

## From The Home Agent's Desk

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### SCHEDULE

Thursday, March 17, 7:30 p.m.  
Raeford Night EHC.  
Monday, March 21, 8:30 a.m.  
Staff Conference.  
Monday, March 21, 3:00 - 4:30  
p.m. Embroidery Workshop, As-  
sembly Room.  
Monday, March 21, 7:30 p.m.,  
Philippi EHC with Mrs. Grace  
Rogers.  
Tuesday, March 22, 9:30 a.m.,  
Rockfish EHC.  
Thursday, March 24, 9:30 a.m.,  
Needleweaving, Assembly Room.  
Thursday, March 24, 5:00 p.m.  
North Raeford EHC.

**HINT** - Garments and home  
furnishings labeled "flame - re-  
tardant" does not mean the  
garment will not burn.

The phrase "flame - retardant"  
means that once the source of  
ignition has been removed from the  
item the fabric will self - ex-  
tinguish.

The clothes we wear provide us  
with both a physical and psy-  
chological environment - our near-  
est environment. These two  
environments - clothing and home  
interest in fabric flammability.

The design of clothing can  
influence the flammability of  
clothing. Once a fabric is ignited,  
sufficient oxygen must be present  
to sustain combustion, thus, full

skirts, flowing sleeves and wide  
pant legs permit oxygen access to  
both sides of the fabric, making it  
easier to burn.

The high risk persons as far as  
fire hazards are the elderly and  
young children.

Reducing the risk of clothing  
fires raises the cost of clothing and  
government services and may  
require some specialized laun-  
dering procedures. We, the con-  
sumers, should follow the label  
regarding care instructions. We  
should also read all "care in-  
structions" before purchasing  
flame - retarded textiles, to see if  
there is a correlation with normal  
laundering procedures.

Inquiries from clothing fires can  
be significantly reduced through  
commitment of the industry, gov-  
ernment and consumer. Clothing  
fires are an environmental concern,  
a concern for all.

### Check Pressure Canner

Can you realize that canning  
season will soon be here? We want  
to be ready to save the first surplus  
of food we have so it is time to have  
the gauge on your pressure canner  
checked to be sure it is correct.  
Raeford Hardware store has  
equipment to check your canner  
and the charge is reasonable.

## Housing Tips

By Willie Featherstone, Jr.  
Asst. Agri. Ext. Agent

Except for a fire alarm or a  
natural catastrophe, nothing  
strikes more fear into the heart of a  
home owner than the sudden  
discovery of a termite infestation.  
Thankfully, termites are slow eat-  
ers. Even a mature, well estab-  
lished colony of 60,000 workers  
eat only a fifth of an ounce of wood  
a day. So take your time. Evaluate  
your situation. Remember, re-  
search by the U.S. Department of  
Agriculture has made it possible to  
control termites. This is the first of  
a series of articles that will provide  
the information you need to protect  
your home from further or future  
termite damage.

**FOUR SIGNS OF A  
TERMITE INFESTATION**  
\*Earth tubes between the soil  
and some wooden structure under  
the house is a sure sign of  
subterranean termites. These tubes  
can go up the foundation wall,

along plumbing or directly from the  
soil to the wood.

\*Hollow wood underneath will  
have earth filled galleries, but  
termites are not always present.

\*Piles of fecal pellets on the  
outside of the finished wood are  
sure signs of drywood termite  
attack. Pellets look like sawdust;  
but upon close examination they  
appear very symmetrical with six  
grooves along the sides.

\*Termite wings on the window  
sill or the appearance of winged  
termites in and around the home.  
Soon after flying, termites lose their  
wings, so the only evidence they  
leave is scattered wings.

Topic for follow up articles will  
be: "Types of Termites," "How to  
Distinguish Between Flying Ter-  
mites and Flying Ants," and "Most  
Frequent Danger Areas & Preven-  
tion is the Best Cure."



**GARDENER** - Edna Holcombe was lured outside by the sunshine Friday. Braving predictions of cold weather yet to come, Mrs. Holcombe was busy fertilizing and cleaning up flower beds. (Photo by S.H. Aplin)

## Burlington Dropping 4th Shift Operation

The Raeford weaving plant of  
Burlington Menswear announced  
last week that its yarn manufactur-  
ing department will drop back to a  
three-shift operating schedule,  
eliminating a fourth shift intro-  
duced last May.

## School Menu

**FRIDAY, MARCH 18**  
Barbecue on Bun  
Slaw  
Candied Sweet Potatoes  
Cake  
Milk

**MONDAY, MARCH 21**  
TEACHERS WORK DAY

**TUESDAY, MARCH 22**  
Hamburger Steak w/Gravy  
Steamed Rice  
June Peas  
Biscuits  
Pear Half  
Milk

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23**  
Pizza  
Buttered Corn  
Tossed Salad  
Peanut Butter Delight  
Milk

**THURSDAY, MARCH 24**  
Fried Chicken  
Fluffy Potatoes  
Green Beans  
Rolls  
Ice Cream  
Milk

## College News

Jeryl Lynn Bratcher was elected  
chairman of the nominating com-  
mittee at the annual convention of  
the Student Nurses Association in  
Asheville Feb. 9 - 12.

Miss Bratcher is a sophomore at  
Winston - Salem University and the  
daughter of Mrs. Rosa Lee  
Bratcher of Raeford.

## Farm Items

By W. S. Young, Agri. Extension Chairman  
& Freddie O'Neal, Assistant Agri. Extension Agent

Good seed is a bargain buy. A  
tiny seed can produce pounds of  
tomatoes; a few dollars worth of  
grass seed can provide a permanent  
lawn for the home and 12 pounds of  
hybrid corn seed can produce  
more than 100 bushels for a  
farmer. Purchase from a reputable  
dealer and make sure you read the  
tag. March 20-27 is a good seed  
week.

Home fruit tree sprays should be  
started on a regular basis at bloom-  
time. Fire blight will start to appear  
in apples and pears.

Forest lands are being cut heavy  
this winter in Hoke County. Some  
areas will be cleaned out and sold  
for housing developments, but  
many others will be left after the  
cutting has been completed.

Farm owners should be making  
some plans to prepare the land and  
seed some of these areas back into  
productive forest projects. Trees  
grow much faster now and new  
practices can help to harvest timber  
again in a short time. Contact your  
county forester or the local ASCS  
office if you need help in making  
these lands productive.

Several leaflets are available for  
crop producers in Hoke County  
that deal with corn and cotton.  
Plant population, variety selection  
and seed size are some subjects  
discussed in corn production. The  
sheet on cotton includes manage-  
ment practices, things for weed  
control, insect control and nema-  
tode control. Let these suggestions  
help you make a better crop in  
1977.

Rose canker is showing up and  
should be pruned out. Cold injury  
is showing up on ornamentals and  
can be pruned. During the next  
several weeks, you can expect the  
following diseases to appear: Cam-  
ellia flower blight, Azalea petal  
blight, needle cast on pines, fusi-  
form and eastern gall rust on pines,  
blackspot on roses, dogwood an-  
thraxnose, cedar apple rust on red  
cedar and blossom blight on peach-  
es.

## Faculty Contest Wednesday

The annual faculty game be-  
tween Hoke High and Upchurch  
Junior High will be played next  
Wednesday night at 7:30 in the  
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Tickets are \$1. All proceeds will  
go to the school athletic programs.


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