

### Licensed Homes Aid Work Of County Welfare People

More and more, licensed homes for adults are solving problems and helping to work out difficult situations throughout North Carolina, according to the State Board of Public Welfare.

Changes in recent years throughout North Carolina in housing, customs, and in living habits have been reflected in the growing need for the development of licensed boarding homes for the aged and infirm.

The trend toward smaller homes and apartment living has resulted in fewer households with spare bedrooms and fewer three-generation households. In many homes, both parents are working, some having the children provided for in licensed day care centers.

For most older people, the family pattern has changed materially since the living arrangements were established in the middle years of life. Many people need to change their living arrangements in their later years, not only because their family and economic circumstances are different, but also because their own needs have changed.

The county department of public welfare renders services to older

people by supplying information about available specialized boarding home care in licensed homes. This program recognizes the fact that many older people who are on their own need a kind of housing arrangement that affords companionship, personal attention, and service short of actual nursing care.

In general these boarding homes are licensed by the State Board of Public Welfare for a small number of older persons in order to assure a home-like atmosphere. The services given mean that the older person has not only a comfortable place to live, but also a satisfying social setting.

In North Carolina there are 250 licensed boarding homes for the aged and infirm. Of these homes, 75 per cent are for white persons and 25 per cent for Negroes. Licensing requirements set up by the State Board of Public Welfare, in accordance with State Law, include satisfactory standards of health, sanitation, fire safety, and general welfare.

Most every man knows his own business, but it is often difficult to make his neighbors believe it.



LONG-EARED SUNFISH  
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Practically all sunfish are popular with those who do not take their fishing too seriously. They have the gameness one could ask of any fish of similar size. They bite readily, are good to eat and reproduce abundantly. They are hardly where many other fishes could not survive.

There are a number of subspecies of the longear sunfish. In this species the back fin is lower than in the bluegill sunfish or the pumpkin seed with which they might be confused. Possibly the most effective character used in identification is the long black ear flap. In the Great Lakes longear sunfish this flap is conspicuous because of broad red margin at the rear. In the Mississippi longer sunfish the flap is a pale blue border. The former seldom grows to a length of 4 inches while the latter may reach twice that length.

The Great Lakes subspecies ranges from Minnesota through the Great Lakes area to Quebec. The Mississippi longear is found in the Alabama, Mississippi, Ohio and Tennessee rivers and their tributaries. Other subspecies range to the southwest of these areas.

These sunfish favor quiet streams and lakes where there is an abundance of vegetation in which they can find shelter and from which they may collect the insects and other small animals that make up the bulk of their food. They particularly favor insect larvae.

### Electronics Will Determine When Bees To Swarm

The highly-technical realm of electronics seems far removed from the practical field of bee-keeping, yet an electronics engineer with British Broadcasting Corporation has come up with an instrument that could become valuable to the beekeeper. It can be used to determine when bees are going to swarm!

The BBC engineers found that the normal 180 cycle hum of bees in a hive swells to a warble note of worms and small fishes. They may feed abundantly on leeches.

In May or June the male longear sunfish, like all good sunfish, selects a spot in the sun where the water is about 3 feet deep and where the bottom may be of sand or gravel. Here he clears away the vegetation and loose stuff covering the bottom in an area about 2 to 3 times his own length. He drives always an intruding fish and then drives in a female longear. After she has laid her eggs and he has fertilized them he may drive her away and proceed to get another mate to repeat the performance with him. In any case the female assumes little responsibility for the family or the family home while the male takes over every responsibility except that of laying the eggs which he obviously cannot do.

The male stays by the nest fanning silt from them and keeping away marauding minnows and other fish which might eat the eggs or young. Eventually the young fish shift for themselves but they may remain in small schools for a considerable time either under the protection of the male or on an independent basis.

All sunfish are interesting either in a pond or stream, in an aquarium or on the end of a line. They take worms for bait most frequently but will take trout flies on occasion. If you happen to be a fisherman who fishes just for the fun of it and not for the purpose of smelling up the frying pan or having a bite to eat, there are few fish that offer more fun than sunfish if they are sought properly. This means fishing for them with artificial baits that are kept moving and then hooks from which the barbs have been removed. Light tackle and barbless hooks and a spirit of sportsmanship joining a fisherman to his sunfish practically guarantee an interesting outing. — E. Laurence Palmer.

### Another Lethal Method To Kill Rats And Mice

Recent water-soluble forms of warfarin and pival have been developed to add to drinking water for killing rats and mice, according to United States Department of Agriculture. Both of these chemicals are available in dry baits. At the present time, warfarin as a dry bait is the one most commonly found in the store.

In some locations, rats may not take the dry bait too readily. If the water available contains warfarin, the changes of the rats and mice getting a lethal dose is greatly increased. Also where the rat and mouse population is heavy, the addition of treated water in the area should improve the kill obtained.

Placing out both the dry bait and treated water increases the cost of treatment, but may be worth the increased cost where rodents are doing extensive damage.

The most common method of exposing the warfarin-treated water is in baby-chick water fountains, in a bait station or other protected locations. A shallow pan or container can also be used, but evaporation will be greater.

Fellow in Fort Arthur, Ont., went hunting and police shot a 50-pound bobcat that broke into the hunter's basement while he was away. What did the police do about the kittens the hunter had when he found out about it?

### Polio Down

According to a recent report of the State Board of Health, polio cases are running almost 200 under the same period last year.

Cases reported last week totaled 16, bringing the year's total to 649, according to the board's division of epidemiology. This compares with 846 cases reported during the corresponding period in 1953.

Opportunity sometimes comes to the man who waits, but the hustler secures a key to the door of success.

Three-foot athlete with a tendency to hip strangers was on the loose in Washington, D. C. Owner was worried because the critter might catch cold if he parents returned to his warm apartment. Other citizens however, prayed for a sunny weather.

Artist in Providence, R. I., may turn author. He was jailed for not returning a library book. "How to Draw People for Fun." "How to Draw Sentences for Fun." "How to Draw Sentences for Fun."

A man who refuses to try to help himself finds little sympathy when he seeks outside assistance. Don't trust in the police, you'll never have occasion to join a "Don't Worry Club."

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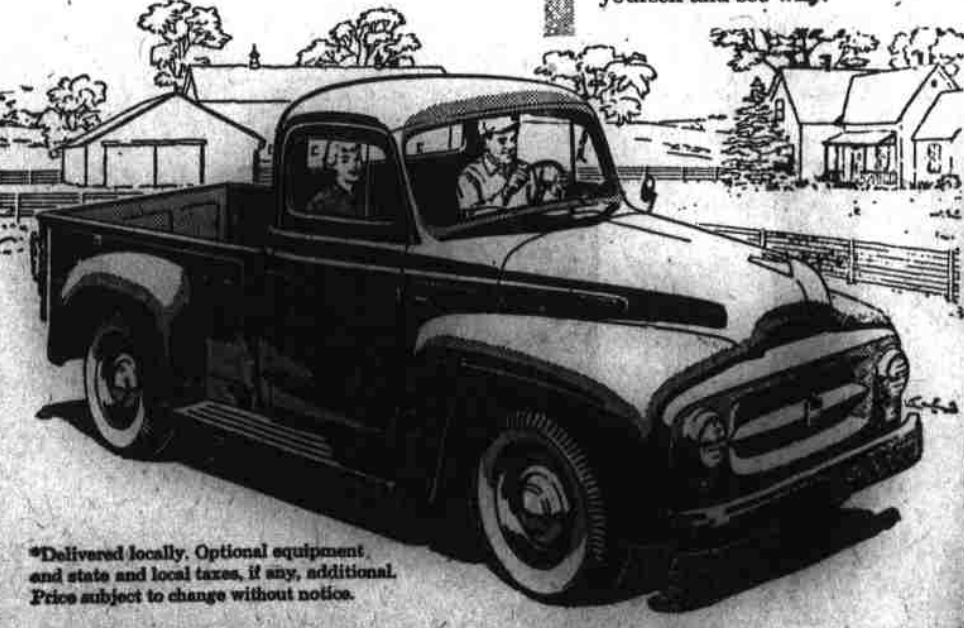
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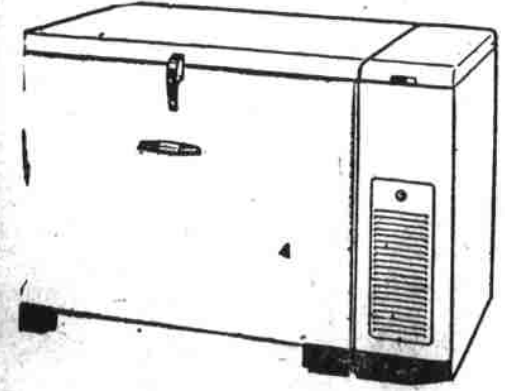
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