

UNITY, WISDOM

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 cal conditions. It would have district federal courts require—and pass upon—desegregation programs from state school officials within a specified time, the federal courts to retain jurisdiction until the programs are carried out.
 We cannot know, of course, to whom the Supreme Court will listen. If it is to the Administration's brief, there is the question of whether the programs called for may not require state legislation as well as state administrative action. And the federal courts can influence that only by the shadow of some ultimate invalidation. But the main stream of development is running thus far with amazing calm in the direction of reasonableness and realism.

Raisins for cakes and breads will be plump and juicy if soaked in warm water before being added to the batter or dough.

Merit System Exams

Scheduled March 26

Examinations for clerical positions with all State and county departments served by the Merit System will be given on March 26, it has been announced by the North Carolina Merit System Council. Applications are now being accepted for these examinations, and persons graduating in June will be eligible.

Applications, which must be on the official form, may be obtained from the Merit System Office, Mansion Park Building, Raleigh, N. C., or from any county welfare, health or employment service office. March 7 is the final date on which applications may be submitted. Bulletins are available, which give more complete information about positions and examinations, and may be obtained from the Merit System Office in Raleigh.

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HOME DEMONSTRATION NEWS

Pinebluff Club

The Pinebluff Home Demonstration Club is starting the new year with a project for the year to redecorate the interior of the club house and to pay for the new electric range. Potluck suppers provide the means of raising money for club projects. The first supper will be Monday, January 31, at 6:30 p. m., and is open to the public.

This is a personal invitation to every woman in Pinebluff to join our club, which meets in the clubhouse every second Thursday of the month at 2:30. There are no dues only your donations and our projects to keep up our club. The club provides free help in gardening, home building, decorations, sewing and other subjects, plus free health programs.—Mrs. Brady Brooks, Publicity Chairman.

Stanton Hill Club

The Stanton Hill Club of Cameron, Route 1, held its first meeting of the year in the home of Mrs. P. R. McKinney. This was a special meeting in more ways than one. Mrs. McKinney has just moved into a large lovely home on Highway 1, and all the members were anxious to see the new home.

We saw evidence of the work of our club as we noted the arrangement of furniture and other interior decorations. We are always glad to see improvements our members have made and it makes us more concerned about making improvements in our own homes.

We were given two quotations: "We are as big as the things that make us mad" and the Indian prayer, "Grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins." By keeping these before us, we hope to grow bigger and broader minded.

We are considering a project that will benefit our community as a whole. This project will be made definite at our next meeting. Our lesson, which was taught by means of slides and bulletins emphasized the value and importance of a family garden. While all of our members have a garden, we do not have enough variety or the best varieties for all purposes. The bulletins, "Farm and Home Garden Manual" and "1955 Recommended Vegetable Varieties," will aid us in the selection of seeds and plants. We feel that we will all have better gardens and healthier families this year.—Mrs. Walter McDonald, Publicity Chairman.

Springfield Club

The Springfield Home Demonstration Club held its first meeting of the year in the home of Mrs. Raymond Comer. The spacious living room faces the evening sun and there was just enough sunlight penetrating through beautiful drapery to seem to cast a spell on a beautiful dried flower arrangement. Mrs. Comer's flower arrangement There was a shade of brown in the drapes that was repeated in the flower arrangement. Mrs. Comer's flower arrangement became a conversational piece when we learned it was two years old—a Christmas present of two years ago.

Miss Pauline E. Gordon, from the Extension Service in Raleigh, gave a demonstration on the preparation and arrangement of dried flowers, in the County Achievement Day program last November, which was enjoyed by everyone. Mrs. Comer's arrangement showed that club members are keeping abreast of the times.

During the business session, Mrs. J. W. Thomas was reelected Family Life Leader. The demonstration on Planning and Planting the Home Garden was timely and also served to remind us to get our tools in good condition as garden planting time is not just around the corner—some of it, now, is straight down the row.

The Springfield Club is one of the oldest clubs in the county. On November 29, the members celebrated its 25th anniversary with a silver tea. At this time two of our charter members, Mrs. J. W. Thomas and Mrs. Carl Gullege, were presented beautiful silver pins in appreciation for their faithful service to club work.—Mrs. Allen Denny, Publicity Chairman

Cranes Creek Club

At the January meeting of the Cranes Creek Club, Mrs. Raymond Thomas gave a very interesting report on some frozen apples she had experimented with in the summer. Mrs. Thomas said she blanched them just as her freezer book instructed and this week, when she tried them in a pie, her husband remarked he would never have known it from a fresh apple pie.

Another freezer hint someone gave—and some of you perhaps already have tried—is to hull your extra pecans now and freeze them before they become rancid. These need no blanching—just hull and freeze.

While we are on freezing, we

would like to share with you also the information that fresh coconut freezes very well. Grate these just ready for your cakes and pies and you can enjoy fresh coconut all year. No blanching is necessary for the coconut either.—Mrs. Robert Hendrick, Cranes Creek Club.

Freezes Sweet Potatoes

Mrs. Frank Cox, Sr., a member of the Eastwood Home Demonstration Club has found it very satisfactory to freeze sweet potatoes in small quantities as they keep perfectly and are excellent for making candied potatoes or custards. Mrs. Cox says the way she prepares them for freezing is to boil them in water until done, then slip the peeling off. When cooled, they are packed in plastic bags or regular freezing containers and frozen. In using the freezing method you are always sure of having good potatoes on hand when needed and no worry about part of them being spoiled.

If unexpected company comes for a meal the potatoes can be prepared in just a few minutes into a wonderful dessert to serve during the cold winter days or as a side dish with meats.—Mrs. Sam Boggs, publicity chairman, Eastwood Club.

New Holt Home

In a setting of long leaf pines Mrs. J. W. Holt, of the Cameron Home Demonstration Club, has built her new cinder block home consisting of four rooms and bath. One enters the living room on entering the front door. Two walls are of the blocks, the other two of natural pine finish. Here the color scheme is a lovely soft rose. To the left is the kitchen, the color is white and green. Mrs. Holt is installing a hot water heater and getting more cabinets built in.

From the kitchen you enter the small central hall. From there to the two bed rooms, one done in blue and one in rose. Her bathroom between the bedrooms is incomplete but she hopes to get that finished soon. The color will be grey tile and pine.

Mrs. Holt is very active. When I went in she was working on a quilt top and had just finished a lovely crocheted tablecloth. She is looking forward to good weather so she can get to work in her yard.—Mrs. W. D. Sellers, publicity chairman, Cameron Club.

Eureka Club Active

During the year 1954, members of the Eureka Home Demonstration Club went all out for club activities. We feel that this was one of our best years. Twenty-five members attended the Cancer Clinic at Watts Hospital, Durham. Five were recommended for fur-

ther treatment.

Our membership was increased by three, with two members reactivated. The theme for the year was "Faith Is A Family Affair." This demonstration was presented by the club president, Mrs. Sam Blue, who also presented it to Culdee Circle No. 2 and the women of Eureka Church.

Miss Becky Blue, daughter of a club member, Mrs. Alton Blue, gave the program at the 4-H Club at Farm Life School.

The club won third place at the County Fair with the theme on Faith.

The climax of the year was Achievement night when we were awarded first place for our year's work. This was accomplish-

ed by the splendid cooperation of all members of the club.—Mrs. Hugh McLeod, publicity chairman, Eureka Club.

Aids March of Dimes

Mrs. Clayton Kirk of the Roseland Home Demonstration Club is chairman of the March of Dimes drive in her community. Instead of the usual house to house canvass, she thought it might be worthwhile to try something different this year. To fulfill her job as chairman, she invited every family to gather at the community house for a picnic supper and an evening of good fellowship and there was a splendid response.

The majority of the families in

the neighborhood came, bringing a bountiful supper and their contribution for the March of Dimes fund. When Mrs. Kirk counted the money, she found her quota for Roseland had been more than filled and there was promise of more to come. The community not only gave but enjoyed the giving.—Mrs. W. R. Robeson, Jr., publicity chairman, Roseland Club.

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