

Do cucumbers make you think of a snake or twigs, "pulp"? If they do, the next time you go to a swank party, be sure you are served a new variety "Burple" — and 1 1/2 inches in diameter. That is the name of the variety. Burple is reported to be very productive and produces over a long period. The average 60 days yield should be quality is very good. In appearance it resembles the Florida Burpless variety. It is reported to be resistant to downy mildew, a fungus disease.

"Now grow 4 cucumbers and 4 tomatoes on one plant in any space. Amaze your friends by growing them the scintillatingly beautiful — two luscious crops, a fruit and a vegetable — on one plant on one plant in the same space. Burple and tomatoes are ripening on sturdy plants above ground; potatoes growing on the roots below. Yields are top in little space. 24 of six Potato plants \$13.95."

That is what the advertisement says. It is a seed. In a reader for comment. You will know, but that the ad says "Burple" is a "to do" variety. It is the ad legal. Although the ad also offers for sale "Burple plants," which is misleading.

Once again I warn my reader's to be skeptical by smart. I am not interested in making a fast buck. Plant your tomatoes and potatoes as you have in the past if you expect maximum performance.

While I do not have the instructions, it seems obvious that the "Burple" would be to cut a plug from the potato tuber, insert two or three tomato seeds in the hole, replace the plug and plant the potato — not too deep — then till and the plants after emergence.

While it is true that the potato and the tomato belong to the same family, you would precipitate a gosh awful family squabble when the roots of the two crops begin to compete for moisture and nutrients in the same limited area of soil environment.

I could tell you another story about a man who paid \$5 for an "everbearing tomato plant." With extra good care the plant never produced tomatoes. In fact, it was not a tomato plant to begin with.

Perhaps Barham was right.

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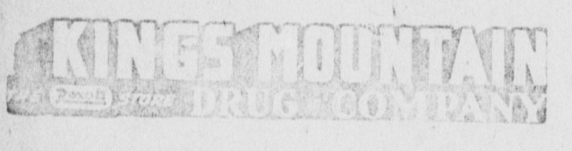
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Dear Editor:  
Kings Mountain, North Carolina  
Dear Martin:

During these troubled times in our world, I would like to comment on the very nice people we have here in our city.

Recently, I had a little dog to give me. To most people that would mean nothing, but my wife and I were very fond of our little dog. We haven't found him yet. I feel also someone in or near Kings Mountain has him. Maybe they didn't read our ad in the Herald or listen to the radio. Maybe they think more of the little dog with the reward we are offering. But being the case, they are taking good care of him.

Martin, as you know I have spent years working with the young people of Kings Mountain through the Optimist Club, Little League and the American Legion. I often wondered if my wife was in vain. But I realize now what the children we do have in our city. Several girls from Kings Mountain came to my home to tell me they were very sorry I had lost my little dog and wanted to help me find him and they didn't want a reward. My neighbors children, Mark, Joe & Erica have helped me look for him.

I am thankful for a fine radio station like WMTB. I thought it was very nice of announcer Bob Reid for calling my wife and offering suggestions as where we might look for our dog. Tommy Bridges took time off from his political campaign to try and help. A fellow who lives in our section of town, came and picked me up to go see a little dog he thought may be mine. I am sorry but I didn't ask his name.

I could go on and on mentioning people who tried to help. This brings to mind the scripture we used in our church on Sunday where Jesus said, "Love Your Neighbor as Yourself." We have tried to be good neighbors to all people of Kings Mountain. We live in the finest town in the country.

I haven't given up hope of finding my little dog and would like to say thanks to all who have tried to help.

Carl Wilson

**Is Problem**

RALEIGH — Pollution is every body's problem. And there are some things you, as a consumer, can do to help reduce or avert pollution in your area.

These suggestions from Thelma Hagan, extension home management specialist, North Carolina State University, may be helpful.

Try not to buy products that are packaged in wrappers or containers that will not burn or degrade.

For example, paper is biodegradable. Aluminum is not degradable, but may be recycled and used again if facilities are available.

Full laminated paper cannot be recycled and will not degrade. Glass can be recycled for reuse if facilities are available.

But only returnable bottles and containers to return them. One coverage company estimates that returnable bottles need to make 15 to 20 round trips to be worthwhile. The average is 10 round trips.

Reduce purchases of nonwoven disposables, such as diapers, sheets, pillowcases, napkins, and paper towels. Industry is working on ways to reclaim disposables and recycle them back into use, the specialist notes. But the process is not yet perfected.

Buy white paper products. Dyes are not biodegradable.

Buy the products of companies who are concerned with environmental pollution and are trying to do something about it.

Buy lead-free gasoline for your auto. If you can use it without engine problems.

Pay higher prices for appliances so that degradable metal will be used instead of the less degradable plastics.

Written manufacturers about you concern for pollution. Encourage them to package products in materials that can be returned or recycled.

**What Cooking Tip Offered**

RALEIGH — You may have heard a lot of talk about the temperature of your meat. Inside the meat, that is, but have you ever tried one?

The good news is that a meat thermometer is designed to tell you the temperature of a roast long before it is done.

The bad news is that most people don't use them. They are often quite difficult to use.

The good news is that the specialist observes, "If you don't tell the whole story, you haven't seen roasts with pop-up thermometers at your meat counter, they will probably be there soon. Keep looking."

**Flankies Training**

FT. JACKSON, S.C. (AHTNC) April 23 — Army private Kenneth E. Lovelace, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Lovelace, Route 1, Gower, S.C. recently completed eight weeks of basic training at Ft. Jackson, S.C.

He received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, marching, combat tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

The soldier is a 1970 graduate of Kings Mountain High School.

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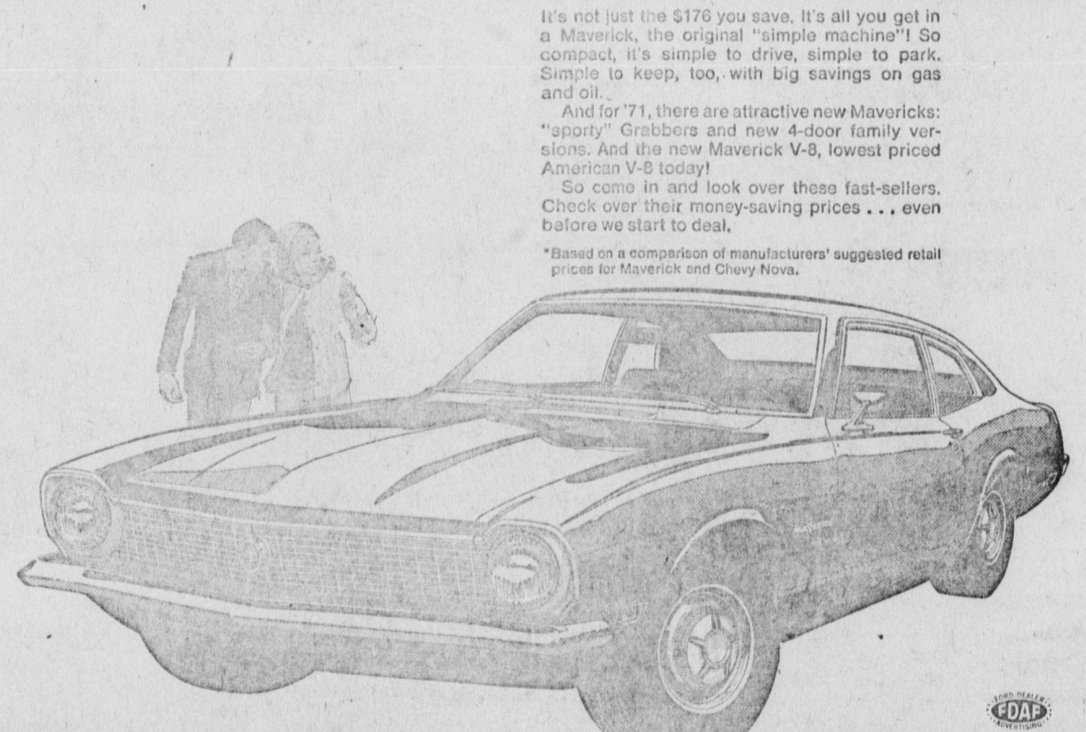
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