Homemakers

Notebook

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Many homemakers are learn-ing what a great asset the steam iron or the steam and spray iron can be in caring for their families' clothes. Especially with the season for woolen clothes approaching will they find how useful this appliance

can be. homemakers tend to Many take the steam iron for granted until it begins to give trouble by sputtering or leaking or until it stops steaming al-

together. The major cause for trouble with a steam iron is the use of the wrong type of water in the iron. Regular tap water con-tains chemicals which may leave harmful deposits on the steam mechanism of the iron and which can even clog the steam holes. Some manufacturers say that you can use re-gular tap water, but unless the instructions with your iron say this, you are treading on dan-gerous ground when you fill your iron straight from the faucet.

It is best to avoid use of rainwater, water from refrigerator defrost, or boiled water as well, because these also contain harmful chemicals and possible particles of dust and trash. At least two, and possibly more, leading manufacturers recommend the use of distilled or de-ionized water in their steam irons, Occasional use of tap water is not harmful to these irons, but it is strongly sug-gested that you use this only in an emergency. There is a very helpful de-

vice on the market now to demineralize tap water as it is poured into the iron. This handy kit, containing a plastic bottle and a filter costs only one dollar and can be purchased at most hardware stores and housewares departments. A small investment such as this can prove to be very worth-while. It will prolong the life of your steam iron by pre-venting harmful clogging and scaling.

Once your iron has become clogged it is best that you do not try to clean it yourself with any of the steam iron cleaners that are on the market. For best results you should car-ry it to a steam-iron service center.

Here are a few tips which may give you more satisfac-tion from the use of your steam

1. When filling the iron, use no more water than is recommended by the manufacturer. 2. Let the iron heat at least two minutes before setting it on "steam"

3. Keep the control set in the "steam" area for steam ironing.

4. Empty the iron after each 5. Always store your steam iron on its heel rest never in the carton.

Seashore Park **Planned** At **Cape Lookout**

A bill to provide for the establishment of the Cape Look-out National Seashore Park was introduced today in the House of Representatives by Con-gressman David N. Henderson and in the Senate jointly by Senators B. Everett Jorday and Sam J. Ervin, Jr.

The lawmakers praised the North Carolina Outer Banks Seashore Park Commission and its chairman Woodrow Price, for "excellent cooperative ef-fort in coordinating the matter with the North Carolina General Assembly, The North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development and with citizens in the areas most directly affected."

They were unanimous in the view that this legislation would pass both the House and Senate and thereby provide authority for appropriation of federal funds for stabilizing a consider-able portion of the Outer Banks.

tures which were distinctive in

style, arrangement and mater-ials. Mrs. Justine Rozier, home

economics agent, says the Clay County homes were built by -plans which could be modified

to meet the individual needs of

With The Farm Women

By Maidred Morris



with various county organiza-tions to celebrate United Nathe family. Tour guests were interested in seeing how efficiently the space in the homes had been Miss Rose Badgett home economics agent, says one of the main features of the week was used for living and slee plus space for storage areas.

the tree planting ceremony. Club members who have been on the annual tour of the United Nations headquarters usually take the active part in planning the annual observance.

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UNITED NATIONS DAY

Homemakers in North Caro-

lina have just observed United

Nations Week. Mrs. Louise -

Kearns Denton, Rt. 3, says

Randolph County Home Demon-stration Club members worked

MORE WAYS TO SERVE MEATS

Since homemakers in Lenoir County spend much of their food dollar for meat, Miss Marie Penuel, home economics agent, has been stressing the correct methods of cooking meat. "When they see a standing

rib roast emerge from the oven, a rib steak and beef patties from the broiler and calf liver pan broiled they decide to cook their meat other ways than just frying," declares Miss Penuel

OPEN HOUSE

Jones County Home Demon-stration Club women are get-ting ready for an open house in December. Mrs. Faytle Gray, home economics agent, says the ladies are already planning for the "Christmas Idea" open house Dec. 4. Each club will have an ex-

hibit on Christmas ideas. Mrs. Vance Griffin and Mrs. Thurman DeBruhl, co-chairman of the event, says they will have exhibits on mantle, door, win-dow, table and outdoor decorations plus many others. BUYING READY MADES

"I never knew that there was

so much to consider when buy-ing a ready made dress," said one homemaker after attending a demonstration on buying ready made clothes. Miss Margaret Tyson, assis-

Miss Margaret Tyson, assis-tant home economics agent, says they are urging Home Demonstration Club members to look for the label to learn about the fabric's hidden ser-vice; look for good workman-ship; check the over-all fit of the garment; and coordinate the color with the rest of your wardrobe,

TOUR OF NEW HOMES

A tour of six homes in the syesville area revealed fea-

PLANNED HOME VISITS

Which floor covering will be best for the different rooms in my home? How long should a valance be? These are ques-tions which Miss Verna Belle Lowery often has to answer since she is home economics agent in New Hanover County. She reports that it helps when homemakers plan their ques-tions so they can get a lot of assistance at one time. On a recent home visit with Mrs. J.B. Justice, Miss Lowery felt her time was well spent since Mrs. Justice had a list of questions already prepared that she wanted answered regarding the furnishings in her home.

