



ing church service in New Bern. After inspecting the machine and nearby Cherry Point, US Marine Airbase, the President obviously was much more settled in his mind about the state of the Nation.

Tom Haywood built the machine in his backyard for personal use; his neighbors used it so much he brought it out to the road. People stopping by wore out three pairs of shoes before Tom got tired of the idea; some stranger put on the fourth pair of shoes. This year Tom gave up, repaired the machine, put on new shoes, built a shelter over the outfit and a sign on it.

Now, you can not only kick yourself as much as you want—you can also sign up (no obligation) and belong to the Self-Kicking Club of America.

Trail-Mark Trees

One of the rarest of relics left by the American aborigines are the trail-marking trees, of which only about a dozen examples are known.

At the river-mouth town of Southport, N. C. on NC 303, ten miles south of Wilmington, is a handsome sample -- a huge live oak, bent when young and lashed to the ground, so that it grows horizontal for several feet, before seeking its naturally vertical position. Indians are believed to have trained these trees to mark important turns in their trails.

Miss Clontz Says

Home dry cleanin is dangerous, especially during winter months when activities of housewives are more confined to the house, says Miss Hilda Clontz, Home Agent.

Records of the National Safety Council show that home dry cleaning with flammable cleaning fluids has disfigured or fatally burned

many persons and has caused houses to be burned to the ground or demolished by explosions.

"It is much safer and more effective to have your cleaning done by a commercial dry cleaning establishment," the home agent declares. "Never, under any circumstances, should gasoline, naphtha, or kerosene be used for garment cleaning purposes," she adds.

Miss Clontz explains that a fluid may be marked "non-explosive" and still be flammable. It is impera-

tive that only a non-flammable fluid be used, she asserts.

For persons who must dry-clean at home, here are a few safety rules to follow at all times:

Store cleaning fluids outside the house in a marked container.

Do the dry cleaning outside the house, where toxic and other vapors will be quickly dissipated.

Keep hands out of solvent -- use a suction washer.

Avoid getting cleaning fluid on clothing or exposed parts of the

body.

Dry garments or articles thoroughly outside before taking them into the house.

Keep children at a safe distance from the cleaning operation.

Observe the precautions even in removing spots from garments.

Nothing beats Italian ryegrass for a winter lawn.

North Carolina farmers grew a total of 390,000 acres of oats for grain in 1946.

EXPLORER SCOUTS -- of the Tuscarora Council hypnotized a bird at the camp-out at Tuscarora last weekend. Scouts in the picture, getting a good look at the bird, are Wade Creech and Frank Daughtry, troop 26, Sanders Chapel; Joe Best and Sam Roberts of Explorer Post 39, Clinton, and David

Woodward. The bird, identified by W. M. Craven, field Scout executive, as an Acadian flycatcher, a summer visitor in this section of the country, was found flying inside one of the screen in cabins. Craven demonstrated how any bird can be made to lie motionless, thus giving the observer a better chance

to view the specimen. The boys are holding the bird after Craven's demonstration which was; hold the bird in the palm on its back for a short period; then place thumb over its breast for several minutes; when thumb is removed, the bird will remain still.

(Photo by Bill Craven).

State College Hints To Home Makers

Old felt hats are often discarded just because they look dingy or have gone out of style. Yet specialists say that wool or fur felt is easy to clean, press, re-block or remodel -- or to use in making bedroom slippers, children's headwear, handbags, belts, mittens or other useful and decorative articles.

To remove dust and brighten felt, first brush with a stiff brush or very fine sandpaper, then sponge with a dry cleaning fluid. Steaming makes felt easy to mold to the size and shape desired. To press, cover felt with a press cloth and use a warm iron. Handle felt gently when damp, because it is pressed together, not woven, and therefore easily broken or pulled apart.

Many an excellent homemaker falls down on the job when it comes to caring for her pillows. Are you shirking on that score?

Pillows are filled with a variety of materials. The most common fillings are down and various types of feathers. Six ounce ticking is considered standard pillow covering. For durability it should be closely woven and tightly sewed so the filling cannot work out. Ticking nowadays is very attractive in color and design.

Pillows should be aired at least once a month. Just put them on the line every few months. Hang them by two corners, in the shade. Change the corners every once in a while and a god wind will do the rest.

N. C. Travel Unusualities

Kick-Yourself Machine

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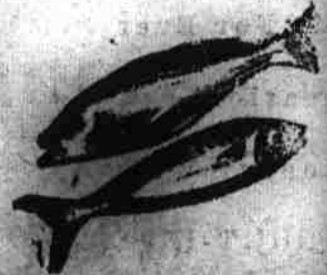
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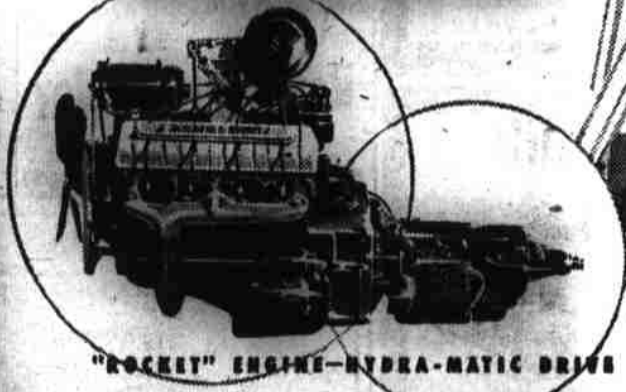
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