

Do-It-Yourself Plumbing Helps Budget

Home Plumbing How-To's
Higher prices are forcing more and more of us to become do-it-yourselfers. So, why not add some simple plumbing skills to your list of accomplishments? Here's how:

CLOGGED OR SLUGGISH DRAINS can be cleared in seconds with Drain Power drain opener. Instead of using hazardous lye or acid, Drain Power sets up pressure waves in the standing water which "pop" the clog and send it

down the pipes and out into the sewer. It is safe with cess-pool and septic tank systems, too.



LEAKY FAUCETS are easy to repair. First, turn off the water at the nearest shut-off valve. Then turn on the faucet until the water stops running. Loosen the big nut just below the faucet handle by turning it counter-clockwise.

Pull out the valve unit by using the handle. At the bottom of this unit is a washer held in place by a screw. Replace this washer with a new one and reassemble the handle by reversing the above

steps. Presto, your faucet is fixed!

Easy? You bet! And think of how great you'll feel when you hear your family's appreciation this evening.

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DWELLING

- ★ Dwelling on 1 acre off paved road. 3 bedrooms, living room, kitchen-dining, bath, screened back porch, basement, gravity water, hardwood floors with sheetrock interior. Bargain price for quick sale. ★

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THREE-BEDROOM FRAME

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THREE-BEDROOM

- ★ Three-bedroom, living room, kitchen-dining, basement, central hot water heat. Close in on 1 1/4 acres, beautiful view in excellent community. ★

TWO-BEDROOM

- ★ Two-bedroom, living-dining, bath. On approximately 1/4 acre. Priced for quick sale. Terms. ★

50 ACRES

- ★ 50 acres, more or less, owner says more, 2-story nine-room and bath farm house, upper and lower porches overlooking river, well, spring, barn, crib, smokehouse, tobacco allotment. Bargain. ★

240 ACRES

- ★ 240 acres wooded and open, log cabin, springs, tobacco allotment. \$225.00 per acre for quick sale, good terms. ★

BEAUTIFUL FARM

- ★ 50 to 60 acres, farm house, 2 bedroom, living room, kitchen-dining, bath, basement, large barn, good tillable land, woodland and pasture, springs. Room to appreciate. ★

90 ACRES

- ★ With 4-bedroom house, living room, kitchen-dining, bath. Springs, tobacco allotment, barn, pasture and woodland. Bargain at less than \$500 per acre. ★

- ★ 75 acres woodland, highway frontage overlooking river. Young timber. Good investment for probable high appreciation. Under \$400 per acre. Terms. ★

45 ACRES

- ★ 45 acres open and wooded, bordered by river. Good location for A-Frame and chalet type dwelling. Less than \$700 per acre. Terms. ★

9 ACRES

- ★ 9 acres on paved road, spring, wooded and open. Ideal for cabins or permanent residence. ★

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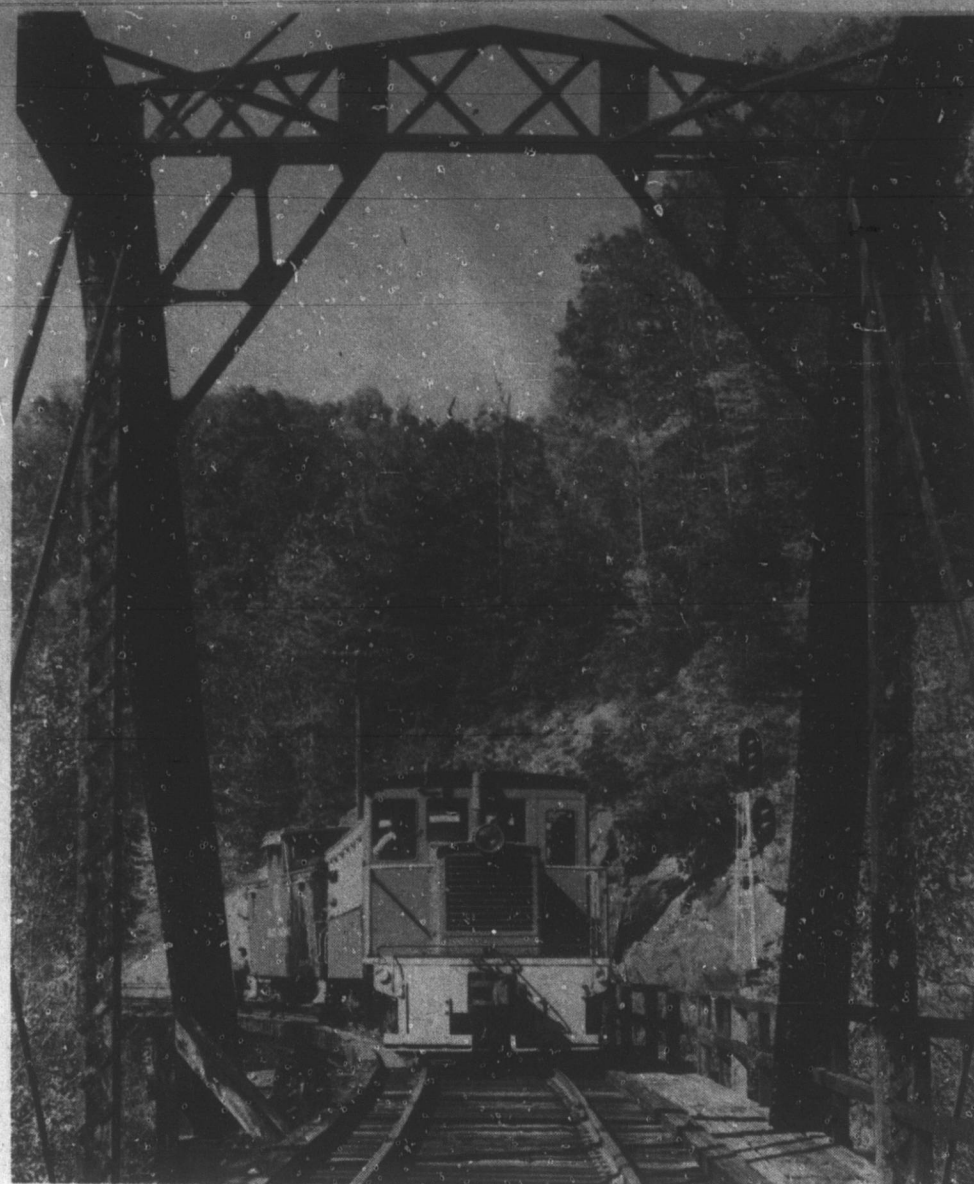


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Train Ride, Anyone?

The Spruce Pine Boy Scouts are offering a 4 1/2 to 5 hour trainride from Burnsville to Kona and return. The Yancey Railroad "Rambler" will carry passengers through the mountains and along the sparkling Toe River. The train will leave Burnsville at 10:30 on Saturday, May 1, 1976. Passengers will picnic at Kona. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. All tickets are sold in advance and may be purchased by sending a check to Box 444, Spruce Pine 28777. A train will also run on Sunday, May 2, leaving Burnsville at 1 p.m. A new time will be announced in case of bad weather.

Homemaking Hints & Tips For Safety & Economy

TIME-SAVING TALES
Conserving time is a major concern of today's busy homemakers. One way to keep house cleaning simple is to do little jobs more often!

Food spills on stove and counter tops, for example, can be cleaned more simply if you grab a sponge and wipe them right away. Once a spill has hardened, it often takes real muscle to get rid of it. Baked-on foods and dirty cooking utensils, when soaked immediately, also become a cinch to clean up later.



An easy way to keep your carpet looking great all the time is to clean it two or three times a year. This prevents grease from the air and tracked-in dirt from dulling the colors. With Spray 'n Vac rug cleaner, you just spray, wait while the foam does the work, and an hour later, vacuum the dirt right up. It's like shampooing your rug while you vacuum!

Finally, don't accumulate things around the house. Get rid of old magazines and newspapers and store those items you rarely use.

Follow these easy, time-saving suggestions and you'll have less worry about house cleaning and a lot more time for fun!

Folk-Ways and Folk-Speech

From time to time this column has carried observations and accounts of the role of oxen in the mountains prior to the coming of power machinery.

Few correspondents have been around long enough to remember the actual everyday workings of those slow, powerful creatures, though matched pairs of oxen are still to be found as parade and exhibition features.

An exception is Mr. Bert McCrary of Fall Branch, Tennessee, now ninety but with a clear memory of their usefulness. He writes:

"We had two yokes of cattle and there were several others around here. We logged with them and also plowed corn with just one, or what we called a half-yoke."

"We moved a big boiler from Jonesboro, Tennessee. It took fourteen yokes of oxen to pull it on a big wagon. We was six days moving it to the zinc mines at Fall Branch. That was about 1910 when they were building the C.C.O. Railway. We camped along the road for several nights on the trip."

Mr. McCrary also recalls the use of oxen to operate the early model threshing machines used in the mountains.

"It took two yokes to pull the machines and also two yokes to pull the engine. This was before there were any traction engines and for a threshing machine they also used horses to power them. It took eight horses and they went around like pulling a cane mill. There wasn't many of these around, for they took lots of feed for both the horses and the men who worked with the threshing. Of course, we always had plenty to eat as the women would all throw in together and help fix it."

Mention of oxen reminds me of several incidents related about those beasts in Shepherd Dugger's *The Balsam Groves of Grandfather Mountain and War Trails of the Blue Ridge*. On one occasion he describes a fight between two oxen contending for passageway on the same trail. In another he recounts an oxen race which gains in vividness and excitement when one rider has his girl friend place a chestnut burr under the tail of his opponent's oxen just as the race begins.

Readers interested in the high flown description coloring turn of the century American literary style might do well to examine these books. Folklorists and historians, of course, would be delighted with their contents. Long out of print, they have been reissued by the Puddingstone Press at Lees-Mc



Rae College, which is to be commended for the undertaking.

Mention might also be made here of the outstanding publications on Appalachia by the Appalachian Consortium Press, located on the campus at ASU.

Beginning with *Dr. Ina and John Van Noppen's Western North Carolina Since the Civil War* several years ago, it has gradually expanded offerings to twenty-one titles dealing with the life and literature of the southern mountaineer.

Latest to reach me is *Mountain Measure*, a Southern Appalachian Verse Notebook, by Francis Pledger Hulme, with photographs by Robert Amberg. Hardbound or in paper, it is a beautiful work, exuding the beauty of the mountains and the spirit of the folk.

Royalties from sales, by the way, go to Warren-Wilson and Mars Hill Colleges.

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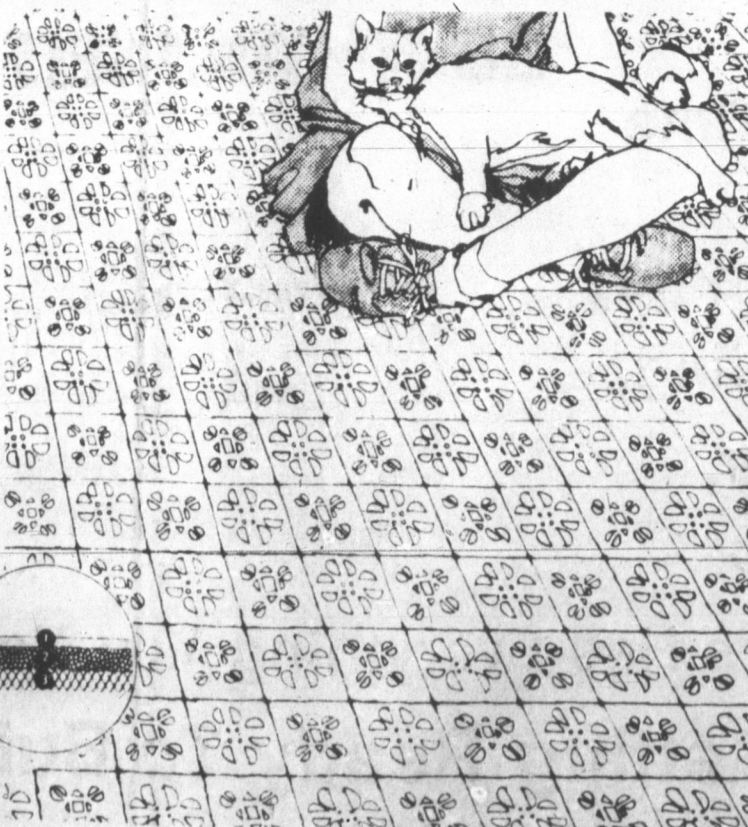
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