

**SHIELDS IS DISCHARGED**

Charles A. Shields, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Shields, of Franklin, Route 4, has been discharged from the U. S. Navy after four years' service. He spent two years in San Diego, Calif., and toured the Mediter-

anean, Pacific, and Atlantic waters aboard the USS Braine, a destroyer. He and his wife, the former Miss Carolyn Nothstein, and their young daughter are spending some time with their parents.

**This Week With Macon County Agents**

By Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill (Home Agent)

Home demonstration clubs are organized where there is sufficient interest to have a minimum attendance of 10 members. The clubs have officers as follows: president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer, with project leaders in the various phases of homemaking.

The executive board, made up of club officers, guides the policies and program of the club. Clubs arouse interest in better home and community life and joint work is carried on throughout the year between farm and home agents. A county program is set up with joint responsibilities for reaching the

goals of a long-time plan of work. From time to time the agents meet with the 21 community development groups now organized in Macon County.

Other joint work includes the 24 families that are cooperating on the Unit Test Demonstration program of the Tennessee Valley Authority. These families make their farm and home plans, keep records of expenditures, and hold meetings to discuss their problems. The agents work closely with these families. A tour was held in August 1954 and four farms were visited.

There are 23 active home demonstration clubs with an enrollment of 525 members. Higdonville and Highlands organized clubs in 1954.

Some highlights of 1954 club work:

Over 175 women attended the spring federation program held at Cowee School with the Cowee Club as hostess. Liberty and Oak Grove were co-hostesses. The dress revue was a highlight of this annual program. The special music sung by the

choral group was an added attraction and perhaps the one enjoyed the most by all was the participation of the 4-H choral group. This was the first time that the 4-H'ers had appeared on a program.

The home demonstration "Achievement Day" was different in 1954 in that it was built around club members. Each club voted for three women to be honored at the "Achievement Day" on the basis of the contributions they had made to their community. Sixty-eight women were so honored. The most exciting part of the whole day was the awarding of The Gavel to the club with the highest achievement. Cowee Club won for the first time with a total of 2,432 points. Oak Grove was second with 2,040 points. The Oak Grove women helped get an underprivileged girl into a school for girls in north Georgia; gave 14 baskets at Thanksgiving and 20 at Christmas to shut-ins and needy families; purchased a radio battery for shut-ins; and helped provide facilities for the seeing eye dog of a blind girl in the community.

**INVESTITURE OF TROOP 28 SET FRIDAY**

Silver Tea Slated After Ceremony At Presbyterian Church

Fourteen young girls will participate in an investiture ceremony for Girl Scout, Troop 28, at the Franklin Presbyterian Church tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7:30.

The ceremony will be followed by a silver tea in the dining room of the church. This portion of the program will be featured by exhibits of work done by the girls in the past six months.

Troop members who will be invested include Martha Angel, Jo Evelyn Barnard, Sara Lee Bryson, Carol Calloway, Ann Fagg, Wyanette Higdon, Linda Morrow, Carolyn Shook, Linda Shope, Emma Siler, Margaret Snyder, Margaret Swan, Lynn West, and Linda Whitaker. These girls will present a short program dealing with the history of the Girl Scout movement.

Taking part in the program will be the Rev. Bryan Hatchett, Mrs. C. Banks Finger, city Girl Scout chairman, Mrs. J. L. Hill, Jr., troop leader, and Miss Ann Snyder, assistant troop leader.

**Pfc. Keener Takes Part In Airborne Exercise On Island**

Pfc. Henry J. Keener, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Keener, of Highlands, recently participated in the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team's "Operation Climax" on the Japanese island of Kyushu, according to the Army Home Town News Center. Pfc. Keener is a rifleman with the team's Company F. He entered the army in May, 1953, completed his basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C., and joined the 187th in December, 1953.

**Burlington Mills Favors Wage Law**

Burlington Mills favors adoption of the 90-cent-an-hour minimum wage law recommended by President Eisenhower, according to J. Spencer Love, board chairman and president of the textile concern. Burlington Mills backed the increase to the present 75-cent minimum several years ago and believes that another increase is now warranted. Mr. Love said, in answer to inquiries as to his stand on the proposed new 90-cent minimum wage, that he did not believe the figure would be a hardship to the textile industry or hinder its recovery, now getting under way. Such a wage minimum is proper under today's economic conditions, he added.

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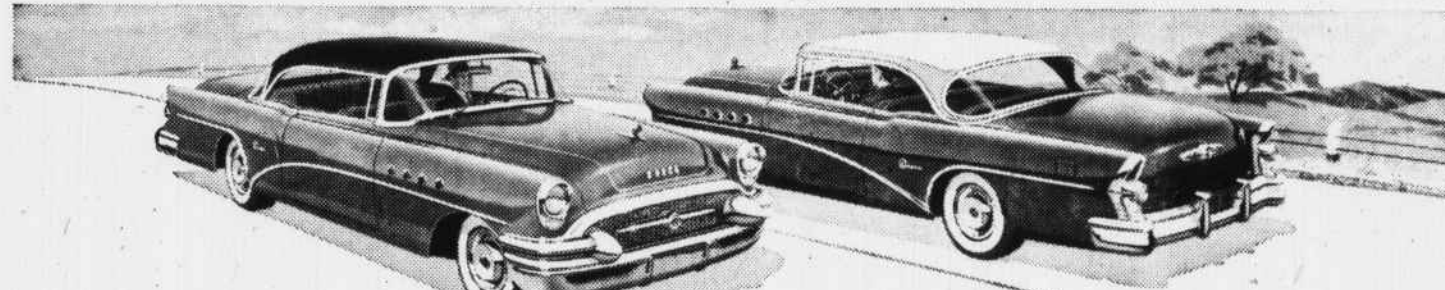
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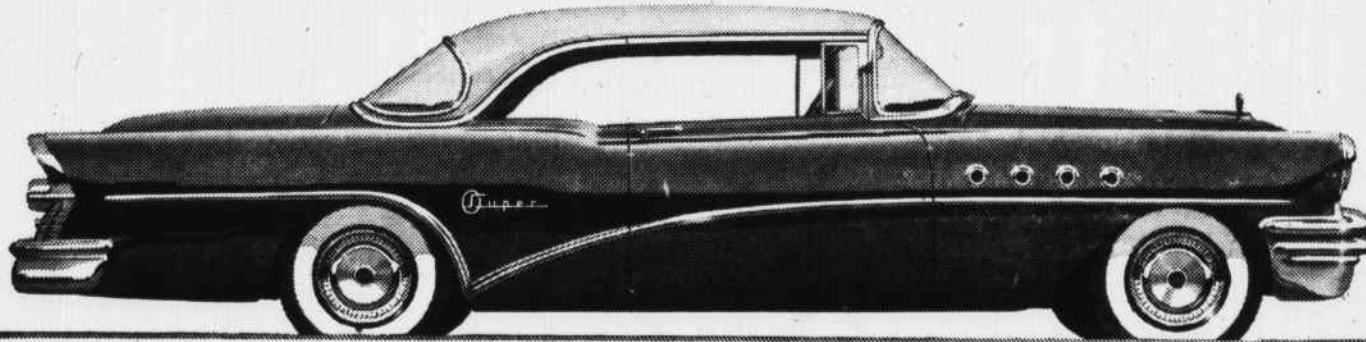
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