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4-H Clubs Taking Lead In Recreation

The importance of providing recreation for the leisure hours for farm folks have these days become one of the major concerns of thousands of 4-H Club leaders and members. During the past three years, a plan has been worked out whereby adults and youth interested in directing recreational activities in their clubs and communities can take a special course set up for that purpose.

This training and club participation has been brought about through the National 4-H Recreation and Rural Arts program now in full swing in North Carolina. Sponsor of the program, U. S. Rubber Company, is providing about \$29,000 for leader training clinics, club and individual awards.

Last year more than 10,200 young people and 6,400 adults attended these clinics. They receive instruction in group singing, dancing, games, sports, dramatics, handicrafts and many other activities.

Relatively Unarmed

In a discussion of the Korean war and the dangers it has brought to the free nations of the world, a military expert points out that the conflict has caught the anti-Communist countries "dangerously under-armed."

No wonder the President says that the United States must increase its military strength, "not only to deal with the aggression in Korea," but also "to increase our common defense, with other free nations, against other aggression."

The statistics on military manpower reveal that the Western nations are outnumbered by the Soviet Union and its satellites. The Communist-dominated countries have approximately 6,000,000 fighting men to 2,100,000 for the Western bloc of free nations.

In military equipment, the Western nations have a superiority of 13-to-1 in sea forces and 4-to-13 in air forces. The United States' stockpile of atomic bombs is much larger than the Russians'. However, the crucial weapon in limited fighting, such as that going on in Korea, is the tank. Here, the Soviet Union is far ahead, having a tank pool estimated at 40,000 and described by experts as "better tanks" than the West has available.

When the President asked Congress to remove the statutory ceilings on the size of the armed forces he gave a clue as to the scope of what he has in mind. Total authorized strength is now 2,005,882 but the present strength is only 1,858,000 men.

Here, some five years after the end of World War II, we find the democracies of the World in the same fix that they were in when the first and second World Wars began. They are decidedly unprepared for a major world conflict. This is true despite the recent efforts of the United States to strengthen the fighting power of the free nations of Western Europe.

The present danger should convince us of the necessity of maintaining a greater military force until there is reasonable certainty that the peace of the world will be respected by all possible aggressors.

Health Commandments

The following ten commandments, given by the pastor of a metropolitan church sometime ago, might prove interesting and helpful to some of us here in Perquimans County. Read them over carefully, one or more of them might apply to you:

- "1. Honor your parents by having a thorough physical examination every birthday; for an ounce of prevention is worth a ton of cure.
- "2. Honor your friends by taking a daily bath; for cleanliness is a part of godliness.
- "3. Honor your family by having your life insured; for life insurance guarantees the cooperation of the insurer in the prolongation of the life of the insured.
- "4. Honor your physician by avoiding patent medicines; for the most of these nostrums are humbugs.
- "5. Honor your digestion by being careful of your diet; for many a man digs his grave with his teeth.
- "6. Honor your stomach by having your teeth carefully examined by a dentist at regular intervals; for bad teeth are an abomination to the system.
- "7. Honor your lungs by breathing fresh air; for ventilation is a means of grace.
- "8. Honor your nerves by taking plenty of rest of sleep; for they who work all day and play all night promote the brevity of their lives by burning the candle at both ends.
- "9. Honor your county by obeying the laws; for it is a mark of good citizenship to obey a law whether one likes it or not.
- "10. Honor your God by chastity in word, thought, and deed; for the race that wishes eternity must exalt maternity."

There is no use for us to be afraid of what the Russians might do to this country; let the Russians worry about what we might do to them.

the receptacle before adding the new water. Roof gutters should be inspected at regular intervals to determine whether they are blocked up with fallen leaves or other debris and holding water. A very light film of No. 2 fuel oil should be applied to the water surface every week in rain barrels and other containers which cannot be emptied.

Since some species breed in the water in pit privies, a cupful of fuel oil should be poured into the pit every two weeks.

Unfortunately, the control of some species of mosquitoes is more difficult due to their different breeding habits and long flight ranges. In the case of these mosquitoes, the individual can do very little towards keeping them off his premises, their control is a community problem. Many towns in North Carolina are conducting mosquito control programs through their local health departments. A crew of men devote all of their time to draining stagnant water, cleaning out the ditches, applying oil to water which cannot be drained, inspecting private premises, and searching for and destroying artificial containers. If the town you live in does not have such a program, try to get one started. Your local health officer will be glad to furnish the supervision if the funds are made available.

DDT Best Insecticide
 DDT is, by far, the best insecticide for use against mosquitoes. In applying it as a residual spray, treat all wall surfaces and ceilings, especially in dark corners, behind pictures and furniture and other places where mosquitoes can hide. You should also treat the underside of tables, backs of bookcases and beds, closets, porches and screens. Instructions for applying DDT can be obtained from your

health department. Such treatment is usually effective for three months or longer if properly applied.

The control of adult mosquitoes on the outside is very difficult. Even though the porch has been sprayed with DDT, large numbers of mosquitoes will usually be present if many are breeding in the vicinity. DDT has the disadvantage of being very slow in its action. For this reason, new arrivals will be continually taking the place of those killed off by the DDT.

Space sprays are effective against mosquitoes on the outside if applied enough. Several devices are on the market which are very good in applying this spray in the form of a mist or fog. The frequency with which this type spraying must be done depends on the density and variety of mosquitoes as well as the distance from their breeding places.

If you have a mosquito problem, ask your health department to help you in solving it.

New Sweet Potato Circular Is Available

A new publication prepared by nine

specialists of the State College Extension Service entitled "Grow Quality Sweet Potatoes" is now off the press and ready for state-wide distribution. The 16-page circular treats all phases of sweet potato production, including harvesting, curing, and storing.

The specialists who collaborated in writing the circular state that the recommendations outlined are intended to help commercial growers meet consumer demand for medium-sized, well-shaped, washed, U. S. No. 1 Porto Rico potatoes.

For quick reference, the subjects are arranged under 12 headings. Since the statements are brief, some growers may desire more complete details. This information is available from the local county farm agent.

The subjects discussed are recommended varieties, seed stock, seed requirements, seed treatment, plant beds, plants, plant treatment, soils fertilization, cultural practices, harvesting, and curing and storing.

The authors emphasize the importance of selecting good seed stock which is free from black rot, scurf, internal cork, and mutations for skin color. For protection against the introduc-

tion of sweet potato weevil, they advise that certified seed potatoes or plants should be used when they are bought outside the state.

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NOTICE!

I will not have night office hours with exception of Saturday nights after August 1st, until further notice.

Dr. C. A. Davenport

MOSQUITOES

BY CHARLES M. WHITE
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Each summer the North Carolina State Board of Health receives numerous questions from people who are bothered by mosquitoes. Typical questions asked are:

- "What can I do to get rid of the mosquitoes around my home?"
- "If I cut down tall grass and weeds, will it stop the mosquitoes from breeding around my home?"
- "How do mosquitoes fly?"
- "Will mosquitoes breed in my goldfish pond?"
- "If I spray my porch with DDT, shouldn't it keep the mosquitoes away?"
- "How can we keep mosquitoes from biting us when we sit out in the yard at night?"

All of these questions are difficult to answer. There are so many different species of mosquitoes that information regarding one variety will not apply to all of them. There are more different kinds of mosquitoes in North Carolina than there are different kinds of birds. These differences are harder to see because the mosquitoes are so much smaller. The mosquitoes differ just as much in habits as they do in appearance. Some never bite, others bite only cold-blooded animal such as frogs and snakes, while most of them feed on warm-blooded animals including man.

People are wrong to think that mosquitoes breed in grass, weeds, and chinaberry trees. They are often seen resting in such places during the daytime because of the protection afforded from the sun and enemies.

Breed Only In Water
 Different mosquitoes prefer different places, just as the swallow builds her nest in a place entirely different from that of the quail. Some mosquitoes breed in woodland pools, others in large bodies of water; some in ditches, while one very annoying species breeds only in artificial containers, such as cans, flower vases, rain barrels and roof gutters.

The female mosquito lays her eggs on the surface of the water. Within a few days these eggs hatch out into wiggle tails, or larvae. After a few more days, the larvae change into pupae. The adult mosquitoes emerge from the pupae. The length of time required after the egg is laid before the adult mosquito emerges depends on several factors, such as the variety of mosquito, the temperature, and the amount of food available. This period is seldom less than a week and for all practical purposes can be regarded as ten days.

How To Prevent Breeding
 The best way to keep mosquitoes from biting is to prevent their breeding. If it is possible to do so, their breeding places should be drained, filled up, or otherwise destroyed. Those which breed only in artificial containers seldom fly over a few hundred yards from their breeding places. People annoyed by this variety usually are raising them on their own premises. In order to prevent the breeding of this mosquito, no receptacles around the premises should be permitted to hold water over a week. When the water is changed in flower vases, care should be taken to remove remove all of the old water and rinse

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 Sunday 2:15, 4:15 and 9:15

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Saturday, August 5—
 Charles Starrett and Smiley Burnette in "TRAIL OF THE RUSTLERS"

Sunday, August 6—
 Rosalind Russell and Robert Cummings in "TELL IT TO THE JUDGE"

Monday and Tuesday, August 7-8—
 Randolph Scott and Dorothy Malone in "THE NEVADIAN"

Wednesday, August 9—
 Double Feature
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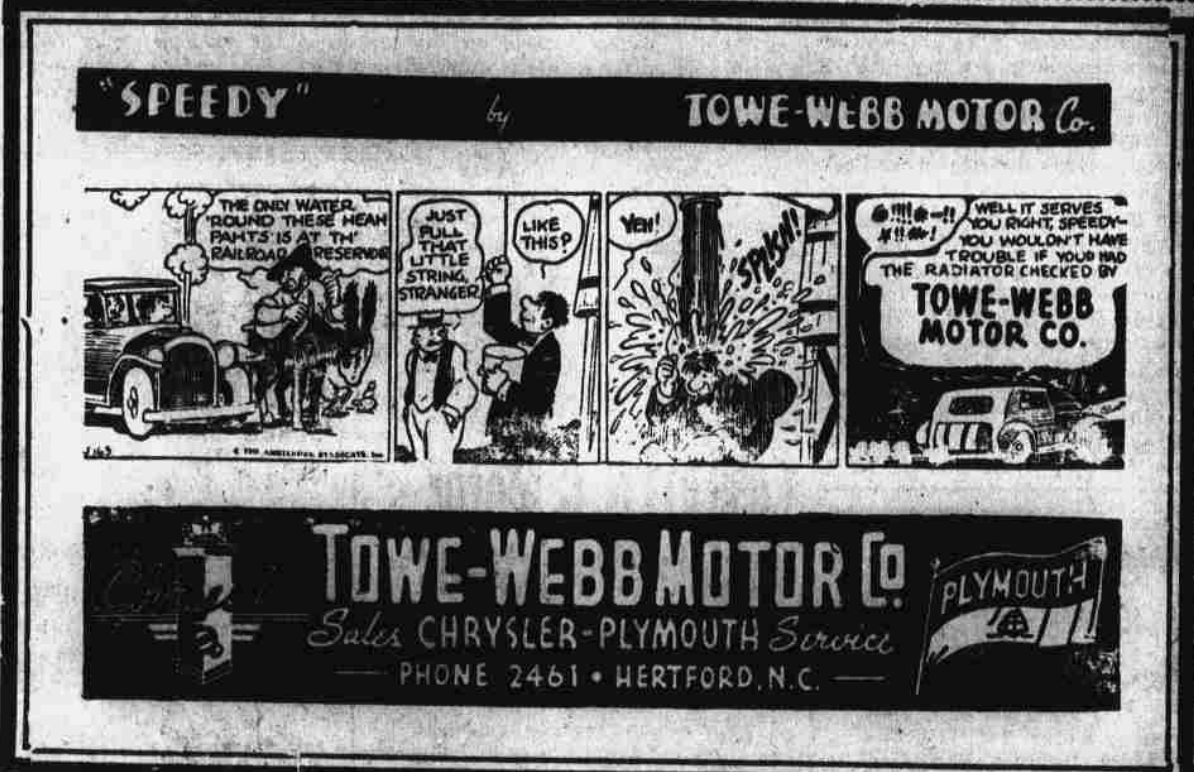
Thursday August 3—Last Showing
 Spencer Tracy and Luana Turner in "CASS TIMBERLAND"

Friday and Saturday, August 4-5—
 Percy Kilbride and Marjorie Main in "FEUDIN' FUSSIN' AND A FIGHTIN' "

Sunday, August 6—
 Gary Cooper and Joan Leslie in "SERGEANT YORK"

Monday and Tuesday, August 7-8—
 Cornel Wilde and Maureen O'Hara in "HOMESTRETCH"

Wednesday and Thursday, August 9-10—
 Red Cameron in "PANHANDLE"

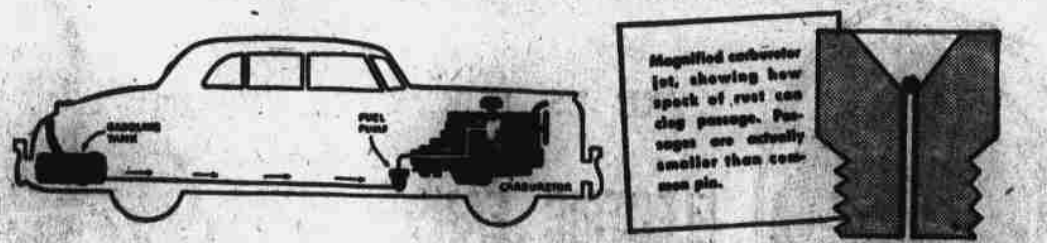


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