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 (News items this week from Orange, Cleveland, Rockingham and Columbus counties.)
DO-IT-YOURSELF FURNISHINGS
 Do-it-yourself furnishings projects can save money and make the house more comfortable and attractive, reminds Mrs. Bonnie B. Davis, home economics Extension agent, Orange County.
 One county homemaker, Mrs. M. C. Burt, Sr., redecorated a dining room chair at a workshop. "This reupholstery job added many more years of service to the chair," she said.
 "There are so many useful skills one can learn in workshops of this sort," Mrs. Burt observed. The cost of reviving that chair was greatly reduced by the do-it-yourself plan.
 Mrs. Burt plans to conduct local reupholstery workshops in her community. There is a need for more of our young homemakers to learn these types of skills, she believes.
 "Learning and using these skills will help them provide a more comfortable and pleasant home for their families," pointed out Mrs. Burt.
USE OF BLENDER
 Many homemakers leave their blenders on the kitchen counter when they could be making short

work of many tedious and time-consuming jobs.
 So members of Extension Homemakers clubs in Cleveland County are studying the "selection, care and use of the blender."
 This program helps homemakers know what to look for when se-

lecting a blender and how to use it effectively, Jessie Ann Wingo, home economics Extension agent, states.
PROGRAM IS POPULAR
 The House Furnishings program in Rockingham County has been very popular and is now considered essential for low-income families, notes Mrs. Zadie V. Jackson, home economics Extension agent, Rockingham County.
 Since launching the bedding program in 1968, four county-wide exhibits and 17 workshops have been held.
 Among those trained to make mattresses were Extension homemakers, young homemakers, vocational home economics teachers, students, ministers, welfare offi-


dials, aides and their recipients.
 The bedding program has reached far into the county, not only with mattress making, but with bedding buymanship.
 This desire for better bedding has developed better attitudes as well as pride in the home and surroundings. This program has saved Rockingham County low-income families hundreds of dollars already and there is a continuing demand for training.
NO FURNITURE—NO PROBLEM
 Due to a remodeling project, there was no furniture in the J. P. Gainey's living room. And it was the Columbus County homemaker's month to hostess her Extension club meeting.
 Did she ask someone to substi-

tute for her? No. She decided to make the most of what she didn't have.
 Arriving guests were invited to remove their shoes and put on handmade sandals fashioned from cardboard and old hose. Then they were ushered into a living room that was decorated in an oriental motif. There were low tables made from cardboard boxes, cushions on the floor for seating and paper flowers and lanterns. The hostess served hot tea and cookies.
 Mrs. Gainey made the best of

an unavailable situation, points out Mrs. Elaine Blake, home economics Extension agent. And the guests learned something about the customs of another country.
ROTARY CLUB
 Henry Fowler will be guest speaker at Thursday's noon meeting of the Kings Mountain County club at 12:15. Dick Shaney is program chairman.
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