

# Septic Tank System Maintenance Recommendations

The effective treatment and disposal of domestic sewage by ground absorption requires careful and conscientious maintenance of the entire system. The Duplin County Health Department recommends the following maintenance practices for septic tank systems.

1. Contact your local public health sanitarian for identification of soil characteristics before choosing a site for building or installing a septic tank system by phoning 296-1015.
2. Minimize in-home water use. Use low flush commodes and low-flow shower heads in your home. Use common sense water conservation practices e.g. not allowing faucets to needlessly run, operate dishwashers and automatic washers only for full loads, and repair leaky plumbing fixtures.
3. Spread out the frequency of clothes washing in automatic wash-

ing machines so as not to discharge large volumes of water into sewer systems in a short period of time, especially during rainy (wet) weather conditions. Be very conservative with water usage during these wet conditions.

4. It is not recommended to install garbage grinders in sink plumbing where septic tank systems are not designed for them. Also do not discharge water backwash systems to septic tank. Don't put chemicals and cleaning compounds that are harmful to anaerobic bacteria into your drains.

5. Landscape the yard to remove surface water. Keep a good grass cover and crown the area of turtle back to avoid puddling. Divert roof and yard water from the septic tank field.

6. Where possible use drainage to lower the watertable, consult local

health department for location and distance from septic tank field.

7. Do not plant large shrubs or trees over or near septic tank or nitrification lines (drainfield) that extend out into the yard. Do not build over, pave over, driver over or back the ground area over system.

8. Do not wait until the septic tank gives trouble to pump it out. Inspect or have the septic tank inspected annually for sludge and scum accumulation. Tanks should be pumped out at 4-year intervals; or whenever the sludge accumulates to a depth of 12 inches; or when the floating scum is within 3 inches of the bottom of the outlet tee or baffle slot.

9. The size of the septic tank system is based on the number of bedrooms in a house. To add on additional living quarters or bedrooms and occupy them without adding onto the septic tank system

would overload the system. Consult with your local health department for advice.

10. Try to keep the pH of the liquid portion of the septic tank up to a range between 6.8 and 7.4. This is a range highly favorable to bacteria and many types of micro-organisms found in the septic tank. These anaerobic bacteria are necessary in the process of decomposing the wastes in the septic tanks. Studies have shown that sodium bicarbonate is a very effective for pH control in anaerobic waste treatment and a dosage of one cup (8 oz.) once a week in septic tanks may make a significant contribution to more efficient functioning of a septic tank.

11. State and local laws concerning the installation and location of septic tank systems are being updated periodically. Contact your local health department for assistance with septic tank problems.



**Hoffer Celebrates Birthday**

J. Willard Hoffer, James Sprunt Board of Trustees member, was surprised on his 88th birthday, August 31, by a reception and party at JSTC. Hoffer was congratulated by the many administrators, faculty and staff members, and other trustees and friends in attendance, and was presented with an oversized birthday card created by Mark Patrus and Nelson Best. "Now I like that. That's just my style, just my style," laughed Hoffer on receiving the "girl-in-a-cake" card. Hoffer has served JSTC as a member of the Board of Trustees since his appointment to the original 12-member board in 1967 and was instrumental in the college's founding. He is also a member of the JS Foundation Board of Directors. He is pictured above with Dr. Carl Price, president.

## ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FROM YOUR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT



## Birth Announcement

Lexie and Larry Welch announce the birth of their son, Jason Edward, July 1, 1984, at Duplin General Hospital. Maternal grandparents are Alex and Clara Barwick of Deep.

Run. Maternal great-grandparents are Burrell and Claudia Stroud of Deep Run. Paternal grandmother is Jessie Welch of Deep Run.

## Aglow Meeting

The Kenansville chapter of Aglow will hold their meeting Sept. 15 at 8:45 a.m. for fellowship and 9:30 a.m. for the regular meeting at Brown's Restaurant in Kenansville. The speaker is to be Vera Griffin of Goldsboro.

## Tyndall Reunion

The family of Dan and Hattie Davis Tyndall will hold their annual reunion on Sunday, Sept. 16 at 1 p.m. at the Park in Pink Hill. All friends and relatives are invited to attend and bring a picnic lunch.

## Kenansville News

**Sarecta United Methodist Women**  
Fourteen were present when the Sarecta United Methodist Women met last week at the church. The program, "Living Together as a Cultural Pluralism Family," was led by Amanda Atkinson. The group voted to support the candle-burning at the Annual United Methodist Women meeting at Methodist College in Fayetteville. Plans were made for the church bazaar-barbecue supper to be held Sept. 29 from 4-7 p.m. Barbecued pork or chicken plates will be \$3 with combinations available for \$3.50. Desserts and drinks are included. The September calendar for Sarecta includes the Parish Retreat at Camp Don Lee Sept. 8 and 9, revival with Rev. Jerry Jurun as evangelist Sept. 10-14, homecoming Sept. 16 and the barbecue-bazaar Sept. 29. September 30 will offer the Parish Worship Service at Sarecta at 11:15 followed by lunch on the grounds.

**Past Matrons & Patrons Club**  
Seven past matrons and one past patron were present Monday night when the members of the Kenansville chapter had a covered dish supper at the Lodge Building. Those present were: Thelma Murphy, Ruby Newton, Louise Boney, Inez Chestnut, Dora Evans, Eunice Brock, Celia and J.B. Stroud. One visiting Star, Viola W. Quinn, was welcomed. Other members were celebrating Labor Day elsewhere.

**Homemakers Club**  
Mrs. Ellis B. Vestal was hostess for the South Kenansville Extension Homemakers Club when it met

Thursday afternoon, Sept. 6. This was moved up a week due to conflicts. The October meeting will be with Mrs. Clarence Murphy on Friday afternoon, the 19th at 2:30 p.m., since the club voted to go back to regular meetings on Fridays after the second Sunday.

Mrs. Vestal conducted the opening devotional and based her remarks on the phrase, "Never be anxious for tomorrow."

The president, Mrs. Milton Rice, presided and Mae H. Spicer, extension agent, had charge of the program, "Winding up the past year and making plans for another." She urged the cooperation of the members with the Duplin County Fair the first week in October and attendance at Achievement Day in Rose Hill at noon on Nov. 8. She gave dates of several upcoming workshops and stressed the importance of officers and committee chairman getting reports to her office by Sept. 30, and early payment of club dues for the new year in advance.

The meeting closed with the collect read in unison. For refreshments, Mrs. Vestal served grapes, molasses bars, potato chips and other finger food with iced tea.

### Personals

Mary Murphy, Carolyn Hall, Hazel Scott and Martha Swann died in Clinton Saturday night.

Mrs. Gordon Kornegay went to Whiteville Saturday to accompany Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Paschall to Rock Hill, S.C. Sunday for the christening of their little granddaughter, Holly Franklin Mabry, infant daughter of Joni and Will Mabry. The service was held in the United Methodist Church.

Miss Sharon Stroud of Raleigh spent the past weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Stroud.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Campbell and daughter of Chesterfield, S.C. spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Chambers.

Mesdames Sallie C. Ingram, Louise W. Mitchell and Dorothy Rollins spent Thursday in Topsail Beach with Mrs. Louise H. Wells.

Among the members of Kenansville Chapter #215 who attended the Eastern Star meeting in Warsaw Thursday night were: Celia and J.B. Stroud, Thelma Murphy, Ruby Newton, Inez Chestnut, Joyce Williams, Dora Evans, Eunice Brock and Margory Blalock.

Mr. and Mrs. H.D. Taylor made a business trip to Goldsboro Thursday and to Wilmington on Friday.

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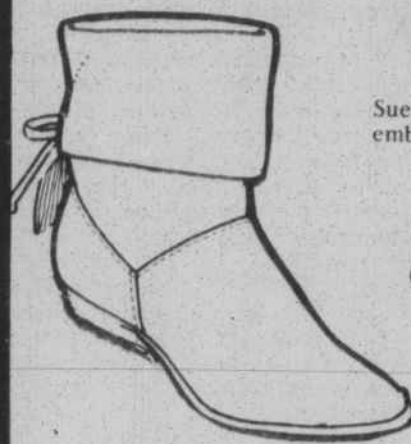
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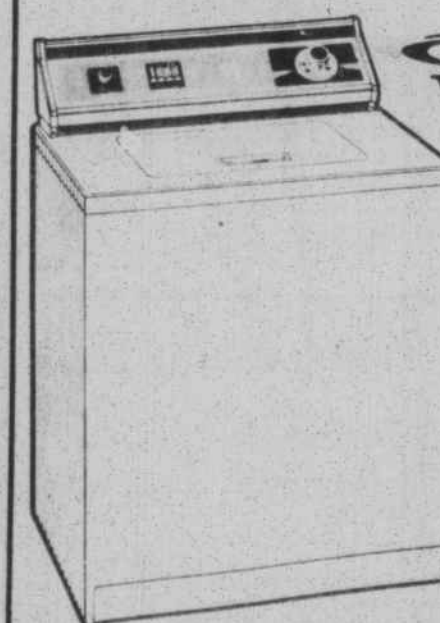
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