

District Winner Electric Contest

Miss Lynette Haislip, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Haislip of Oak City and a member of the eleventh grade class in the Oak City High School, won a \$100 college scholarship in the recent Farm and Home Electric Contest, sponsored by the Virginia Electric and Power Company and other utilities in this State.

Writing about her trip to Raleigh, Miss Haislip said:

"October 30 and 31, I had the

privilege of attending the Farm-Home Electric Congress, held in Hotel Carolina at Raleigh. I was given the expense free trip as a result of winning first place in the girls division of the Farm-Home Electric contest in the county. The boy who represented Martin County was Carrone Bryant Williamston, N. C., RFD. We were accompanied to Raleigh by the assistant home agent Miss Agnes Beal.

"This contest is sponsored annually by the Virginia Electric and Power Co., Carolina Power and Light Co. and The Nantahala Power and Light Co., in cooperation with 4-H Clubs and the Westinghouse Educational Foundation. The purpose is to bring about the more effective use of electricity on farms and farm homes.

In my project I made a comparison of cleaning with a vacuum cleaner and cleaning without a

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Planning Home Water Systems

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Perhaps nothing is more shocking when taking a shower than the sudden change from warm water to cold just because mother turned the hot water on at the kitchen sink or little brother decided to wash his ears at the lavatory. Or, suppose someone flushed the toilet and the water in the shower suddenly got too hot. This can be dangerous for a small child placed in the bathtub while it is filling. And, another thing the new automatic clothes washer and the dishwasher that mother plans to get will not operate satisfactorily on a system with hot and cold water pipes that are not large enough.

All of these hazards can be eliminated by carefully planning your entire piping system. Begin your detail planning months before you start your installation.

And what size pipe will you need? An easy way to figure pipe size is to begin at the well and assume you have plenty of water and that your pump and pressure tank are large enough to supply water to every faucet you may have open at the same time. Pipe size should be large enough to deliver water from the storage tank to every faucet with more than 5 pounds pressure drop between tank and faucet.

It is almost impossible to do too much planning. After people live with an installation a while they nearly always find room for improvement. So plan your system thoroughly now to get the maximum benefits from it throughout the years to come.

I also included a sketch of our kitchen showing how we have rearranged the electrical equipment for better usage.

"A very interesting program was carried out during the congress. Some of the events were: an address by Dr. Clifton Tanus, Jr. of Hillsboro, Texas, as his topic was "Our American Heritage," there was a very interesting discussion on "How to Improve the Farm and Home Electric Projects in the Counties," and the "Use of Electricity on the Farm" and in the Farm Home."

"Monday night we attended a barbeque supper at the Tar Heel Club. The territorial awards were made at this time. I won the first place in the girl's division in the V. E. P. Co. district and received a \$100 scholarship to any college in N. C.

"I would like to thank Miss Beal for the assistance and the V. E. P. Co. for the wonderful trip and the scholarship."

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Ninety-Two Ears On Twenty Stalks

A farmer who produces 92 ears of corn on 20 stalks really has something to crow about. That's exactly what a Hertford County Negro farmer, Alpheus Gatling of Route 1, Murfreesboro, did this year.

Gatling, who has qualified several times for the State Bushel Corn Club, came up recently with 10 single hills (suchers included) that produced 51 full ears of corn from eight to 12 inches in length and filled to the tip. Then, to prove this wasn't a freak, he found another 10 of the best hills from all corners of his 2 1/2-acre field and discovered they had 41 ears the same size.

M. L. Johnson, Negro farm agent in Hertford for the State College Extension Service, asked Gatling how he did it.

"Just like I've been doing for the past five years, except I didn't use quite as much fertilizer," Gatling replied. "I always plant every inch of my cropland in a cover crop each fall, and I cover my corn land with stable manure in the early spring. On this piece of land I planted Austrian winter peas. This combination was disced and turned under. I applied 200 pounds of 5-10-10 fertilizer per acre at planting and 200 pounds per acre at the second cultivation.

"I plowed that piece of corn three times as shallow as possible. At the last cultivation I applied 400 pounds of nitrate of soda per acre. That's all," he said with a grin.

"But wait a minute," he went on. "You know, I believe I have one of the best crops of corn I've ever made, and I believe the spacing is the difference. This year I planted all my corn 16 inches in the drill in 3 1/2-foot rows. I notice it stood up better in the field and the overall yield is even better."

Interesting Bits Of Business in U. S.

Predictions are being made by economists and retailers that the public will be in a more cautious buying frame of mind for the next few months. Some sign of tapering off in war scare buying has already been detected. . . . Some of the biggest price gains recently have been in textiles, while food prices conversely, aided by big crops, have been tapering a little. Manpower shortages for the months ahead are expected to become more acute.

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Consumption Of Milk In Country

Cow ownership is by far the most influential factor in encouraging fluid milk consumption among rural people, according to a survey recently completed by Walter P. Cotton, associate professor of agricultural economics at North Carolina State College and the Experiment Station.

Cow-owning families, he reveals, drink three times as much whole milk as those who own no cows, and five times as much skim and buttermilk. On the other hand, consumption of evaporated milk among cow-owners is one-tenth as much as that of non-cow-owners.

These facts are reported in a new bulletin, "Consumption of Dairy Products in Rural North Carolina," issued this week by the Experiment Station. Copies are now available either from county agents or from the Agricultural Editor State College Station, Raleigh. The publication is issued as Bulletin No. 372 of the Experiment Station.

Cotton, author of the bulletin, discusses the percentage of cow ownership by rural families, compares rural and urban consumption, and explains the effects of factors influencing use of dairy products in rural homes. Included in the 30-page bulletin are explanatory charts and tables detailing results of the special study completed early this year.

The author prepared the report after interviewing nearly 400 North Carolina rural families. His latest booklet is a companion to an earlier one, "Consumption of Dairy Products in Urban North Carolina."

Cigarette Tax Is \$31 Million

"Smokers in North Carolina last year paid the federal government more than \$31 million in cigarette taxes," according to F. M. Parkinson of Richmond, Executive Director of the National Tobacco Tax Research Council.

"There is a movement on foot to assess a state tax on cigarettes in North Carolina at the forthcoming session of the legislature and thus increase the cost of cigarettes 3 cents per package. This tax, if enacted, will saddle North Carolina smokers with another \$12 million tax bill, making a total tax of \$43 million annually.

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