

### Participation In USDA Food Program Increases

Atlanta, Ga. - U. S. Department of Agriculture food programs aided 236,154 needy persons in North Carolina during February, 11,031 persons more than the number that received food assistance in January.

USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service said that 62,839 persons in 33 counties took part in its food stamp program and received \$439,499 in bonus coupons.

C&MS' family food distribution program aided 173,515 persons in 61 counties. The foods distributed had an estimated retail value of \$1.9 million and included dairy products, canned and dried fruits and vegetables, canned meat or poultry, grain and cereal products, as well as other items such as peanut butter and scrambled egg

mix.

C&MS officials attributed the increased participation to a slack in seasonal employment and the addition of Catawba County into the food stamp program.

In North Carolina, the food distribution program is administered by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, and the food stamp program is administered by the North Carolina Board of Public Welfare, both in cooperation with the Consumer and Marketing Service.

Franklin had 2,624 persons to participate in the food stamp program.

One of these days some people are going to learn that hard work only teaches a real appreciation of values.

### District Winners Announced

Myra Harris has been declared a District long time project winner in the areas of Food Preservation and Home Improvement. She lacks one year being eligible for state competition. Myra is active in twelve project areas as well as a lot of the 4-H activities.

She is a member of the Justice 4-H Club and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Harris.



HARRIS

Bryant Foster of Mitchell 4-H Club and son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Foster, of Route 3, Louisburg, has been declared a 1969 State Project Winner in Agriculture.

Bryant will be awarded an all expense trip to National 4-H Congress for this achievement.



FOSTER

Bryant is a senior at Epsom High School and has been a 4-H Club member for seven years. He served as recreation leader in his club for two years; served as a junior leader and assisted other club members in preparing record books, conducting projects and completing projects.

During his 7 years as a club member, he completed 25 projects and received honors in seven project areas.

Hersey Carroll, a 4-H Club member of Rocky Ford 4-H Club and son of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Carroll, of Route 3, Louisburg, has been declared the 1969 State Project Winner in Corn.



CARROLL

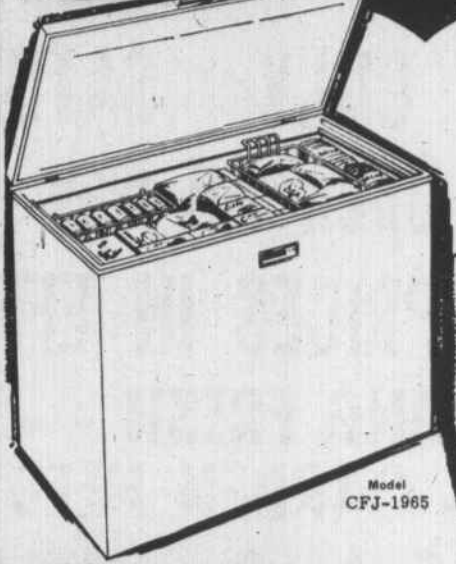
Hersey has been a 4-H Club member for six years. He is in the 10th grade at Epsom High School. He will receive an all expense paid trip to National 4-H Congress. The five corn projects he carried netted a profit of \$623.35. He was County Champion winner in corn for two years and received County Champion award in garden for two years.

Hersey was secretary of his club for three years, treasurer for three years and now serving as vice president of the 4-H County Council.

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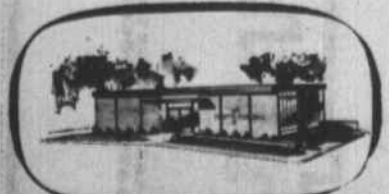
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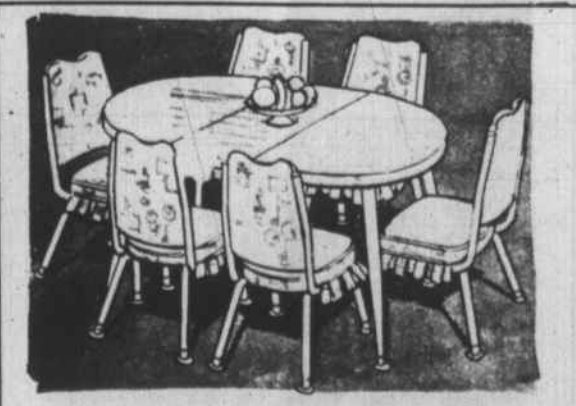
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