

### Spice CABINET

• If you've let your kettle boil dry, here's a good way to eliminate the bad taste that the kettle water has. Fill kettle half full with cold water. Add a couple teaspoons of baking soda and bring to full boil; let it boil for about 10 minutes. Wash inside of kettle in warm, soapy water; then rinse with boiling water.

• To remove rust stains from clothing, squeeze lemon juice over the spots, then let the garment dry completely. Wash in normal manner. If necessary, repeat treatment.

• Before hanging socks and underwear on the clothesline, pin them to a hanger. Then, if it rains before they're dry, it's so easy to carry them in and hang them inside the house.

• The next time you make gravy, white sauce, pie filling, etc., try using a pancake turner for stirring the liquid, rather than a spoon.

## ASC Committee Nominees Asked Deadline Aug. 20 For Petitions

Slates of nominees for membership on ASC community committees are now being established at the ASCS County Office. The present ASC Committee is making a special effort to encourage the greatest possible participation of eligible voters in the election. Any local resident who is eligible to take part in an ASCS farm program may vote and may hold as a committee member regardless of race, color, creed, or national origin.

Charles J. Hamrick, Chairman, Cleveland County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, said today that farmers who are eligible to vote in the committee elections also have the right to nominate as candidates for committee membership any farmer who is eligible and willing to serve. Such petitions, each one nominating one farmer and signed by six or more eligible voters, may be filed at the County Office any time before August 20th. Eligible voters may sign as many petitions as they wish.

Additional nominations may

be made by the incumbent ASC community and county committees.

"We want the best man available to serve on our ASC committees," Chairman Hamrick declared, "because the committee system is the backbone of farm programs — those dealing with conservation of soil and water, as well as the price support activities and various commodities. In the last few years, the farmer-elected committee system — unique in the history of agriculture — has been studied intensively by a committee of farm and public administration experts especially appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture for that purpose. The system not only has been retained, but has been greatly strengthened."

Here in Cleveland County, Mr. Hamrick points out, 3,400 farmers (75% of the total) took part last year in one or more programs administered by the ASC Committee. Funds disbursed under the Committees' supervision last year amounted to \$863,286. Of this amount, \$4,019.58 was for

price-support loans aimed at increasing market returns above what farmers would receive on an unsupported market. Included in the price-support program in this county are such major commodity programs as Wheat, Oats, Barley, among others.

Last year, also, 12,045 acres of farmland were improved under the Agricultural Conservation Program cost-sharing arrangement. This cost \$254,083, with about half coming from the participating farmer, the balance from ACP.

"So you can see that ASC committees in Cleveland County are in effect board members of a big business," the Chairman continued. "This points up the urgency in getting out the greatest possible cross-section of farmers in community elections."

A "farmer eligible to vote in the committee elections," according to the Chairman, is generally a farmer who is eligible to take part in one or more of the national farm programs which the ASC committee helps to administer. A person eligible to hold office as a committeeman is a local resident who is eligible to vote in the election and who meets other qualifications. Further information on these and other qualifications may be ob-



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## Byers Named For AF Course

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — Airman Third Class Roddie W. Byers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Namon H. Byers of Rt. 1, Kings Mountain, N. C., has been selected for technical training at Chanute AFB, Ill., as a U. S. Air Force aircraft maintenance specialist.

## August Traffic Snuffs Out Lives, Motorists Get New Warnings

August traffic last year proved murderously efficient in snuffing out human life and the State Highway Patrol is hoisting new storm warnings against a repeat performance.

The state suffered an incredible 193 highway deaths last August, the highest single-month casualty list in Tar Heel history. The death toll was supplemented by 3500 "seriously" injured and another 1000 who suffered "bruises, sprains or were momentarily knocked unconscious," according to Department of Motor Vehicles' statisticians.

Officials plainly pinned their hopes for cutting the current death toll on re-reading drivers of last August.

The old adage "It won't happen to me" was never more erroneous in light of what did happen and is happening, patrol officers said.

A statistical flashback showed these facts about last August: Sunday was the most dangerous day to be on the roads, Saturday next.

The deadliest hour was from one to two in the morning with 17 deaths counted.

Of the total killed, 25 died on city streets, 72 on US numbered highways, 33 on state numbered roads and 59 on rural roads.

Thirty-one of the victims were pedestrians.

Drivers in the age group under 24 accounted for about half of the mishaps.

Officials warned this August could rival last year in highway fatalities unless extra precautions were taken.

## New Designs In Phone Booths

A quiet revolution in telephone booth design is unobtrusively gathering steam. Its objective is to make the workaday public telephone harmonize with its surroundings, and perhaps provide even a few more flourishes of service for those who deposit the dimes.

Near a curiosity shop on Seattle's waterfront stands a phone booth trimmed with totem poles — totem poles being the decor of the place. Three thousand miles away in New York's Catskill mountains, a woody, cedar-paneled booth awaits any skier who happens to shush in. In the Washington, D. C. area some booths are able to offer information plus communication thanks to porcelain Western Electric has been providing some types of custom installations to meet special requests from the Bell telephone companies. And more new features for phone booths and phone mountings are in the planning stages at Bell Telephone Laboratories. In fact, interest in public telephones that enhance the landscape may well blossom into a unique communications concept aiding millions of American highway travelers, said Bryan Houck, local telephone manager.

## Tooth powders are widely used in Europe.

Plans have been cancelled to mint 45-million silver dollars.

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## Add Zest To Meals With Pickles

Add zest to your meals with plenty of pickles. Bright color and the crisp texture lend interest and sparkle to a meal which might otherwise be bland and uninteresting.

Miss Lola Pritchard, food conservation and marketing specialist for the Agricultural Extension Service at N. C. State University at Raleigh, says the pickle's sweet-sour and spicy flavors are excellent appetite stimulants. They add that certain finishing touch to the good food you serve.

With many watermelons now on the market, it is a good time to prepare watermelon rind pickles for all-year-round good eating.

Prepare 10 to 11 1/2 pounds rind. Be sure to remove all rind and pink part of melon. Dissolve 1 vial lime (11.5 grams) in enough water to cover rind. Soak overnight. Rinse well. Boil rind in salt water (1/2 cup salt) for 20 minutes. Rinse well. Prepare spiced vinegar by using 10 pounds sugar, 1/2 gallon vinegar, 1/2 can whole cloves, 1/2 dozen ginger sticks, and 1/2 can whole allspice. Tie the spices in a spice bag. Add rind to spiced vinegar and boil slowly for two hours. Seal in sterilized jars and process 10 minutes at simmering temperature (about 180 degrees F.).

If you would like a bulletin containing this recipe along with other pickle recipes, contact your local county home economics agent and ask for a free copy of the bulletin on Pickles and Relishes.

## Life Insurance Totals \$1 Billion

Life insurance companies' mortgage investments in North Carolina totaled \$1,068,355,000 at the end of 1964, according to the Institute of Life Insurance.

This was an increase of \$71,34,000 or 7% during the year, in financing of North Carolina homes, apartment buildings, stores, farms and other real estate by the nation's life companies.

The state's year-end total included \$1,012,452,000 in residential and commercial mortgages (up \$99,320,000 or 7% from 1963) and \$45,933,000 in farm mortgages (up \$2,324,000 or 5%).

These are mostly funds set aside to meet the life insurance companies' future obligations to policyholders. Until needed, the money is put to work in the nation's economy, helping to finance the growth of each state. Earnings from these investments help to keep down the cost of life insurance to policyholders.

The life companies' residential and commercial mortgage investments in North Carolina at the end of 1964 included \$597,285,000 in conventional mortgages, \$258,382,000 in home loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration and \$186,685,000 in home loans guaranteed by the Veterans Housing Administration and \$186,685,000 in home loans guaranteed by the Veterans Administration.

These investments covered 80,120 individual mortgages, including 77,270 residential and commercial and 3,150 farm mortgages. The residential and commercial loans included 31,220 conventional, 25,480 F.H.A. and 0,570 V.A. mortgages.

The nation's life insurance companies had \$54,093,534,000 invested in mortgages throughout the United States, an increase of \$4,485,304,000 or 9.1% during 1964.

California had the largest amount, \$7,541,640,000, and showed by far the largest dollar increase over 1963, Texas was second, with \$5,424,507,000. New York was third, with \$3,269,057,000. Illinois with \$2,565,388,000 and Ohio with \$2,415,873,000 were fourth and fifth.

Loans in Canada and Puerto Rico and other countries brought the total mortgage investments of U. S. life insurance companies to \$55,152,364,000.