

GIRL SCOUT News

Troop 14
Brownie Scout troop 14 had a broadcast over WGNC on Wednesday afternoon at 4:30, Dec. 21. We used the play, "The First New England Christmas Tree," which was arranged for radio by Mrs. James Simpson. The play was about early colonial customs. The cast: Jamie; Phyllis Dean; Mother; Judy Cox; Cynthia; Judy Cooper; Neighbor Warren; Peggy Craig; Doris Hancer; Bobby Stender; William; Norma Kay Hamrick; George; Jane Thompson Elder; Guy Ann Henderson.

After the broadcast we all went to Mrs. Simpson's for supper. We made wishing nuts for our parents, played games and sang. The table was beautiful with Christmas decorations. Small packages were placed cards. The hostess served a fried chicken supper with caramel pie for dessert.

Phyllis Dean
Peggy Craig

State College Hints To Farm Homemakers

(By Ruth Curren)
What to know when you buy a lamp? Home management specialists say consider more than looks and price when shopping for floor or table lamps. Any lamp that will be used for reading, studying, sewing or other close work needs to be constructed to give plenty of clear, soft, glareless light.

For a good buy in such a lamp, here are features to look for:

Size: Be sure the lamp is tall enough and has a shade broad enough at the bottom to spread a wide circle of light.

Bowl: Be sure the lamp has a diffusing (reflector) bowl under the shade to prevent glare and soften light. The bowl should be of good quality plastic or white diffusing glass of even thickness throughout.

Bulb: Lamps equipped for three-light bulbs are most useful because the light can be adjusted to suit different needs.

Shade: Select shades broad at the bottom, deep enough to conceal the diffusing bowl and with a white lining to reflect light. A white or ivory shade gives about 50 percent more light than a dark shade which absorbs and thus wastes light. Many people like shades which are dark on the outside but they should always have a white lining.

Bath towels: preserve their life and beauty. Do not let your towels become too soiled or grimy but launder them often in hot, soapy water. Rinse thoroughly. This keeps the towels fluffy and soft. Towels that are not rinsed properly will become stiff and scratchy and will not absorb moisture easily. Hang colored towels in the shade to prevent fading. Stretch into shape while still wet. You do not iron terry cloth towels for this decreases absorbency also. Check selvages and clip loose ends. These precautions should add years of life and beauty to your loveliest towels.

Conductor Houser Draws "Ties" Mention

The following mention in "Ties," Southern Railway Magazine, issue of December will be of interest to many friends of Mr. Houser:

A lady temporarily in distress had the good fortune to be boarding The New Yorker at Atlanta, Ga., where she could place her transportation troubles in the hands of the Southern Railway conductor on that train. Miss Mary Ann Taylor, secretary of the travel department of the Carolina Motor Club, Inc., Charlotte, N. C., was the lady and she found cause to be grateful for the consideration displayed by her conductor. Although she did not know the name of her benefactor (we do—it was Roy D. Houser of Atlanta, Ga.), she afterwards wrote a letter to the stationmaster at Charlotte to tell him what her troubles had been and how they were straightened out for her by Mr. Houser.

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Know Your Teacher

(Ed. Note: One of a series of articles written by the Public Relations Committee of the Kings Mountain chapter of the North Carolina Education Association.)



MISS MARY CROMARTIE

We reached into the deeper South this week and found Miss Mary Cromartie whom we might call a "Georgia Cracker." She's, from Gainesville to be exact.

She graduated from Brenau College, which is right in her own hometown, with an A. B. degree in Mathematics. She taught in Georgia five years before coming to North Carolina. She then taught at Clarkton and Whiteville before coming to Kings Mountain.

When we see Miss Cromartie aptly carrying on in the first-aid room we wonder if perhaps Nursing as a profession could have ever beckoned at one time or another. "It did," she says, "but I had to make a choice. I chose teaching because I like working with young people."

Miss Cromartie handles the kitchen department quite capably, too. It is not uncommon to sit down to

Prepare Farm Plan Advises Specialist

One of the most important jobs which North Carolina farmers should do at this time of year is to prepare a farm plan for 1950, says Dr. C. B. Ratchford, in charge of extension farm management at State College.

Proposed reductions in cotton acreage and the outlook for 1950 will force some farmers to make changes in 1950, says Ratchford, and many others should make some change.

The planning should include selection of the crops to be produced, selecting the field where each crop will be planted, selecting kind and amount of livestock to be produced, selecting kind and amount of grazing, hay and grain crops, choosing soil conservation measures to be adopted in 1950, determining new buildings and fencing which will be needed, and selecting and

a delicious meal when she's around. She has three brothers and one sister.

When asked what she was going to do during the Christmas holidays, she replied simply, "Going home." Knowing Miss Cromartie, there's a lot of meaning packed into those words because although she likes Kings Mountain and the people here, her heart is still in Georgia.

obtaining farm power and machinery.

The planning, says Ratchford, should include not only what is to be done but when it will be done.

For best results, planning must be done now, the State College specialist points out. For example, the farmer who wants to seed a pasture next fall will not be able to do so, or will be forced to seed it on less desirable land, unless he plans this project now and plants crops which will leave the field clear by next August. Other benefits of early planning include saving of time in busy seasons and avoiding ending up the year with a short supply of some needed product.

Several other important jobs need to be done, says Ratchford. These include summarizing and studying farm records, checking and repairing farm machinery, repairing

buildings to lengthen their life, and adding livestock to balance the farming system. Labor is the largest expense on many North Carolina farms and wise use of this resource throughout the year will certainly increase income, he asserts, adding that livestock production offers the

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