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Mrs. John G. Carrier will present her music pupils in recital Thursday, May 10, in the Andrews High School auditorium at 7:30 p. m.
The public is invited to attend.

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Better Farm Plans Mean More Income

Better farm plans which fully utilize land, family labor, and other resources, could mean a much better living for farmers in the Piedmont area of North Carolina, according to D. G. Harwood, Jr., extension farm management and marketing specialist at N. C. State College.

He says that USDA economists, working in the area lying between the Coastal Plain and the Appalachian Mountains, report that farmers in this area aren't fully using their farm management ability. The economists, for instance, found that many farmers were hiring too much labor in proportion to their farm income. This was a result of a farming system in which too much of the work came in one season.

By changing enterprise combinations on these farms, less labor would need to be hired, and the family labor could be utilized more nearly the year around, Harwood says.

Other adjustments could include better mechanization practices. Many farms have both mules and a tractor, and don't use either fully.

Harwood adds that with changes in the labor picture and better utilization machinery, some of the idle land could be brought into production.

Day-Old Chicks Need Good Start

A day-old baby chick requires about as much attention of its caretaker as a newborn baby, according to W. G. Andrews, State College extension poultry specialist.

Andrews says that in order to set its best foot forward in life, a baby chick must be properly nourished, along with having many other comforts.

As he puts it, "We are growing the young orphans for either meat or egg production, and we can influence either of these courses favorably by placing a good starting mash before the baby chicks at all times. A good start in life by being fed this kind of ration can make a good end."

Poultry nutritionists have worked long and hard to find the correct proportions of each ingredient. Producers shouldn't alter this balance by feeding additional grain in the form of cracked corn or other cracked grain, thereby unbalancing the ration, Andrews warns.

Andrews points out also that the poultryman can save money by avoiding wasting of the feed. He says the mash hopper shouldn't be filled more than two-thirds full.

Mrs. Carrier's Pupils Audition

Twenty four pupils of Mrs. J. C. Carrier went to Asheville Friday to play in the National Piano Playing Audition held in Asheville April 26 through 30. Asheville is one of the 403 centers throughout the country where the auditions are held.

Miss Ensie Robertson of St. Louis, Missouri was the judge. The following pupils of Mrs. Carrier won their pins and membership certificates in the National Fraternity of Student Musicians and Piano Hobbyists of the World.

Local winners: Connie Sue Garfett, Scotty Cahoun, Donna Sue Fuller, Sandra Franklin, Joyce Purser, Joyce Mulkey, Barbara Ann Watli and Gladys Rector.

District Winners: Patty Brown, Phillip Brauer, Joyce Bradley, Judy West and Janice Watts.

State Winners: Mary Jo Battle, Brenda Stover, Martha Lums and Truett West.

E National Winners: Linda Carringer, Jannette Carringer, Ardith Hay, Virginia Garner, Betsy Battle, and Ann Pullum.

International Winner: Judy Bristol.

Accompanying the young people to Asheville were: Mrs. Carl West, Mrs. Tom Hay, Mrs. Wayne Battle, Mrs. W. H. Fuller, Galusha Pullum, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cahoun, Mrs. Grady Garrett, Mrs. Herman Brauer, Mrs. James Mulkey, Mrs. Wendell Ulm and Mrs. Carrier the instructor.

O. E. S. TO MEET
Murphy Chapter No. 10 Order of the Eastern Star will meet tonight (Thursday) in the Masonic Hall at 7:30 p. m. Mrs. Elizabeth Shields worthy matron will preside. All members are urged to be present.

Jehovah's Witnesses Attend Assembly

Local Jehovah's witnesses, returning from a three-day assembly in Greenville, S. C., will put into practice locally the preaching methods learned in the Bible Forums and lectures, Henry Lyons, presiding minister said today.

The assembly was held from Friday through Sunday evening. The witnesses were among a crowd of 1,000 from South Carolina Circuit No. 2 as well as other parts of the United States and Canada who attended forums and lectures and participated in house-to-house ministry.

Mr. Lyons said that local Witnesses remained Sunday for an address by L. R. Nail, Jr., representative of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, in which Mr. Nail called upon mankind to turn away from political "prophecies" and back to Bible prophecies for the answer to modern living.

Mr. Lyons said that many local Witnesses plan to attend a larger district assembly in Augusta, Georgia August 14-18, 1956. He said that interested persons are encouraged to attend these assemblies along with the Witnesses.

Several practices in the 1956 Agricultural Conservation Program not only provide for the protection of soil from wind and water erosion, but where lime and fertilizer are needed, provide assistance to the Tar Heel farmer in obtaining the material.

GARDEN TIME
BY ROBERT SCHMIDT

The average home garden soil does not have sufficient organic matter in it to keep it in the best condition. A good way to obtain this organic matter is to build a compost pile. During the spring and summer there will be a lot of materials available for composting such as leaves, grass clippings, weeds, cornstalks and canning wastes. Weeds with ripened seed heads should not be used. Plants infected with soil-borne diseases such as tomato wilt should not be put in the compost.

Build the compost pile in a shady place. The sides should be vertical and the top should be slightly depressed in the center to retain rainfall. On each layer of plant material put a thin layer of garden soil (about one inch) and add a few handfuls of a complete garden fertilizer such as an 8-8-8 or 5-10-5. This will hasten the breakdown of the fibrous, coarse materials which have a low content of nitrogen and other plant nutrients. Bacteria require a readily available supply which do the work of composing of nitrogen and mineral nutrients in order to rapidly break down the compost materials. If stable manure is available it will make a valuable addition to the compost.

As soon as the compost materials are well rotted they should be distributed and worked into the garden soil. The purpose of the compost is not to furnish the necessary fertility for growing garden crops but to supplement regular plant food applications as a source of organic matter for maintaining the physical condition of the soil.

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- Regarding confession, is it not true that no man can forgive sin?
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Before His followers could know which sins to forgive or which to retain, they would have to know these sins through confession. Scripture also tells us in James, 5, 16: Confess your sins one to another." Of course, a priest does not forgive sins by his own power, but by the power of God, and only on condition the person is truly sorry and firmly promises to avoid those sins in the future.
- Do Catholics pay money when they go to confession?
No. Anyone with common sense knows we cannot buy forgiveness or entrance into heaven. It would be a serious sin for a priest to take money in or out of confession for hearing confessions. If these strange stories spread by trouble makers were really true, would it be possible for one fifth of our population in the United States, educated and intelligent people, to remain fervent members of the Catholic Church?
- Will all people who are not Catholics go to hell when they die?
No. Catholics believe that all who do God's will as they see it in their own lives, and have sincere faith and hope in God, and are truly sorry for their sins, will be saved. They have Baptism of desire and that is sufficient connection with the Church that Jesus founded.
- Do you promise or guarantee your people that you will pray their relatives out of hell or out of purgatory if they buy a certain number of Masses?
No. That would be the sin of simony, as well as the civil offense of acting under false pretense. If you ever hear of a Catholic priest guaranteeing any spiritual benefit at a price, kindly notify his local bishop. If he persists in such a practice he will be excommunicated from the church. Then you may soon hear of his statements to non-Catholic audiences that when he was a Catholic he used to charge people to pray their friends out of hell. Likewise, you can learn the truth on other charges against your Catholic neighbors, if you only take the time to investigate.
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Be sure to use sweetened condensed milk, not evaporated. The rich, concentrated blend of fresh milk and sugar known as sweetened condensed milk is necessary to make this simple, failure-proof recipe work.

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1/2 cup peanut butter
- Any one of the six ingredients listed below:
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| 2 cups raisins | 2 cups bran flakes |
| 2 cups corn flakes | 1 cup chopped nut meats |
| 3 cups shredded coconut | 2 cups chopped dates |
- Mix sweetened condensed milk, peanut butter, and any one of the six ingredients listed above. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto well-greased baking sheet. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) for 12 minutes or until brown. Remove from pan at once. Makes about 30 cookies. (ANS)

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