

# TEEN TALK

BY VIVIAN BROWN

The grass is always greener . . . The next time you get miffed when Dad insists on a ten-o'clock curfew . . . or when Johnny takes you to the local bistro instead of to that fancy restaurant you have your heart set on . . . or when Mom has leg of lamb instead of your favorite steak think about young people in other lands. It will make your own lot seem like heaven.

**Take Kaarina Vanninen . . .**

The 20-year-old blue-eyed, blonde Finnish girl, preparing to take off for her native land after three years in America, says that what she'll miss most is the wonderful freedom that teen-agers have in America. Says she:

"Life will be different when I get back home. I will not be able to date without my family's permission, and then they will want to know who he is, what he does,



Kaarina Vanninen

and what his intentions are before I can see him. If I decide to get married, I will need the permission of the President of Finland as well as my mother's."

Kaarina's father was killed in the Russo-Finnish war and her life was a series of refuge camps via cattle cars after the Russians were ceded her home. She was brought here by the Girl Scouts of Middletown, Ohio, sponsored through the Save the Children Federation.

She is crazy about the casual life here — thinks American boys are wonderful — so nice and polite to girls — so eager to "wait on them" — and such lovely gentlemen. Says she:

"In my country boys do not learn to do that very much. But I hear they are trying to make them more like that in the schools, teaching them manners just like American boys. It probably will be a little while before they catch on. By that time I will be settled down, maybe."

Kaarina will miss many things, she says — things we take for granted — pretty clothes, shiny cars, gay people, big buildings, sugary food, Sunday roast chicken. And, oh yes, she'd like to take home buckets and buckets of cooked carrots and peas! She explains:

"We have vegetables back home, but not like yours. We eat them raw. Here you cook vegetables so that I will never forget."

She'll miss American sports but is looking forward to swimming in some of the thousands of Finnish Lakes. She has a master diploma in swimming as well as trophies for cross-country skiing.

Kaarina was a model high school student, completing her three-year accelerated course with high grades. She made "A's" most of the time at Monroe H. S. in Middletown, sometimes studying until 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning. She even won an essay contest for a paper on Finland.

She is proudest of the fact that

## Soil Conservation News

By Ray E. Beck  
Soil Conservation Service

Conservation farmer Kenneth Miller is having more drainage ditches dug on his farm at Wildwood. Three thousand feet of new ditches will give Mr. Miller two more six-acre fields to farm next year.

Water from these ditches will drain through a community lead ditch cut by Mr. Miller, Jack Bell and Sanny Long four years ago.

Another large tract of new ground being brought into cultivation is the 30-acre tract owned by District Supervisor Neal Campen. The land is located north of Beaufort between K. W. Wright's farm and the Gibbs farm. This land is being drained through a community drainage canal cut by George Huntley and Hugh Carraway four years ago.

Mr. Campen has a good trick for keeping small culverts open. Each

summer after crops are laid by, he cleans out 15 feet of ditch above and below the culvert about four inches below grade. Then, when it rains, any soil that has settled inside the culvert runs out and settles in the cleaned portion of the ditch. Mr. Campen says that open ditch maintenance pays off. We reported in this column in the spring how he pulled back the banks with a tractor mounted blade.

With pasture seeding time already here, many farmers cooperating with the Lower Neuse Soil Conservation District are preparing pasture land. E. J. Wetherington of Stella says he has come to the conclusion that it is cheaper to have permanent pasture for livestock than to plow annual crops for their feed. He is preparing permanent pasture land now. The low land will be seeded to fescue and clover and the high sandy land to Pennsylvanian Bohia grass.

### How to Signal For a Turn

This is the first of a series of questions and answers prepared by Carteret County's driver examiner, Ed Walston. The series deals with driving rules and laws. Mr. Walston plans to comment on questions frequently asked and rules often misinterpreted because of misunderstanding.

Mr. Watson examines prospective drivers Monday and Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the state highway patrol office, Camp Glenn; at the court house annex in Beaufort Thursday and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and during the same hours Wednesday at the housing project office, Cherry Point. The office is located on the left after entering the old main gate at the base.

**Question:** How far in advance should the turn signal be given?  
**Answer:** At least the last 100 feet traveled. It should be given clearly and continuously until you start the turn; not 100 feet, then stopped or taken in, but held until you turn. This will show those at the intersection as well as those following your intentions.

### Association

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signed and turned in. Persons paying cash were given their receipt. Mr. Harris emphasized the statement on the receipt that, should the tanker truck not be purchased, money will be returned in full to each contributor.

Expenses incurred to date were purchase of a secretary's book and the cost of printing a thousand pledge slips. Mr. Harris said if the association does not succeed, the members of the executive committee will pay those bills so that each association member will get each cent back.

Nov. 1 was set as the deadline for making pledges or paying the money.

Rural folks wishing to make a contribution should contact any of the following:

Chairman Springlie, Neal Campen, vice-chairman; Mr. Paul, Mr. Miller, John Butler, Roy Keller, Charles Pake, James Wheatley, Gray Hassell, Burton Daniels, George Lewis, Roland Salter, Blondell Gillikin, Carl Sadler, Orville Gaskill, Noah Avery, George Laughton, Douglas Merrill, and Kearney Merrill Jr.

she can speak English so fluently, although she couldn't speak more than a word when she arrived here. She hopes to be an English teacher in Finland.

But some day she hopes to return to America. Right now she is planning just how to tell her mother, three brothers and two sisters and all of her friends in Finland "about this wonderful, wonderful country and the happy people."

### Family Life Leaders Will Meet at 2 Thursday

A special meeting for Home Demonstration Club family life leaders will be held in the home agent's office, Beaufort, at 2 p.m. Thursday afternoon, Miss Martha Barnett, home agent, announces.

Mrs. Corinne Grimsley, extension specialist from Raleigh, will speak on "Attitudes Are Important."

The Core Creek-Harlowe Club meets Friday at 1:30 with Mrs. M. R. Whitley. At 7:30 the Bettie Club will meet with Mrs. Gardner Gillikin.

The demonstration this month is on "Color in Your Home."

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