

# Staff DEEDS

by Maidred Morris

News items this week from Washington, Catawba, Rowan, Halifax, Moore, and Hoke counties

**TEST SOIL BEFORE PLANTING SHRUBS**  
More families in Washington County are testing soil before planting shrubbery in their yards, declares Mrs. Frances Darden, home economics agent. This has been due to reports given on the subject by home beautification leaders.

Mrs. J. D. Waters, Plymouth, says she is sure this service will save her money. She was plan-

ning to use azaleas and camellias and found the soil unsuitable without further preparation.

Each month in Catawba County, some leaders are going to conduct special interest meetings. This month Mrs. Helen Hutchens, Mrs. Gladys Carter, and Mrs. Coyte Setzer will have a workshop on "Pictures for the Home."

Miss Hilda Clontz, home economics agent, says many products created at special interest meetings were recently on display at their annual exhibits day. They not only had ideas for Christmas but had exhibits on

## tailoring ideas, refinishing furniture and clothing construction BUYING WOOD FURNITURE

If you had a choice, would you buy solid or veneer furniture? Miss Edith Hinshaw, home economics agent, says the Rowan County homemakers have been studying the advantages and disadvantages of solid and veneer wood in today's furniture.

At their club meetings, they actually examined different types of furniture.

**PINE CONE WREATHS**  
Homemakers in Halifax County have been working on their decorations for Christmas. And Mrs. Emma Smith, assistant home economics agent, says they have been making pine cone and nut wreaths which should last for many years.

Mrs. Thomas Moss, Mrs. A. K. Hines, and Mrs. J. W. Hines taught 45 women how to design and make the wreaths. They also made swags, pine cone Christmas trees, candle holders, and pictures.

Some 60 homemakers in Moore County recently toured furniture stores. This tour was a follow-up study of demonstrations on "Woods in Furniture" and "Combining Furniture Styles."

Mrs. Jean Hubbard, home economics agent, says the stores had their furniture grouped according to styles and woods and better buying principles were discussed with the women.

**CORNICES AND VALANCES**  
Last month at Home Demonstration Club meetings in Hoke County, the women discussed cornices and valances and were surprised that cornices were so easy to make, cover and install.

Miss Josephine Hall, home economics agent, says several of the women have signed up to make cornices at the woodworking workshop.

## Holy Tree Blooms At Christmastime

Every Christmas, the phenomenon of the blossoming Holy Thorn Tree occurs in England and Washington, D. C.

Faithfully on December 25th, a tree called the Holy Thorn or Glastonbury Thorn blooms in the ancient English town of Glastonbury. Sometime during the same month, an off-shoot of the same tree bursts into bloom in Washington's Cathedral of the Close.

According to legend, two days before Christmas 63 years after the birth of Christ, St. Joseph of Arimathea, carrying with him the Holy Grail used at the Last Supper,

## Holiday Season Nuttiest Of Year

There's no doubt about it. The holiday season is one of the "nuttiest" of the year. Nuts appear almost everywhere—in the toe of Christmas stockings, on top of festive fruitcakes, even as part of centerpieces on Yule dinner tables.

From Thanksgiving to Christmas, nuts are used in abundance. They also are finding their way onto more dinner tables in a greater variety of ways all year around.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture reports Americans are eating more nuts than ever before. Since 1920, per capita consumption has increased more than 50 per cent.

Almonds, for example, are now included in many prepared food mixes and frozen foods—noodles, almondine, green beans with almond slices, cake and frosting mixes. And you can buy almonds any way you want them—diced,

## VA Questions And Answers

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Below are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to some of the many current questions from former servicemen and their

slipped, sliced, blanched, roasted and salted.

Pecans also are increasing their popularity and uses. Since 1920, consumption has jumped nearly half a pound per person. Pecans now total nearly a fourth of all the tree nuts we eat, says the USDA.

Nuts are moving from the luxury class to the commonplace. As incomes rise, you can expect to find them more and more often in main dishes and desserts as well as in candies and confections and as snack items.

families. Further information on veterans benefits may be obtained at any VA office.

**Q—**May a veteran receiving a dishonorable discharge keep his government insurance?

**A—**Yes. The insurance once issued is a contract and is incontestable except for fraud, nonpayment of premiums or failure to be a member of the Armed Forces.

**Q—**A widow had three sons, all veterans. One was killed in service and the mother is receiving death compensation and NSLI payments. One other son is hospitalized in a Veterans Administration hospital and an apportionment of his benefits are being paid to the mother as a dependent during hospitalization. The third son is in training under Public Law 559. Is she entitled to be considered as a dependent mother for all three sons?

**A—**Yes. A mother is entitled to death benefits concurrently as a dependent parent of more than one veteran.

## Footo Promotes W. R. Hudspeth

Exton, Pa., — W. F. Lukenbach, Vice President-Marketing, Footo Mineral Company, has announced the appointment of William R. Hudspeth as Assistant to the Vice President of Marketing. Robert J. Longenecker succeeds Mr. Hudspeth as General Manager of Commercial Development. Both appointments were effective December 1.

Mr. Hudspeth had directed the activities of Footo's commercial development department since January 1962. A graduate of the University of North Carolina

**Q—**A veteran is given the death penalty for crime. Would this bar the widow and children from receiving benefits from the Veterans Administration?

**A—**No prohibition against paying all VA benefits except insurance.

with a B.S. degree in Chemistry, he joined Footo in 1951 as both chemist and metallurgist at the Company's Kings Mountain, N. C. operation. He was affiliated with Footo operations in several locations before joining the Commercial Development department as special projects manager. As Assistant to the Vice President of Marketing, Mr. Hudspeth will have broad staff responsibilities in all areas of Footo's marketing activity.


Mr. Longenecker's most recent position with the Company was that of Manager of Ceramic Sales. He formerly served as Development Manager-Ceramics.

A 1951 graduate of the Pennsylvania State University, where he received a B.S. degree in Ceramics, he joined Footo Mineral Company in 1953. As General Manager of Commercial Development, Mr. Longenecker will be responsible for the Company's new product development.




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Christmas  
to all  
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**MERRY Christmas**

We welcome the glad Christmas season and all the heartfelt joys it brings. We welcome, too, the opportunity to pause in the midst of our daily occupations to recall anew how fortunate we are to have the favors and friendship of our valued customers. To all of you, we offer our real appreciation and our best wishes for your holiday enjoyment.




**Bells ring out with Christmas Joy..**

The sound of church bells fills the minds and hearts of all with the true spirit of this joyous season. With that spirit in mind, we wish you and your loved ones health, happiness and joy at Christmastime and after.

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