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by Jan Christensen

(News items this week from Columbus, McDowell, Rowan and Durham counties.)

STRENGTHEN FAMILY TIES

A successful do-it-together project may help to strengthen family ties.

Dwayne Reagan, Columbus County, enrolled in an Extension refinishing workshop. He asked if his mother could join him and later they asked if another brother and sister could come along.

The result: each family member refinished the chair he used

at the table. As the family left the four-day workshop, they were planning to work together to refinish an old pie safe.

Working together, developing love and respect for each other, has helped Mrs. Reagan, a widow, keep control of her teenagers, believes Mrs. Elaine N. Blake, home economics Extension agent, Rowan County, says.

PLANTS FOR REST HOME

The lives of 20 elderly persons at a McDowell County rest home were made more cheerful by members of the Cross Mill Extension Homemakers Club.

During a workshop the ladies made dish gardens. Later they gave them to rest home patients to enjoy and to look after, Rachel L. Keisler, home economics Extension agent, reports.

KEEPS AT IT

Mrs. Betty Chester, Holmes St., Salisbury, did not consider the Extension refinishing workshop she attended a "one-shot"

deal.

She's been applying what she learned ever since. In the year following the workshop, Mrs. Chester refinished two end tables, a coffee table, a rocking chair, eight dining room chairs and two wash stands.

Her next project is a large oak dining room table, Edith Hinchshaw, home economics Extension agent, Rowan County, says.

RENT GARDEN SPACE

Just because you live in the city, don't give up the idea of having a garden. Instead consider this suggestion from Mrs. Pearl Holeman, her brothers and sisters, all of Durham.

The family rented garden space outside the city, shared the expenses for seeds and fertilizer and worked together to plant and to take care of the garden.

"Later they harvested plenty of vegetables for eating fresh and for canning and freezing," Mrs. Mary Jane Whitmore, associate Extension home economics agent, notes.

Mrs. Holeman believes other urban dwellers might try a similar arrangement next year.

Cancer Seminar For Nurses Set October 9

BOILING SPRINGS — A \$500 nursing scholarship to attend Gardner-Webb College's School of Nursing has been given by the Rutherford County Cancer Society. The scholarship will be an annual gift and will be given to a worthy student who plans to attend the nursing school. The be announced at a later date. recipient of the scholarship will be announced at a later date.

Gardner-Webb has a two-year nursing program which offers an Associate in Arts Degree in Nursing. This year the nursing school has seventy students enrolled with thirty-eight in the freshman class. The nursing school was established in 1965 and has had four classes to graduate. Mrs. Grace Lee, Director of the school of nursing.

The presentation was made to Dr. E. Eugene Poston, president of Gardner-Webb College, by Andy Blanton of Forest City, president of the Rutherford County Cancer Society.



GARDEN TIME
m. e. gardner
n. c. state college

If your gardenia plants did not bloom well this summer, you can blame it on the extremely low temperatures last winter. Some plants were badly damaged, others almost killed. If they made it through the summer, we can hope for better luck next year.

I have been closely observing four nice plants at a friend's home. One was so badly damaged that we cut it back severely. Three others, better protected, fared better but only produced four or five blossoms. The one we pruned severely has come out real well.

If you would like to try "gibbing" some camellia buds, now is a good time to start. By treating a few flower buds every 10 days to two weeks, the opening of the flowers will be hastened. I would wait a while before treating the earliest varieties.

You can get larger blossoms on camellias by disbudding; much the same as for chrysanthemum and roses. The leaf (vegetative) buds are smaller than the flower buds and more pointed. The flower buds are larger and more rounded.

In some varieties, the flower

buds are inclined to cluster. In this case, remove the smaller buds. Disbudding is only desirable for the production of large flowers. If you want a profusion of bloom, disbudding is not necessary.

Now is a good time to check your yard for needed improvements — bad spots in the lawn, shrubs that have outgrown their locations, new plantings that are needed — to name a few. You might also look around the community and become involved in a beautification project — school, church, business, roadside parks, or recreation area.

Take especially good care of your roses if you want good flowers to exhibit at your local fair or garden show. Disbud for larger flowers and keep the sprayer busy in the constant fight against insects and diseases. Imperfect leaves will not put you out of competition.

Clean out the vegetable and flower gardens as plants mature and become unproductive — faded annuals and old tomato, bean and corn plants. They are unsightly and may be harboring disease and insect pests.

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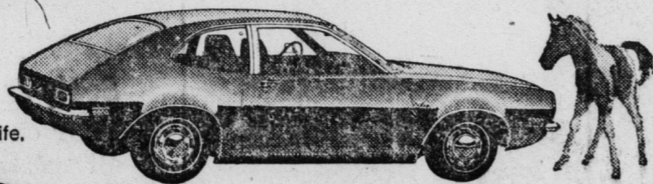
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