

Teen Topics

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This may have nothing to do with teen columns, but I must share it with you. This week I have been helping with day camp for a small group of fourth, fifth and sixth graders.

We began Monday morning, and the children were just enthralled with the idea of being "deep" in the woods. We chose our outdoor home and worked at light house-keeping. Our site was near the over-shore, and keeping our campers away from the water was as easy as keeping bees away from honey.

Morning was filled with ming-

ling among bugs and poison ivy. Having a rainy afternoon, we stuffed ourselves in a tent. Unfortunately, the boys and girls at this age are against each other, but despite this problem we did manage to get in a few games and songs without too much conflict.

That afternoon we all went home very tired and very dirty, leaving behind us one wet tent, one lashed, lopsided table, one pit of saturated ashes. We spent the rest of the week in many varied activities. Crafts took up a great part of the schedule.

Hikes up and down the beach delighted our friends for hours. We cooked a few times for our fire birds. Although the main part of the meal was prepared by the counselors, it was enjoyed just as well.

Before our fish got too depressed, we did manage to swim. Outside of resting and recreation, this filled most of the week. We always concluded our day with a devotion, given by the children themselves. Then we returned home in condition not unlike the first day, except that maybe some had contracted poison ivy and sunburn (mostly me).

To be sure, this was quite an experience. These children are so happy, carefree, and eager to learn. It was a joy to be with them, for they taught me more than I could ever teach them.

An optimist is somebody who always sees the bright side of the other fellow's misfortune.



DESERVED RECOGNITION—Robert L. Pugh, Superintendent of Craven County Schools, will be honored by the New Bern Scottish Rite Consistory at its annual Fall Reunion in November. The Consistory embraces 22 North Carolina counties, and Pugh is the lecturer for its degree work. He is former Grand Master of North Carolina Masons.

What's Cooking

A reader of The Mirror who resides in Washington, D. C., says she has been quite pleased with the results she gets from a recipe for scalloped beans and broccoli.

Ingredients required are one cup of drained canned green beans; one cup of cooked cut-up broccoli; one and one-half cups of medium white sauce; a pinch of dry herbs; one-fourth cup of dry bread crumbs, mixed with one tablespoon of butter; salt to taste.

You simply combine the vegetables, sauce and seasonings in a greased baking dish. Sprinkle the bread crumbs over the top, and bake at 350 degrees for 20 or 30 minutes.

Instead of purchasing hamburger on your next trip to the store, get ground chuck. We will be greatly surprised if you are disappointed. In our opinion, it is much superior to the usual run of hamburger that you'll find on sale at meat counters.

Summer has its unpleasant features, but one of the wonderful things about it is the opportunity one has to procure fresh, home grown tomatoes. Tomatoes imported from other areas during the off season have very little taste, and like firmness.

Perhaps it's just a false conclusion on our part, but it seems to us that New Bernians aren't as fond of watermelon as they once were. Recently, they were reasonably priced here, but no one at our house was particularly enthusiastic about this delicacy.

Many housewives complain that melons take up too much space in their refrigerator, and are difficult to serve without "making a mess." A portion of the last one we bought stayed in the refrigerator for several days before someone finally ate it.

It's surprising how many people have never gotten around to broiling fish instead of frying them. That's a shame, since they are excellent when cooked in this manner.

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More School Pays Off for Farm Worker

More school means more pay for farm workers.

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Proof of the importance of education to income shows up in a nationwide survey made in 1961 by the Bureau of the Census for USDA's Economic Research Service.

Male household heads with a year of high school earned almost twice as much per day at farm work as those with only four years of grammar school, the survey showed. The better-educated had steadier employment, earned higher annual wages and more often worked at non-farm jobs.

Average educational level of farm laborers hasn't improved over the past 20 years, the report shows. In 1960, about six of 10 U. S. hired farm workers had no more than eight grades of school. Only about one in seven had finished high school.

And in the South, hired farm workers had finished an average of seven years of school. Outside the South, the average was nine years.

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GARDEN TIME
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A visitor came by yesterday and wanted to know how to tell the difference between a male and a female muscadine plant. The difference can only be determined when the plants are in flower.

All of the better known older varieties of muscadine grape — Scuppernong, James, Thomas, Mish and Hunt — are self-unfruitful and must have pollen from a male plant, which bears no fruit, or, from a perfect-flowered variety.

Formerly, it was necessary to plant the male (staminate) pollen producing non-bearing plants in the ratio of one male to every three pistillate (female) plants, such as Scuppernong. This gave about 11 percent non-bearing plants per acre.

Now, by breeding, varieties with perfect flowers have been developed. These varieties are self-fruitful and will also furnish pollen to fertilize the flowers of such self-unfruitful varieties as Scuppernong and Thomas. Two of these perfect-flowered sorts are Burgaw (B) and Dearing (W).

The Scuppernong variety is an all-time favorite and most likely will continue to hold this position. To be assured of a crop of fruit on your Scuppernong plants and other self-unfruitful varieties, set one plant of either Burgaw or Dearing for three plants of Scuppernong. If you plan a larger planting, use Burgaw or Dearing as pollinizers — every third plant in every third row.

Dewberries and raspberries are ripe in the Raleigh area. As soon as the harvest is over remove all of the old fruiting canes from both the red and black raspberries; and from dewberries in the mountains. In the lower Piedmont and Eastern Carolina, all the canes, both old fruiting and new, may

be removed from your dewberry plants and destroyed. Removing all canes helps in the control of diseases which attack the leaves and canes.

If all canes are removed from dewberry plants in the mountains, you take a chance on not having enough strong canes produced for maximum yields in 1963. This is due to the difference in the length of the growing season in the mountains as contrasted with the lower Piedmont and Coastal Plain.

Reminders about other chores. Make succession plantings of such warm season crops as snap and lima beans. This is a good season for making cuttings of such crops as azaleas and blueberries as shoots are neither very soft nor fully hardened. Keep the sprayer or duster busy to protect all plants from the ravages of insect and disease pests.

Woman's influence is powerful, especially when she wants something.

Some people can stay longer in an hour than others can in a week.

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