



**THIRD DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN CHARLIE WHITLEY** - shown here with a group of Arkansas farmers just outside the House Agriculture Committee Room, says that the Committee will hold hearings beginning Wednesday, February 7, on possible legislative action designed to alleviate the crisis facing many of the nation's farmers as a result of a combination of bad weather and low prices. For the past two weeks, thousands of farmers, many belonging to the newly-organized American Agriculture Movement (AAM), have been coming to Washington to meet with legislators in both formal and informal sessions to discuss their plight and to seek assistance from the lawmakers. Whitley, a member of the House Agriculture Committee, said that he welcomes the action by the farmers in that it has helped to bring to the attention of congressmen from urban

states and districts just how serious the farmers' situation has become. Agriculture Secretary Bergland is expected to be the leadoff witness, according to Whitley, and following his testimony, the Committee will probably set aside two days for testimony from spokesmen for the AAM. Other farmers' organizations, government spokesmen and agribusiness interests will also be heard. "Thus far," Whitley said, "we cannot tell just what shape legislative action may take, but one thing is certain - we believe that not only the House and Senate Agriculture Committees, but the Congress as a whole, must move promptly to take some meaningful steps to help farmers who, for the past two years, have had to sell their produce for prices which in far too many instances were below their production costs."

## Kenansville News

**Miss Sykes Bridge Hostess**  
Miss Mary Lee Sykes was hostess to her bridge club last Wednesday night, with three additional guests. They were Mae Spicer, Fannie McGowan and Hazel W. Scott. After several progressions, Nannie Brinson was declared winner of the high score prize for the club members, and Hazel Scott for the visiting players. For refreshments, Miss Sykes served chocolate pudding with whipped cream and coffee.

**Personal**  
Mr. and Mrs. James Wood and Jeffrey and Bryan of Charlotte spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Reynolds. They also visited his parents in Mount Olive and attended the wedding of his sister on Saturday.  
Mrs. Belle Stallings of Wallace spent several days last week with her sister, Mrs. Thomas Hughes.  
Mrs. Ruby Grady, who lives near Mount Olive, visited Miss Mary Lee Sykes last Tuesday.  
Mrs. Wilbur Adams of Caro-

lina Beach spent a couple of days here last week with her sister, Miss Margaret Williams.  
Mrs. Viola W. Quinn has returned from a visit to the Carroll Verreens in Columbia, S.C. While on the return trip, she stopped with the Jimmy Quinns in Reiglewood, and with the Bobby Pittmans and Mrs. Wilma Gray Allen in Jacksonville.

Kenansville was well represented last Wednesday night in Raleigh at the dinner honoring Mrs. Norma Cates of Faison. Among those from here attending were Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Craft, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Kretsch, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worthington, Mr. and Mrs. David J. Kilpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Oakley, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Amos Brinson and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yelverton.  
Among those from Kenansville who attended the barbecue in Clinton Saturday night were: Virginia D. Holland, Thelma Stroud, Thelma Murphy, Ruby G. Newton, Louise K. Boney,

and Sue and Stokes Westbrook. It was sponsored by the 3th District of the Grand Chapter of the N. C. Order of the Eastern Stars, and was a special project to help raise money for the Maintenance Fund of the Masonic and OES Home in Greensboro.

Margaret Williamson accompanied Mary Lee Sykes to Clinton Friday night where they had been invited for supper with the Robert Sykes family. They were joined by Florence Houston of Warsaw.

Bruce Butler spent several days last week in Raleigh to be near his wife, who was an operative patient at Mary Elizabeth Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Wayne Stroud made a business trip to Raleigh Saturday morning.

Mrs. D.S. Williamson and Mrs. N.B. Boney, also Miss Mary Lee Sykes, accompanied Mrs. Margaret O. Dail to Richards Sunday.

Horace Smith of Wilson visited the Andrew Pattersons one day last week. He also visited his sister, Mrs. Lela Carr, in Whaley Nursing Home.

Mrs. Crenshaw Thompson of Southern Pines spent a couple of days here last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E.C. Tyndall.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene English of Garner spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. David English and Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Swann.

## EXTENSION HOME ECONOMICS

### Fireplaces and Fireplace Accessories

Fireplaces in today's homes represent a major investment. Most are designed first, to be a focal point in the interior design of the home, and, second, to provide a secondary or emergency source of heat. Today's typical masonry fireplace can be approximately 10 percent efficient if operated properly. If the damper is left open when the fireplace is not in use, a net loss of heat can result.

There are many accessories that can be purchased for a fireplace. Glass doors, asbestos board, asbestos curtain or a sheet metal cover should be used to close off the fireplace when the fire is dying down. Glass doors should not be closed during normal operation of a masonry fireplace.

Tube grates that have air forced through them are more efficient than those without the electric fan. Tube grates should use thick pipe and should be inspected periodically for holes that might occur in them.

Prefabricated circulating fireplaces also increase the efficiency of the system. These consist basically of double metal wall construction with a space in between through which air circulates. Some of these models can be expected to develop efficiencies above 30 percent. Doors that cover prefabricated circulating fireplaces during the burning process can increase the overall efficiency of the unit.

It is claimed that some log-holding devices increase the heat output of the fireplace. They hold the logs in a position that enables a larger hot area to be exposed, therefore giving off more radiant heat.

Fireplaces can also be equipped with water-heating devices. Because of a lack of known careful testing of these devices, their quantitative effectiveness has yet to be determined. There is little doubt that they work - they do extract additional heat from a fireplace.

Keep in mind that the best way to increase the efficiency of the fireplace and maintain the fireplace look is to install a whole new metal, or metal and glass, fireplace inserted into the old one. If the look of open flame burning is secondary and heating is primary, the air-tight, wood-burning stove should be used with the chimney and the fireplace should be closed off.

**Selecting a Wood Stove**  
Five years ago, who would have dreamed that we would be talking about selecting a wood stove for the home.

It is easy to burn wood, but to do so efficiently is both complicated and difficult. Wood, unlike No. 2 fuel or natural gas, is a very inconsistent source of heat. Each cord of wood may have numerous variables and different properties. Some variables that make wood difficult to burn efficiently are: 1. Different species of wood have different densities and resins, therefore, burn with different intensities and give off different amounts of heat. 2. Different amounts of moisture and different sizes and shapes of the wood cause different levels of heat to be given off.

Another consideration to make when burning wood efficiently is the way wood burns. Wood, to be converted into heat, must go through these three phases: 1. Free water (water not chemically found in the wood) is evaporated from the wood. 2. Wood is broken down into charcoal and volatile gases. 3. The charcoal and, hopefully, the volatiles are burned.

The extent to which the secondary gases (volatile) can be burned determines to a large extent how efficient a stove will be. The manner in which the air is combined with the secondary gases should determine to a large extent the design of the wood stove. This is why there are so many different types of wood stoves on today's market.

Selecting a wood stove is at best something of a gamble, as there are few reliable test data on which to base a choice. To eliminate some of the guesswork, the following features and information should be taken into consideration by the serious user of a wood-burning stove:

The capacity of a stove to store heat affects its performance. The more massive a stove is, the more heat it can store and more heat is needed to warm it. The heat storing abilities of the stove then would affect the length of time between fuel loadings.

The stove should have features that allow one to control input combination air and thus control the heat output. How is the fuel loaded in the stove? What are the provisions for burning secondary gases? Are the ashes easily removed? What kind of firebox liner does it have? Can the stove be used to heat water and cook food? What provisions are there for circulating air from around the stove? Will the door handle or knob get too hot during combustion? What kind of warranty does the stove have? And how about availability of parts for the stove?

**Child Development Tip**  
- Fun and Safety - Fun and a child's development go hand in hand. Each season offers many opportunities for children to release pent-up energy. To assure their fun and development, take a few precautions. Check bicycles and tricycles for rusty, worn chains and pedals. Check outdoor equipment for hazards, looking for loose screws and bolts. Is the swing properly anchored? Look for holes and broken glass and rusty nails. Show your children where they may, and may not play.

**Kitchen Safety** - The kitchen is often the friendliest room in your home. It's a happy gathering spot for family and friends. And for a small child, the sights, sounds and smells coming from the kitchen make it the most fascinating room in the house. But it also can be the most dangerous room for a curious toddler. Electrical cords that can be put into the mouth, appliances that can be pulled from counter tops, or pots of boiling water that can be pulled from a range, can be extremely dangerous for your child. Accident-proof your kitchen by looking at it from your child's eyes.

**Toys Like Yours** - Your small children like to do what you do. So provide small-sized equipment such as brooms, garden tools and household items. Let your youngsters help you with a job when possible, like dusting, picking up clothes, or washing the car. Make a game out of it by seeing who can wash the cleanest spot on the car. It's fun and learning for the child, even though it's hardly any help to you.

**Good Books** - Have you read a good book lately, or have you read one to your preschool child lately? Children are eager to know about how they grow, what other children are like, things around them, and animals. Much of their curiosity can be satisfied through books. A trip to the library may be the ideal way to select a book. Encourage your child to select his very own book, and to talk about the things in the book.

**Imaginary Friends** - Have you noticed a make-believe visitor around your home lately? It's common for a child to have imaginary friends when he's between the ages of 2-5. An imaginary friend may be a child, an animal, or a real friend who comes to "visit" in your child's mind. Why does your child need a make-believe friend? It may be because he's too young to look up to real situations, and the friend is a way of getting attention or escaping punishment.

**Learning About the World** - If you want to encourage your child to look at the world and learn about it, there are lots of things you can do to help him. Talk to your child while you're cooking or washing the car, or stop for a minute and help him pile up his blocks. In addition, he needs some time when you can give him all your attention. Don't feel you have to wait until you have a whole hour free. Give stimulations such as the feel of a new stuffed toy.

**Calculators for Children** - Calculators are becoming as commonplace as pencils and paper. There are even models out for children as young as five. If you are thinking about getting a calculator for your youngsters, you might want to consider a few things first.

There are two schools of thought on the subject. One group of educators feel that calculators may inhibit a child's learning basic math skills if they are introduced too early. They fear a calculator may become a crutch. The other group says we are living in the age of the calculator, so let children have them as young as possible. They see calculators as learning tools.

You may want to talk with your child's teacher to find out what his recommendations would be. If your child is having no difficulty with mathematical skills, a calculator may very well spark a real interest in that subject. Another possibility for older children is a book of games to play on a regular calculator. Each game lists problems the children are to solve, and if solved correctly, the numbers make a word when the calculator is turned upside down.

So consider calculators and their games for your children, but do it carefully.

**Electronic Scanner**  
Changes are you have seen the little black lines on food and grocery labels. Known as the Uniform Product Code, they can be read by an electronic scanner. The scanner reads the code rings up on the cash register. This new system is supposed to have many advantages over the old manual system, including faster checkout and greater accuracy. In spite of these advantages, the system has not strong opposition. Consumer groups fear that having the prices hidden from customers will make buying more difficult and will reduce the retailer's competition.

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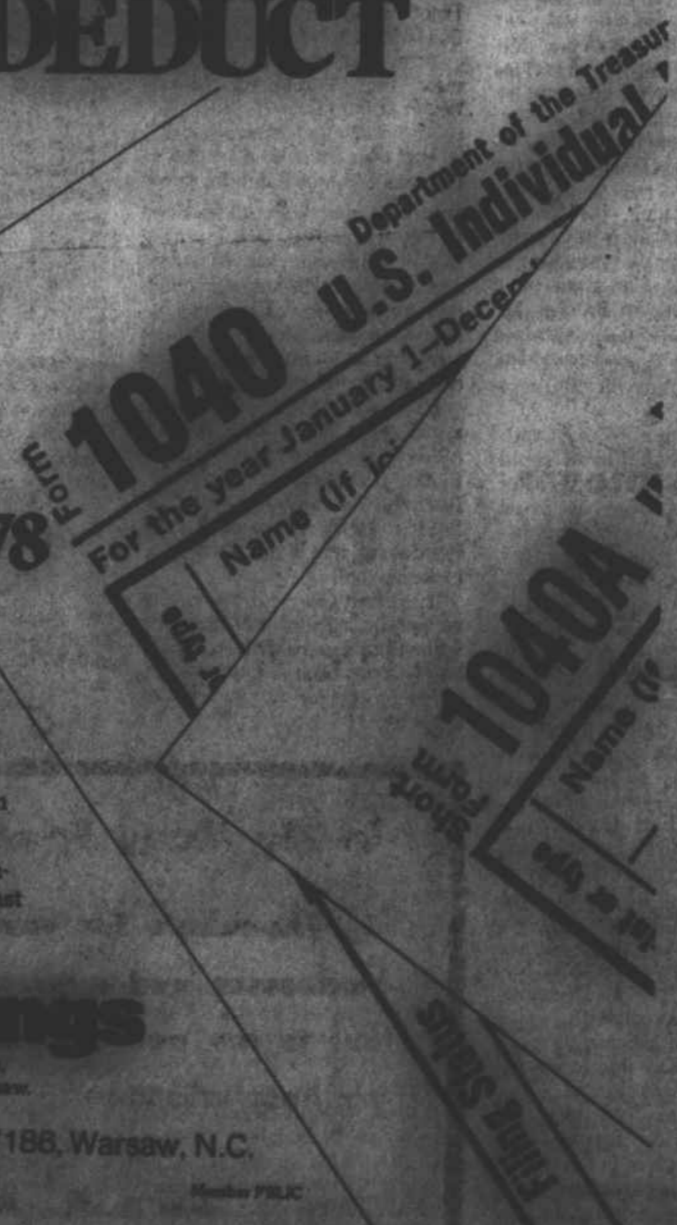
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