

Record Geoduck Clam Shell Is Uncovered

We set a new, though modest, state record last week. The fun aspect of the find, however, was that no one else would have been at the particular place at that particular time.

We found a shell of a geoduck clam (pronounced gooey-duck) larger than any ever recorded for the State. It was almost eight inches long.

We were diving on the liberty ship, Theodore Parker, 2½ miles offshore Atlantic Beach. Water temperature was 52 degrees, depth was about 55 feet.

The ship had been sunk deliberately. Ten small clusters of explosives had been placed just below the water line as she floated. These were spread out, five on the port side, five on the starboard side. When it blew, the 2 x 3 feet holes let the water in.

On the bottom the blast holes still let water in today. As the ocean surges, water is sucked in and forced out the openings with considerable force. Force of the water streaming out of the holes has dug circular depressions in the ocean floor.

Out there, there is a six to ten inch layer of sand and silt. Below that you find clay with a

hardness somewhat like the modeling clay of a child. Buried in the clay material, and arranged like fruit chunks in a jello mold, are seashells trapped and preserved thousands of years and more depending on how deep.

The blast holes have provided excellent excavator tools to get down into this shell graveyard. Each time down we find new strata exposed. Shells are plentiful, but mainly we find common thick-shelled ocean clams. Geoducks are much thinner and elongated. We have found a few fossil sea scallop shells measuring more than seven inches across.

The record shell we found is an old shell, a fossil. Interestingly, according to Hugh Porter, seashell expert, University of North Carolina, Institute of Marine Sciences, Morehead City, a person could perhaps find a live one in North Carolina waters today, and it could be in shallow waters. He said some specimens come ashore not too long dead. Geoducks were considered extinct in this area until recently.

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CLAUDIA BUCKHOLZ

Family Dollar Has New Boss

Family Dollar Stores, Inc. is pleased to announce the promotion of R. W. White to director of operations for stores and distribution.

Mr. White began his career with Family Dollar Stores in March, 1967.

Mr. White advanced to district manager in 1969, and in August 1972, was promoted to director of distribution.

In his new position, Mr. White will be responsible for supervising the total operation of all stores and the distribution center.

Family Dollar Stores, Inc. is a discount chain with 205 stores located in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia, selling wearing apparel and shoes for the entire family, and items for the home, yard and office.

Claudia Buckholz Olin Accountant

Claudia Reed Buckholz has been employed as an accountant in Olin Corporation's Fine Paper and Film Group, according to an announcement by Marvin Johnson, controller.

Mrs. Buckholz worked previously with Murray and Hough, Inc., certified public accounting firm in Brevard.

A native of Siloam Springs, Ark., she completed high school in Birmingham, Mich. and attended Western Michigan University and Ball State University.

She currently is enrolled at Western Carolina University

'Walls Of Jericho' College Program

"The Library at Six", Brevard College, presents Mr. and Mrs. Ketih Lathrop "Searching For the Walls of Jericho".

Mr. and Mrs. Lathrop have spent two summers during field work at Tel Aphek near Petta Tikva, Israel. Their talk and slide presentation will include pictures of the "dig" and discussion of the artifacts unearthed.

Mrs. Gail Lathrop is head of the English Department at Brevard High School and Mr. Lathrop is a member of the Mathematics faculty at Brevard College.

as a student of accounting.

She is married to Joseph A. Buckholz, an engineer in Olin's Ecusta Paper Division. Mr. and Mrs. Buckholz live at 16 Turnpike Road in Brevard.

Debra Russell Tops In Class

Navy Hospitalman Apprentice Debra A. Russell, daughter of Mr. Edmond L. Russell of N. Broad St., and Mrs. Leona C. Russell of 105 S. View Drive, both of Brevard, N.C., graduated as outstanding recruit from recruit training for women at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Fla.

Organic, Inorganic --What's Diff?

We've all heard or read the terms organic, natural, and health used in relation to food and the way it's grown. It can get confusing when you're not too sure what each really means.

A reprint from Shopper's Guide, the 1974 Yearbook of Agriculture, explains these terms using the definitions proposed for legal use. A free copy of Organic and Inorganic Foods may be obtained by writing Consumer Information, Dept. 7, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

The article says:

Organically grown food means food which hasn't been subjected to pesticides or artificial fertilizers, and which has been grown in soil whose humus content has been increased by the addition of organic matter.

Organically processed food means organically grown food which in its processing has not

been treated with preservatives, hormones, antibiotics or synthetic additives of any kind.

Foods referred to as natural are those in the same form in which they are harvested. They come from their place of growth to consumers without any man-made alternations or treatments. They are unprocessed.

Natural foods may or may not be grown organically.

The term health foods is confusing because every food that offers the body something it needs contributes to health. The term is used often by untrained health enthusiasts to refer to foods that are supposed to have some special virtue in preventing or treating a disease, or providing superior health.

Food and Drug Administration regulations do not permit such claims to be made on a product label, so these claims are usually made

in special articles or pamphlets used to advertise those foods.

Organic foods are likely to cost much more than the same items produced and marketed by regular commercial methods. This is because producing organically grown and processed foods and natural foods doesn't lend itself to the mass production methods used to supply most of our foods. And because they contain no preservatives, they cannot be stored as long as regular foods.



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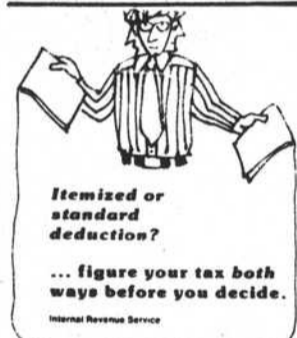
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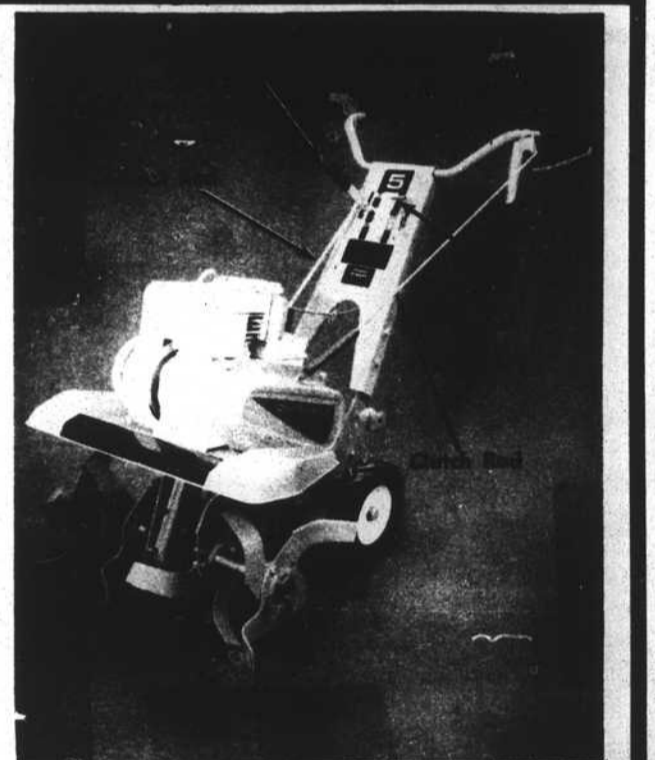
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