



AWARD WINNER - Rena Smith, a winner of the citizenship award presented by the Woodmen of the World for outstanding government service, is pictured at her home.



AWARD WINNER - Veterans Service Officer Marion Clark is shown at her desk. She was a winner of the Woodmen of the World annual citizenship award.

From The Home Agent's Desk

Hint - Soak yellowed linen in buttermilk for a short time, rinse and hang in the sun. When dry it will be white.

Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 17, 4-H Teen Club will serve supper for Methodist Men "Ladies Night" at the Raeford Methodist church at 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, Dec. 18, 6:30 P.M., County Office Kitchen, Raeford Extension Homemakers Club.

Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2 P.M. Rockfish Extension Homemakers Club with Mrs. Roscoe Bundy.

Monday, Dec. 22, 7 P.M. County-wide 4-H Party, 7 P.M. Civic Center.

Dec. 24th, 25th and 26th - Christmas Holiday. Extension Office will be closed.

Cranberries

What's in a name? Cranberries, as you may or may not know, were originally called crane berries. And they were named that because the bud and stem resembled the head and neck of a crane.

But, "cran" or "crane" -- the berries have made their mark for menus throughout the year -- and especially during the holidays.

And small wonder. For cranberries can be served from morning to night.

For a special breakfast, try chopped cranberries added to your favorite muffin recipe or breakfast bread.

Next time you're having ham for dinner, try glazing it when it's partially cooked -- with crushed cranberry sauce and brown sugar.

Serve cranberry sauce on waffles, pancakes and steamed puddings.

You can make a number of desserts from fresh and processed cranberries. Sherbets, ice cream,

cake, pie, pudding and tarts are among the favorites.

And, keep in mind that many a dull meal can be brightened by the addition of cranberries as a garnish.

Holiday Buffet

If you're planning to serve cold cuts at a holiday buffet -- make sure they are fresh and chilled. And don't allow them to stand at room temperature too long.

In fact, you may wish to prepare several trays of food -- so that some food may be left in the refrigerator until the first tray of meats is used. Then bring in a fresh supply. This way -- meats will stay cold and bacteria will not have a chance to grow.

If you're serving salads--shrimp, chicken or something similar -- remember that they are highly perishable. So pack the serving dish in cracked ice -- or, use small serving dishes and refill often from the refrigerator. You'll want to use the same precautions with deviled eggs, cheese and sour cream dip.

On holidays -- or anytime large groups get together -- it isn't unusual to run out of refrigerator space and perhaps become a bit careless in the way you handle food. But, if you keep in mind that bacteria can cause food poisoning -- you can prevent errors in handling, preparation and serving.

It all adds up to this. All perishable foods -- such as cream pies, seafoods and dishes made with eggs, fish, meat and poultry should be kept cold -- that is -- below forty degrees. And you should never let them stand at room temperature for more than two hours.

By the same token -- you should keep hot foods hot -- that is at least 140 degrees.

No doubt about it. Holiday food fare is fun -- but careful planning is important too.

Both Citizen Awards Go To Women Recently

For the first time in its history of annual dual awards for community service, both winners of this year's Annual Citizenship Award presented by the Woodmen of the World are women.

Mrs. Rena Smith and Mrs. Marion Clark received their plaques and were honored at a recent banquet.

The awards, which are voted on by the male membership and female membership separately, are given to recognize outstanding service to the community by non-Woodmen, treasurer Elizabeth Livingston explained.

Mrs. Smith, who moved here in

1935, worked for the old NYA until 1941, when she moved to personnel manager of the Ft. Bragg post exchange system. She retired from the Employment Security Commission in 1970, but has remained very active in numerous community and civic projects.

"I would like people to remember me for what I've done after my retirement rather than what I did

prior to it," said Mrs. Smith.

"This award means more to me than any one I have ever received because it was from the people from here who have been so good to me over the years," she added.

Mrs. Clark began with the county tax collector's office, and in 1945 also took on the job of Veterans Service Officer, the post she continues to hold. Her efforts to

find scholarships for disabled veterans and emergency assistance to place veterans in hospitals over the years were described by the Woodmen as outstanding service "beyond the call of duty."

Thomas Harrell received the Mr. Woodman award and Mrs. Carson Davis, Sr., received the Woman of Woodcraft plaque, also during the banquet.

Library News

Staff Enjoys Holiday Get-togethers

The Sandhill Regional Library System members, consisting of Moore, Anson, Rockingham, Richmond and Hoke counties attended a Christmas steak dinner, Fri., Dec. 5 at the Ellerbe Springs Restaurant on Hwy. 220 in Ellerbe. Entertainment was presented by a couple who played a guitar and sang. It was a grand evening for all who attended.

A lovely dinner was also given for the Hoke library staff and their husbands Saturday, Dec. 13 by Mrs. Laurie McEachern in her home.

Again, we like mentioning the new library building and hope you will ask to see the model we have of it in the library. I'm sure more of you are interested now that it is going up. Please, don't shake your heads negatively when we say, "We hope to be in before July." We've waited so long and our hopes are high. Just be excited with us.

Some of you have responded to our asking for the "mini page" from your Sunday papers. We are very grateful and hope more of you will respond. These will be used for "Citizens United for the Improvement of Reading." Please bring us

yours and your neighbors. Thank you.

The sample talking book we have been showing to the visually and other handicapped folks has had favorable response. The library has placed several of these in the county. You may need one of these in the home of your loved one. Please come by and let us show you how it can be used for greater happiness and enlightenment for you or that special person. The service is completely free through the North Carolina library for the Physically Handicapped program. This consists of a record player which will be placed in your home with records of stories, news music, etc. These will be sent periodically. We emphasize, this service is free.

Mrs. Jay Williams is gathering notes to write a history of the Hoke County Public Library and she is compiling a list of our Genealogical Materials and holdings on North Carolina local history. We are adding to our books on genealogy, as more and more people are becoming interested in this field. Our North Carolina collection will be housed in the Hoke County room of our new library.

If you miss the mystery and western books from their usual place, you will find them throughout our novels. They are marked with yellow stickers so they can be easily found. Please bear with us. We are having to learn all over again also. We hope the one more BIG move will be the last time we have major changes.

Our story hours, especially this season of the year, are very well attended. The cool weather does not hamper the spirits of these little ones and we hope this eagerness will continue. Look forward to many different stories, games, songs, and puppet shows in the future. Also, don't forget to check out your Christmas books. You only have a few more days for these before Christmas.

There will be NO story hours DEC. 23 but we wish all our little folks and all friends and patrons of the library "A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!"

BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE DECEMBER 23, MONTROSE and DECEMBER 24, ASHLEY HEIGHTS

These runs will NOT be made due to the Christmas holidays.

The following is a list of the new books received this week by the Sandhill Regional Library System and distributed among member county libraries. They may be requested from the Hoke County Library or its bookmobile.

FICTION
"Lady Pamela" by Clare Darcy
"A Wreath of Lords and Ladies" by James Fraser
"I Take Thee, Serenity" by Daisy Newman
"The Cricket Cage" by R.M. Shimer
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