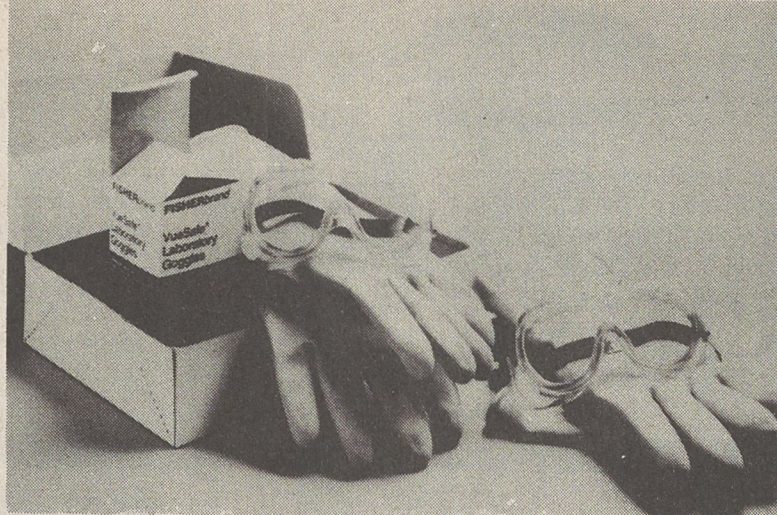




MAKE AMERICA FARMS SAFE—Dave Althaus, coordinator of Monsanto's farm chemical safety programs, says that a major campaign launched by state FFA chapters will increase awareness of farm safety and the need for safe handling of farm chemicals.



SAFETY CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED BY FFA—Future Farmers at KM Senior High School are joining other chapters in the state in a major effort to increase awareness of farm safety and the need for safe handling of farm chemicals. Kits, above, will be offered by the chapter through April 30th.

Local FFA Chapter Participating In National Farm Safety Effort

Future Farmers of America (FFA) chapters throughout North Carolina, including Kings Mountain, have joined a major effort to increase awareness of farm safety and the need for safe handling of farm chemicals. To help reduce the potential user exposure to agricultural chemicals, FFA chapters are selling two pairs of safety goggles and two pairs of gloves in kits called "2+2 Handy Packs" in time for spring planting. Kits,

which include a 16-page brochure on farm chemical safety will be sold through April 30 by participating FFA chapters at a minimum cost to farmers.

The program, sponsored by Monsanto, was developed to heighten awareness in the farm community of the importance of using protective equipment when handling agricultural chemicals.

According to Dave Althaus, coordinator of Monsanto's farm chemical safety programs, it is possible to

significantly reduce the risk of exposure by merely using proper protective equipment. "Wearing gloves and goggles when handling farm chemicals, or while adjusting and repairing equipment, is perhaps the single most important step a farmer can take to reduce exposure to hands or eyes," he says.

Through this program, both Monsanto and the FFA have renewed their commitment to make America's farms a safer environment, Althaus reports. "The FFA organization is particularly important in this effort since it can serve as a powerful and influential voice on behalf of farm safety in the local community."

The 2+2 Handy Pak Program was first introduced in 1986 on a trial basis in Illinois, Iowa and Minnesota. Based on FFA chapter response the sales results, the program was expanded last year to eight midwest states. For 1988, FFA chapters in 16 states are eligible to participate in the safety program.

The program has rewards for everybody involved," Althaus observes. "FFA chapters have the opportunity to participate in a major community safety project, Monsanto has a meaningful way to help promote farm chemical safety, and farmers receive important safety protection equipment at a bargain. With the continued help and support of state and local FFA organizations, we look forward to an extremely successful program in 1988."

Participating FFA chapters purchase the 2+2 Handy Paks from Monsanto at cost, with all profits from the sale remaining with the local chapter. In each state, qualifying chapters also are eligible to win cash awards, ranging from \$100 to \$500 based on sales records.

For more information on the 2+2 Handy Pak Program, contact a representative of the KMSHS FFA chapter.

Mark Plumley Is Awarded USAF Commendation Medal

Capt. Mark B. Plumley, son of Klugh B. and Joyce E. Plumley of 417 Maner Road, Kings Mountain, has been decorated with the Air Force Commendation Medal at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam.

The Air Force Commendation Medal is awarded to those individuals who

demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Air Force.

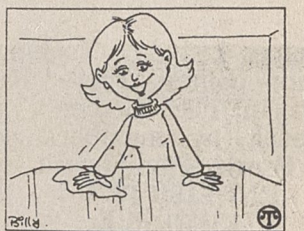
Plumley is a contract planning chief with the 43rd Civil Engineering Squadron.

He is a 1982 graduate of North Carolina State University.

Hints For Homemakers

Fine Furniture Care

For most families, the investment in furniture represents the fourth-largest budget item. Only their home, automobile and the cost of education exceed the dollars invested in furniture. The home and automobile may be exchanged for new ones and the cost of education is rationalized in life's success. But, furniture is frequently purchased with the thought that it will achieve heirloom status.



Given proper care, quality wood furniture can provide generations of use. Research scientists at Johnson Wax offer these care suggestions:

- **Protect the finish**—Furniture is sealed during the manufacturing process to protect the wood. Proper care involves protection of the finish. Pledge furniture polish provides a high, lustrous shine and helps protect the finish from everyday wear, spots and spills. It complements the natural luster of the finish and enriches the wood grain.
- **Avoid troublemakers**—Place furniture out of direct sunlight and away from direct sources of heat and humidity. When dusting, use a furniture polish or Duster Plus cleaning and dusting aid to moisten the dust cloth. The moistened cloth will pick up and hold fine, abrasive dust

particles that could scratch and dull the finish.

- **Prevent moisture damage**—Left unattended, moisture from wet items can penetrate the finish and stain the wood beneath it. Use coasters under beverage glasses, saucers under cups and potted plants. If spills occur, blot up moisture as quickly as possible—before it has a chance to penetrate the finish.
- **Keep it clean**—Cleaning ingredients in most care products provide safe cleaning for the finish and prevent build-up by softening and removing wax along with soil. Soiled cloths that may be damp with product cannot clean, so re-fold them to a clean area or exchange them for fresh ones.

For a free furniture care pamphlet, send a postcard to Johnson Wax, P.O. Box 8N, Racine, Wisconsin 53401. The pamphlet includes a coupon good for 25 cents off any Johnson Wax furniture care product.



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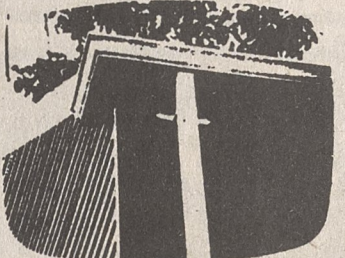
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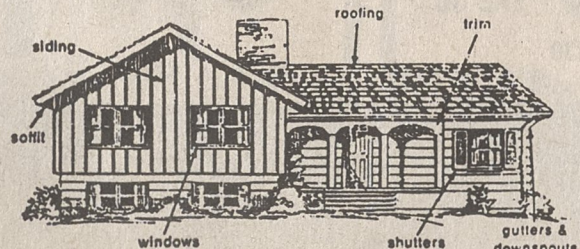
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