



DR. JASON GILCHRIST, chairman of the Department of Physics at A&T State University (left), presents checks to winners of essay contest sponsored by the university. Winners are Jacqueline Bollinger, Newton, N. C.; Wayne Baten, Smithfield, N. C.; Beth A. Wood, Vanceboro, N. C. and William L. Nowell, Charleston S. C.

Home Surroundings Say Much About Occupants

By M. E. GARDNER
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Many times the character of a family can be judged by the appearance of the home. We all have pride in the outward appearance of our homes but it seems that some of us just can't find the time to do the things that need to be done.

Visitors can likewise judge a town or city by the appearance of the homes and industrial plants. A well landscaped factory, warehouse or place of business denotes officers and employees as congenial and efficient as their pleasant surroundings. With pleasant surroundings you find, too, good neighbors, substantial citizens and community pride.

Real estate dealers are always attracted to well landscaped homes because they can get from 10 to 25 percent more for a well-planted home than from one that has been neglected.

Plants become more attractive as they grow and provide shade and color, or whatever they were selected to accomplish in the landscape scheme. If the neighbors match your efforts, the whole neighborhood will become a desirable place to live, and your home or business becomes a good investment should you wish to sell.

Colorful flower bor-

ders, edging plants along walks and drives, well selected foundation plants, and trees for shade, color and framing your home all add up to enjoyment and pleasure for you and everyone in your community.

North Carolina is one of the most garden-minded states in the nation. With more individual enthusiasm and responsibility, it could also be the most beautiful. Improving the environment is the favorite conversation piece in these days of haste and waste. Improvement will only come when each citizen assumes his or her proper place in the ever changing scheme of things.

Plant the flowers, shrubs, trees, fruits and vegetables that you like best and those that are best suited to your locality. Taking pride in whatever you do will be a rewarding experience and a fine contribution to community spirit and beauty.

You may be surprised to learn that the avocation or hobby of gardening amounts to a whopping 4 billion dollars annually in the United States. I think the reason for this stems from the fact that it is something in which the entire family can participate. Aside from the family groups, we have the specialists who can create many art forms with living plants.

Distaff Deeds

Men Turn Out to Get Home Economics Tips

By JANICE CHRISTENSEN

Knowing how and why a gadget works appeals to most men. So Mrs. Vivian Morris, extension home economist, Martin County, made a special point to invite men to the "use-and-care of appliances" workshop she held for families moving into the new Riverdale housing development in Williamston.

The result: an all-male audience. "You've never seen a more interested or a more vocal group," the agent said. "Four of the men lived alone. Most of them had never used an electric range before." Mrs. Morris taught

the men to use and clean the range and to keep the refrigerator fresh and clean.

"They are looking forward to their next homeowner's meeting," the agent added.

IMPROVES HOUSING

Last year was a banner year for Caswell County so far as housing was concerned.

There were 46 families who had previously lived in substandard housing who moved into new houses.

An additional 72 families did something about remodeling or improving their old houses and at least 35 families seeded lawns and planted shrubbery, reports Mrs. Helen Payne, home

Computer Word System Used To Retrieve Accident Data

CHAPEL HILL — It happens every day. Roadside distractions are the path to destruction.

The word "ogle" has appeared on several traffic police reports being studied at the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center (HSRC) here which is compiling an interesting list of key words, including "ogle", to feed to a computer for retrieving accident report data.

When the system is working, for example, the word "fire" can be programmed into the machine and out will come all the accident reports in which fire was mentioned as a factor.

When the word "ogle" appeared on the computer list HSRC staffers were quick to inquire: Did the accident occur because the driver was "ogling a pretty girl"? Or was it because the driver was being "ogled"?

"This unique capability will enable researchers and highway safety planners and administrators to understand just what is happening in traffic crashes," HSRC Director B. J. Campbell said.

North Carolina may be the first state in the nation to have this system.

Other words and phrases have appeared on the initial sample computer list. Hors and wagon, chicken, goat, and a variety of other domestic and wild animals will suggest how many accidents involve such animals.

"Often," Dr. Campbell said, "much insight into the cause of an accident is contained in the investigating officer's narrative. We hope the officers will be more thorough in seeking out factors that contribute to accidents and in explaining their findings on the accident reports."

D.T.I. Graduates Largest Class In School's History

Two hundred and twenty-two Durham Technical Institute graduates, the largest class ever at the local two-year institution, received degrees and diplomas last night in graduation exercises held at Baldwin Auditorium on the Campus of Duke University.

Included in the 129 graduates who received associate in applied science degrees were twenty-two students who composed the first graduating classes in the programs of Data Processing, Inhalation Therapy, and Opticianry. Seventy-four graduates received diplomas marking completion of study in one year programs and nineteen graduates were awarded high school diplomas.

Dr. Sherwood Githens, Professor of Science Education at



CLUSTER PRESENTATION—H. Frank Toter, right, manager of the Venice, La., refinery of Gulf Oil Company-U.S., discusses features of an \$8,500 Distillation Analyzer presented to Southern University in New Orleans with Dr. Clyde Smith, left, head of SUNO's Chemistry Department, and Ed McCoy of Gulf's employee

relations department. The Distillation Analyzer is part of more than \$22,000 in surplus laboratory equipment from Gulf installations throughout the country presented to SUNO under terms of the Cluster Program of the National Alliance of Businessmen.

Duke University, addressed the graduating class.

Graduates were presented by Dr. William Martin, dean of instruction of Durham Technical Institute, and the confirmation of degrees and diplomas was made by H. K. Collins, president of Durham Technical Institute.

Two scholastic awards, one awarded to the graduate having the highest grade point average in the associate degree programs and one to the graduate having the highest average in

the diploma programs were presented by Clyde Richman, director of vocational-technical education.

economics extension agent.

USE OLD CARDS

If you still have 1971's Christmas cards stored in boxes, drawers or attics, Mrs. Phyllis Stainback, home economics extension agent, Vance County, has a suggestion:

Cut old cards into attractive shapes or cut out their designs and use them as name tags on your 1972 gifts.

You'll save money and you'll gain storage space, the agent concludes.

Productivity rose 3.6 percent in 1971—surpassing the average rate of growth for the two preceding decades.

Korean Self-Help



Community Development Foundation (CDF), an international voluntary agency, assists Koreans in initiating and carrying out community development projects such as the chicken raising venture pictured above.

The Community Development Foundation (CDF), and its cooperating agency, Save the Children Federation (SCF), headquartered in Norwalk, Connecticut, reported today that during its fiscal year over 1,188 self-help projects were initiated and carried out in urban and rural areas of the Republic of Korea.

Of the 1,188 self-help projects carried out there were 103 community development projects and 1,085 family self-help projects. Some of the self-help projects carried out during the 1970-71 fiscal year included cow, pig, rabbit, goat and chicken raising. Other self-help projects included land clearing, roof improvement, waterway construction, land reclamation, land purchasing as well as agricultural tool purchasing.

Training development has been emphasized by the CDF/SCF Korea Field office in its entire 20 years. Such training has included field work, case-work services and skills, and family counselling. During the past fiscal year some 17 seminars were held, training more than 225 people.

Included in the CDF Korean program is a demonstrated effort at national government and local levels in the capabilities of computer reporting and how the computer as a tool can facilitate the work of both accounting reporting and program development.

Community Development Foundation assists communities in this country and overseas to initiate and carry out projects which meet local needs and utilize local resources and local volunteer labor. Incorporated in 1959, the Foundation was granted consultative status to the United Nations in 1966, by the U.N. Economic and Social Council. The Foundation is a member of the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, the International Council of Voluntary Agencies, and is registered with the U.S. State Department Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid.

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By the way...
by Joe Black

Right now, Blacks are not equipped to survive as a separate, independent nation. Of course, the national Black community has an annual gross spendable income of more than 30 billion dollars. But most of this economic wealth is gained from the payrolls of white business and industry. Like it or not, the Black community does not have enough Black-owned businesses to employ all our people at a salary level commensurate with today's cost of living or the quality of our preparation.

While economic independence may be many years away, there is one area where Blacks can gain a greater voice today. That is in the political arena. We must adopt Education, Economics, and Politics as our power base.

When I say political power, I'm not merely talking about electing a handful of Black candidates to various offices. No, I'm talking about the importance of voter registration and placing your vote where it can reap the greatest returns for the Black community as a whole.

It matters not whether a political candidate is Black or white, as long as he has empathy with the Black community and its problems. We must stop using our ballots to put people into office who are only concerned with lining their own pockets with gold. We must learn to listen and evaluate the promises of those who are seeking our support. We have arrived at a time when we must stand up and let the world know that politicians can no longer count on our vote just because they promise us a bushel basket of food and fifteen dollars.

Your vote is your power. Use it wisely, or we shall always be fighting the poverty, hunger, and blight that prevails in our community today.

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