

Agriculture

Garden tools make perfect gifts for holidays

I've gone through three bushel baskets of Christmas catalogs. Naturally, I want everything.

Let us, however, zoom in on some gardener's delights. For instance, for those occasions when the children around you participate in a little hit-or-miss soil tilling, provide them with their own tools. Smith and Hawkin offers a scaled down trio consisting of fork, spade, and a rake for \$59.00.

For the same price you can watch their happy hoeing while reclining on David Kay's hobby helper, the Scoot-n-Do, a cushioned seat on four sturdy wheels to help eliminate crawling, crouching, and kneeling. In its equipment bin place an All-in-One, \$79.95, hand-woven willow basket from David Kay. It comes with high quality trowel, ratchet pruner, English hoe,

and weeder.

Since the aforesaid pint-sized gardeners will be in bed when it's time to go slug hunting, enlist aid elsewhere. The best flashlight for the job is Brookstone's. The light from this cigar-thin, 12-inch black beau can be diffused or adjusted to a pin point. Slug point. I have used mine on trips where tents and rooms were totally devoid of rading lamps. \$26.50.

Spiff up a corner of the flower garden with a porcelain garden stool that Horchow has imported from Beijing. Handpainted with dragons and flowers, this beautiful offering looks even better than its \$495.00 price.

Sketches catalog wants you to grace a garden wall with its instant installation lead and aluminum shell



fountain. For \$355.00, it's yours to plug and enjoy.

Any fruits and vegetables on which you spent time and effort deserves the best preparation equipment. Saute, bake, steam and fry in a set of Deluxe Caphalon Cookware, \$376.00, which you may hang from the ceiling in a matching pot rack, \$79.00. Mix

that fresh salad in a really handsome, Italian designed salad bowl of shiny stainless steel. The \$65.00 price includes two black plastic contemporary utensils for mixing and serving. Both from Neiman-Marcus.

Even when pots aren't bubbling on the stove burners, the kitchen can always smell divine with wreaths from White Flower Farm. The 10-inch herb wreath is \$36.00; a large Pot-pourri wreath, 20 inches in diameter, containing a mixture of Artemisia, nutmeg, rosehips, Baby's Breath and other sweet smellers is \$70.00.

Kiddies in bed? Slugs dispatched? Caphalon washed and hung? Fountain turned off? Come on in and settle down with a good book.

How about "Tastebuds", a gardening and cooking handbook, or "The Plea-

sure of Herbs", a month-by-month herb guide.

Indulge in a cigar. I'm talking about Neiman-Marcus' Godiva milk chocolate type, each in gold foil,

nestled in a tortoise-shell-colored box. Ten for \$32.00.

Oh, I know gardeners are supposed to eat healthy and stay in shape. But it's Christmas. Have another cigar.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF HERTFORD

The citizens of the Town of Hertford are hereby informed that the Town intends to amend the Target Area of the King Street Revitalization Project (Phase III) of their FY 84 Small Cities Community Development Block Grant. In an effort to involve the citizens of Hertford in the amendment process, a Public Hearing will be held at the Town Hall on Monday, December 8, 1986, at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing will be to explain the amendment and to allow the citizens of Hertford to express their views.

W.D. Cox, Mayor

Farm Bureau convention organized

The drafting of official policies for 1987 will be the main activity on the agenda at the 51st annual convention of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation in Winston-Salem, December 7-10.

Farm Bureau President W. B. Jenkins indicated that he expects over 1,000 Farm Bureau members to attend this year's meeting at Benton Convention Center.

Voting delegates, representing all 100 counties, will consider hundreds of policy recommendations submitted by county Farm Bureaus. The policies they adopt will set the direc-

tion for the state organization in the year ahead. Delegates will also make final decisions on recommendations concerning national issues that will be submitted for consideration by the American Farm Bureau convention, which is set for early January.

According to Jenkins, "There are many critical issues facing agriculture and our voting delegates will be addressing those problems." Jenkins will give his annual report to the membership on Tuesday morning, December 9.

Speakers at general sessions of the convention will include: Governor

James G. Martin, Lieutenant Governor Robert B. Jordan III, Congressman Charles G. Rose, N.C. Commissioner of Agriculture James A. Graham, and American Farm Bureau President Dean Kleckner.

The election of officers and directors of Farm Bureau and delegates to the national convention is scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, December 9.

The selection of the organization's "Outstanding Young Farm Family" of 1986 will highlight the awards presentation. Another honor will go to the winner of the Young Farmer and

Rancher "discussion meet." Awards will also be presented to a number of county Farm Bureaus for their outstanding achievement in various programs.

Registration for the convention begins Sunday, December 7, at 1:00 p.m. The traditional vesper service will be held Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m.

Organic farming not seen as feasible

Farmers are understandably not very enthusiastic about organic farming, not if it means replacing the 200 pounds of nitrogen normally applied per acre of corn with 20 to 40 tons of animal manure. If they did

this, they would need a lot more animals and the public would not be very enthusiastic about odor.

Organic farming means doing away with chemical fertilizers and pesticides. It may be all right for a

gardener specialty farm but it's not productive for commercial farming.

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