

Garden Time

I again remind my readers of an important event to all North Carolinians and our neighbors from other states. The fifth Southeastern Flower and Garden Show to be staged in Charlotte, March 6-14. As was the case in 1964, the site will be the Merchandise Mart, 1500 E. Independence, Charlotte, N. C.

The "Mart" is spacious, comfortable and convenient. The floor plan is designed for adequate exhibit space and easy flow of pedestrian traffic. If your energy begins to lag a little, you can get a quick pick-up at the very nice cafeteria and rest your feet. You might even find a comfortable seat where you can relax and read the Charlotte Observer, the sponsor of the event. So much for the many little niceties provided for your physical comfort. Perhaps a few comments on what you can expect to see will be appropriate.

Let me say in the beginning that, in my opinion, the Southeastern Flower and Garden Show is the Grand Opera of garden shows in the Southeast. There is something here for everyone regardless of whether or not you are engaged in farming industry or some type of business.

Everyone appreciates beauty but I think sometimes that we are not very aggressive in creating beauty or in maintaining it once it is created. Here you will find a storehouse of ideas for creating a happy and desirable environment for your family, especially the children.

From the 16 professionally designed and landscaped gardens you should be able to pick up many new ideas concerning the selection of plant materials and their proper use in the landscape plan. The same is true for interiors and for outdoor living.

In a very real sense this is also a trade show because you will see the latest in children's play

yards, garden tools and equipment, swimming pools, pesticides, including weed killers, patio construction, fertilizers, picnic equipment, pottery, statuary, and greenhouses.

No encouragement is needed for the 19,000 garden clubbers in the Old North State because many of them are already making plans. But how about you, Pop? Couldn't you steal a little time off and take the lady to the show? And the children?

Bonds Sales Over Quota

The 1965 annual dollar goal assumed of North Carolina is \$53,100,000, which is an increase of \$1,100,000 over last year's goal.

In the month of January Series 7 and H Bond sales for the state totaled \$4,730,924, a 3.7 percent drop from January a year ago. Sales in January amounted to 8.9 percent of this year's goal.

According to George Blanton, Jr., Cleveland County Volunteer Chairman, sales in Cleveland County during January were \$36,292, which is 8.5 percent of the county's 1965 quota of \$424,300.

"Having achieved our state's annual quota for the past two years, we are confident that 1965 will be another banner year as Savings Bonds continue to grow in popularity," said W. H. Andrews, Jr., State Volunteer Chairman. "Too, we are beginning this year with an enlarged group of well-organized volunteers, and with their leadership we look forward to a most successful year in the promotion of Savings Bonds sales through over-the-counter sales and by the Payroll Savings Plan."

On a clear day Britain can be seen from Europe.

Draught beer is not refrigerated in England.

It Must Be Spring



FREE WHEELING

It's the rush hour. Traffic on the road is heavy and moving at a fast, steady pace. You decelerate as you approach your turn-off, crowded with other cars, but your car refuses to slow down. Instead you continue forward—your gas pedal stuck.

What do you do? It won't happen to me, you say, because my car is in good condition. And besides that who ever heard of a gas pedal really sticking?

The facts are, it does happen to experienced and unexperienced drivers in all models, makes and years of cars. And because, for the most part, they don't know how to bring the car under control many are involved in smashups.

If and when it should happen to you—shut off the ignition and begin braking to a safe stop! Leave the car in gear (both manual and automatic), to take advantage of the engine's braking effect. Keeping the gear engaged is important for two reasons: First, there's time, which would be lost by the act of shifting. Second, in shifting into neutral the engine would race and roar and only add to the confusion of the situation.

In a near panic some motorists have attempted to avoid injury in a runaway car by blinking the lights, blowing the horn, slamming on brakes, reaching down to pull back the stuck gas pedal, jumping out of the car, aiming for a tree or pulling up the emergency brake.

In the end most were either injured or killed. Jamming on the brakes accomplishes little. Brakes will "fade" in a speeding car with the gas full on. At high speed, extreme heat is generated in the brakes, the linings glaze and the drums expand, reducing the stopping power of the brakes.

If you kick the pedal, in an attempt to unjam it, chances are you will only jam it down farther and increase your speed. Turning off the ignition and braking carefully to a stop is the fastest and safest method of bringing a runaway car under control again. Knowing this could save your life. SUDDEN THAWT ... Considering modern day traffic, one might believe we would all be better off reduced to walking rather than all this walking to reduce. POINTS 'n' PLUGS ... Some more things you might have missed by not reading the auto pages: there are at least 1,250,000 oldsters (over 75) still driving today ... electronic scales which can weigh trucks without stopping them are being studied ... who walks? There's a motor vehicle for nearly every two persons in North Carolina ... driver license fees throughout the country range from fifty cents for four years to eight dollars for two years ... the U.S. Post Office is considering a commemorative traffic safety stamp ... running your tires at half the recommended pressure cuts tire life some 78 percent ... three million vehicles checked in last year's national safety-check programs — a half million flunked with defective taillights leading the list ... racing note: eight of the 10 finalists in the 1955 Indianapolis race have since been killed in racing crashes ... by the time you look up and look back at this line your car would have traveled five times its own length at 60 miles an hour ... in Chicago a judge warned a careless pedestrian he was going to revoke his shoes if he appeared again for jaywalking ... four door sedans and two door hardtops are the favorites among new car buyers ... when the gigantic Interstate system is finished it will represent only one percent of the total road and street mileage but will carry 29 percent of all traffic ... most cars

Richard Williams Reports Fox Duty

SUMTER, S. C. — Airman Second Class Richard L. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Williams of 508 S. Candler St., Kings Mountain, N. C., has arrived for duty at Shaw AFB, S. C., after a tour of service in Guam.

Airman Williams is assigned to an Air Force Communications Service (AFCS) unit at Shaw. His organization supports the AFCS mission of maintaining communications for control of global Air Force operations. The airman is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School.

Rural Safety Program Started

What are you doing for rural safety in North Carolina? If you are participating in a special project or assisting a group with safety activities, you should plan to enter the rural safety contest. Dr. Eloise Cofer, chairman of the North Carolina Rural Safety Council and assistant director of the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, says the deadline date for entering the contest is April 1, 1965.

The council will recognize rural organizations as well as individuals for outstanding contributions to accident prevention in the home and on the farm.

Individuals and organizations can carry out safety programs in one or more of the following areas: farm and home pesticide safety; farm machinery safety; home safety; child safety; farm

in the shop are there for top and body repairs ... the gadsabout American public took 257 million trips in 1963, 84 percent of them in an auto ... from scratch a new car spends about 48 hours on the assembly line.

recreation safety (water, camping, gun); safety for the elderly; and safety for the farm family.

Dr. Cofer says the awards are based on nominations and consist of plaques and certificates. All entries should be accompanied by a summary describing the accident problem, the project developed to meet it and the results. Entries will be judged on the quality and merit of the program and its relation to the community's safety problems.

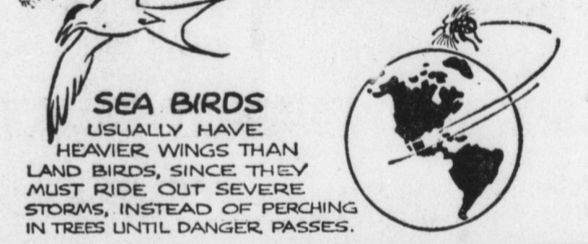
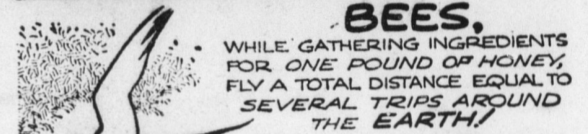
The main objectives of the program are: to achieve greater

safety through better coordinated organization and individual effort; to improve goals, emphasis and effectiveness of accident prevention activities by voluntary organizations; and to recognize significant achievements of rural people in home and farm safety.

For further information on the safety awards program, call the county agricultural Extension office.

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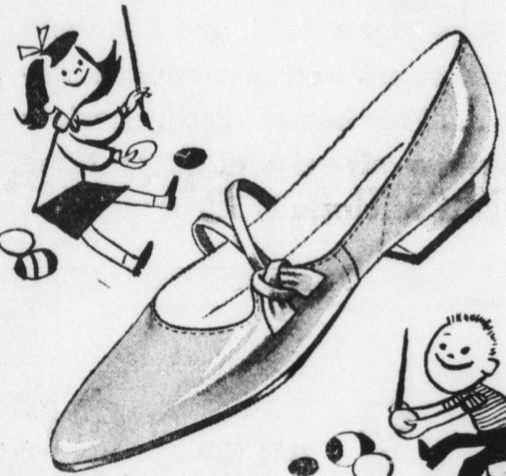
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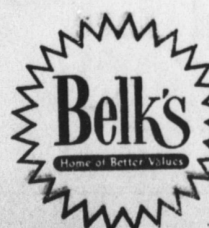
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