

Local Public Health News

Duplin County's Preventive Dental Health Program is Saving Dollars

Parents of school age children in Duplin County are being saved many dollars and school children are being saved much pain by preventing dental decay, said Joe L. Costin, director of the Duplin County Health Department. The results of a six-year study have been provided by Dr. Richard F. Murphy, regional dental consultant of the N.C. Health Services division of Greenville. Study results show a 38 percent in dental cavities among elementary and junior high school students participating in the dental program.

The program consists of a weekly fluoride mouth rinse and school water fluoridation

and was begun in 1975 under the direction of Mrs. Grace Newton, public health dental hygienist. The school water fluoridation is maintained by personnel from the N.C. dental health section in Greenville, by the maintenance personnel of the Duplin school system under the direction of J.L. Rhodes, and by a specially selected person at each school.

Mrs. Newton supervises the mouth rinse (swish) program and provides dental health education for all the county's school age population. She stated that she is very proud to be a part of a preventive dental program which is saving teeth for the children. "The citizens of our county have been most interested and helpful and I am pleased to be a part of this effort," said Mrs. Newton.



Along the Way

By Emily Killeto

Americans are free to travel without any restrictions. During World War II, Americans were hit by a gasoline shortage which resulted in a rationing program and later restrictions on the use of fuel.

An article in the January 7, 1943 issue of the DUPLIN TIMES announced driving restrictions for American motorists. Pleasure driving was banned and a warning issued against breaking the restrictions. Violators would lose their ration cards.

Ration cards "A", "B" and "C" could be used to purchase gasoline for a family or personal necessity when no other adequate transportation was available. Gasoline could be purchased for use in occupational travels. Naval and military personnel under transfer orders or on leave or furlough could use ration cards to purchase fuel for driving to visit relatives or making social calls.

Pleasure driving was banned in the 17 Eastern seaboard states and the District of Columbia, effective Thursday, Jan. 7, 1943. Road checks were planned from

Maine to Florida to help enforce the new rationing restrictions. Listed as pleasure driving were trips to amusement and recreation centers such as: theatres, dances, golf courses, bowling alleys, night clubs, sporting or athletic events, sightseeing, touring, vacation travel and social calls except those for military and naval personnel on leave or furlough under transfer. Local gas rationing boards were given discretion to judge the necessity of driving in cases not specifically mentioned in the pleasure driving restrictions.

Today, Americans who did not live during WWII find rationing and driving restrictions hard to imagine. Pleasure driving probably makes up the largest type of driving done by the average American family. Citizens have learned to car pool to work and combine shopping trips to cut down on fuel consumption and cost. But, Americans still enjoy vacation trips and pleasure driving regardless of the cost and in the past several weeks the price of gasoline has been decreasing.

Overwhelming Response To AES Tree Day

The Duplin County volunteer beautification committee sponsored by the Duplin County Agricultural Extension Service has had an overwhelming response for Tree Day on March 5.

For those requesting trees, be sure to go to the pick-up location between 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 5.

Mrs. C.M. Rice, chairman, urges you to come early and bring newspaper or plastic bags for your trees in order to keep the roots from drying out.

Listed below are committee members and the pick-up location for those members: Ag. Extension office in Kenasville, Mrs. Lois G. Britt, Mrs. Mae Spicer, Mrs. C.M. Rice, Mrs. Arthenia Hall and Philip Denlinger; Warsaw Town Hall, Mrs. W.J. Weatherly and Mrs.

Terry Quinn; Nan's Interiors in downtown Faison, Mrs.

Net Cottle and Mrs. Nan Fesperman; Mr. and Mrs. Leland Grady at Rhodes Grill, Beulaville; Mrs. Vera Turner and Mrs. Frederick Rhodes, Route 1, Albertson (at home); Pleasant Grove Community Building, Scott's Store, Mrs. Jean Kornegay, Mrs. Mary Lou Herring, Mrs. Hazel Ruth Kornegay and Mrs. Eugene Outlaw; at Ronces Chapel Community Building, Mrs. Nancy Underhill; Mrs. Billy Blanchard, E. Main Street, Rose Hill (at home) and Mrs. Mary Susan Bishop, Route 1, Magnolia (at home); Mrs. Doug Olson and Mrs. A.J. Cavanaugh and Miss Laura Sloan and Mrs. Melvin McBride at Dan Pope's Service Station, Wallace; and Mrs. W.W. Maready, Route 1, Chinquapin (at home).



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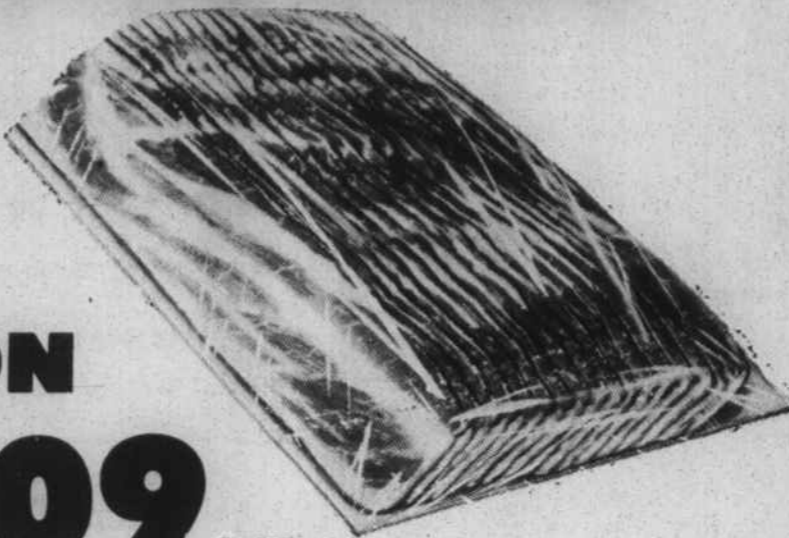
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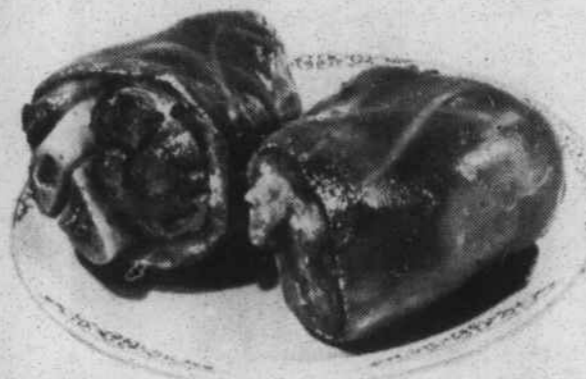
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