to represent N.C.



Mr. Stacey Locklear, Principal of Hilly Branch Vocational Center, is proud to announce that Kevin Oxendine, a senior at Pembroke High School and son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Oxendine, will represent North Carolina

ship Conference for Welding to be held in Louisville, Kentucky during the week of June 20th, 1982. Kevin placed first in the district and state state VICA representative level competitions. This qualifies him to attend the national contest.

tion was held at Fayetteville Technical Institute. The test lasted one and one-half hours. The state level contest was more detailed, lasting three hours. The state competition was held at Central Piedmont Community College in Char-

Kevin is a top student in the Advanced Welding Class at the Hilly Branch Vocational Center. He plans to become a professional welder and spends as much time as possible gaining welding experience after school.

The welding instructor at Hilly Branch is Mr. Billy Prevatte, a professional welder certified in three states: North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. He has worked with nuclear, chemical and shipyard welding. He teaches all aspects of professional welding and provides his students with invaluable hands-on-experience. Mr. Prevatte is very proud of Kevin, since Kevin is the only from Robeson County.

"Knowledge comes, but

A MAY DAY QUEEN



Miss Cynthia Ham. 24, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Frank Hammonds. now living at Correction Cen-

er in Raleigh, won May Day Queen over 300 contestants on Friday, April 30. She will extend special invitations to reign from April 1982 until the farmers and to the appro-

EXTENSION SCENE





JOHN G. RICHARDSON Robeson County Extension Ch

On the way to the office last Friday morning, I was thinking about what can I do my column on this week, since I normally write this column on Friday before it is published the following week. As the thought crossed my mind, I thought, well I can make some comments about the many agribusiness firms and their representatives that stop by the Extension Office and who Corporation. cooperate so well in our But I thought, well that educational programs. Also, mention could be made about the number of educational meetings that they hold in Robeson County and that they

good example was last week attended a special get acquainted and fact finding meeting that Rohm and Haas was conducting at Johnny McArthur's farm at Wakulla, The very next night Larry Locklear, who is a regular through the Extension Office, held a special cotton production meeting in his role as representative for Ciba Geigy

won't really make a column, so I refelected upon some of the problems that had been encountered during the past week. Well, they were just simply too numerous to give any detail on. So I thought, well, lots of our hog producers have been experiencing problems with leg weakness and general skeletal weakness and these problems have been coming from an improper calcium-phosphorus balance in the rations that they are using. But, that problem is so specific that it would hardly apply to enough readers who would be interested in the calcium-phosphorus ratios in swine feeds and the effect that it has on the reproduction performance and overall efficiency of a swine operation. So on to something else.

Then the thought arose that there was a tremendous response to a recent column regarding fertilizing fish ponds and folks needing additional information relating to fish ponds. Thus, I said, since we had gotten such a response and a fairly large number of people seem to need to know where to obtain fish from, that I need to

tell all the folks that they can make application for bream and bass at the local Soil Conservation Service Office or the Extension Office. Then the bream will be delivered in the fall with the bass being delivered in the spring. Also, it seemed appropriate to share that we recommend for fertilized ponds, the stocking of 1,000 bream per surface acre plus an additional 100 large mouth bass for the same

Well, that information seems quite appropriate, but that in itself will not fill the space of a column. So as I walked into the office, I saw a brand new arrival of bulletins entitled Carolina Lawns. Then I knew I had it. Since a daily course of calls regarding lawns, lawn improvement, and selection of appropriate grasses for quality lawns, 1 knew that I had the answer to filling a column this week. However, as I walked to my office, I found on my desk a group of brand new publications that had just come from the Extension printing press-es at N.C. State. Then I thought, just a minute, let me look through these and see if there's not even something that would be better to put in the column than some comments about lawn care. Sure enough, there was enough

information in those bulleting when Everett Davis and I to provide resource information for 25 columns. Well, the problem began all over again. What am I really going to do this column on?

Then, I reviewed a new pamphlet entitled Potpourri of Home Care Ideas. This little pamphlet gave some excellent information on rust being the number one enemy of iron and how to control rust on .

iron cookware. It suggested that to remove light rust, one would need to scrub with number one naught (0) or two naught (00) steel wool or wire brush. Most rust buildup can be removed with persistent scrubbing. It also said that there are a number of commercial rust removers available. These can be applied according to the product directions and to be sure and check the action of the cleaner on the metal itself. It cautioned that extensive etching or pitting can occur if the solution stays on too long.

It further stated that to deter rust buildup on decorative pieces use a rust retardant paint. These paints come in a variety of colors as many people are well aware. Also, for best results, be sure the item is dry and rust free before painting. A clear, flat acrylic spray can also serve as a rust retardant finish. It

again suggested that one apply these according to product directions. Well, I knew that we were going to order 100 copies of this little bulletin for anyone who would like to use it, so the thought of doing an entire column from this resource information relating to the care of aluminum, brass and copper, butcher blocks, ceramic tile, chromium, et cetera just didn't seem evitable, since anyone could receive a copy at the Extension Office.

Then, I glanced at another piece of information that we will be mailing to all of the individuals who participated in the Farmers Market last year, and it is entitled Insect Control for Vegetable Gardeners. This pamphlet contains control information on more than 25 major insect pests as well as ways to deal with 75 or more insect forms that can exist in one's garden. Thus, again I knew that the information contained in that pamphlet was simply too voluminous to provide any recommendations in a column yet, it will be available without charge at the Extension Office.

Then, finally I knew that I had hit on a beautiful column idêa when I reviewed some information on the pollination of vine crops. But following all of these comments and some of the recommendations that I have already given, this column is already getting too long. So be sure to read this column next week when I share with you information on pollination and its importance to food production.





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PEMBROKE NEWS

MRS. BAZIE HARDIN

The American National Insurance Company sadly an-nounces the disability of thier District Manager, I. L. Tes-eniar effective May 3, 1982. We are temporarily losing a friend, as well as a strong sucessful district manager. But on the other hand; his health and his family are of more importance, and was the number one consideration in this decision.

Mr. Teseniar spent three good years in Pembroke

finishing 1981 with over \$400.00 M.D.O. per debit. This past year he helped qualify two of his agents for the Sydney Convention. In the three years that Mr. Teseniar spent in Pembroke, the district M.D.O. premiums in-creased over 60%, a truly remarkable record.

May each and everyone of you extend him sincere hope for his improved health and early return to the region. Thanking you in advance for your prayers.

