separate return may claim his wife's personal exemption and additional exemptions only if she had no income and was not the dependent of another taxpayer.

If your husband or wife died during 1962, Mr. Wall said the number of his or her exemptions is determined as of the date of death. Be sure to check the appropriate blocks on your return.

Taxpayers who have any questions on exemptions may get Document No. 5013, "Personal Exemptions and Dependents," by writing to their local Internal Revenue Office.

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## Credit Buyers May Find Tax Saving In Interest And Carrying Charges

There's hardly a consumer who doesn't buy something on credit, yet many of them overlook the interest charges when figuring their annual income tax, according to a new article in the Kiplinger Magazine.

An article in the current issue of the magazine, which suggests ways taxpayers can trim the annual debt to Uncle Sam, reminds readers that finding another \$100 or \$200 of deductions can save at least \$20 to \$40 in taxes.

Interest paid on your auto loan, home mortgage, life insurance policy loan or other debt deductible, the article points out. So is any penalty paid to speed up mortgage payments or retire a mortgage. Taxpayers who own stock in a cooperative apartment can deduct a portion of annual payments as interest. And interest on back taxes finally paid to the Federal, state or local government is deductible.

"Perhaps you bought on the installment plan," the article continues. "The interest charge often is

included in the "carrying charge" and not stated separately.

In that case, deduct as interest 6 percent of the average unpaid monthly balance during the year. Check the rules on just how to figure it out."

Finally, the article advises taxpayers who borrowed on a "discount" loan to remember to include the charges.

"Say you got \$1,890 cash on \$2,100 loan and paid back \$70 monthly for 30 months. You are actually paying \$7 a month interest which is deductible. The \$210 discount divided by the 30 months.

## Colored News

Mr. and Mrs. James Nathaniel Nickerson of Washington, D. C., announce the birth of a son, Milford Dion, born February 27th at Duplin General Hospital.

Mrs. Nickerson is the former Lorraine Brinson of Kenansville.

## Garden Time

By M. E. Gardner N. C. State College

A lady writes from Burlington and makes this request: "Please advise if it has been proven that mercury lamps used for yard lighting could affect plants. We have not the usual luck in our greenhouse since the lamp was put up."

The yard light she mentions can very definitely affect plants growing in her greenhouse. All plants are sensitive to light, some being more sensitive than others. We refer to this as photoperiod or day length. had the usual luck in our greenhouse since the lamp was put up.

The additional light from the yard lamp has increased the day length, or number of light hours, and most likely has kept the plants too vegetative thus preventing proper flowering.

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## "I don't ski, but..."

... this new resort has meant a regular pay check for my husband... and a lot of the other folks in our community."

Yes, rural electric systems are helping their communities survive the economic blow that has struck traditionally farming and mining areas.

One example is in Illinois, where two young men built a ski resort... and the community had a moment of hope. But problems arose when it didn't snow the first year... the owners faced bankruptcy... the local bank faced loss of its investment... and the rural electric cooperative serving the area faced loss of \$9,000 invested in line to the new industry.

But the people of the area decided it shouldn't happen. The bank lent all it could—\$75,000. The cooperative lent \$23,000 to buy electrically operated snow-making equipment.

Now the ski resort is growing and thriving—creating jobs and income for people of the area. As the local banker said, "The resort needed an extra push to get over the hump. It had exhausted its credit. The cooperative stepped in. The whole area, farmers and townspeople alike, will benefit. The resort is a new industry, just as a factory would be."

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