



"I just kicked 'em off for a minute. My feet were killing me."

With The Farm Women

By Mairied Morris
(Items this week from Wilson, Durham, Davie, Carteret, Richmond, and Yancey Counties.)
TEA HIGHLIGHTS NATIONAL HD WEEK

The Buckhorn Home Demonstration Club entertained the home economics agents' staff and officers of the county council at a spring tea. This was one of the observances during National Home Demonstration Club week.

Mrs. Ona P. Humphrey, home economics agent, reports that during the afternoon Mrs. Turner Bailey, Mrs. T. B. Winstead, and J. W. Bailey presented a program of piano and saxophone selections. All club members in Wilson County were invited to the event.

REPAIRS COMMUNITY BUILDING
Mrs. Julia C. Dobson, home economics agent in Durham County, says Friday, the 13th, proved to be a lucky day for members of the Nelson Home Demonstration Club. During the winter months, the members spent \$300 in making repairs and improvements on their community building.

On Friday, the 13th, the club served a barbecue and Brunswick stew supper to make money to pay their indebtedness. When the final report was given, \$252.65 had been cleared on the supper. Mrs. Jodie Shipp, club president of Morrisville, Rt. 1, says the success was due to all members working together.

FISHING RODEO
Have you ever won a rod and reel? About this time of year everyone gets the fishing fever and wants a rod and reel of their own. Mrs. Eleanor W. Gabard, assistant home economics agent in Davie County, reports they recently had a 4-H fishing rodeo. The Wildlife Club offered three rods and reels for prizes.

One 4-H girl won a rod and reel for the largest bream caught and two boys won for catching the largest bass and the largest number caught.

IMPROVISED GREENHOUSE
Mrs. N. A. Avery of Carteret County, says her improvised greenhouse has really paid dividends in her sale of plants on the Morehead Home Demonstration Curb market. Mrs. Avery and her husband converted an

old chicken house, using tobacco bed plastic, into a greenhouse. The total cost for this project was \$11.

After a recent week of sales, Mrs. Floy Garner, home economics agent, reports that Mrs. Avery's sales were \$71.50 with \$57.50 from the sale of flowers and flower plants.

FARM POND DANGER
At recent 4-H Club meetings in Richmond County, the demonstration on water safety was presented before the boys and girls. Mrs. Martha B. Adams, assistant home economics agent, reports they emphasized the importance of not going boating or swimming alone, have life saving equipment available around farm ponds, knowing how to use such equipment, and the importance of staying with the boat.

Phyllis Laton, 4-H member, prepared a pamphlet "Make Your Farm Pond Safe" which was mailed to all farm pond owners in Richmond County.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Baxter Silver was recently elected chairman of the steering committee of the Yancey County community development organization. The steering committee is made up of two delegates from each community, representatives from all agricultural offices and sponsoring groups.

Miss Virginia Cox, assistant home economics agent, reports the committee selected five projects to promote this year. They were youth work, reforestation, home improvement, special projects such as participation in the United Fund and Civil Defense, and increased income.

Dr. Leo Jenkins, reading from the text of his inaugural address as president of East Carolina College before an audience of 10,000, suddenly found he was making no sense. One of his children had swiped page 8.

April egg production is now reported at five billion, 508 million eggs, down five per cent from April of 1959. For the first four months of this year, production was down four per cent from the same four months last year.

Death, Dollars Figures High Says Speed

North Carolina motorists, in more than 57,000 traffic clashes last year, wasted manpower and economics resources to the tune of \$4.71 every second of every minute of every day!

So declared Major Charles A. Speed, director of traffic safety activities for the State Highway Patrol, and one of careless driving's bitterest foes.

Major Speed's estimate of the situation was based on the National Safety Council's death-timings-dollars formula which assigns the flat sum of \$125,000 as representative of the economic loss involved in a single traffic fatality.

He said the immense sum of missing dollars included medical and funeral expenses, property damage, insurance claims, loss of income and the like.

According to records of the Department of Motor Vehicles, traffic mishaps last year killed 1193 persons, brought injury to nearly 25,000 others and involved more than 99,000 vehicles.

"Anyone really interested in improving the traffic death record should emphasize the impact on society caused by those seriously injured in accidents," Major Speed said. "Those who suffer permanent, disabling injuries present a far greater economic and social problem than those who are killed outright."

"Most emphasis is placed on those who die. Yet several times as many persons are maimed, crippled and disabled than are killed. Many of these victims become unwilling burdens to their families, both economically and socially. Some of them will spend the rest of their days in public institutions, becoming a liability to the community as well."

Traffic accident injuries cover the whole field of human suffering, he continued. While those who are killed cause untold heartache and misery, those permanently disabled many times present an equal, if not greater, problem.

"We can never minimize the tragedy of a life snuffed out by traffic carelessness, but we should give more thought to the consequences endured by those left behind," Major Speed said.

A few years ago a Tar Heel family left early one Saturday morning, bound for Asheville where the husband was to be best man at his brother's wedding. About a hour's drive from their destination, their car spun out of control, colliding with a truck. At the time the wife was driving. Her husband and daughter were killed. Since that accident, the mother has been totally disabled and unable to care for her remaining five children. The children are now being raised in foster homes.

Who can adequately measure the overall consequences of this one mishap?

A noisemaker complaint against an ice cream vendor in Tonbridge, England, was dismissed after the magistrates left court and apparently were pleased when they heard the bells of his truck tinkle "Lili Marlene."

Argentina has started shipping high-quality beef cuts packed in dry ice to Switzerland by air.

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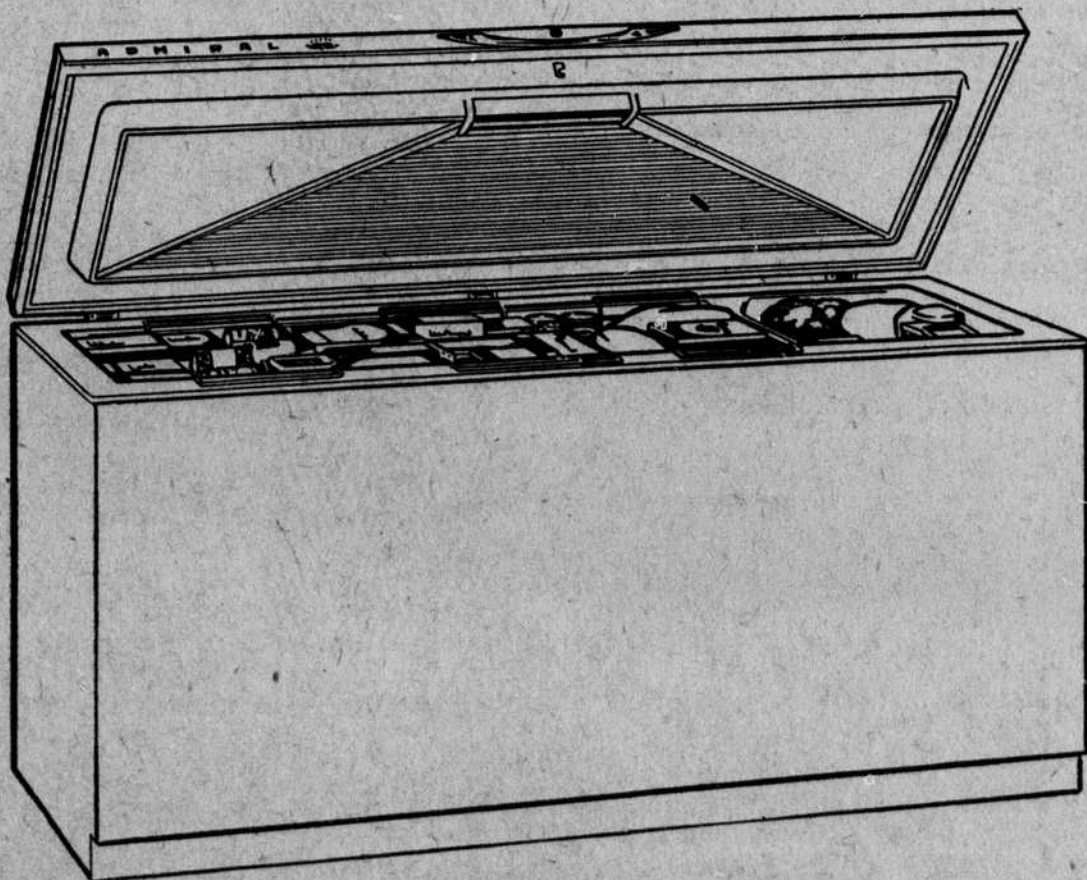


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