

Housing Question Box

Question: We would like to have a washroom installed on the first floor. What is the minimum amount of space in which a closet and lavatory can be accommodated?

Answer: A space three feet wide and seven feet long is ample for the two plumbing fixtures and allows for a door in the center with possibly a window opposite the door. It is always helpful in seeking a location for an extra bathroom or a downstairs lavatory to remember that a one-piece closet is 26 1-2 inches long, the popular type of pedestal lavatories are from 20 to 27 inches wide, and tubs are either 5 or 5 1-2 feet long and 34 inches wide. These are average figures. There are many variations, particularly in the size of lavatories. It is best to consult with a reliable and experienced plumbing contractor who can give expert advice on the location of the fixtures.

Question: Will it be necessary for me to hire a licensed architect to draw up plans and specifications for my house under Federal Housing Administration rules?

Answer: It would appear the part of wisdom, although not definitely required. In order to obtain a loan it is necessary to submit plans and specifications and if they are acceptable it does not matter who prepares them. Most states, however, have their own laws covering the matter and in many instances they require the employment of licensed architects.

Question: Should a buyer wish a loan under Federal Housing Administration rules and your appraisal value was \$5,000, on which you would guarantee a loan of \$4,000, could I as builder, take back as a second mortgage \$2,000?

Answer: No. Second liens are prohibited in all instances.

Question: I would like to repaper my living room in some light color but there is a fireplace which, sometimes smokes. Is it true that there is wallpaper which can be washed on the market?

Answer: All leading wallpaper manufacturers now make washable wallpaper, using fade-proof inks.

Question: Is gas and electrical equipment eligible under the rules governing loans made through the FHA plan?

Answer: Yes, providing such equipment is of the non-removable type.

SIGN PINE

T. A. Berryman and children and Mrs. V. O. Berryman and children were in Edenton Monday morning.

Messrs. E. L. Brinkley and O. M. Blanchard went over to Hertford county deer hunting Monday and killed one deer. They also went again Thursday and brought in two more, Mr. Brinkley shooting them down with one fire.

A. T. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Perry and little daughter, Mary Etta, Conroy Perry, Misses Kathryn Hofer and Vera Newby Perry called at the home of Mrs. Cornie Spivey of Ryland Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Benton of Holly Grove spent Christmas day as the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Annie Blanchard.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Spivey and children of Trotville spent Wednesday in the home of her father, T. W. Berryman. Those calling in the afternoon were Mrs. V. O. Berryman and children, Mrs. T. A. Berryman and children and Mrs. W. B. Blanchard and children.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Berryman and children, Audrey and D. H., Jr., spent Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Perry of Rocky Hook.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Blanchard spent Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. L. N. Umphlett of Gliden.

Mrs. Jerry Miller and children of Merry Hill spent Thursday and Friday here as the guests of her sister, Mrs. D. H. Berryman.

Mr. and Mrs. Junius Hobbs and children of Hobbsville visited her mother, Mrs. Roxie White, Tuesday.

Mrs. Tempie Eason spent Thursday afternoon as the guest of Miss Inez Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Berryman and children, Marjorie and Thomas Daughtry spent Thursday as the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hollowell, near Smalls Cross Roads.

Mrs. Bettie Bunch, Mrs. Clayton Ward and children and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Bunch of Center Hill visited in the home of A. T. Berryman Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Berryman attended the funeral and burial of their uncle, Baker Ward, which was held at the home of Luther Ward, near Acorn Hill Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Annie Blanchard was called to the bedside of her niece, Mrs. Robert Benton, who is ill, Sunday afternoon.

Warwick Baptist Sunday School was reorganized Sunday morning with quite a crowd present. There were a few little changes made in of-

ficers and teachers for the coming year.

Miss Willie Mae Spivey was the dinner guest of her cousin, Miss Virginia Lee Blanchard, Sunday.

A. T. Perry and daughter, Miss Vera Newby, spent Sunday as the guest of his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Spivey, of Corapeake.

Higher Quality Eggs Sold To Hatcheries

The success and strength of the poultry industry in a state is determined by the hatcheries and the quality of the chicks they sell, says Roy S. Dearstyne, head of the State College poultry department.

This is due to the fact that most chicks reared are the product of local hatcheries, he says, and the quality of the chicks reflects the degree of cooperation between state officials and hatcherymen in raising flock standards.

In North Carolina, he says, state officials and hatcherymen have worked hard to lay a firm foundation for the poultry industry, with encouraging results, he points out.

The blood testing work carried on by the state department of agriculture has elevated North Carolina to a high position in regard to the control of bacillary white diarrhea or pullorum disease, Dearstyne stated, and there has been a marked improvement in the breeding programs for those flocks which supply eggs to the hatcheries.

Expansion of the personnel has made it possible to increase the blood testing work and at present there are 44 hatcheries, with an incubator capacity of 750,000 chicks, cooperating with the state, he says.

Practically all the breeds and varieties of chicks used in commercial poultry work are available in North Carolina. The hatcheries are handling only locally-produced eggs, and in so doing they are returning to local poultrymen the premiums paid for high grade hatching eggs.

Persons who would like to have information regarding the cooperating hatcheries may obtain it from the nearest county farm agent, Dearstyne points out.

Tobacco Contracts Declared In Effect

The tobacco adjustment contracts signed last winter by flue-cured tobacco growers have been extended into 1935, with certain changes, E. Y. Floyd, of State College, announced this week.

As a result of the 1934 adjustment program, Floyd said, the surplus of flue-cured tobacco has been eliminated and the carryover is slightly below normal. Consequently, the allotments in 1935 will be a little larger than last year.

The growers will be given the privilege of producing either 85 or 90 per cent of their base acreage and production. But growers who produce 90 per cent will get only one half as much in rental payments as those who produce only 80 per cent, Floyd added.

The 15 per cent reduction scheduled for 1935 is only one half as much as the reduction last year, he continued, and the rental and adjustment payments will be scaled down to one half the previous amount.

However, the rentals will continue at the rate of \$17.50 an acre on the land retired from tobacco cultivation. The adjustment payments will be 6 1-4 per cent of the net sale value of the 1935 crop. The deficiency payments will be at the rate of one cent a pound on the amount by which a grower fails to produce his allot-

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Instruction books disappear. Asking questions by mail is a nuisance. Even informal lessons take time. Auxiliary devices are laid away and forgotten. On the principle that a reminder of some more or less important items can't hurt and may help I'll mention a few.

Use your instruction book. If you haven't one, get one from the dealer or manufacturer. They are usually available without charge. It will tell you where oiling is needed and how to regulate tension and make other necessary adjustments. It will explain about the many methods of using the machine and about any attachments by which additional uses are made possible. There are attachments now for binding, hemming, ruffling, tucking, darning, hemstitching, buttonhole-making and perhaps other operations.

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In pruning, remove all the dead, diseased, broken and crossed branches. Burn twigs infested with disease. It is also advisable, he said, to cut out the older branches before they die and give new growth a chance to take their place.

The shape of the plant will not be changed by removing the old branches, when done carefully, he says, for the new growing twigs will quickly fill out the open places.

Some plants, such as red and yellow stemmed dogwoods, are grown chiefly for the color and attractiveness of the twigs. As only the young shoots are colored, it is important to cut back the old wood as much as possible.

When plants are grown especially for their shape, such as hedges and sheared specimens, he continued, they should be clipped frequently to conform to the design which is desired.

When plants are grafted or budded to more vigorous stocks, the sucker growths which frequently start from the stock roots should be cut away.

By a combination of thinning, heading back, and root pruning, a plant can be made to take almost any shape, Weaver adds.

Pitt County tobacco growers voted unanimously for a continuance of the Kerr-Smith tobacco control act.

The best time for pruning flowering shrubs in North Carolina is in December, January or February, recommends J. G. Weaver, of the State College department of horticulture.

During the cold weather months, he says, pruning stimulates new growth and the wounds heal more quickly. When the leaves are off, it is also easier to determine which stems and branches should be cut.

There is no serious objection to cutting off the flowering wood of shrubs which flower in the spring if the pruning is done carefully, he adds. Shrubs would always be in good shape if pruned as carefully as fruit trees.

COLORED NEWS

A joyful Christmas is the talk of the town. No great excitement was reported other than the city seemed to be turned over to the tots for a few days' pleasure. Appetizing dinners took the lead. One of special mention was given by Mr. and Mrs. Nehemiah Holley which was a dinner of five courses that was fit for the elects. As special guests were Rev. and Mrs. Trotter, pastor of Kedash A. M. E. Zion Church and Mrs. Pauline Turner, formerly of Edenton, but now living in New York. Others present were Prof. and Mrs. S. D. McRae, Evelyn Nichols, Mrs. E. H. Badham and Miss E. E. Foreman.

Among those who spent the holidays out of the city were Mrs. Bernice Brandon in Elizabeth City, Miss O. A. Smith in Winston-Salem, R. L. Kingsbury in Boston, Miss E. E. Foreman in Washington, N. C.

Mrs. S. D. McRae spent the weekend in Plymouth as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson. Sunday they motored to Crell and Columbia as guests of Mrs. Peelle and Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Ows.

The churches seem to have led in the Christmas spirit in making it pleasant for the people and the children. Christmas trees were given in line with the Christmas spirit and most all the churches sent packages to the poor and old who were unable to be present. One of the leading churches in the line was Kedash A. M. E. Zion Church. The church was beautifully decorated with a background for "The Town of Bethlehem," a pageant portraying the beauties of the city and ushering the birth of Christ. Music was rendered by Mrs. H. A. Trotter, wife of the pastor, with Miss E. E. Foreman trainer. The pageant was given by the Sunday School of which S. D. McRae is superintendent.

Mistresses E. C. Edney, Effie Muse,

Male Reeves are on the staff of Prof. and Mrs. W. H. Ows. hostesses to a tea given in the home of Miss Mitchener of Morehead. Others present were Mrs. Armelda Sharp, Mabel Prof. Alexander Blaine.

Miss Dorothy Turner spent her holidays in Moyock with her friends.

Mr. Jameson of Hampton and Industrial School was the day guest of Miss T. L. Jernigan.

Allen Griffith, student of University, is spending the holidays with his uncle, Rev. S. N. O. North Oakum street.

The carol singers that are the delight of music lovers treat us with their sweet voices on Christmas morning. Those in the choir were Madames Sadie Hawkins, Armelda Sharp, E. C. Edney, Miss E. E. Foreman, Chester Hawkins and L. Enza Collins.

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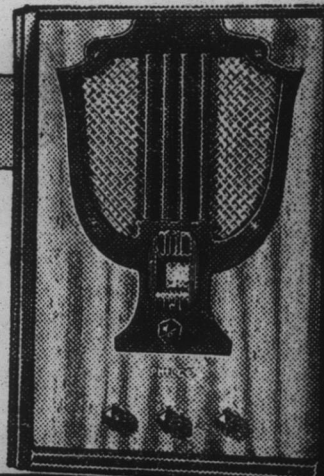
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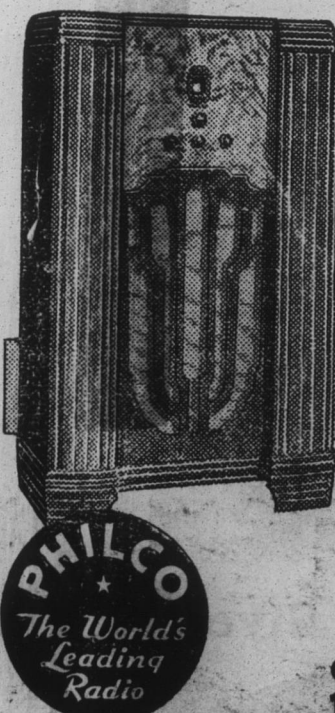
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