

State Home Agent Cites Importance HD Work In State

Practical Information Is Taught By Demon- stration Method

BY RUTH CURRENT
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Not so long ago this question was asked me, "Will you tell me what home demonstration work is?"

I was amazed. In fact, the question bothered me—I am bothered now. Why? Because we have had for more than 35 years a steadily growing organization in North Carolina. We think it is one among the best in the nation.

We have had excellent publicity; we have had many opportunities to tell of our program over radio. We have home demonstration work in the 100 counties of the state and we have had for more than 15 years.

It is true that people read only the things they are interested in, that they turn off their radios when they don't want to hear certain programs. What's wrong with our publicity, our radio programs?

During the week of May 2-8, if we really want to, we can extend educational information on what home demonstration work is and what it means to the people of our state. We must be guided by the principle of "beginning where we are with what information we have." Our information is, and our facts are, that too few people—town, city and country—know what home demonstration work really is, what our objective, goals and ideals are.

This is not the time to go out and quote figures, even though our figures are pretty wonderful. Ours is a great adult education program designed to aid people in extending education in the field of home economics. Home demonstration work is out-of-school education for homemakers. The program is broad. It embraces all the phases of homemaking. It offers a great variety of opportunities for learning. Practical information is taught by the demonstration method—learning by seeing, by doing.

A large number of our club members never had the opportunity of studying home economics. However, through home demonstration clubs women get both practical and scientific information in all areas of homemaking. Training is given by home demonstration agents, and subject matter specialists who have been trained in home economics. These highly-trained workers give to the women with whom they work the best of what they have learned in college and what they are constantly learning—they are keeping up with all that is new in their field, in science and



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TEXT: "Count what is in a man, not what is on him." — Henry Ward Beecher.

Two boys planned to trick Charles Darwin. They took the body of a centipede, the wings of a butterfly, the legs of a grasshopper and the head of a beetle and glued them together to form a weird monster. With this creature in a box they visited Darwin.

"Please, sir," they asked, "Will you tell us what sort of a bug this is?"

The naturalist gave a quick glance at the exhibit and a long look at the boys.

"Did it hum?" he asked solemnly.

research.

We know that the home demonstration program (for adults) has broadened in scope throughout the year to meet the increased needs and interest of the homemakers. Community activities, cultural interests, and public affairs all have an important place in adult education for homemakers today. Our objective is building people, building ideals, building and training leaders.

Recently, more than 500 inspiring letters have come to me from home demonstration club women from all over North Carolina, which reflect what home demonstration work is doing.

SERVING IN KOREA

Army Pfc. Thomas O. Perry, 22, whose wife, Bessie, lives at 105 West Church, Edenton, is serving in Korea with the 328th Ordnance Battalion which was recently awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation.

The battalion was cited for furnishing ordnance support to UN forces from June 1, 1952 to last October 31.

A mechanic in the 72nd Ordnance Depot Company, Perry entered the Army in October, 1952, and arrived in Korea last June. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Perry, Route 1, Tyner.

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"Oh, yes, sir," the boys answered. "Then," said Darwin quietly, "it's a hum-bug."

That bug appeared ridiculous to the great naturalist, but no more ridiculous than some of us appear. Every day men and women glue mental wings, heads and legs on themselves in an effort to fool folks. We dress, walk, talk and act to impress others. It doesn't take an expert to expose our fraud. We fool only ourselves. Deep friendship and great respect are earned by what we are, not by what we pretend to be. The world is hungry to meet folks who are worth knowing for what is in them, not for what is on them.

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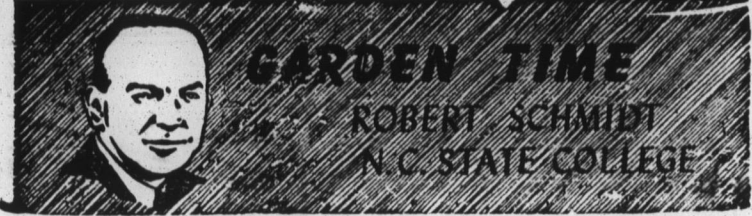
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GARDEN TIME

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A good lawn, well kept, is a beautiful thing and is an asset to any property. This is not the proper season to plant lawn grasses—except Bermuda and Centipede—but from now on through the hot weather is the critical period in the maintenance of the lawn.

A lawn should be fertilized every five to six weeks throughout the growing season. If you haven't already done so, put on an application of a good garden fertilizer such as a 6-8-6 at the rate of 20 pounds per 1,000 square feet. Water this in or apply it just before a rain. For the remainder of the season use about five pounds of nitrate of soda per 1,000 square feet at each application. This should be applied when the grass is dry and preferably just before a rain.

Watering is a very important operation. Soak the soil thoroughly at least once a week during dry weather rather than light sprinklings each day, although these light sprinklings do some good.

Frequent cutting is desirable, but close cutting will do much harm to some of the better grasses such as bluegrass. Set the mower blades a little higher for these grasses.

If you have a good stand of grass

and keep it well fertilized and limed when necessary, weeds will not thrive in a lawn. If weeds become established now is a good time to eliminate them with a spray of 2, 4-D. Use 2, 4-D with care because it will kill your shrubs and flowers as well as the weeds. Even the spray mist carried by the wind may cause a lot of damage to other plants. There are also

sprays available that will kill out crabgrass without harming the principal lawn grasses.

I have recently noticed advertisements of a new spray for lawns that is supposed to keep grass from growing and, therefore, make mowing unnecessary. This is a material known as maleic hydrazide, which stunts the growth of many plants. My advice is not to look for miracles. Don't expect all the wonderful results that are claimed for it. If you use any of it, try it out on a small scale first.

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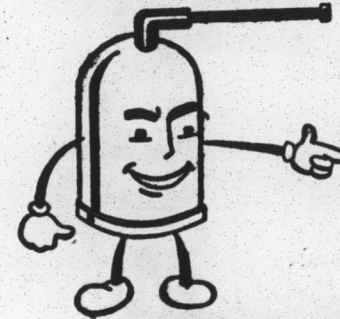
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