



Hostess DEEDS

by Jan Christensen

News items this week from Perquimans, Durham, Cleveland, Wayne, and Clay counties.

POOR HEMMING A "HOMEMADE" MARK

Homemakers and 4-H Club girls in Perquimans County are giving special attention to improving one of the most important sewing skills, hemming.

Mrs. Paige Underwood, associate home economics extension agent, says clothing leaders in the county are teaching hemming skills and stressing a "start-from-the-bottom" approach for the seamstress.

"The hem of a garment is the final detail of construction and one of the most important details," Mrs. Underwood points out. "A poor hem is the surest mark of a homemade garment."

Home seamstresses are being taught to reduce fullness and bulkiness by cutting down the depth of the hem, grading seams, pressing carefully and correctly and shrinking out gathers in wool.

BEDMAKING MADE EASIER
"One-trip bedmaking is the easiest way I've ever tried to make a bed," says Mrs. Leuvenia Higgins, Rt. 2, Durham.

The home management leader for the Orange Grove Home Demonstration Club, Mrs. Higgins is sharing with club members some simple but time-saving bedmaking skills she learned at a leader's training meeting.

Helen M. Brett, assistant home economics extension agent, explains that Mrs. Higgins says she use to go around the bed six to eight times in making it up.

"Some husbands, who handle the bedmaking chores in their homes, were reported to be interested in picking up the "one-trip" method," Miss Brett said.

SAVE ON DRAPERY

Cleveland County families are realizing considerable savings by making their own window drapery, according to home economics extension agents.

Reports from two families show that they bought materials from mill cloth shops to make drapery. One homemaker dressed windows in six rooms for a total cost of \$52.95. She estimates the cost of ready-made drapery would have been over \$100.

Another homemaker realized a savings of 49 per cent by making drapery for her living room and family room.

REFINISHED FURNITURE CUTS COST

Don't junk that old furniture that's sitting around the house. Wayne County homemakers are told. Furniture can be refinished at home with a considerable savings in costs.

Nancy W. Lewis, home economics extension agent, says there are some 20 Wayne County homemakers who can attest to the fact that this is sound advice.

By refinishing 22 old pieces of furniture, they saved some \$300 over what the cost would have been had the work been hired out. The work was done at a recent refinishing workshop.

"Not only did this help them save dollars," points out Miss Lewis, "but they were able to preserve some very beautiful heirlooms which had a great deal

Domestic Help Should Be Reported

Many homemakers fail to report their domestic employees for social security credits, according to Mr. Lex G. Barkley social security district manager in Gastonia, N. C. Mr. Barkley says of sentimental value."

USE FOR OLD HOSE
Looking for a new use for old nylon hose? Mrs. June Coker, Clay County homemaker, has an interesting idea.

Mrs. Ruby Corpening, home economics extension agent, says Mrs. Coker uses the old hose to make bottoms for her children's chairs, he adds that they are easy to work with "with just a twist or two, you can make a bottom that is quite strong."

that the majority of those who do not report are the people who hire babysitters to work in their homes on a regular basis.

"Babysitters, who work in private homes regularly and are paid at least \$4 per week, are often forgotten when social security wage reports are due," Mr. Barkley said today.

"The law is very specific. Any one who pays \$50 or more in cash wages to a domestic employee, in a calendar quarter, is legally obligated to report these wages to the Internal Revenue Service. Reports, together with social security taxes are payable, are due within 30 days after the end of the quarter in which the wages were paid."

Mr. Barkley emphasized that only cash wages paid domestic

employees are to be reported. Wages in the form of room and board, etc., are not subject to social security tax. No report is required if the employee was not paid cash wages of at least \$50 in the quarter.

"Failure to make accurate and timely reports of wages paid to domestic employees can result in penalties and interest, to the employer—and loss of social security credit for the employee," Mr. Barkley added.

The Gastonia, N. C. social security office has a free booklet available to employers of domestic help, containing information on proper methods of reporting wages. Copies are available at the district office located at 130 E. Franklin Ave., Gastonia, N. C. The phone number is 864-5634.

Bonds Sales Up In March

U. S. Savings Bonds sales in North Carolina during March showed an increase of over 7 percent above sales of March a year ago. Total E and H Bond sales for the month amounted to \$4,299,842.

Combined sales of E and H Bonds for the first quarter of the year amounted to \$13,741,122, which is over 2 percent ahead of first quarter sales of 1965. This amounts to 26 percent of the State's annual quota of \$52,900,000.

Bond sales in Cleveland County, according to George Blanton, Jr., Cleveland County Volunteer

Moore Finishes Recruit Training

PARRIS ISLAND, S. C. (FHP-NC) April 20 — Marine Private Johnny Moore, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie G. Moore of Route 1, Kings Mountain, N. C., was graduated from Marine recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot here.

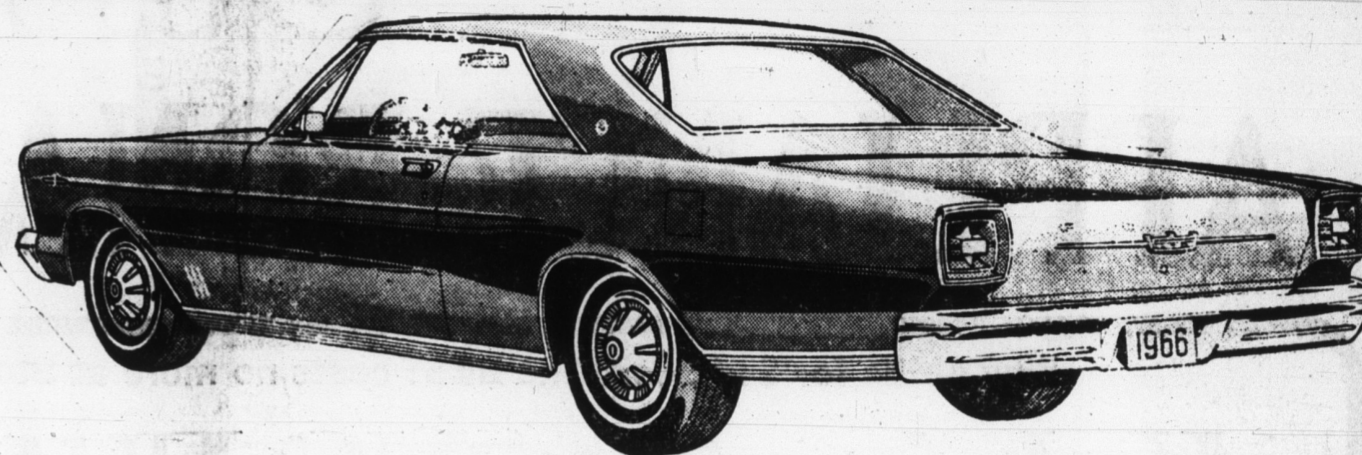
"We are pleased with the current trend of Bond sales in North Carolina," said W. H. Andrews, Jr., Volunteer State Chairman, and we expect to have another outstanding sales record in our State this year. With the new interest rate of 4.15 percent which is now paid on all Savings Bonds, new and old, Savings Bonds are a better buy than ever before."

During his eight weeks of intensified recruit training under veteran noncommissioned officer Drill Instructors, he learned small arms marksmanship, bayonet fighting, and methods of self-protection. He also received instruction in military drill, history and traditions of the Marine Corps, and other academic subjects.

Mrs. Johnnie G. Moore of Route 1, Kings Mountain, N. C., was graduated from Marine recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot here.

He will undergo four weeks of individual combat training and four weeks of basic specialist training in his military occupational field before being assigned to a permanent unit.

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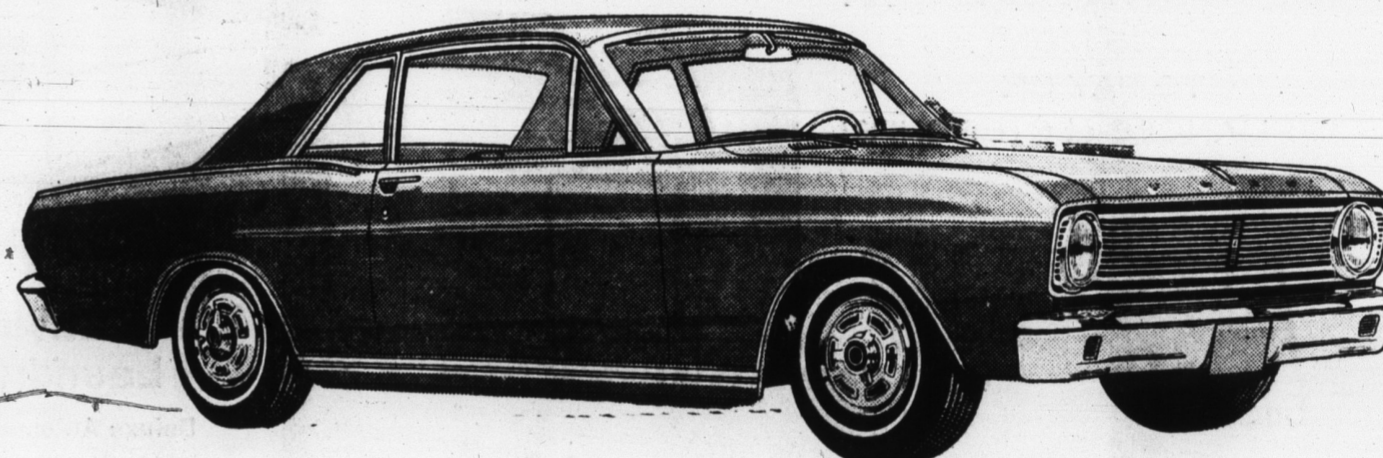
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Telephone Talk

By R. B. MOORE



RECENTLY SOME FRIENDS OF MINE WERE TELLING their five-year-old son what to do in case he ever got lost. "First," asked dad, "what's our address?" "I don't know," said Junior, "but our Area Code is 404!" With a bit more training we think this youngster will grow up to be one of those very smart adults who always give their Area Code along with their phone number . . . and who keep a list of frequently-used Area Codes and telephone numbers beside the telephone!

FROM STORIES WE'VE HEARD RECENTLY, IT SOUNDS AS IF THEY'VE ADDED TWO NEW QUALIFICATIONS TO THE JOB OF TELEPHONE REPAIRMAN. He must have a sense of humor. And he definitely has to be an animal lover. For instance, when a hamster crawled up the coin slot of a public telephone, the repairman took the phone apart and returned the pet to its tearful owner. Another repairman who came to repair a phone that wasn't refunding money correctly, found a live turtle in the slot. And finally, when a mother robin chose a public phone booth in which to build a nest, the booth was closed, and a temporary one put up nearby until the eggs were hatched and the little ones safely out on their own. All of which shows that in addition to being skilled in their jobs, telephone company repairmen are really very nice and understanding people, too!

THERE'S MORE TO MAKING A TELEPHONE POLE THAN JUST CUTTING DOWN A TREE! And not just any old tree will do. For instance, a tree that looks promising gets a physical examination. It's checked for height, slight taper, durability, good health, and posture. Once it's cut and trimmed, it's washed, shaved, bored for climbing bolts, cut to the proper length, and then inspected and seasoned in the sun. Preservative is added, and it's dried and checked again. A tree that's gone through all this is good for up to half a century of service as a telephone pole. And just think, this is only a very small part of the careful work and precision that help bring you that quick, convenient, low-cost telephone service.

HELPFUL HINTS WHEN MAKING TELEPHONE CALLS

How many times have you dashed from the lawn into the house to answer the telephone and heard "I have the wrong number" or "I was calling John Doe"?

By following these helpful hints when making telephone calls may save someone from dashing in to answer the telephone when it isn't for them and will also save you time:

1. Look up your number in the directory if you are not sure of the correct number.
2. Always write your number down and keep the number you are calling in front of you while dialing.
3. Listen for dial tone before starting to dial.
4. Be sure to place your finger in the right dial opening and bring the dial around until the finger firmly touches the finger stop.