

## Offer Tips For Kitchen Safety

Activities in the farm kitchen are stepped up with the approach of winter holidays. An accident can easily mar the season unless extra safety precautions are taken.

Elizabeth Parker, county home demonstration agent for the State College Extension Service, says knives and other cutting utensils should be kept out of children's reach. Turning pan handles away from the front of the stove will prevent accidental tipping. Before opening a steaming kettle, reach for the handle with the cloth and lift the lid with the cover first. In carving meats, a

## Social News

### Business Visitor Here

Mr. W. B. Cannon of Oak City was a business visitor in town last Saturday.

### Spend Holidays Here

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Seaton and children of Richmond spent the Thanksgiving holidays here with Mrs. Seaton's parents, Dr. and Mrs. John Williams. They returned home Sunday.

### Attended Football Game

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Skinner and Mr. and Mrs. Iverson Skinner attended the Carolina-Duke football game in Chapel Hill Saturday.

### Announce Birth

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Ward of Griffins Township, a daughter, in a local hospital on Monday, November 27.

### Visited In Norfolk Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Elliott and children were in Norfolk Sunday, visiting Mrs. Lucy Biggs who is recovering from a successful operation in Norfolk General Hospital. Mrs. Biggs plans to return home Saturday.

### Here From Roanoke, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert N. Holliday and daughter Judy Don returned to their home Sunday in Roanoke, Va., after spending Thanksgiving holidays with relatives near Jamesville.

### Attended Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. W. Clyde Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ross, Mrs. Dillon Cobb, Mr. and Mrs. Milton James, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Griffin and Mrs. D. N. Roberson were among those from here who attended the Griffin-Cherry wedding in Tranter's Creek Christian Church last Thursday.

A fork with a knife guard should be used and cutting strokes should be made away from the body.

The National Safety Council says a safe step-stool is an essential piece of equipment in any modern kitchen, to prevent the use of boxes or chairs for reaching high places. Each step should be wide enough to stand upon and the surfaces should be non-skid or roughened to retard slipping. Grease and water should be mopped up from the floor immediately to avoid slips and falls.

Other kitchen tips are: Keep matches out of children's reach. Don't use gasoline or kerosene to start kitchen range fires. Keep all dry cleaning operations out of the kitchen. Check stove pipes and flues regularly. Store all medicines, insecticides, and drugs away from the kitchen and out of the reach of children.

One final precaution: Apply first aid immediately to any injury no matter how trivial it may seem.

## ROUND-UP

Members of the highway patrol, local and county police reported little activity on the crime front in this county over the past week-end.

Five persons were arrested and detained, one for careless and reckless driving and four for drunkenness. Three were white, and the ages of the group ranged from 32 to 59 years.

### Visited In Parmele

Mrs. Eddie Trahey and daughter visited in Parmele last week-end.

### Returns To Work

Mrs. Josephine Cox, after an illness of seven weeks, was able to return to her work with the Production-Marketing Administration in the agriculture building here yesterday.

### Spent Week-end In Ayden

Miss Ruby Lee Spencer, assistant county agent, spent the week-end with relatives in Ayden.

### Spent Holidays In County

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Griffin of Richmond spent the Thanksgiving holidays in the Griffins Township community with relatives.

## Interesting Bits Of Business in U. S.

The domestic oil industry will spend \$2.2 billions in 1950 for development, modernization and expansion of facilities, or the equivalent of \$14.50 for every person in the country. Department stores are cutting down new orders, waiting to work off some of their inventories accumulated during the rush of war-scare buying.

Recent employment figures emphasize the tightness of the labor market. The Bell Telephone System has laid out 5 billions on new facilities since 1945 and has not caught up yet with its expansion requirements. Sales of luggage have been easing since they reached their peak in 1947, being down 30 per cent from those levels. It is one of the few types of business that failed to benefit from the Korean war. British exports to the U. S. reached a record high of \$36,600,000 in October.

The lumber industry has recently perfected a new soil improver, tentatively called Persolin, which is essentially sawdust, treated by simple chemical means. Preliminary tests of the soil improver on vegetable plants indicate higher rates of seed germination, earlier ripening and increased weights.

Mount Whitney and Death Valley, highest and lowest points in the U. S. are only a few miles apart in California.

## Plan Healthy And A Safe Christmas Season This Year

### Accident Figures Climb To High Peak Christmas And New Year's

Deaths and injuries due to avoidable accidents are not confined to any one season of the year, but accident figures usually do take a sharp, upward turn during the Christmas and New Year holiday season.

High on the list of killers during this time is automobile accidents. Snow, sleet, and ice and long hours of darkness can mean hazardous driving throughout the winter. But there are obviously extra hazards during the Yuletide season.

Many people do more drinking during this holiday season than at other times of the year. Automobile accidents during Christmas and New Year's could be cut down considerably if motorists stayed out from behind the wheel of the car whenever they had been "celebrating."

While on the subject of automobiles, those who have neglected "winter conditioning" could give their cars this holiday gift which might be the means of avoiding accidents and saving lives, tires, brakes, and windshield wipers should be in top-notch condition for winter driving. It is also a good idea to have tire chains and windshield defroster ready for use whenever ice and sleet make roads slippery and interfere with vision.

A total of 18,200 deaths in 1948 was due to accidental falls. While fatal or serious falls can happen at any time of the year, they are apt to increase during the holidays. Bad falls are often the result, for example, when housewives stand on unsteady surfaces to hang their "Christmas curtains" and fathers decorate the top of the Christmas tree from the summit of a broken ladder. Outside the home, excitement and the rush of the holiday season can increase carelessness about wearing rubbers for icy pavements and make people more prone to trip over broken or uneven pavements.

Deaths from burns are also high on the list of accidents annually. Burns and scalds kill and injure more children under 14 years of age than any other type of accident. Special precautions must be taken against fire during the holiday season. Lighted candles used as part of decorations, for instance, should be firmly based, carefully checked from time to time, and kept far from curtains and other easily-ignited materials.

Not all holiday accidents, of course, are foreseeable and avoidable. But many of them are the result of carelessness and impa-

## Special Security For Home Worker

"Do you have a maid?"

Not so very many households these days can answer yes, but those who do have a maid or any other household worker will need a copy of a brief booklet bearing that question as a title. Marshall H. Barney, Manager of the Rocky Mount social security office, began distributing this booklet today. This colorful leaflet sets out, in a few sentences, just how the lady of the house, or any employer of domestic help in or around the home, may tell whether or not the worker is brought under the new social security law which becomes effective on January 1.

The work of those regularly employed in private homes will be credited to social security and the employer will be responsible for reporting wages along with social security taxes, to the collector of internal revenue.

The title of the pamphlet does not stop with "Do You Have a Maid?" but continues—"or a laundress?—a cook?—chauffeur?—gardener?" Any of these, or any other persons employed regularly for work around a private household may come under the new law, and Mr. Barney urges their employers to request a free copy of the booklet.

A simple test in the booklet, in terms of amount of wages paid and regularity of employment, will tell whether a maid or cook or laundress will get the protection of social security—and whether the housewife should start making reports next year. If so, there's a postage-paid postal card in the government-issued booklet which the housewife should mail in for instructions.

Copies of the booklet are available at all post offices, or may be secured at offices of the collector of internal revenue. "If you'll just drop us a post card, asking for the booklet, 'Do You Have a Maid?' we'll send it to you by return mail," Barney said. Address of the office is Social Security Administration, 208 Post Office Building, Rocky Mount, N. C.

The social security manager said he is arranging with women's groups to furnish supplies of the booklet for their members.

For the domestic worker's own information about her new social security protection, a special leaflet is available at the social security office. Mr. Barney pointed out that regularly employed domestic workers will need a social security account number card after January 1, 1951.

The "Do You Have a Maid?" booklet does not apply to domestic work on farms operated for profit.

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