

Your Tri-County Health Dept.

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Cleanliness is not only next to Godliness but also has a direct bearing on health, public and private, and in a tourist country like ours it has a direct effect on our pocketbooks. Today I am referring particularly to the dirty rest rooms found in many public buildings, stores, restaurants, and filling stations. Restaurants, grocery stores, and other food-handling places are subject to the inspection of the health department and are forced to maintain rest rooms of proper standards of cleanliness. Unfortunately the rest rooms of filling stations and certain other buildings are not inspected by the public health department of this state. Some of the gas and oil companies have their own system of inspections, but others have none. To be frank, many of these "comfort stations" and "rest rooms" should be known as "discomfort stations" and "unrest rooms" by reason of the fact that they are littered, spattered with all manner of crawling and winged creatures. Stopped-up plumbing, broken water faucets, dirt encrusted wash bowls, soapless dispensers, and a lack of paper towels and tissue are too common. The above quotation is taken from the public relations department of the American Automobile Association, and I shall continue to quote from this source.

"It was never obligatory, of course, for the dispensers of gasoline and oil to put in these conveniences for their customers in the first place, but as the motor age has grown they have become universal and, as such are now as much a part of the equipment of selling as the gasoline pump and cash register. Since they thus constitute a service the traveler needs and expects, there is definite responsibility for the proprietor, whether he be lessee or owner, to keep the facilities in spotless condition. And it is in the nature of good business, too, since some 60,000,000 citizens are now taking to the highways on vacation trips, not to mention the million of others who travel for business purposes.

"Some of the oil companies might well concentrate on clearing up the facilities which are used by a goodly portion of the men, women and children who ride into their stations. In most cases, all that is needed is a lit-

tle initiative backed up by soap and water, paint, disinfectant and a little elbow-grease, regularly and vigorously applied.

"Your experienced traveler has certain signs by which to guide his choice of a station at which to stop, both the neighborhood and the exterior give clues. It does not always follow, but the station in town is often a better bet than the one out on the highway, and it is almost always true that the station is an attractive neighborhood will be better-kept and better equipped than the one down by the gas works. But even then, look closely. Is the exterior of the building scarred and faded? Is the window glass murky? Is the concrete by the pumps thick with oil drippings? Are the attendants messy-looking, if the answers are yes, you may be fairly certain that the little rooms around the side are not for you or yours. But with bright paint, sparkling windows, a pavement that shows signs of having been washed down, and neatly-clad attendants, you are not taking too much of a chance on what you will find.

"The A. A. A. believes that the unsanitary conditions described constitute little short of a national disgrace and a positive menace to the health of the touring public. Reports from all over the country indicate that public indignation of the general situation is rising."

But let us go just a little deeper into this matter of unsanitary rest rooms. The fault is not, at all, entirely upon the shoulders of the filling station owners or lessees, or managers. A large share of it rests with the traveling public for whom the accommodations in question are provided.

There are some people in this world who are filthy by instinct and by practice; they have neither self-respect nor regard for the rights of finer sensibilities of others. In all probability, they are dirty in their own homes, and their conduct along the road is merely a reflection of their mode of living. It is said that you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear—and no truer proverb was ever written or spoken. It is a pity such people are allowed to use facilities provided for decent people; but in our democracy, the tares grow alongside the wheat; the filthy, uncouth segments of our population have to be endured and tolerated by the more decent elements, and dirt from the dirty must oft-times soil the garments and the persons of those who are refined, by training and by instinct.

Alleghany Horse In Roadster Class



Robert Joines is shown with his horse, "Nellie," who was the second place winner in the three-gaited class and third place winner in the cart show. Mr. Joines' horse was the only Alleghany horse to be shown in the roadster class.

The Everyday Counselor

Rev. Herbert Spough, D. D.

If you see what you want, know what you want, are sure that you want it and need it, then go after it. That's what photographer Sam Braswell of Concord, N. C. did, and he got it. Since he was a small boy he had always wanted to direct a brass band. He loves band music, goes to hear them, has a large collection of band records which he plays frequently. He is particularly fond of marches.

Recently, he had an assignment at Fort Bragg, N. C., to photograph the military events there, commemorating Army Air Forces Day. He was watching the famous 100-piece 82nd Airborne Band go through complicated maneuvers as they played. Suddenly that urge came upon him again to lead the band. He said, "I don't know a note of music from the Greek alphabet, but boy, I know when they're doing their stuff. Me, I've got band records by the hundreds. I know how those pieces, especially the marches, go." He talked with the public relations officer about the possibility of his directing the band, but the officer wasn't impressed. He talked to other officers, and finally to the commanding colonel of the air field. "Sam, I don't care if you lead the boys," he said laughing. "But d'you reckon you can?" Sam said he could. So orders went back through channels for him to do it. They played Sousa's "Thunderer." Sam knew it by heart. The players soon discovered it, and it was a huge success. Sam said, "I bet that was the best piece they did all day. And boy, that was the happiest moment of my life."

Photographer Braswell did not become a band director for a day by simply standing on the sidelines and listening wistfully. He wanted to direct that band, and persisted in his request until it was granted. He had been doing a lot of preparing for years as he listened to those band records.

That's what it takes to get something we really want; wish for it, prepare for it, ask for it, pray for it, and then go after it. Jesus Christ said, "Ask and ye shall receive; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you." Most of us want to be better than we are. We admire those who have power and influence over others for good. We can be like them if we want to earnestly enough. The reason we don't do these things is that we lack confidence in our ability to do them. We need self confidence. There's no better way to get it than to go into partnership with Almighty God. "With God

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Sparta, N. Carolina

Stratford News

Mr. and Mrs. Turner Vaughn, Mr. Airy, visited Mr. and Mrs. Hake Richardson, Sunday.

Mrs. Nora Steadham and daughter, Lucille, of Richmond, have been visiting Mrs. Steadham's father, Mr. Bob Marsh, of Piney Creek. They also visited Mrs. Carrie Sanders here.

Mary Lee Richardson, of Furches, is spending this week with Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Richardson.

Mrs. Robert Rector recently visited her sister, Mrs. Robert Sanders.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mabe visited Mr. and Mrs. Jess Sexton, Twin Oaks, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Sexton, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Mabe accompanied them home.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Richardson visited Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Mabe, Sunday.

Mrs. Eliza Reynolds and children, of Nottingham, Pa., are visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Estep.

Communion services will be held at Antioch Primitive Baptist church Saturday and Sunday. Several visiting elders are expected to attend.

Timely Hints

Act quickly if you spill acid on your dress or any other fabric, warn textile chemists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Even a fairly mild acid like lemon juice or vinegar may change the color of damage the cloth.

First, rinse the stain several times with cool water. Water alone may not restore color but ammonia may. If soda is used, sprinkle it on both sides of the stain, moisten with water and allow to stand several minutes. Then rinse well with water. If ammonia is used, hold the dampened stain over an open bottle of strong ammonia water.

Read before using is an obvious but often neglected rule for getting your money's worth in service and satisfaction from any new household equipment, home economists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture remind housewives. Careful reading of every word of print that comes with a new article, large or small, is well worth the housewife's time, especially today when new designs, materials and finishes are coming on the market. A few minutes of reading in advance of using may save costly repairs or poor service.

Manufacturers go to considerable trouble to print advice on the proper care and use of their products. The woman who discards all printed matter as "just advertising" or because she thinks she knows enough, without reading may be throwing away money. The printed advice is part of what she pays for when she buys the article.

After reading all labels, cards or booklets, that come with new equipment, put away any printed directions or guarantees in a safe place. It is wise to keep a record of the place and date of purchase, and the name and address of the manufacturer.

It is estimated that 11,000 acres have been planted to water-mellons in North Carolina this year, which is approximately the same acreage planted last year. ter fed; healthier and thereby more profitable livestock.

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Cherry Lane News

Sunday guests of Mr. J. P. Miles were: Mr. and Mrs. Wade Miles and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Miles, also Mr. and Mrs. Lester Woodruff.

Mrs. Jesse McCoin visited her husband who is a patient in Elkin hospital, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hank, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Truitt visited Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Miles, Sunday night.

Miss Vena Miles is a patient in the Elkin hospital.

Mrs. Lundy Nichols spent the week end with her sister, Mrs. Jesse McCoin.

Cream for butter making should contain about 30 percent butterfat. A gallon of such cream will yield about 3 pounds of butter.

ANNOUNCEMENT

All those interested in the upkeep of Zion cemetery will meet

there next Thursday morning, August 23, to help with the work.

OH, GRACE, SOME OF THE BEST BARGAINS IN THE PAPER TODAY! LET'S GO SHOPPING! I'LL MEET YOU AT THE CORNER!

MR. MERCHANT WAS IT YOUR AD SHE READ?

EXPERIENCE is the BEST TEACHER

EXPERIENCE— DURING THE WARTIME CIGARETTE SHORTAGE... TAUGHT ME THERE'S NO OTHER CIGARETTE LIKE A-CAMEL!

IT'S GREAT TO GET CAMELS AGAIN REGULARLY. THEY SUIT ME TO A 'T'!

More people are smoking CAMELS than ever before

School Days Are Near Again

We have many of your School Needs

We have a good supply

Blue Horse School "Must"

Get started with these so you can be in line for a prize.

Notebook Paper	5c and 10c
Composition Books	5c and 10c
Typewriting Paper	5c
Wide and narrow tablets	5c
Notebook Backs	25c

See us for Pens and Pencils

Fountain Pens	\$1.08
Scripto Pencils	20c
Scripto Erasers	5c
Other Pencils, 5c 2 for 5c and 3 for 10c	
Blue or red pencils	10c
Crayons	5c, 10c, 15c
Dictionaries	29c, up
Mucilage	10c
Small pocket notebooks	5c & 10c

We also have what you need in Construction Paper, scrap books and paper napkins.

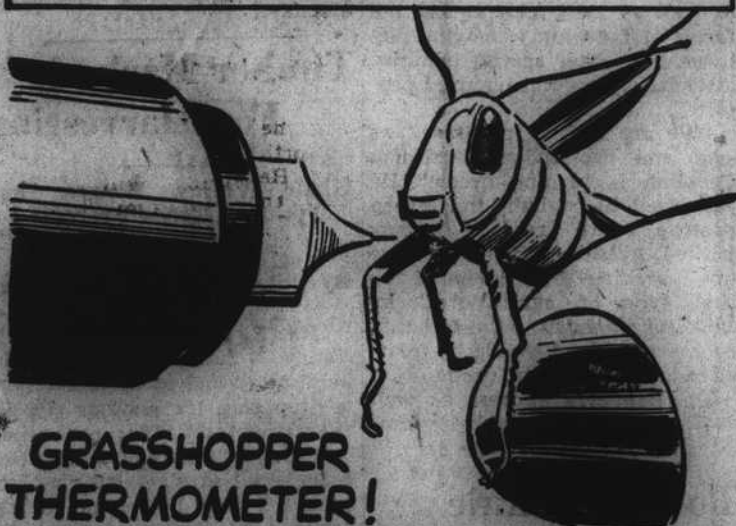
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Just what they want for school.

Children's Cotton Panties 29c - 35c
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Sparta, N. C.

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