

**Science For You**



BY BOB BROWN

**PROBLEM:** Magic rising paper.

**NEEDED:** Tissue paper, a gummed envelope flap, a dish, a match.

**DO THIS:** Roll the tissue paper and stick the edges with tiny pieces of the gummed flap of the envelope. Stand it on the dish, set fire to the top and, as the flame burns toward the bottom, the remains of the tube will rise into the air.

**HERE'S WHY:** The heat of the flame produces an upward current of air — enough to lift the lightweight paper and ash.

The idea for this came from the magician's magazine, The Linking Ring. Magician Bill Pitts tells in the magazine how he extracts a mysterious vanished dollar bill from the burning tube. That is magic; the science part is the rising of the burning tube.

The paper rolled into a tube may be stuck with tiny bits of rubber cement instead of paper. Try different size rolls and different paper. Magician Pitts recommended a roll two inches in diameter and eight inches high.

As always, be careful of fire. It is always dangerous.

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**N. C. Poetry Council Announces Poetry Contest**

Entries in the 1975 poetry contest, sponsored by the Poetry Council of North Carolina, Inc., are being accepted from now until June 15.

The annual event is for North Carolina residents, former or part-time residents of the state, employees and student now in the state, and natives of North Carolina.

Cash awards will be given winners in six categories. \$100 will be awarded for a book of poems published in 1974.

Single poems categories include traditional form, free verse or experimental form of poetry, and sonnet, all for adults; any form for-poets age 12 through 17; and any form for children ages 8 through 11.

Awards for single poems will be \$50, \$25 and \$15 for the adult categories; and \$10, \$7.50 and \$5 for children.

Poems must be original, unpublished and not offered to another contest or publication.

Three copies of the poem, typed, double spaced on one side of an 8 1/2 x 11 inch paper should be submitted, along with a 3 x 5 inch index card with the name of contest, poem title, author's name and address, telephone number and social security number.

Persons who wish additional information on the contest may contact Miss Charlotte Young, 104 Arnold Road, Asheville, N. C. 28805.

**Dollar General Plans Dividend**

The Board of Directors of Dollar General Corporation voted Friday to pay the first cash dividend in the company's history.

The dividend will be ten cents per share, payable on April 25, 1975 to shareholders of the company's common stock of record on March 28, 1975.

Dollar General president Cal Turner announced the dividend today in conjunction with the release of the company's 1974 financial results which included record net sales, but net income below last year's record level.

Net sales reached \$74,201,392, a 4.9 per cent increase over 1973's previous record net sales of \$70,734,634. Net income was \$2,316,940, a 21.5 per cent decline from record 1973 net income of \$2,951,188.

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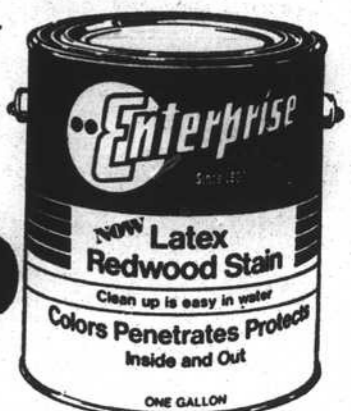
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**More Pupils May Get Reduced-Price Lunch**

More children who are unable to pay the full cost of a school lunch may qualify for free and reduced price lunches, according to Ralph Eaton, School Food Services Director for the Department of Public Instruction.

According to Eaton, application for the free or reduced-price benefits of the National School Lunch Program are usually made in the fall. However, in view of the hardships facing families since that time due to inflation and unemployment, the announcement is again being made.

Children from families whose income levels are low may be eligible, as well as families with hardship conditions due to high medical costs, expenses, shelter costs in excess of 30 per cent of income, and temporary loss of income from lay-offs, short time or other employment conditions.

Each affected family must apply and be approved by a designated school official for a free or reduced price meal or

free milk in terms of present weekly or monthly total income, said Eaton.

Such total income must include all benefits being received, including strike benefits, he added. Any temporary eligibility ceases as soon as the family income exceeds the applicable guidelines.

Forms for application for free and reduced price meals are available from the principal's office of the school a child attends. Eaton pointed out that information provided on the application is confidential and will be used only to determine eligibility.

The identity of the child benefitting from the program is also confidential.

The bidet, once considered a taboo topic of discussion and "alien" to the American scene, is reported to be a growing fixture in the well-appointed American bath and increasingly regarded as being essential to good hygiene and grooming. Whirlpool baths are also on the upswing.

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