

TIMELY TIPS

BY COUNTY AGENT HOME ECONOMISTS

FLAMMABLE BERETS AND SCARVES - If a beret or scarf is on your Christmas list, be alert to Federal Trade Commission warnings about some dangerously flammable berets and scarves. The FTC has found some women's and girls' imported chenille berets to be dangerously flammable. The berets have been imported from Italy and are generally composed of varying percentages of acrylic, rayon and cotton. The berets come in a wide variety of colors; some have a pom-pom and others do not. FTC has stopped the manufacturers and wholesalers from selling these berets, but many had been sold to retailers before their flammable nature was known. Numerous warnings have been made on 27" square scarves labeled "Triple Sheer," all rayon and made in Japan. They have been tested and found to be dangerously flammable. Many have been sold to retailers before their flammability was known.

CEDAR TREES - Landowners, with cedar trees to small to be cut for posts and waiting for later use, should trim the limbs to prevent their destruction by Christmas tree hunters.

FARM STORAGE LOANS - Now is a good time for farmers to consider their needs for on-farm storage of small grains, corn, and soybeans. Farm storage facility and drying equipment loans can cover up to 85 percent of

out-of-pocket costs. These loans can cover up to 85 percent of out-of-pocket costs. These loans are repayable in four annual installments over a period of five years. The first installment is due one year from the date the loan is made. Storage is a responsibility of the farmer and a price support loan cannot be obtained without storage. Interested farmers should contact the County ASCS office for an explanation of the details and requirements for farm storage facility and drying equipment loans.

TO CLEAN FOOD GRATERS AND PARERS - Always use a small brush to clean food graters and parers. You will save wear and tear on hands and dish cloth.

EMPTY PESTICIDE CONTAINERS - They are constantly a source of danger. Let me encourage farmers who have large containers to bring them to the county solid waste disposal area at the county chain gang. There they will be buried deeply.

STAMPS STUCK - Stamps stuck together can be separated by putting a piece of paper over them and running a hot iron over it.

The long, double-edged "saw" of the sawfish exhibited at Marineland of Florida is equipped with from 24 to 32 pairs of teeth. The sawfish, unless provoked, is not considered dangerous to man.



DAN WILSON
Wilson Named PCA Manager

Dan E. Wilson has been unanimously elected by the board of directors of the Palmetto Production Credit Association to become Branch Office Manager of the Laurens office, according to Dick Suggs, General Manager.

In commenting on the hiring of Mr. Wilson, Suggs said that the association is fortunate in being able to secure a person of Wilson's calibre, agricultural and educational background.

Wilson was reared in Trenton, Florida, and has had experience in crop farming and seed processing and cattle. He is a recent graduate from the University of Florida with a BS Degree in Agricultural Economics.

Mr. Mike Hughes, who has been previously splitting his time between the Laurens and Newberry offices, has been transferred to the Newberry office full time and Mr. Wilson will operate the Laurens office on a full-time basis, according to Suggs. Suggs said that the association had recently moved into their new quarters located at 918 West Main Street in Laurens and he feels that with their new office and the addition of Mr. Wilson to the staff, along with the full-time secretary, Mrs. Jean O. Miller, the Association is now in an excellent position to serve the short and intermediate term credit needs of the farmers of Laurens County.

Farm Bureau Shows Membership Increase

South Carolina Farm Bureau membership hit an alltime high of 30,856 family members during 1970, according to reports submitted by the County Farm Bureaus during the recent 27th Annual Meeting in Charleston.

This is an increase of 200 members over last year, and President David Sloan called it "an indication that farmers have decided to speak for themselves rather than allowing someone else to do it for them." This final membership for 1970 indicated ten years of continuous growth for the state's largest general farm organization.

Approximately 1,000 persons attended the annual meeting and many described it as the best ever. Mr. T. J. Copeland, Mrs. Philip W. Rogers, Miss Alma Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. J. Herman Power, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Mahon, Mr. Richard Tate, Mrs. Agnes Bailey, Mrs. Barbara Martinix, Mrs. Robert Campbell, Miss Kim Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Tollison and Miss Sue Tollison were in attendance from Laurens County. Speakers included Florida Farm Bureau Executive Vice President John C. Lynn, and America Farm Bureau Field Services Director

Warren Newberry. Lynn addressed a Joint Luncheon on Friday and Newberry spoke to the Young Peoples' Luncheon on Saturday.

In the Senior Talent Contest-Susan Player of Sumter County won with a baton twirling act; Molly Mitchell of Saluda was second with a singing and piano performance; and Susan Hogan, Lancaster County, was third with a ventriloquist act. Junior Talent winners included - Darlene Spanne of Sumter County, placing first with a violin solo; Charles Ruff of Newberry, second place winner with a song and skit; and Converse Cone and Patty Householder of Saluda County, who placed third with a dance routine.

In the Queen contest, Miss Kathy Joe Kneese of Aiken County was named winner. First runner-up was Miss Lyn Edmunds of York County; and second runner-up was Miss Alma Rogers of Laurens County.

More than 100 policy recommendations were considered by the voting delegates during the business session...with primary concerns of the group being organized farm labor, pesticides, marketing techniques, and taxation of farm land. Recommendations are developed at the grass roots level in County Farm Bureau annual meetings, and forwarded to the State Annual Meeting for consideration.

Also during the business session, President David Sloan was re-elected for a three year term. Other officers re-elected were Vice President E. B. Funderburk of Lancaster, and

Director-at-Large L. D. Brown of Spartanburg taking first place.

The annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation is scheduled for Houston, Texas on December 6-10; traveling with the South Carolina members will be Mrs. Agnes Bailey, Secretary of Laurens County Farm Bureau.

Leaves Make Fine Mulch For Garden

BY M. L. OUTZ COUNTY AGENT

This is the time of year when the yards of Laurens County become covered with leaves and needles. This is nature's way of protecting the tree to withstand the cold weather. The tree will drop its leaves to the soil so that they will return to the soil in form of humus. This humus then furnishes nutrients to this tree. This is a self supporting cycle. The tree then sleeps, or goes through a dormant period, before another cycle begins. Most of the homeowners will rake these leaves and literally hundreds of tons will be burned to go off into the atmosphere.

Considering the fact that our soils are naturally poor, whether it be where the trees grow, in the vegetable gardens, or the open fields, this material should be returned to the soil.

Considering the long droughts that we have this is as important



"Recognize me lady? I'm your son James...the one you abandoned to first grade this morning..."

from the standpoint of moisture conservation as it is from a nutritional point of view. So mulches or organic matter has two main functions. One is to supply a constant source of available nutrients. The other is to improve the physical condition of the soil. This includes moisture holding capacity.

I want to suggest that our homeowners make a compost pile and use this in your gardens, around shrubbery and flower beds. Here's what to use. Let's suppose you have 300 pounds of leaves. With this 300 pounds add at 30 to 40 pounds of Dolomitic Limestone. This limestone contains a great many of the minor elements. It is purchased in 100 pound bags at your fertilizer dealers. To this add 25 pounds of superphosphate, and, also, add 25 to 35 pounds of ammonium nitrate. Make a pile of this in such a way that it will NOT shed water. In other words, it should be open at the top so that water will be forced to penetrate. If this compost pile is in the open then a small amount of soil can be spread over the pile. This composting process should be allowed to continue for several months. In other words, next spring it could be applied as mulch. Or, it could be dug in the soil.

You gardeners take note of this and gather your leaves from the streets of Laurens if you don't have any of your own. You'll be proud you did when the drought comes next summer.

Conservationists Attend Annual Convention

BY K. E. STRUCK SOIL CONSERVATIONIST

The South Carolina Association of Conservation District Commissioners attended their 30th annual convention this week. The convention climaxed the year's activities for the commissioners.

Registration began at 8 a.m. Tuesday at the Wade Hampton Hotel in Columbia. The convention continued through Wednesday.

W. B. Camp, world renowned agricultural leader of Bakersfield, California, was the keynote speaker at the first session Tuesday.

The theme of this year's convention was "The Role of Conservation Districts in South Carolina's Future."

The conference participants include H. E. Clinkenbeard, Assistant Director, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, Waukesha, Wisconsin; John Jackson, Conservation Consultant, State Department of Education, on "Conservation Districts' Role in Regional Planning"; R. C. Barnes, of the Engineering Division, Soil Conservation Service, Washington, D. C. on "Conservation Districts' Role in Pollution Abatement" and Leslie Morgan, President of the South Carolina Association of Future Farmers of America, "Working with Youth." District Commissioners attending from Laurens County are Chairman Ryan F. Lawson, J. E. Tinsley, Milton Blakely, Horace Martin and Rev. Guy H. Smith, Jr., District Chaplain.

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DEODORANT 1 OZ.

SECRET SPRAY 69c

DAYTIME PAMPERS 30'S BOX \$1.49

ANTISEPTIC

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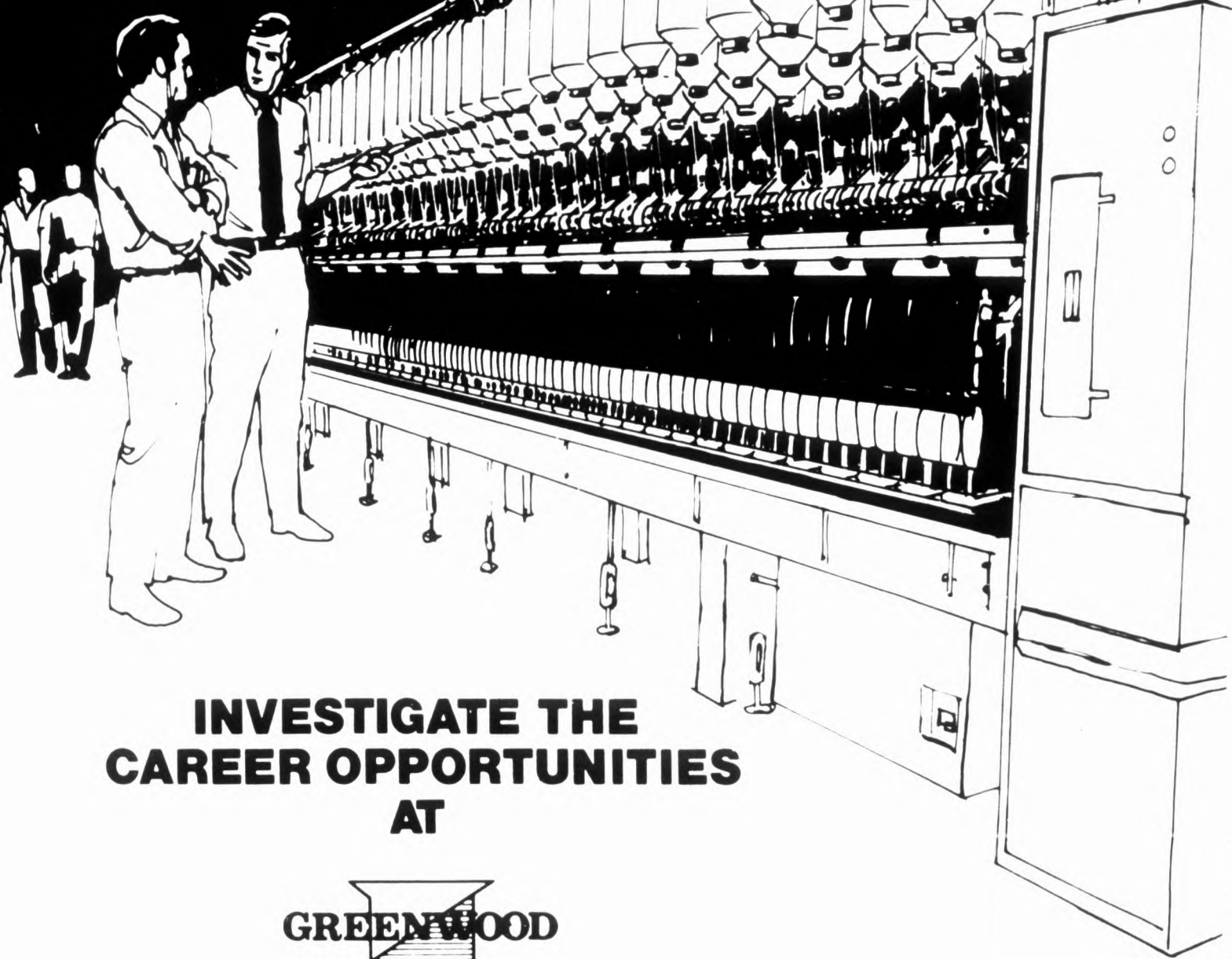
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