

**Hoke Agricultural
Extension News**
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FIREWOOD
Knowing a few basic points about wood will enable you to use firewood for home heat more satisfactorily.
Pines and other species of softwood trees contain resin or pitch. They burn easily and rapidly, and provide a quick, hot fire that doesn't last long. Some softwoods, such as cedar, also pop and throw sparks.
On the other hand, hardwoods burn slowly and provide a bed of hot coals for a long period. This is why hardwoods are preferred over softwoods for home heat.
The heavier the hardwoods, the more they are usually preferred. That's why oak, hickory and maple are the favorite hardwoods for home heat. And some people like wood from apple, peach and other fruit trees, because these woods give off a fruit aroma as they burn.

MOBILE HOME
If you live in a mobile home,

there's no need to have cold toes this winter. Instead, save money on your heating bill by trying one or more of these ideas:
Install storm windows and storm doors. Or put plastic over the inside of the mobile home's windows and door. And be sure to caulk or weatherstrip around all windows and doors, too.
Also place a "skirting" material around the mobile home to reduce heat loss through the floor. Be sure to allow some vent space.
Have your heating system checked and adjusted for maximum efficiency.
Also keep doors and windows closed whenever possible and lower your thermostat to a comfortable setting.
I haven't mentioned insulation, but the chances are pretty good your mobile home already has insulation in the walls, the ceiling and the floor.
If you're building or remodeling a home, consider carpeting as the

floor covering. You can make your home warmer and more energy efficient with the right carpet and pad.
When you select carpet look at how it's made. Carpets with a short but thick pile offer the most resistance to heat loss.
You can look for energy saving features in a carpet pad. The standard hair pad -- the kind that's been around for years -- has good insulation qualities. The many air spaces in the pad trap air and insulate the floor.
If you've had past experiences with hair pads stretching out of shape -- don't write them off your list yet. Hair pads have been greatly improved over the years.
In addition to saving energy, hair pads are relatively inexpensive.

Board Meeting
There was to be a short Board of Health meeting on December 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Health Department.



PERFECT ATTENDANCE -- Three Faberge, Inc., employees were awarded certificates of perfect attendance last week by the Raeford plant management for having been on the job every work day for a full year. L-R, the employees, with August Zitzman, Faberge vice president for manufacturing in the rear, are John Locklear, who also received a one-year perfect attendance award last year; Daisy Bratcher and Leroy McLean, Jr. The latter two also were given the special company T-shirts for having achieved their first year of perfect attendance. (Staff photo).

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