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## Messick Gets Chamber Of Commerce Outstanding Citizen Award

HARRINGTON - The largest crowd in the history of the Harrington Chamber of Commerce dinners witnessed Walter Messick of Harrington being named the first recipient of the Outstanding Citizen Award.

With him during the affair were members of his family. His loyal and devoted wife, Marie, was where she has always been through the years... at his side.

Messick was cited by the Chamber's President, Carl June, for his outstanding personal service, as well as financial contribution, to the community. He is a member of the Harrington Lions Club, Harrington Chamber of Commerce, Harrington Volunteer Fire Company, Director of Milford Memorial Hospital, Vice President of Delaware State Fair, Director of Harrington Raceway, Lake Forest FFA, DelMar Tractors Pull Association, sponsor of softball teams, stock cars, co-founder with his wife Marie of the Messick Family Antique Farm Machinery Museum. In addition to this, Messick has personally put his time and effort into the establishment of the State Antique Farm Machinery Museum. He serves as a vice president in that organization.

Messick spoke briefly to the audience gathered saying, "...there are others here tonight who are more deserving of this award than me. I have helped people because they have in turn been helpful to me. There isn't anyone here that I have asked to do something for me that they have not done

it." He added that "...I moved here 34 years ago when Eddie Taylor asked me to come to work for him." He credited Taylor for giving him the opportunity.

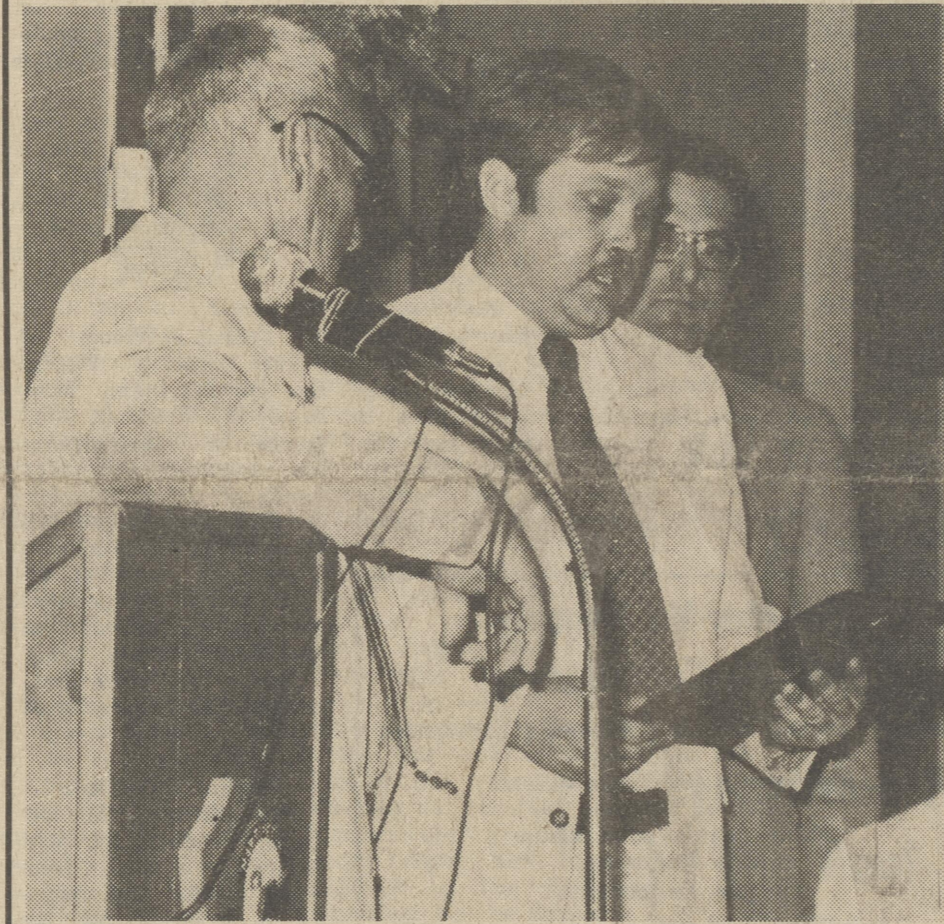
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Messick has received other awards during his residence in Harrington. He was cited as an Outstanding Citizen when the CKRT American Legion Post #7 gave such awards. He also received similar awards from the Burrsville Ruritan Club, a gold card from the Harrington Volunteer Fire Company, and a gold watch from that organization for outstanding service.

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Walter Messick [right] proudly displays the plaque he received honoring him as Harrington's Outstanding Citizen. Messick received the plaque at the first annual dinner which was sponsored by the Harrington Chamber of Commerce and held at the Twin Roads Restaurant. Standing next to Messick is his wife, Marie. [Staff Photo by Ray Blanchette]



Mayor of Harrington Arthur "Buck" Cahall [center] presents Mr. Walter Messick with the Outstanding Citizen Award at Monday night's dinner sponsored by the Harrington Chamber of Commerce. Standing in the background is the president of the Chamber, Mr. Carl June. [Staff Photo by Ray Blanchette]

## Chamber Of Commerce Hosts Awards Banquet

HARRINGTON - The Harrington Chamber of Commerce holding its first night meeting in over a decade hosted more than 150 people who came to hear who was the fortunate one to be selected as the "Outstanding Citizen of Harrington". In an overwhelming vote, Walter Messick of this City was so honored.

Special guests at this planned annual affair were State Senator Nancy Cook, and State Representative Ronald Darling, and President of the Levy Court William Paskey. Strong messages were given by Chamber President Carl June and from the Mayor at the community, Arthur B. (Buck) Cahall, III. The central theme of these two

speakers was that Harrington needs to grow. June said he "...sensed a spirit in the community in the past two years that indicated to him that the community wanted to do more, and that the Chamber needed to be a voice in City government which represented the business and industrial sector. June went further to add that the Chamber needed more members.

David Jones, Cashier and Executive V.P. of the 1st National Bank of Harrington acted as moderator and introduced the speakers. Paskey said the tax rate for the County was the lowest in the country at 31c per \$100, and they did not intend to raise the rate in the near future.

## Houston To Hold Special Meeting On News Ordinance

HOUSTON -- The Houston Town Council will hold a special meeting on Monday night at the Houston Fire Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the matter of the controversial ordinance relating to news releases. The matter relates to "a motion" made by Councilman Ted Yerkes that said in effect that releases to

the news media should be a joint one by the Councilmen and that no Councilman should make any statements to the news media.

Other matters to be discussed will be awarding the contract for trash removal, a selection of a Treasurer and Secretary and a Town audit.

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## Gov. DuPont Signs Executive Order Restructuring LF East Elementary Building

HARRINGTON - The Lake Forest District Office through its representative Deputy Superintendent, Mel Luff, that Conventional Builders of Harrington had been awarded the construction contract to begin operations immediately to restructure the burned out area of the East Elementary School. According to Luff, "...they were the only ones who inquired about the job." The construction bid was for \$237,566, which was approved by the Board subject to approval of the State Insurance Commissioner's Office. This was all made possible by an Executive Order by Gov.

Pierre DuPont, IV, who acted immediately in eliminating any need for unnecessary red tape in the required bidding process. In a letter the day following the fire, Luff wrote the Governor's office and informed them of the need for eliminating the bid requirements so that no time would be wasted in bringing about the need for getting the building enclosed to avoid weather damage and also insure that no delays would be experienced in starting classes next September. Because the procedures for bidding were eliminated, this did not mean, according to the School District,

that certain contractors would be cut out or eliminated. The procedure would be fair and equitable under this plan.

The damage to the building due to the fire was contained in the central section but there was also damage to the adjoining areas in the ceilings and the floors of these sections. One very expensive item that was totally damaged was the folding partition in the gymnasium area. It will have to be replaced. With the approval of the State's Insurance Office, work will begin in about three weeks according to Pearce Thompson of Conventional Builders of Harrington.

## Teachers To Be Riffed

## School Board Votes To Impose Attendance In Area Of Residence

FELTON - The Lake Forest School Board on Monday night voted to impose the requirement of school attendance in the area of their residence. Recently the Board and District voted to redistrict the District and send more students to East Elementary School in Frederica by taking them away from the Lake Forest North at Felton. As one school official said, "...it is designed to give more balance to the two schools. There were too many at North...and this way we can balance it out."

The decision has been a controversial one because some of the parents want their children to continue to attend the school they have been attending. Still others don't want the change because as one mother has told *The Journal* it would mean a loss of her babysitter (Mrs. Peyton at Canterbury). Mrs. Peyton's house was formerly in the Felton District, but under this new plan, she would be in the Frederica District. Those who use her as a babysitter and live in the Felton District will have to make some other arrangements, unless as one school spokesman said, "...she could still

keep the children and transport them to a spot in the Felton District to be picked up or let off."

Board member Albert Price voted against the motion.

The Board in other business voted to Riff 12 first year teachers. No names were given, nor any plan for selection of those 12 who would be dismissed.

In other business, the Board imposed certain driving regulations on the school property such as: no student shall drive a vehicle on the school

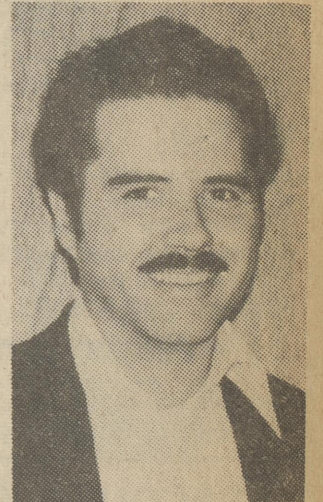
premises before 7:30 a.m. without permission; once driving on the campus park the car and enter the building and no driving around school, and when leaving school property, get in the vehicle and leave immediately.

The Board also voted to not allow a former classmate who has transferred to another school district to march in the graduation procession at Lake Forest. Retirements of James Mason and Gardner Kersey were announced as of July 1st.

## Lake Forest Teacher Named Judge In National Award Writing Program

The National Council of Teachers of English announces the appointment of William Warren, English Department, Lake Forest High School, Felton, as a regional judge for the 1978 NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing Program. Through this nationally recognized competition, now in its 21st year, approximately 800 high school seniors are cited for excellence

in writing and are recommended to colleges and universities for admission and for financial aid, if needed. NCTE also honors teachers and schools that have participated in the training of these young



William Warren

men and women. Seven thousand students have been nominated for NCTE Awards in 1978. Results of the contest are announced in October of each year.

Students are nominated for Achievement Awards in Writing by their high school English departments and are chosen for recognition by state judging committees. (Each nominee submits an impromptu theme and a sample of his or her best writing to be judged.) The regional judging committees are composed of both high school and college teachers of English who work under the direction of state coordinators.

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## Kent County Levy Court Faces Backwash From Sewer Projects

By Molly Murray  
Mention sewers at a Kent County Levy Court meeting these days and you've brought up a sore subject. Tuesday, April 11, Kent County Engineer, Walter Fritz, presented his department report to the Levy Court Commissioners. Following his report, which included such dismal news as a separation in a sewer line in Smyrna, Fritz fielded questions from the commissioners concerning the alleged damage caused by Renda Construction Co. at the sewer construction site at Issacs Branch.

According to Fritz, the problem in Smyrna was a displaced coupling. He said that the cause of this displacement has not yet been determined. However, he indicated that it might have been caused by road vibrations. He

also suggested that the coupling might not have been placed correctly in the first place.

In regards to the problems at the Issacs Branch sewer site, Fritz indicated that all possible measures are being taken to correct the problem.

Levy Court Commissioner Donald Culver claimed that much of the problem with the Issacs Branch Sewer District was the result of "Half statements in the newspapers." He said that reports in the newspapers were confusing the issues.

Don Jacobs of the Felton Town Council is worried, however. "The timing is so bad," he said, in regard to this publicity on the sewers. "It isn't going to help Felton any," he said. He explained

## Sussex Council to Establish Utility Use Rates

By Molly Murray  
Sussex County Council voted to contract the services of Black and Vedch Utility Accounting Systems Tuesday, April 18. The firm will be paid a fee not to exceed \$125,190.12.

This firm is being employed to set utility use charges for the sewer districts of Bethany, South Bethany, and Dewey Beach. The firm will identify billing units and establish utility charges for utility use, according to County Engineer, Fred McKee.

In addition, it is hoped that this firm, which is headquartered in Kansas City, Mo., will help the county develop a long range billing system.

McKee indicated that the county might have put the cart before the horse in regards to the three sewer districts that need

to have rates established. He said that usually rates are set before people hook up to the sewer. In this case, however, people have been asked to hook up to the sewer network by May 1. McKee said that they have been given ball park estimates of what they will be charged.

No rates will be charged until a billing system is established and a public hearing is held, McKee explained. Rates will be charged from the date of hook-up.

In order to diffuse the blow of an accumulated bill, McKee assured councilmen that the cost would be spread out over a four year period. At this time the people in Bethany and South Bethany have been receiving service for about a year without any billing.

Council also voted to grant a zone change to Nanticoke Homes, Inc. This change of zoning will allow for expansion of Nanticoke Home, Inc.'s established site.

According to Conaway this site is just about one mile south of the Kent County line. He said it bordered the conrail tracks.

In other business, the council authorized the signing of a rental contract with the State of Delaware. The state will be renting 18,247 square feet in the county court house and 10,479 feet in the family court building. The state has agreed to pay \$3.76 per square foot. The present lease establishes that the state will pay \$3.11 per square foot.

## Harrington Postmaster Hospitalized

Howard Dill, the Postmaster at Harrington Post Office, was taken to Milford Memorial Hospital Friday night around midnight. He was suffering with chest pains. He was placed in the intensive care unit and as of Tuesday, was listed in serious condition. The medical diagnosis is incomplete at this time.

### Local Interest

By Edythe Hearn

Leonard Taylor is a patient in Milford Hospital. Mrs. Robert Wix is reported to be on the sick list this week. Mrs. Theodore Harrington entertained at bridge last Friday. Mr. and Mrs. John Donovan of Wilmington were Friday overnight guests of Mrs. Donovan's mother, Mrs. Howard Anthony. Ernest Brown of Denton spent Friday with his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Anthony.

Frank O'Neal has been transferred from Milford Hospital CC unit to Peninsula Hospital CC unit in Salisbury, Md. Mrs. Genna Hobbs is in Milford Hospital. Mrs. Elizabeth Cahall has been transferred from Courtland Manor rest home to the West nursing home near Sandtown. Howard Dill is reported to have had a heart attack Friday and is now in Milford Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Anthony of Bear visited

his mother, Pearl Anthony and all had dinner at the Twin Roads Restaurant Sunday. Mrs. Edna Mae Moore fell in her bath tub and broke a leg; she is in Milford Hospital. Mrs. Frank Winkler is among the sick this week. Mrs. Clarence Anthony and daughter, Gail, and Mrs. Elma Brown visited Mr. and Mrs. Goatee Brown Tuesday. Mrs. Blanche Mitchell spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. William Dodd in Dover. She also visited Patsie Sweeny. Mrs. Josephine Burke, Mrs. Sally Needles and Mrs. Elizabeth Anthony visited in Dover Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Harold McDonald and Mrs. Kelly visited their daughter Susan and son-in-law Keith Deutsch in Palmyra, N.Y. Sunday. After spending several months in Florida, Mr. and Mrs. James Cain have returned to Harrington and are residing in a trailer home on the town. Mrs. Sally Needles and Mrs. Elizabeth Anthony

visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Robinson of Adams Cross Roads Sunday. Mrs. Edith Massey is in Milford Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Brobst have returned home from a trip to Charlestown, S.C., Disney World, Key West and St. Petersburg, Fla. While at Disney World they met former Harringtonian, Louis Larramore Jones. People, I am still waiting for you to call 398-3729 with any kind of news for my newsletter. Mrs. Luster Rogers attended the burial services at Harbeson, Del., last Monday of her cousin Mrs. Fanny Hodgson of Ocean City, N.J. Mrs. Grace Howard, Lynn Ann Glanden and Mrs. Betty Glanden visited friends and relatives in Virginia Beach, Edevton, Windsor and Williamston, N.C. and returned home by Williamsburg, Va. Mrs. Francis Silver of Dover and Mrs. Norma Minner of Harrington were in Richmond, Va., at the Jefferson Hotel this past weekend.

### Sandra Aiken, Harrington Native, To Perform

Miss Delaware, Sandra Aiken, a University of Delaware senior music major from Seaford, will be featured soprano soloist at a concert of the University's Wind Ensemble set for 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, at the Seaford Junior High School.

The Wind Ensemble will be under the direction of Dr. David P. Blackinton, an associate professor of music at the university. Miss Aiken will present the selections, "Si mi chiamano Mimi" from Puccini's "La Boheme" and "Cara Nome" from Verdi's "Rigoletto."

### Notice

All water customers of the City of Harrington, the city will flush fire hydrants Thursday and Friday of this week. As a result, you may experience rusty water. Let the water run until clear flow returns. City of Harrington



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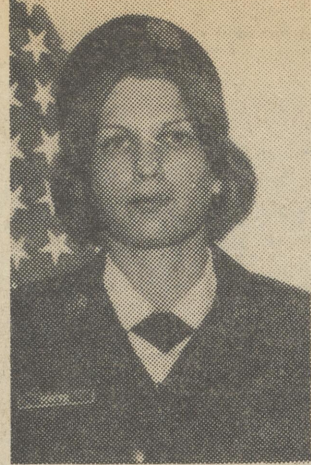
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### Armed Service News




**Mary E. Porter**  
Airman Mary E. Porter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin H. Coleman of Fayetteville, N.C., has been assigned to Chanute AFB, Ill., after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland AFB, Tex., the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special instruction in human relations. Completion of this training earned the individual credits towards an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Airman Porter will now receive specialized training in the aircraft equipment maintenance field. The airman is a 1975 graduate of Pine Forest Senior High School. Her husband, Clayton, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Milligan of Camden-Wyoming.

During this cruise, Foster is scheduled to participate in several training exercises with other Seventh Fleet units and those of allied nations. Foster is 563 feet long, displaces 7,800 tons and carries a crew of more than 250 officers and enlisted men. She is designed primarily for antisubmarine warfare (ASW) and is armed with two light-weight five-inch guns, ASW torpedo tubes and an ASW rocket launcher. Foster also is capable of carrying a light multi-purpose helicopter for long range detection and attack of submarines. Clink joined the Navy in June 1970.

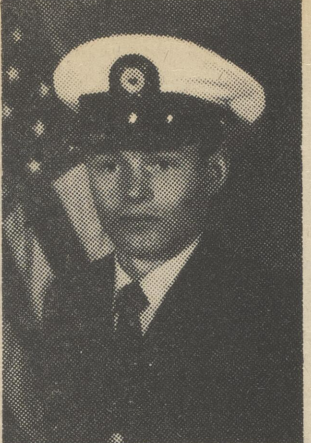


**Robin L. Tribbitt**  
FORT BRAGG, N.C. Pvt. Robin L. Tribbitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Joseph Tribbitt, Route 2, Felton, Del., recently was assigned as a clerk-typist with the 14th Data Processing Unit at Fort Bragg, N.C. Tribbitt entered the Army in November of last year. She is a 1977 graduate of Lake Forest High School.



**Donald E. Woods**  
Pvt. Donald E. Woods, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Woods of Commerce St., Harrington, has completed a six week course of Diesel Mechanic at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., where he graduated in the top seven of his class with a 100 percent. He is now stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Tex. Donald is a 1974 graduate of Lake Forest High School.

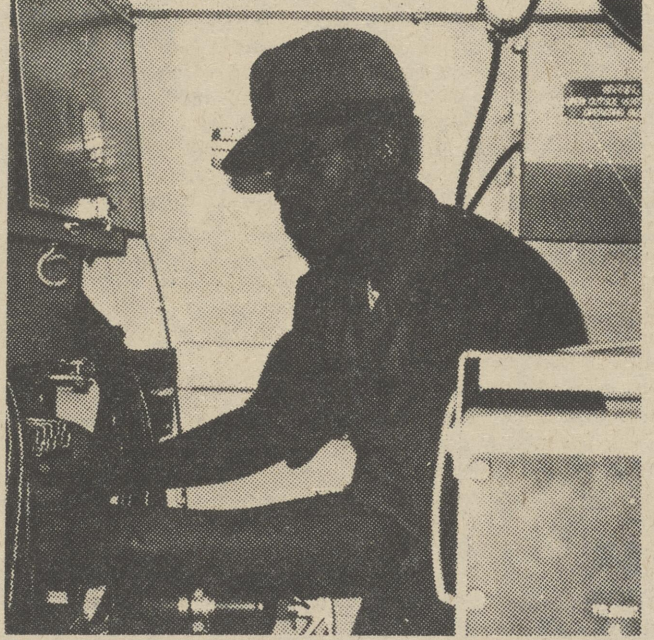
**Theresa K. DeCarlo**  
Pvt. Theresa K. DeCarlo, daughter of Mrs. Mary F. Battin, Greenwood, recently was assigned as a clerk with the 7th Medical Battalion at



**William C. Atkinson**  
Coast Guard Quartermaster Third Class William C. Atkinson, son of Carole A. Atkinson of Route 3, Box 476, Felton, Del., recently departed for a law enforcement patrol in the North Atlantic Ocean. He is serving as a crew-member aboard the Coast Guard cutter Ingham, homeported in Portsmouth, Va.

This patrol will consist of surveillance operations to enforce international treaties and U.S. laws, including the 200-mile fisheries conservation zone. Ingham also will be on-call for search and rescue missions. A 327-foot-long, high endurance cutter, Ingham carries a crew of 145 officers and enlisted men. A graduate of Lake Forest High School, Atkinson joined the Coast Guard in February 1976.

**Glenn R. Hart**  
Ft. George G. Meade, Md. (AHTNC) March 15 -- Specialist Four Glenn R. Hart, son of Mrs. H. Schockley, Route 1, Frederica, Del., recently was assigned as a military policeman with the 519th Military Police Battalion at Ft. George G. Meade, Md. He entered the Army in October 1975. The specialist is a 1975 graduate of Lake Forest High School, Felton, De. His father, Willard Hart, lives on Route 2, Felton.




Specialist Four Ernest Ross from Greenwood works on a patch panel that provides the telephone link for his unit, the 198th Signal Company during annual training at Charleston Army Depot, South Carolina. The 198th is participating in exercise GOBETWEEN CIRCUITS, an exercise conducted by Dover's 261st Signal Command. Nearly 2,000 Guard members and Army Reservists from six states are taking part in the communication exercise, the largest ever conducted by a Reserve Forces unit.

### Old Dover Days Set For May 6-7

DOVER -- The sounds of the First United States Army Band will set the tempo for the annual Old Dover Days weekend, May 6-7, in an hour and a half concert Friday evening, May 5. The 45-member band, from Fort Meade, Maryland, is the official band of the First United States Army Headquarters. Under the direction of Chief Warrant Officer James G. Choate, they perform music from pre-Bach masters to modern composers. Joe Maybee, president of the Friends of Old Dover, will introduce the band and officially open Old Dover Days festivities. The Friends of Old Dover have sponsored the May celebration for over 40 years. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. In the event of rain the concert and opening ceremonies will be held in the Caesar Rodney High School auditorium. Old Dover Days is a salute to Dover's historic past. In addition to the traditional house and garden tour, there will be international food tasting booths, hundreds of children in colonial costume dancing, colonial games for children, an antiques and reproductions show, kite flying contest, an art show, musical performances by the Madrigal Singers of Wesley College and the Dover Baroque Ensemble, and much more. Advance tickets for the house and garden tour are available at the special rate of \$3.50 until April 22 by writing Friends of Old Dover, Ticket Chairman, Box 44, Dover, DE 19901. Tickets will also be available at the ticket booth on the Plaza in downtown Dover the week preceding the event. Prices will be: Adult \$5.00; Senior Citizen, \$3.50; and Student, \$2.00.

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# Greenwood

By Pat Hatfield

Report from Greenwood United Methodist Church: If you have enjoyed the special Sunday evening services, tell others so that we may all enjoy this blessing. Our next speaker will be the Rev. Donald Clendaniel of Roxana, with special music by Sharon Chaffinch.

If you find any white elephants while doing spring house cleaning, turn them over to some member of the Greenwood Church. There will be a white elephant auction held on the parking lot of the Greenwood Church on May 20 for benefit of the churches in the charge.

Report from Hickory Ridge Congregational Methodist Church: Don't forget our Fellowship supper on the first Saturday of each month. Next will be May 6.

Our WMS meeting was held this month on April 12. The ladies brought a sandwich and had lunch together, then devotions and their business meeting.

Report from the Greenwood Lions Club: A bus will leave the center of Greenwood by the old railway station at 4:30 for our Ladies Night to be held at the Delaware Dinner Theatre in Wilmington. After dinner at 6:30, those in attendance will see a comedy stage play called "The Ritz."

Attention! Those community members who would be interested in riding the bus to the Greenwood Lions Club Ladies Night are encouraged to do so free of charge. Of course the cost of the meal and stage show (\$10.50) would be at their own expense. The date is April 28. For further information call 349-4255.

Six members of our club attended the annual Stag dinner on April 10 at the Seaford Fire Hall.

Weekend visitor at the home of the Paul McCrearys was Mrs. Loretta Reiter of Allentown, Pa. Joining them on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. William Cahall of Churchill, Md.

Tuesday callers at the Jacob Hatfields were Mrs. Alice MacIlvaine and Mrs. Theresa Ottey. Thursday caller at the Hatfields was Mrs. John B. Case of Prime Hook Beach, who has just returned from wintering in Arizona.

Recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Eskridge were Mr. and Mrs. Mickey Eskridge and sons of Fort Meade, Md.

George Eskridge, Jr. (Butch) who is with the office of Transportation and Traffic, Chrysler Corporation, Detroit, has returned home after spending a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Eskridge.

Mrs. Edna Conaway and her daughter, Mrs. Lois Howlett, have returned home after spending a week with their son and grandson, Eric Howlett in Houston, Tex.

Don't forget the Women's Prayer and Sharing group meeting at the Lord's Open House each Wednesday morning at 10 a.m. Come and go as you will. If you can spare the hour, fine. Come for as many minutes as you have.

Mrs. Grace Brown and Mrs. Belle Allen attended "An April Showers" luncheon at the Sheraton Inn, Dover, last Tuesday, given by the Christian Women's Club of Dover. 343 were in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hatfield attended the Ruritan dinner at Viola on Saturday evening and later called on Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hatfield in Felton.

Miss Ronda Wiseman, niece of Mrs. Alfred MacIlvaine is a patient in Milford Hospital for tests.

Mrs. Alice MacIlvaine, Mrs. Helen Maloney and Mrs. Jacob Hatfield were Friday guests at the home of Mrs. Theresa Ottey for coffee.

Mr. Robert G. Clarke and daughter, Dawn of Mt. Holly, N.J. were weekend guests of Mrs. Theresa Ottey.

Cheer Center News - April 10-14: On Wednesday, April 19, we will have new and interesting arts and crafts with

Gladys Yeako and Sue Foxwell.

Thursday, April 20, is our important meeting of Cheer members and the election of officers for the coming year at 11:15 a.m.

On Friday, April 21, our shopping day at Seaford and our lunch will be 11:30 a.m.

We wish to extend a welcome to our new Arts and Crafts director, Susan Foxwell. She will serve all Cheer Centers in Sussex County.

A special welcome back to our Center from a six-months stay in New York. We are happy to have you once again with us, S. C. Kendricks.

Our new members this week are Margaret Conaway, Margaret Fountain, Margaret Baker and Margaret Wingate.

We were glad to have the following visitors with us at the Center this week: the Rev. E. Copeland, the Rev. and Mrs. Walter Schaltenbrand of Hellertown, Pa., Mrs. Betty Foster, the Rev. James Steen, and Gerald Pearson.

Mrs. Beatrice Horner is recuperating at home and Mrs. Florence Seely is in Milford Hospital.

## Milford Girl Receives Research Grant

Ruth Ann Warnell, a sophomore at the University of Delaware, has been awarded an Undergraduate Research Grant of \$100 for her project, "Reactions of Tetramethylsilane in the Gas Phase."

The University of Delaware Honors Program has awarded eight Undergraduate Grants of this type totaling \$510 for the spring semester.

A 1976 graduate of Milford High School, Ruth Ann was class salutatorian and a member of the National Honor Society. She is a chemical engineering major at the University of Delaware.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Warnell, Ruth Ann has received a number of scholarships and awards while attending the University. She was awarded a 4 year scholarship from the Society of Professional Engineers, a Hearn Scholarship from the Milford Trust Co., and a Sun Oil Company Award of \$500 in recognition of her outstanding scholarship.

Other honored students are Lori Stevens of Dover, James S. Anderson, Diane P. Apostolico, and Joseph L. Rykiel, all of Wilmington.

## April 30 Last Day To Place Crops In Reserve

Delaware farmers have until April 30 to transfer their 1976 crop corn and sorghum under loan into the grain reserve program, according to Joe Penuel, State Executive Director of the Delaware Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS). He also reminds farmers that May 31 is the final day to obtain price support loans on 1977 crop corn and sorghum.

Working with the feed grain and wheat set aside program to improve the prices farmers receive for their crops, the reserve program isolates grain from the market until prices rise to stated levels, or for three years. Farmers receive advanced storage payments annually

## A Look Back



The entire 1922 student body of the Masten's Corners School, grades 1-6. Included are the Boys: Wilhelmina, Elsie, Frieda and Alexander. Also Robert Stauffer.



Masten's Corners 1922 baseball team. Includes Clifton Wyatt, Leggy Darling, Ernest Boyl, Alexander Boyl and Robert Jester.

## Harrington 4-H Club Meets

The meeting of Harrington Sunshine 4-H Club was called to order by President Doug Crouse. Brent Moran lead the flag salute. A health report was given by Kelly Ryan. It was titled "Your Body and Fitness" and questions were given after the report. Connie Harrington reported on the Reddy Foods contest. Melinda Larimore reported on Food's Judging and Food Preservation. Bobby Vincent reported on the Collection for Easter Seals. Our club collected \$150.20 this year. Cathy Harrington reported on Horticulture and Field Crops Judging. Kelly Ryan reported on the Easter Egg Hunt for the daycare center. Ruby Moran reported on the tour we took to Fleisher Bakery and the Delaware State Museums. Denise Cain reported on the Clothing Training session. Karen Walters reported on the Dress Revue and Connie Harrington reported on the A.I.C. contest which Connie and Mike Everline

took part in. We then had a short dress revue, with Connie Harrington, M.C. Karen Walters, Denise Cain and Sherri Freer

modeled their skirts which they had made. A demonstration was given by Sandy Testerman titled "What Makes a Good Picture."

## Governor Names Nine To Magistrate Positions

Two Felton men were recently named to four year terms as magistrates pending confirmation by the State Senate. The two men are among nine people who were either reappointed or named to fill magistrate positions.

Tyson Cohee, (D) of Felton was reappointed. This will be Cohee's fourth appointment as a magistrate. He has served as a magistrate for 12 years. "Being a magistrate," he said, "is my fulltime job."

Born and raised in Caroline County, Md., Cohee has lived in Delaware for 28 years. Prior to his service as a magistrate Cohee was employed as a Driver Improvement Instructor with the Motor Vehicle Division for four years. When he first came to Delaware he worked on the farm where he still lives as a dairy farmer.

Cohee said that he felt being a magistrate was a worthwhile job. George W. Kershner, III, (R) Felton, replaces Barbara L. Miller, (D) Dover. Mrs. Miller resigned.

A native of Ohio, Kershner came to Delaware in 1956 with the Air Force. In 1963 he retired and opened a retail pet shop. In 1966 he ran, unsuccessfully, for a seat on the Levy Court. He then

served as the executive secretary to the Board of Assessments.

Kershner has had prior experience as a magistrate. He was appointed to one term as a magistrate in 1970 by Governor Russell W. Peterson.

Kershner described the role of the magistrate as being a "thankless job." He said that a majority of people are not aware of the good a magistrate can do.

Also named by the Governor to four year terms were:

Courtney P. Houston, Jr., (D) Dover, reappointed.

Harry M. Thompson, (R) Smyrna, reappointed.

Virginia W. Johnson, (R) Wilmington, replaces Frances T. Flynn (D), resigned, New Castle.

Almetia Murray, (D) Millsboro, reappointed.

Emory B. Brittingham, (D) Lewes, reappointed.

William A. Booth, (D) Georgetown, reappointed.

Thomas J. Orr, (R) Lewes, reappointed.

The state now has 53 magistrates; 38 are Democrats and 11 are Republicans. The remaining four are registered declines. If confirmed by the Senate, the new nominations would change the total political affiliation to 36 Democrats and 13 Republicans, with four declines.

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**April 30 Last Day To Place Crops In Reserve**  
Nationally, about 76 percent of the 330-million-wheat reserve goal had been reached as of March 23. A survey of ASCS field offices during this period showed that 250.8 million bushels of wheat had been placed in the reserve.  
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## State Legislative Notes

By Thurman Adams Jr.

One action taken by the Senate last week could ease some of the financial pressures on every school district in Sussex and Kent Counties. Several of the districts contacted me complaining about the unfairness of the present law, which requires that all fees collected by a school district for use of school property, facilities or equipment for non-educational purposes be deposited in the state's general fund rather than in the school district's account.

What is unfair is that the local school district taxpayers pay 40 percent of the cost of these facilities, but the state gets 100 percent of any rental or other fees.

So, I sponsored a bill (SB 494) which will require that the school districts will only have to deposit with the state that percentage of rentals and fees which the state paid in the original cost of acquisition or construction. The bill also relieves the school boards of any obligations they presently owe in this area.

I'm happy to report that the Senate passed the bill and I expect similar action in the House of Representatives in the near future.

I also had received many complaints that the state's Division of Boiler Safety was exceeding its authority by requiring inspection of ordinary home water heaters and charging a healthy fee for the inspection. After meeting with officials of the Division, several of us worked out an agreement whereby Division Director Henry Mauk would review the present rules and regulations if the General Assembly approved a concurrent resolution asking him to.

I co-sponsored such a resolution (HCR 84) and it passed both the Senate and the House last week. Hopefully, after the regulations are reviewed most of this harassment, which never was intended, will end.

As chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, I'll be meeting again this week with Representatives of the du Pont Administration to work out final details of financing an experimental weather modification program.

Last week we reached a tentative agreement to finance such a program with state funds for the current year and prepare legislation to authorize a referendum among farmers to determine whether they would be willing to finance such weather modification programs in future years.

The referendum legislation is very complicated and we're trying to prepare a bill that will be acted upon this session. I'll keep you informed.

The Senate Executive Committee, which I chair, has the responsibility for handling the flow of Governor appointments through the confirmation procedure. I'll be trying to keep you posted on how the nominations are handled in future columns.

Last week the committee approved, and the Senate confirmed, the nomination of Thomas E. Hickman of Bayard to be a member of the Industrial Accident Board for a term of six years. Cases before the Board have been backlogging since the resignation of another Sussex Countian, Leon F. Trivits, and the vote on former Senator Hickman was unanimous. I'm sure he'll do a good job.

I can be contacted by writing to Legislative Hall in Dover or Box 218 in Bridgeville. My telephone numbers are: Dover 678-4117; Bridgeville office 856-3264, or home 856-3116.

## State Payroll Reduced

By Governor Pete duPont

Reducing the cost of state government has always been a high priority of my administration. During my campaign for Governor, and throughout my term as Governor, I have worked to cut the cost of operating Delaware's government.

As you know, we've trimmed the costs of the state's debt, we've studied and had recommendations made for reducing overlapping services among the state, county, and local governments, we've begun a centralized purchasing program, and we have continued the state's freeze on hiring new employees.

The hiring freeze has been effective. During 1977, the state reduced its payroll by 203. It is the first step in bringing Delaware's government back to size and giving the people of the state a government that they can afford.

Delaware's government

has grown by leaps and bounds over the past ten years. Since 1971, the number of non-educational personnel has jumped by over 1,000.

So, the reduction of 203 employees is only a start. We've reduced the payroll by not replacing those employees who have either resigned or retired from state government, except in special circumstances.

The reduction is not indicative of our desire to decrease the service available in some of the most important agencies. For example, we have increased the number of employees in state hospitals and guards in state prisons.

In the Department of Health and Social Services, five people were added to the Hospital for the Chronically Ill, four people added to the Emily Bissell Hospital staff and another staff member to the community health operations.



Thurman Adams Jr.

## U. S. Government Employment

By Connie Abbott

What agency is the largest employer in the nation? With over two million jobs available ranging from those requiring college degrees to those requiring only a desire to work, the United States Government is the country's largest employer.

Jobs available with the government vary greatly in nature and almost any job which is available in private industry has a civil service counterpart. Government employees assist farmers with crops and production, deliver the mail, build dams and bridges, manage national parks and forests, conduct environmental projects, provide social services of many types and do many other types of jobs.

Workers for Uncle Sam are hired on a competitive basis. Civil Service examinations must be taken in order to receive a rating for most jobs. After receiving examination results, a government agency will interview several of the persons whose scores have been reported to them. Hiring is then done from among those interviewed. Some individuals who have job-related training and experience can obtain a rating based upon this training or experience. However, most jobs do require the taking of a competitive examination.

The Civil Service examinations test general communication skills and specific skills which relate to the job for which you are being tested. Some jobs do require both a college degree and the taking of an examination. Study guides which aid in preparing for the examinations can be obtained from many libraries and from some book stores. Other information can be obtained from one of the 67 Federal Job Information centers located throughout the United States. In this area information may be obtained by calling 1-800-292-9560.

Pay is good and fair for government employees. Each job is given a grade scale (GS) rating or group of ratings which determine the salaries for the job. Advancement is based upon such qualities as experience, performance, and initiative. After three years of employment with the government, employees have permanent career status and the right to appeal decisions adversely affecting them. The latter provides a sense of job security for government employees.

The government has led the way in providing equal opportunities for all United States citizens and has also provided special programs to help the handicapped find employment. If you have interest in locating employment with the government, contact the Federal Job Information Center number listed above.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Hot dogs can be frozen for up to two months.

## A Continuing Look At Historical Frederica - Part IV

During most of the nineteenth century and the first quarter of the twentieth century, toward the end of the summer, you could often hear the people in Frederica carry on a conversation something like this: "Going to Bow'ses?" Yer betcher. Wouldn't miss it." "S'long. See yer at Bow'ses." This meant that Big Thursday was coming. It was a festive day for all area farmers, tradesmen, and oystermen.

In the past Big Thursday meant that people could get together to discuss the weather, meet friends, settle arguments, forget about their work, and most of all celebrate the opening of the oyster season.

Big Thursday was the big day at the beach. By the time of the Civil War 5,000 people gathered at Bowers on the day. By the time of the outbreak of World War I between 8,000 and 10,000 people turned out for the gala event.

Word of this festive holiday spread north to Philadelphia, and pickpockets and criminals filtered down for the big day. Eventually, a day that had been full of peaceful rable-rousing turned into a day of rioting, drinking, and shooting.

There had never been anything organized about Big Thursday, and the farmers regretted the intervention of the lawless element. Consequently, they began to come on the following Thursday. With the event of prohibition, the lawless element got tired of the day, and Big Thursday gradually regained prominence.

Frederica was the big commercial area close to Bowers, consequently, Big Thursday was a prominent part of the history of the town.

Many of the homes built in the town during the nineteenth century were probably made just a little nicer because of the commercial role Frederica was playing during the time.

The present commercial district of Frederica, Market Street, between David and Front Streets, was the center of commerce during the nineteenth century.

Robbins Hardware store was once a hotel. It is probably the oldest commercial building in Frederica. It is certainly the most unusual structure in town. The south front of the building is laid in all-header bond; it is the only known example of this type of brickwork in Delaware. The other brickwork is laid in Flemish bond. The interior has been remodeled many times since it ceased to serve as a hotel about 50 years ago. The attached building on Market Street to the north was apparently a stable, but it has been enclosed to serve as a warehouse.

On the opposite corner stands a brick grocery store. As long as anyone can remember this building has always been a grocery store.

The first story, with its main entrance on Market Street, has been remodeled from time to time, but retains its large overhanging awning on the street. The north front, on Front Street is virtually unaltered. On the second floor is a door, over which hangs a pulley on a wooden crane. Merchandise was hoisted by this pulley into the second-story warehouse.

Beyond the commercial district are several large residences. The present owner of the two-story frame house at 106 Market Street claims that her father built the house in 1907. An earlier dwelling stood on the site as early as 1856. The front of the house has a projecting cross gable above a half-hexagon bay window the runs the entire height of the house. The gables are ornamented with lacy scroll-cut brageboards and a gothic attic window.

Across the street from this house, south of the bank parking lot is a large Victorian frame house.

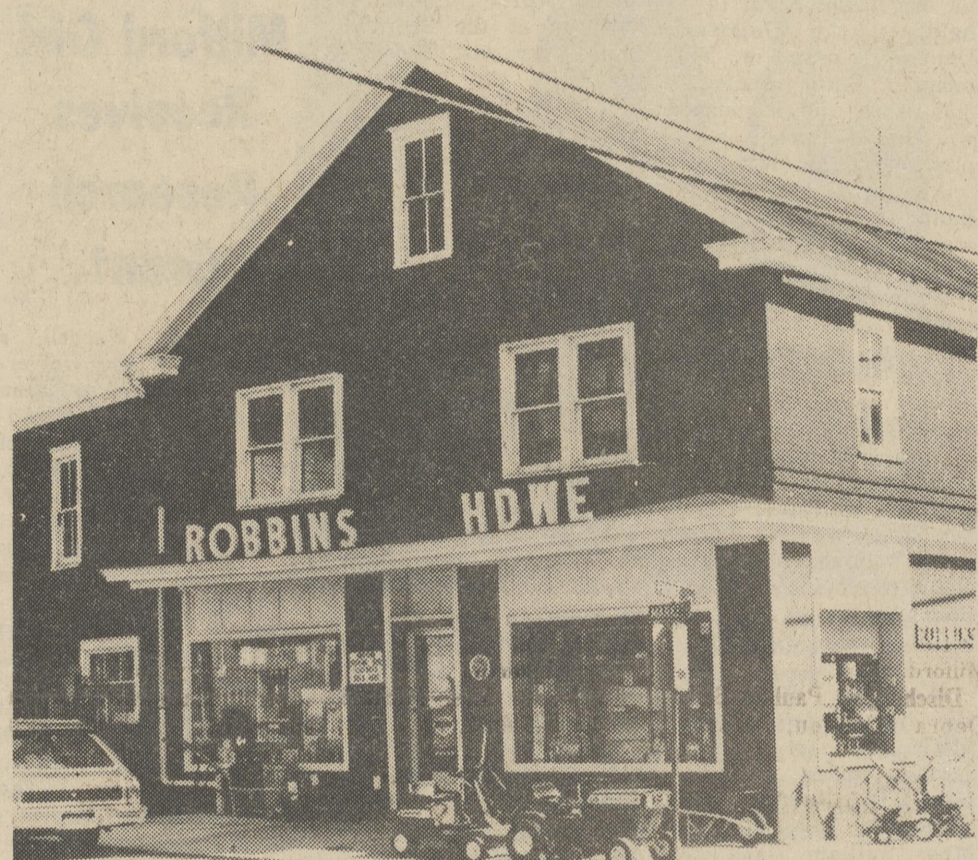
This house was extensively remodeled in 1917. The cross gable on the front features a gothic window, while the end gables contain quarter-round windows.

The house at 107 Market Street is another late nineteenth century frame house. A porch is supported by reeded pillars and ornate scrollwork brackets; wooden scrollwork of similar design is above the windows. The front door, with side lights and fanlights, contains a glass and wooden panel.

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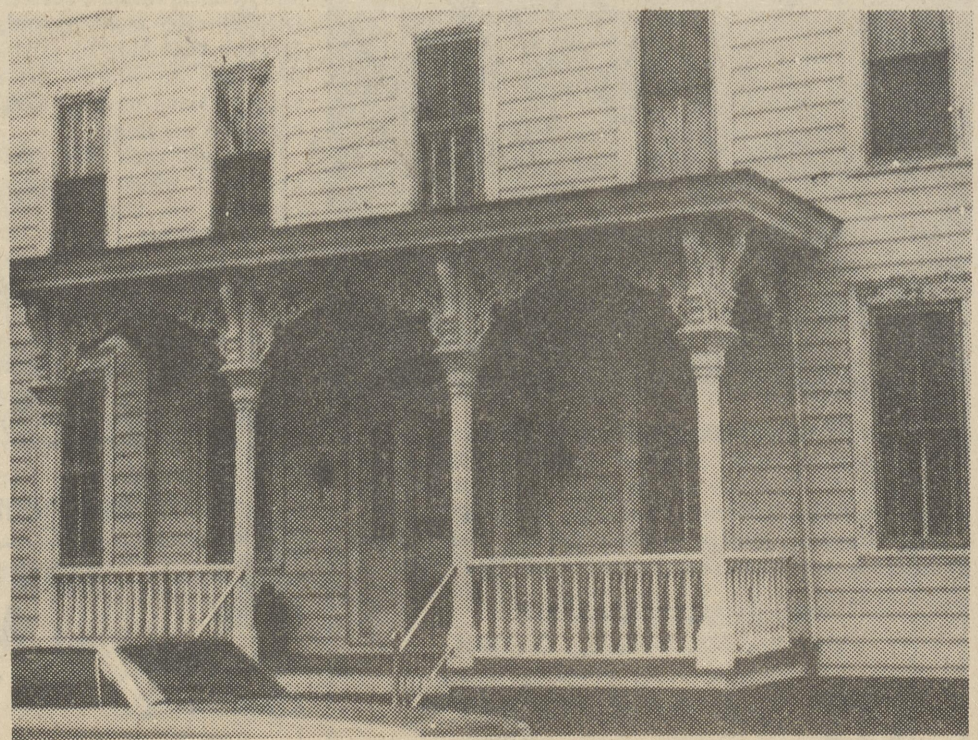
Wootens Grocery Store has been a Corner store for as long as anyone can remember. The two street fronts are laid in Flemish bond.



Robbins Hardware Store was once a hotel. The interior has been remodeled many times since it ceased to serve as a hotel about fifty years ago.



The Smithers House, south of the bank parking lot, is a large Victorian frame house. It was extensively remodeled in 1917.



Moulded plaster ceilings and other original trim details survive in this house. To the rear stands a small single story frame house finished in the carpenter gothic style with trim similar to that of the main house.

## The Quality Of Survival

Most people know about the American Cancer Society's emphasis on research. Many have heard about the Society's Cancer Prevention Study which produced the evidence for the Surgeon General's report on cigarettes as a cause of lung cancer and other diseases. Millions have heard about the seven warning signals which require a prompt visit to the doctor.

But we don't think enough people know about the American Cancer Society's programs of service and rehabilitation. The aim is to improve the quality of survival of cancer patients.

More than 50,000 women who had breast surgery were visited by ACS Reach to Recovery volunteers last year. These volunteers have had the same experience as the patients. They provide enormous support at a

time when psychological problems weigh on the women who have undergone breast surgery. The volunteers also give practical advice on prostheses and exercises helping women to return more rapidly to normal life.

The ACS-sponsored International Association of Laryngectomees performs miracles day in and day out. They help those who have lost their voice boxes because of cancer, teaching them how to talk again through a method known as esophageal speech.

Then there is the United Ostomy Association, supported by the ACS, which helps those who have had surgery for cancer of the colon or rectum or bladder. They help the patients overcome the psychological and physical hurdles as a result of their surgery so they can enter into full and normal lives.

## Letters To The Editor

### Concerning New Charter Passage

Dear Editor:

The passage of the proposed new charter, or rather the planning of the new charter, is not just for the purposes of the councilmen or the mayor. All citizens of Harrington are personally involved and will be effected by the decisions, rules and regulations that will be put into the new charter.

Why should the citizens not know in advance to passage what is in the charter? The Mayor was upset that certain portions (such as gun control) had been discussed on the street by the citizens instead of at the charter meeting, but it is a known

fact that most citizens, although they care, just won't attend these meetings.

Therefore, it is only natural that the councilmen should 'go to the street' to get the opinions of their citizens. It is wrong to assume that the councilmen think for the citizens on something as important as a revised charter and I feel that letting people know how our councilmen think and feel on city government is one way to get the people on the street to let the councilmen know how the people on the street feel on city government.

N. E. Meredith

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## Look For "Two In The Attic--"

"Two in the Attic and A Show Backstage" is the intriguing title of a spring musical extravaganza now in the works at Lake Forest North in Felton. Scheduled for Wednesday, May 24, the musical will get two showings - 7:30 p.m. for parents and the general public and a preview performance for North students during the day. Both shows will be in the gym at North.

The show as planned is to feature three major sections. Musical memories dusted off as a mother and father clean the attic form the theme of a play which ties in a number of class presentations. The third grades will do songs from "Mary Poppins" with boys as chimney sweeps and girls as Mary Poppins. Sesame Street, its characters, its children and its songs, will be presented by the fourth grades. The fifth and sixth grade glee clubs, mostly combined, will do folk songs accompanied by guitar and some pop songs of the 60's.

A second part, the "Show Backstage", will present variety acts worked up by students themselves. About two weeks before the musical there will be a talent competition. The best three or four variety groups or acts from this competition will be featured in this special section of the musical. On the day of the musical the students who attend the preview performance will vote for the best act. At the evening performance, the winner will be announced and will receive \$25.

The finale of the show will add a very special note as the new grand curtain is dedicated. The

curtain, a green velour, is in place and ready for use. Funds for the curtain have been raised through past musical and dramatic performances at Lake Forest North and through the generosity of the Felton High School Alumni Association. About \$800 was raised through the various shows presented, and nearly \$300 was given by the Alumni Association. As the curtain is dedicated the audience will be invited to reminisce over past productions while selections from the big three spring musicals of recent years - Peter Pan, the Bicentennial Show and the Wiz of Oz - are presented. Along with the music it is hoped that there will be home movies of the three productions.

Three years of productions are behind the purchase of the new curtain. Now that it is installed and paid for, funds raised through dramatic and musical presentations will go for a lighting and sound system for the school.

The whole evening of memories and music is under the direction of Mrs. Jane Singleton, music teacher at North. Working closely with her is a faculty committee that seems to be making strange titles (witness "Christmas With A K") in December and the current "Two in the Attic and A Show Backstage") its hallmark. As in the Christmas production which received a warm response from a large audience, this committee has been responsible for writing the show. Its members are Jane Singleton, Joyce Simmons, Maggie Drury, Ed Gabrielson, Lynn Sedgewick and John Pizzadilli.



And the winners were--Lined up in smiling order are the winners of the book fair poster contest held recently at Lake Forest South Elementary in Harrington. They are [back row, left to right] Michael Zdradzinski, Glenn Homewood, Karen Garey, David Jarrell; [front row, left to right] Vincent Donato, Leroy Lanham, Walter LeKites, Stephen Barlow. In front is Dawn Fluharty. Absent from the picture is Kathy Fairburn. Their grades and awards are detailed in the story at the right.

Not the smallest part of the fair's success was the advance publicity it received through a poster contest in grades two through six. The contest

## Poster Winners Announced Book Fair Is Success

The book fair, by the evaluation of Lake Forest South librarian, Mrs. Jo Anne Clough, was a success. Over the three days, April 7, 10 and 11 and a part of April 12, approximately \$500 worth of books, posters and other items was sold. Of that total a 20% commission will stay in the library to be used toward the purchase of curtains.

Expressing her satisfaction with the results of the fair, Mrs. Clough said that another one will be slated for next fall. That one she hopes to schedule to coincide with the annual open house, so that parents, as well as students, will have a better opportunity to shop.

Winners were: Second grade - Vincent Donato, (Mrs. Patterson's room) first; Leroy Lanham (Mrs. Dixon's room), second.

attracted over a hundred participants. Two winners were announced at each grade level, and several special awards were made. All of these received their awards in the form of certificates for merchandise at the book fair, with the opportunity to make their selections first. Mrs. Clough also cited a number of students for honorable mention for their posters.

Third grade - Walter Lekites (Mrs. Conner's room), first; Stephen Barlow (Mrs. Raymond's room), second.

Fourth grade - Michael Zdradzinski (Mrs. Perry's room), first; Dawn Fluharty (Mrs. Gibson's room), second.

Fifth grade - Glenn Homewood (Mrs. Minner's room), first; Karen Garey (Miss Moyer's room), second.

Sixth grade - Kathy Fairburn (Mr. Drummond's room), first; David Jarrell (Mrs. Green's room), second.

Special awards went to Sharon Burton (Mrs. Conner's room), Randy Wroten (Mrs. Stempien's room) and Linda Hawkins, (Miss Myers' room).

Selected for honorable mention were: Second grade - Tracy Johnson, Julie Paskey, Melinda Reed, Dawn Collins, Carol Moss.

Fourth grade - Valerie Smith, Teresa Henderson, Brian Bud, Barry Chaffinch.

Fifth - Denise Cain, Roberta Ricker.

## Welcome To Spring

Mrs. Patterson's Class Welcome You To --

"Mrs. Patterson's Class welcomes you to Spring" says the sign on the bulletin board. Along with that friendly note are a number of spring thoughts which suggest that spring is a happy place to be. The second graders who wrote them and share them here with readers of the Blue Banana are from Lake Forest South Elementary School.

and breeze. I like it that way. You can ride your bikes in the spring. Flowers bloom in the spring. I think the flowers are pretty.

- April Bonniwell

In spring flowers start to bloom. Trees start to get their leaves. Spring starts on March 20th. It starts to get warm and at school we start to go outside.

- David Dill

I like spring because the flowers are blooming and the grass is green. The birds are singing.

- Lisa Trice

We like spring because spring is a beautiful day. Like today is a beautiful day and we can go outside and play all day. Happy Spring.

- Donald H.

In spring it is pretty outside. And it is warm. There are flowers blooming out, in spring birds sing and butterflies fly in spring.

And the sun came out on spring day. On spring it is beautiful.

- Flossie Polk

I like spring. It makes purple and pink and yellow and red all kinds of color flowers. Look the butterflies are out. When it starts to rain I will read a spring book.

- Doris G.

Spring is nice. You don't have to wear your winter coats.

I like spring because it is warm. Spring is cool

Spring is the time baby birds hatch out of eggs. In spring the flowers are blooming and leaves are growing. The grass is growing in spring. The farmers are plowing the ground and planting seeds. In the spring time animals come out of their winter homes.

- Dawn Collins

Spring is usually a special day to swing on a spring day to play with your friends. You have a whole bunch of drinks on hot days and you can be bare footed on spring days when you haven't got socks on. Flowers are blooming all colors, grass is turning green, trees are turning their colors green and brown and the stores are getting spring clothes. You may be getting some sun tan bad and it would probably burn your skin bad.

- Kelly Adams

When spring comes flowers bloom into their pretty colors, and all the

leaves that are on the trees turn green just like the grass does. I think spring is a nice season, in fact it is my favorite season. It is kind of hot and kind of cold so I would call that cool. Summer comes right after spring, after summer comes fall which is just the same as spring, after fall comes winter which is very cold and icy.

- Beth Collison

Spring is rainy and sunny and warm. I like spring. I feel good. I like to see the flowers bloom and the trees blow.

- Shawn Thompson

Spring is a time to have lots of fun. I like spring because I can go outside. In spring lots of flowers bloom. I know some of the names, roses, tulips.

- David Welch

Spring is pretty. It lets the flowers bloom. You see buttercups and tulips and daisies and sun flowers and lillies and roses. You see the blue jay and the robin and the baby birds. You can play with your friends. You can fly a kite and pick flowers. Boys can go fishing.

- Sherri Martin

I like spring well because it's just like summer but there's just a little wind on it. You can go bare footed in summer, and you could eat your lunch right outside, and you could put a little table right in front of you. Then you could eat lunch.

- Mike Pardee



Two examples of the poster art which won prizes for thirteen students at Lake Forest South are displayed here by Dawn Fluharty and Michael Zdradzinski. The posters helped advertise a successful book fair held in the library this month. In addition to the thirteen winners, there were eleven honorable mentions.

I like spring because you can go swimming. Me and my dad are going fishing. Then we won't have to wear them big coats again.

- Tracey J.

In spring flowers come out and bloom and there is dither flower too and some flowers are daisy and some are roses too. Some flowers are pretty or ugly too and some are nice.

- Sherrie Downes

Spring only comes once a year and the grass turns green and the leaves turn green and it is hot.

- Don Hickman

The bees come out. The grass turns green and the flowers come up. Farmers start plowing and growing vegetables. Birds start singing. Spring starts on March 20th.

- Julie Paskey



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### Governor, Planetarium Are Hits Fourth Grades Go North To Dover

Fourth grade is the year when many local students get acquainted with Delaware as they study its history, its government and its geography in their social studies classes. A trip to Dover, the focal point of state government and the scene of a lot of Delaware history, is always a highlight of their studies.

This year was no different as the fourth graders from Lake Forest South Elementary visited Dover last Thursday. Divided into two groups by busload, the fourth graders stopped at the Old State House, visited the Legislative Hall where they stopped by the governor's office and inspected the Senate and the House of Representatives, were given a guided tour of the Delaware State Museum, were treated to a view of the stars in the planetarium at the William Henry Middle School, touched down briefly at Caesar Rodney's grave at Old Christ Church and dropped in at the new Visitor Center behind the Old State House.

One group had the thrill of a brief chat with Governor duPont. They informed the governor that while they were learning something in school, school food was still terrible. The Governor said that his four children had all had the same opinion, but that as far as he could tell, none of them (including the fourth graders to whom he was speaking) were suffering from starvation or malnutrition. A number of the students also told the Governor that they hoped to become senators or representatives some day, but no one was quite sure why. The Governor also introduced the Group to the Speaker of the House of Representatives who talked with them for a few moments.

Below several students from the three classes share their impressions of the trip.

Mrs. Ellingsworth's class:

When we went on our trip to Dover, we went in two museums. When we went in one building we saw how ladies used to dress and how they used to wear their hair, and how the rich people lived. In the Old State House there was a place where they had court.

We also went to the churchyard. We saw where Caesar Rodney and Governor Terry were buried.

We went to the Visitor Center. Everyone could buy souvenirs there.

In the Planetarium we saw the sun go down and come up. We saw different planets except Mercury because the bulb burnt out.

-Paula Zeitler

The fourth grade went to a trip to Dover, Delaware, because we are studying it in school.

First we went to two museums. In the first building we saw a baby carriage, dolls dressed up in old time dresses, silk socks, handy tools, the first astronaut suit and a lady's wedding dress.

Second we went to the Old State House. The lady that was guiding us asked Paula Zeitler to be the prisoner, Scott Fleming to be the officer, Bruce Patrick, Jimmy Olson and Eric Collins were the lawyers. Troy Collick, Kathy Dogg and Jay Bowden were the judges. Audrey

Kopp was the clerk. (Note: Tour guide Mrs. Hattye Mae Biddle asked the children to assume various roles as she explained the courtroom.)

Third we went to the Legislative Hall. There we sat in the Senators' chairs. I was at Mr. McMays chair.

Fourth we went to the planetarium. All the lights went out and we saw the



They're lined up, nose to egg, and they're off. And here the race will be not to the swift, but to the patient and persistent. Lorraine Lake, Bonnie Watkins and Shirley Coverdale (left to right) match noses and patience in the annual Easter egg roll held by Mrs. Raymond's third grade class at Lake Forest South. Several others wait in the background for their turn with the eggs.

At Eastertime Mrs. Connie Raymond's third grade class is the envy of all the other classes at Lake Forest South Elementary. Mrs. Raymond's students get to participate in an Easter egg hunt and egg roll. The students bring in and decorate the eggs. The accompanying photos

Fifth we went to the church yard. There we saw Caesar Rodney's grave and one of the Governors' graves.

Sixth we went to the Visitor's Center. There we bought souvenirs.

I really enjoyed our trip to Dover, Delaware.

-Joyce Oakeley

Well, first we went to two museums. The first one we went to was a place where we saw glasses that could be rubbed and they would make music. The other museum was about farmer's tools. We saw how fire trucks looked like a long time ago. But there was only one thing strange about it, it did not have an engine so they had to pull it.

We went to a Planetarium. When we got in there they turned the lights off and we saw the sun coming up. And all of a sudden it got dark, and we looked up and saw stars on the ceiling. Then the girl showed us the big dipper and the little dipper, the big dog and the little dog.

Then that was the end.

-Heidi Wilson

When we got to Dover, we first went to a museum. We saw how the ladies wore their hair and what kind of dresses they wore.

We went to another museum where we saw the tools they used to use and how they made shoes. Next we went to the Old State House. We got to sit in the court chairs. I was a jury member. We went upstairs and looked around.

Legislative Hall was next. A lady let us sit in the representatives seats so she could tell us how they made laws.

We went to the Planetarium, and a girl showed us the stars. It was dark in the room.

We went to the churchyard and saw Caesar Rodney's grave and Governor Terry.

Last we went to the visitor center and got souvenirs.

-Valerie Parker

Mrs. Perry's Class  
What is a planetarium? Well, I thought it was a place for plants. I was wrong. It's a place where

### To The Jr. Spartan Band---

The W. T. Chipman Junior High School Band has been performing again, most recently in a concert given Friday, April 14, for the students at Lake Forest South Elementary School. In total contrast to the pictures we took of the event (which were a complete washout) the band's performance was great. The program which included a variety of marching and concert music was enthusiastically

received by the student audience. Several of the numbers featured the various sections of the band.

As frustrated as we are in not being able to produce a good picture of the Chipman Band, we want to take this space to say a word of appreciation. To the students who make up the band - Congratulations for your hard work and your excellent performance. To Director Alex Becton -

-The Blue Banana

they showed what the dippers looked like and showed the Milky Way and a lot of other things. The most beautiful thing I think was the sun rising.

-Kathy Simmons

Thursday we went on a trip. The Dover Museum was the first place we went. It had a lot of old tools, fire trucks, clothes and the first space suit.

-Scott Fleming

We took a trip to some places in Dover, and I liked the State Museum; it had a lot of new stuff that I have never seen. The first things we saw in the museum were the old fire trucks that were pulled by hand.

Also we saw farm machinery. They had plows with blades made of wood. They also had an old time corn planter. You have to put the front part of it in the ground to make a hole and then squeeze the handle for the corn to come out.

-Bruce Patrick

In the 18th century the boys had to wear dresses and long hair. You did not know if they were boys or girls. So when the boys got six or seven they were boys' clothes.

Then we went to the planetarium and saw outer space. We saw the Big Dipper and the Little Dipper.

-Michael Zdradzinski

Mrs. Gibson's Class:  
We go to see Pete DuPont, the Governor, at the State House. We got to see the Old State House and the New State House. At the Old State

House we got to sit in chairs like if we were saying the prisoner was guilty or not guilty. We went to see the planetarium and Legislative Hall and the museum. The best was when we got to see the Johnson Building and Caesar Rodney's grave.

-Christine Watkins

The planetarium was my favorite part. But still I liked seeing the Governor. We went to the Delaware State Museum and went to the Johnson Building. And we saw the first Victor record company up until it got to be RCA Victor. And last we went to the visitor center and then home.

-Glenn Allen

The part I like the best was the Legislative Hall because we got to see many things I have never seen before. We got to see the Governor and his office. And we got to see where the Senators sit in their seats. We even got to sit in their seats and in Legislative seats. And we had a good time.

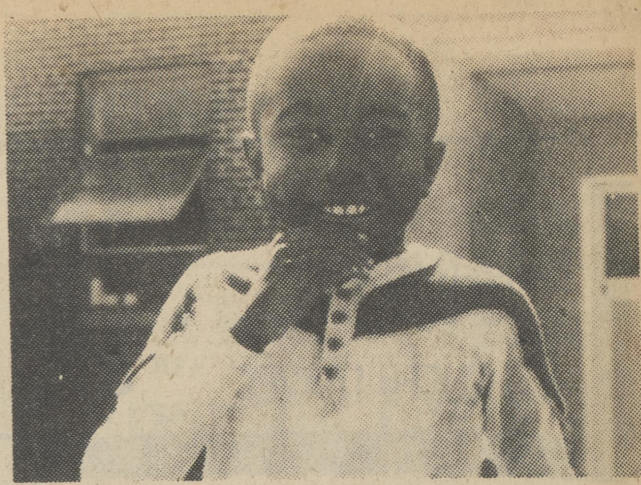
-Karen Taylor

On our fourth grade trip to Dover we went to see the Legislative Hall and we saw Governor DuPont and the Speaker of the House.

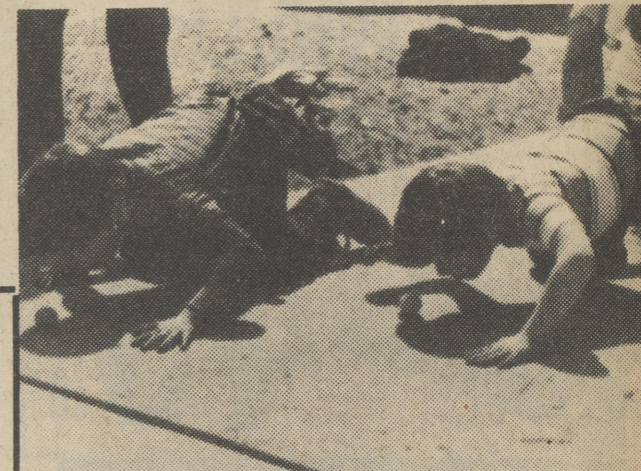
We also got to see three museums. One about how people dressed the the 1800's, another about firemen and farmer's tools and the other called the Johnson Building.

The last two places we went to see were a

# EASTER ROLLERS



He's bemused. Michael Pickett looks both puzzled and pleased as he observes his classmates rolling Easter eggs on the lawn and sidewalk at Lake Forest South. Maybe he approves the whole affair. Maybe he wonders about the whole crazy business. Or maybe he just scraped his chin.



In close competition David Farrow (left) and Mark Collins (right) pursue their eggs to the finish. No nose casualties were reported during the competition, but there was lots of wear and tear on hands and knees. However, it was all in the spirit of pre-Easter fun.



### A Letter To Governor duPont

(Note: Mrs. Gibson's class comprised most of the group that got the chance to meet the Governor. The class expressed its appreciation for the opportunity in the following letter.)

Lake Forest District  
South Elementary School  
April 14, 1978

Dear Governor duPont,

We enjoyed our trip to Dover. Visiting the planetarium and meeting you were our biggest thrills.

We thank you for your nice letter before we came and for welcoming us to Legislative Hall. It was nice of you to take time from your meeting to tell us about being Governor. We hope you get elected next time.

We hope we will get to see you again soon.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Gibson's Fourth  
Grade Class

Planetarium and Caesar Rodney's grave.

The place we liked most was the planetarium because we have studied

about the stars and the planets, and the music they played made it very exciting.

-Leslie Harpster

### Apologies

The Blue Banana apologizes to Mrs. Connie Raymond whose third graders are participating in the writing workshop and whose Funny Bunny stories we shared with you in the March issue. We stated incorrectly that the stories were from Mrs. Conner's class.

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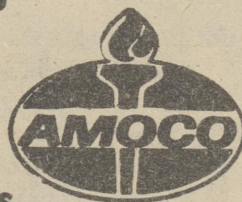
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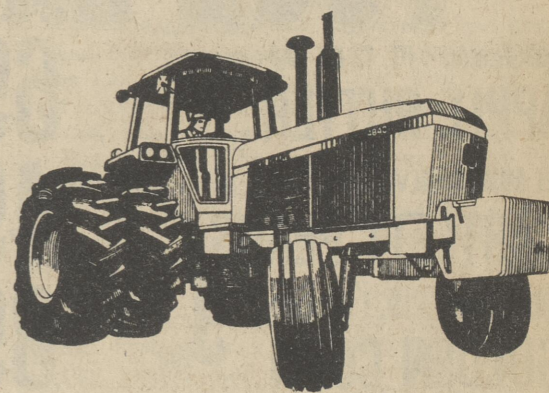
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# Pit Chatter

By Harry G. Farrow, Jr.

## Tires Were The Answer to the Problems at North Wilksboro and Georgetown Speedway Sunday

NORTH WILKSBORO, N.C. -- Darrell Waltrip drove his Gatorade Chevy to victory Sunday after 400 punishing miles of heat and spinning through tight curves. Waltrip said after the race that the Daytona 500, the Rebel 500, the Staley 400 at this North Carolina Speedway "...was a cakewalk." Smart racing and a lot of luck proved the winning combination, but as Waltrip said later all these things plus a good pit crew is the name of the game. "King" Richard Petty put in one of his better performances since his last win last year July 4th at the Firecracker 500 at Daytona Beach chased Waltrip the last 68 laps. Petty was forced to the pits for the last final adjustment, which meant the difference. He got one lap down of Waltrip, but made this up and was coming after him in the final yards. The difference seemed to be the change of the inside (left) tires by Waltrip, because "...after that she handled perfectly...just like a dream." Petty, however, again seemed to have the fastest car on the grounds. At Daytona for the Daytona 500 word circulated all week that Petty's car was a burner, but minor mishaps and ill luck has kept Petty out of the winner's circle this year.

Modified Twin 20 feature racing action saw Walt Breeding of Federalsburg driving the Smithville Farms Chevy/Gremlin and Haines Tull from Seaford piloting the Seaford Inn-Tull Bros. Special repeat as finale winners with two wins a piece on the season. Oxford's Hal Browning anchored the number two position behind the hard charging Breeding for Westside Auto Parts-Salisbury Harley Davidson. Jerry West

from Georgetown had the Alfred Parker Engineered Grotto Pizza Machine in the high speed racing groove taking a third and fourth respectively. Haines Tull was fourth and Harrington's Bill Towers hauled down fifth behind the wheel of the Tower's Auto Service-Dillard's Restaurants Rebel Mustang.

Behind Towers was Bobby Walls of Ridgely third for Davis Material Handling. Fifth overall behind West went to Walston Switch's Garry Trice driving the Bill Trice Engineered Westside Auto Parts Chevy Gremlin.

But the name of the game seemed to be tires as it was at North Wilksboro. The Journal questioned Billy Towers and his crew after the last feature race which saw Towers keep the pressure on Haines Tull for the 20 laps. Several times Towers challenged Tull but just did not have enough to get by him. Harry "Ears" Raughley one of the crew with Towers said "...if we had had these tires on the car in the beginning I

believe that it would have made the difference.

Bobby Reed of Harrington back racing this year after a couple years lay off had a real sleek looking car on the Georgetown track Sunday. It was the first outing for Bobby this year and the final adjustments have not been worked out as yet. Louis Welch another member of the crew said they might still have some suspension problems.

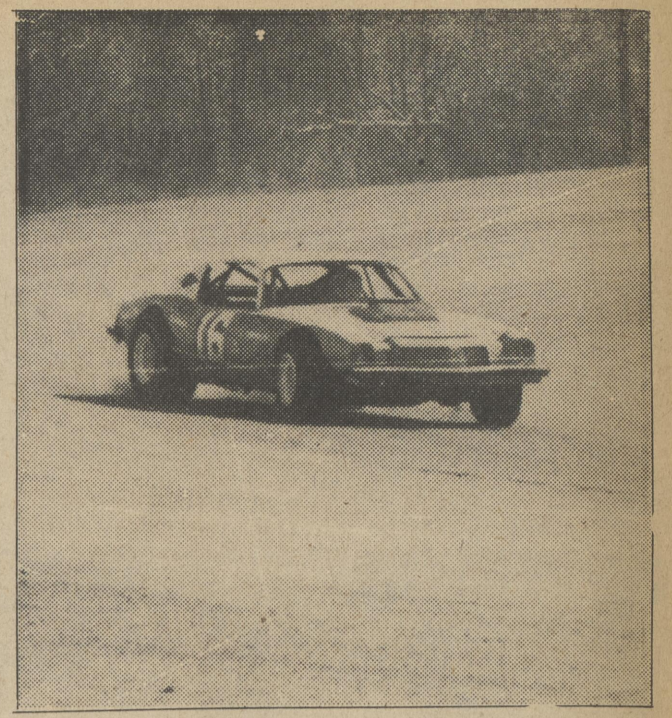
Ronnie LaVere of Milford struck pay dirt in the Late Model feature chauffeuring the LaVere Racing-Bobby Fisher Enterprises Duster. Pittsville's Dave White played catchup but couldn't overcome LaVere's perfection plus performance driving the Dave White's Farm Services Camaro. Larry Andell of Rehoboth scored third after battling most of the way with White. Finishing fourth behind the Colonial East Mobile Sales Camaro of Andell was Sharpstown's Jimmy Goslee whose strong run for Eskridge Welding kept pressure on the leaders for the distance.



Mel Joseph chats with Debbie LaVere, wife of Ronnie LaVere, following Ronnie's impressive win in the feature race.



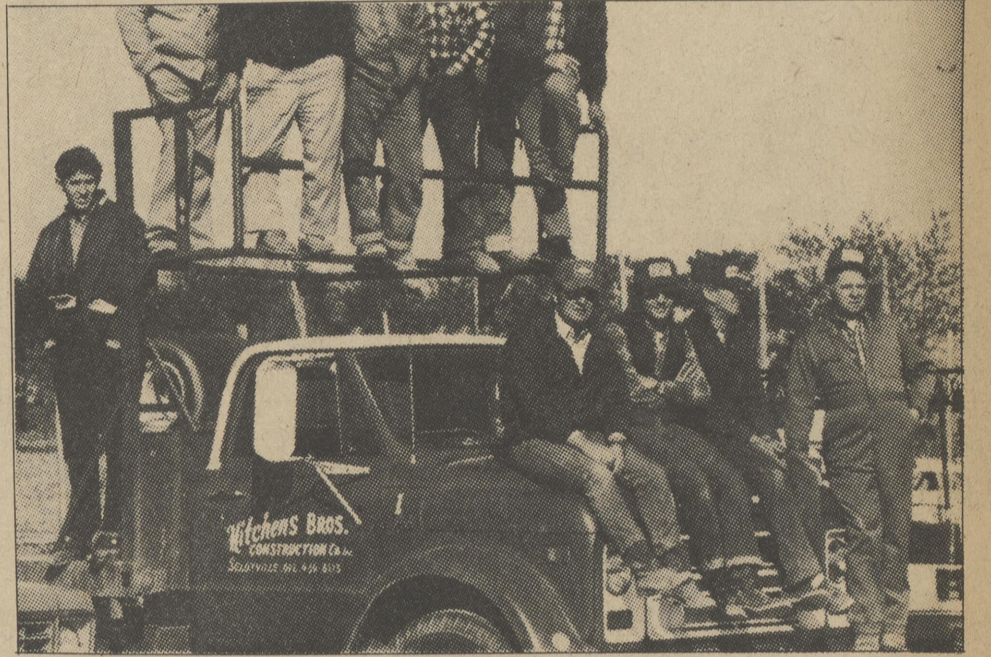
Richard Johnson's #69 after the crash on the first turn. Note the right side which is pushed in on the driver. The top of Johnson's car was cut off to enable him to be pulled out of the car.



Dave White of Pittsville breaks into the lead after several laps of the heat race and "run out of sight of the field."



Howard Davis of Seaford, long time racing enthusiast, relaxes before a race at Georgetown.



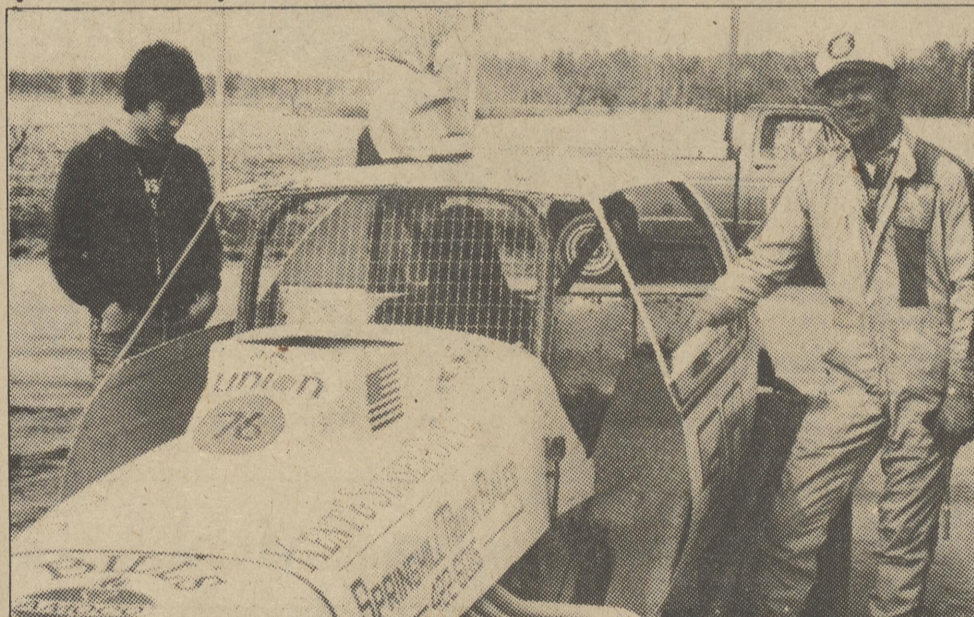
The Hitchens Bros. Constitution Racing team taking in races at Georgetown.



Bobby Reed gets last minute check out by Chief Mechanic Louis Welch, right, before start of feature race.



Someone would think this bunch came to talk and wittle. "Speedy" Reed left and Walt Messick, center, wittling at Georgetown.



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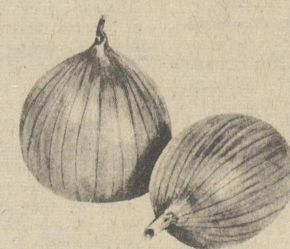
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Reg. 3.99 / SAVE 1.7%  
17632-125

**Lawn Rake**  
Sturdy lawn rake with 18 teeth and 43" handle.

**625**  
Reg. 8.25 / SAVE 2.00  
17608-125

**Garden Rake**  
Rugged garden rake with 14 teeth. Head 13 1/2", handle 5 feet long.

**788**  
Reg. 9.99 / SAVE 2.11  
17614-125

**Spading Fork**  
You'll really turn up the sod with four 10" angular back tines, 30" quality ash handle.

**5288**  
Reg. 62.88 / SAVE 10.00  
19379-243

**5 Cubic Foot Wheelbarrow**  
Contractor's type with deep tray. Built from 10 gauge steel.

**4999**  
Reg. 59.99 / SAVE 10.00  
19388-243

**4 1/2 Cu. Ft. Trailer Cart**  
Not pictured.

**8999**  
Reg. 109.99 / SAVE 20.00  
19389-243

**10 Cu. Ft. Trailer Cart**  
Design may vary from illustration.

**1397**  
Reg. 17.97 / SAVE 4.00  
18001-114

**1 1/2 Gal. Sprayer**  
6" pump with 12" extension, no carrying strap.

**1577**  
Reg. 19.97 / SAVE 4.00  
18000-114

**3 1/3 Gal. Sprayer**  
High quality galvanized steel tank with spray hose, comes with 9" carrying strap.

SAVE up to 47%  
**Garden Hose SALE**

**50' x 1/2" Vinyl Hose**  
19253-143 Reg. 3.47

**75' x 5/8" Rubber-Vinyl**  
19254-143 Reg. 14.49

**50' x 5/8" Rubber**  
19255-143 Reg. 18.50

**2147**  
Reg. 27.47 / SAVE 6.00  
18005-114

**Polyethylene 3 Gal. Sprayer**  
Pump barrels and caps are made of polypropylene. Ideal for use with materials that are corrosive to galvanized or stainless steel sprayers.

**TORO 1997**  
Reg. 22.97 / SAVE 3.00  
23001-342

**Toro Trimmer 900**  
This light weight trimmer has 2.5 amp motor with a 9" cutting swath. It features fully-automatic line feed.

**3997**  
Reg. 46.97 / SAVE 7.00  
23019-342

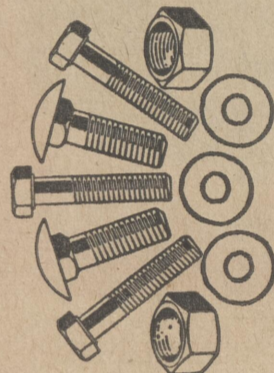
**Toro Trimmer Edger-1100**  
This trimmer has a 4.75 amp motor with 12" cutting swath. Also features fully-automatic line feed, adjustable for horizontal trimming next to walls and fences and for vertical trimming to edge along sidewalks and driveways.

**3997**  
Reg. 46.97 / SAVE 7.00  
23026-342

**Toro Cordless Trimmer**  
This trimmer has a 7" cutting swath. By being cordless it eliminates the hassle of using an extension cord. A full charge allows you to trim for 45 minutes. It recharges overnight. This trimmer also features the automatic feed line.

**21997**  
Reg. 229.97 / SAVE 10.00  
23033-342

**Toro Trimmer Edger-2100**  
This unit uses a 21cc gasoline engine to cut a 14" swath. Two or four cutting lines may be used to cut even the toughest weeds.



**59¢**  
per pound  
Reg. 89¢ / SAVE 33%

**Assorted Nuts, Bolts & Flat Washers**  
Hex head bolts ..... 21-250  
Carriage bolts ..... 31-250  
Nuts ..... 41-250  
Flat washers ..... 51-250

**10 FOR 97¢**  
Reg. 12¢ ea / SAVE 19%

**Flower and Vegetable Seeds**  
Stock up on these fresh Excelgard seeds. All the popular flowers and vegetables which normally sell for 35¢ and 50¢. Quantities are limited, so hurry!

**2997**  
Reg. 39.99 / SAVE 10.02  
19384-243

**4 Cubic Ft. Wheelbarrow**  
General purpose type with big 4.00x8 pneumatic tire, ball bearing mounted.

LIMIT 16 PER CUSTOMER  
**59¢**  
Reg. 85¢ / SAVE 30%

**AC or Champion Spark Plugs**  
For most makes and models of cars, trucks, tractors, and many other engines.

**79¢**  
Reg. 99¢ / SAVE 20%

**Resistor Plugs**

SAVE up to 43¢ per case  
Famous Brand

**Motor Oil SALE 55¢**  
per quart 10W30  
Reg. 70¢ per quart

**59¢**  
per quart 10W30  
Reg. 77¢ per quart

**65¢**  
per quart 10W40  
Reg. 82¢ per quart

Quaker State Motor Oil  
Pennzoil Motor Oil  
Kendall Superb Motor Oil  
Havoline Motor Oil  
Limit 2 cases per customer.

**69999**  
Reg. 799.99 / SAVE 100.00  
22491-258

**10 Hp. 36" Rear Discharge**  
The newest innovation in riding lawn mowers. Grass clippings are discharged to the rear instead of side, to prevent clogging. Includes electric starter, alternator, sealed beam headlights, twin blades for 36" cut, gas and ammeter gauges, and rack and pinion steering.

Trailer type lawn sweeper for above.  
22495-258 ..... 99.99

**18888**  
Reg. 218.88 / SAVE 30.00  
22489-258

**5 Horsepower Chain Drive Tiller**  
14" slasher tines till a 28" swath. Chain drive delivers more torque to the tillage implement. Includes Brags & Stratton horizontal shaft engine.

**97¢**  
Reg. 1.69 / SAVE 72¢  
10884-090

**9 Oz. WD-40**  
Stops squeaks and quickly frees frozen or rusted parts. Prevents rust and corrosion. Limit 6 per customer.



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# SPRING

# SAPLE

# SALE

**Hydraulic Jacks**

3 Ton	SALE	1899
1945-145 Reg. 2399		
5 Ton	SALE	2199
1945-145 Reg. 2799		
8 Ton	SALE	2699
1945-145 Reg. 3399		
12 Ton	SALE	3299
1945-145 Reg. 4199		
20 Ton	SALE	5499
1945-145 Reg. 6799		

**1 1/2 Ton Hydraulic Service Jack**

Reg. 19499 / SAVE 40.00  
19454-145

Steel power unit. Rugged compact construction makes jack easy to use and long lasting. Regular price may vary locally.

**Heavy Duty 12 Oz. Tarpaulins**

Reinforced corners, grommets spaced every 4 feet, weather and water resistant.

Size	Stock No.	Reg. Price	SALE Price
6'x10'	20451-181	18.79	12.79
8'x12'	20452-181	26.29	17.29
10'x12'	20453-181	33.59	22.59
12'x16'	20454-181	53.89	37.89
12'x18'	20455-181	60.59	44.59
12'x20'	20456-181	67.19	49.59

**1659**

480 x 12 4 Ply Hi-Speed Trailer Tire

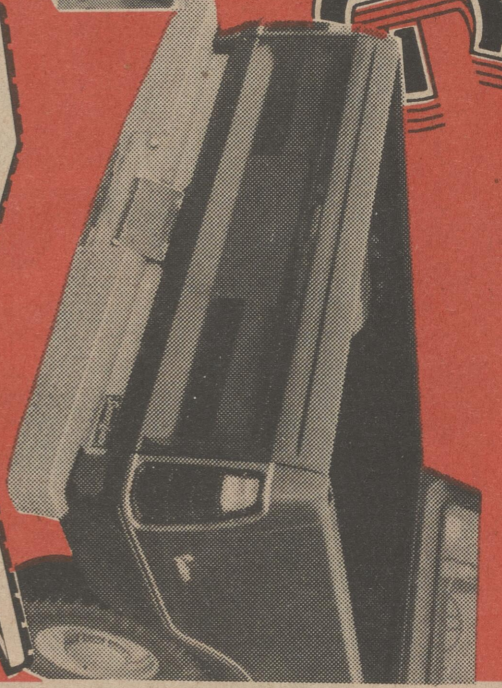
20325-159 F.E.T. 88

**1129**

480 x 400-8 4 Ply Hi-Speed Trailer Tire

20327-159 F.E.T. 50

Prices do not include F.E.T.



**2999**

Reg. 39.19 / SAVE 9.20

**Economy Pickup Bumpers**

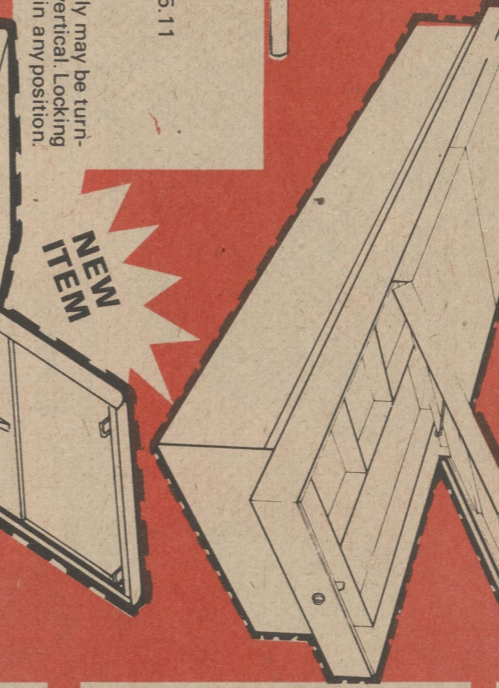
67-72 Ford	25152-314
67-72 Chevy, GMC	25153-314

**3999**

Reg. 52.79 / SAVE 12.80

**Heavy Duty Pickup Bumpers**

73-78 Ford	25154-314
73-78 Chevy, GMC	25155-314
72-78 Dodge	25156-314
67-72 Ford	25150-314
67-72 Chevy, GMC	25151-314



**7777**

Reg. 89.99 / SAVE 12.22  
22185-269

**Pickup Tool Box**

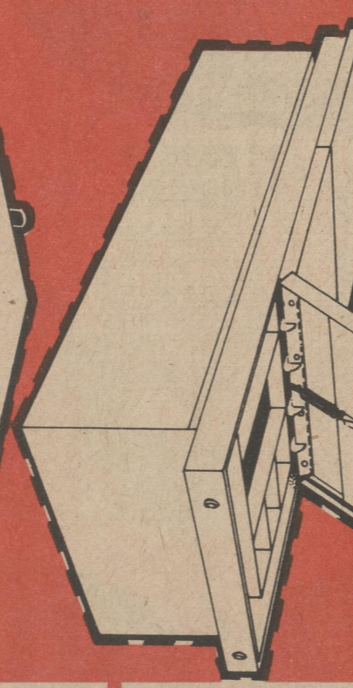
Fits most standard pickups. Handy storage for tools. Locking latches.

**8999**

22205-269

**Mini Pickup Tool Box**

Fits Datsun, Luv, Toyota etc. Limited Quantities Available.

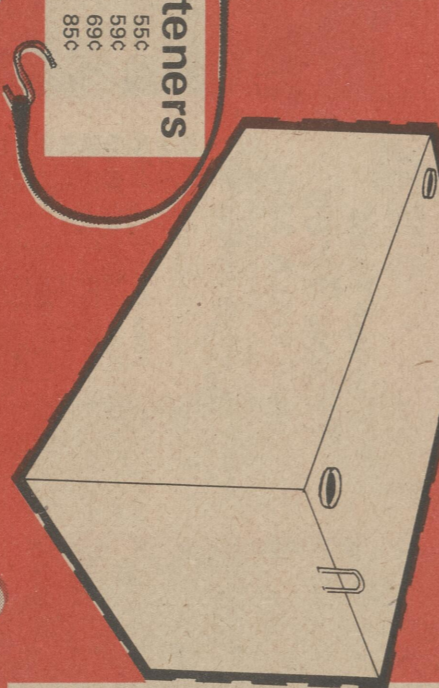


**14999**

Reg. 169.99 / SAVE 20.00  
22222-269

**Box Canyon Pickup Tool Box**

Larger than our standard sized box by 10 cu. ft. Fits most long wheel-base pickups.



**7988**

Reg. 109.95 / SAVE 30.07  
22056-176

**Portable Fuel Tank**

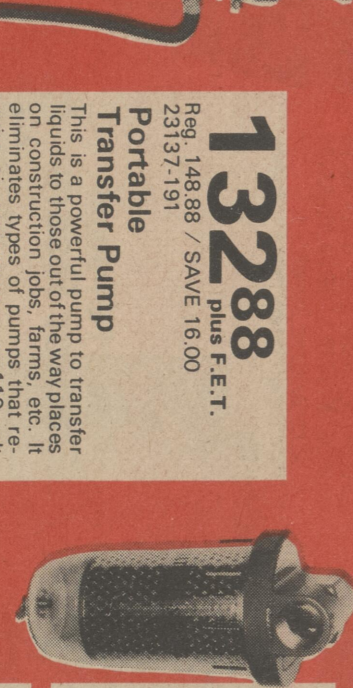
110 gallon capacity, single compartment, 3/4" drain and 2" fill and vent opening. Includes fitting hooks. 2"x2"x4". Price does not include 4.75 F.E.T.

**10988**

Reg. 132.95 / SAVE 23.07  
22055-176

**Portable Fuel Tank**

110 gallon capacity, double compartment, 3/4" drain and 2" fill and vent opening. Includes fitting hooks. 2"x2"x4". Price does not include 4.75 F.E.T.

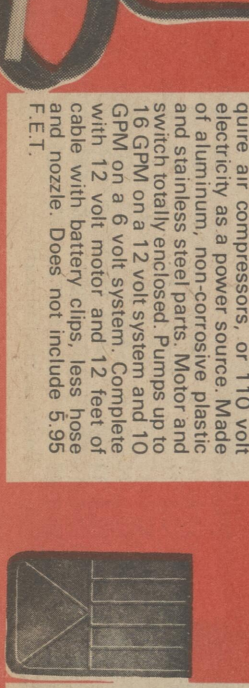


**13288**

Reg. 148.88 / SAVE 16.00  
23137-191

**Transfer Pump**

This is a powerful pump to transfer liquids to those out of the way places on construction jobs, farms, etc. It eliminates types of pumps that require air compressors, or 110 volt of electricity as a power source. Made of stainless steel parts. Motor and switch totally enclosed. Pumps up to 16 GPM on a 12 volt system. Complete with 12 volt motor and 12 feet of cable with battery clips, less hose and nozzle. Does not include 5.95 F.E.T.



**1087**

Reg. 13.95 / SAVE 3.08  
16204-090

**"See-Thru" Fuel Filter**

Made of clear propionate. Its low cost, easy to install, and pays for itself in fuel economy. Fits most diesel engine breakdowns. Complete.

**697**

plus F.E.T.

Reg. 8.29 / SAVE 1.32  
24750-217

**Truck Flaps**

Fully molded rubber. Easily installed. For 15"-17" tires, single or dual wheels. Plans only. 24"x20". W/L 13 lbs. Price does not include 29c F.E.T.

# SPRING

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Get up to \$4 rebate on the First Alert™ smoke detector from Pitway

**2388** Sale price  
**400** Rebate (ea., 3 units)

**1988** Your Cost (ea., 3 units)

First Alert Smoke & Fire Alarm model SA76RS includes battery. Pick up your rebate coupon at Central Tractor and mail it to the manufacturer for your rebate. \$4 each when you buy 3 and \$3 when you buy one. Maximum rebate \$12 per family. For rebate, purchase must be made before April 2, 1978. Regular price 25.88

**1497**

Reg. 17.50 / SAVE 2.53  
75000-163

**6" Plain Toe Work Shoe**

Brown leather upper with excellent resistance to battery acid and soil acids. Available in half sizes from 7 to 11 and size 12 and 13.

Reg. 19.50  
750130-163 SALE 14.57

Size 13

**2197**

Reg. 25.95 / SAVE 3.98  
79400-163

**Ranch Wellington Boots**

Unlined, oil resistant, steel shanks, leather heel pads. Goodyear welt construction.

**12888**

Reg. 154.99

**3 Bushel Seeders**

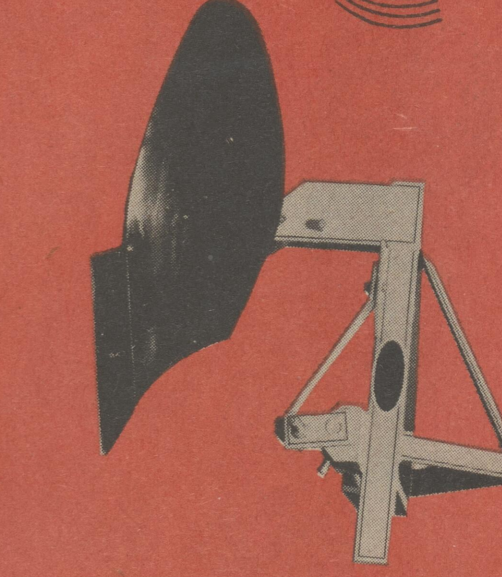
Power take off driven with flexible drive shaft. Easily operated from the tractor seat.

**18488**

Reg. 209.99

**5 Bushel Seeders**

SAVE up to 2611

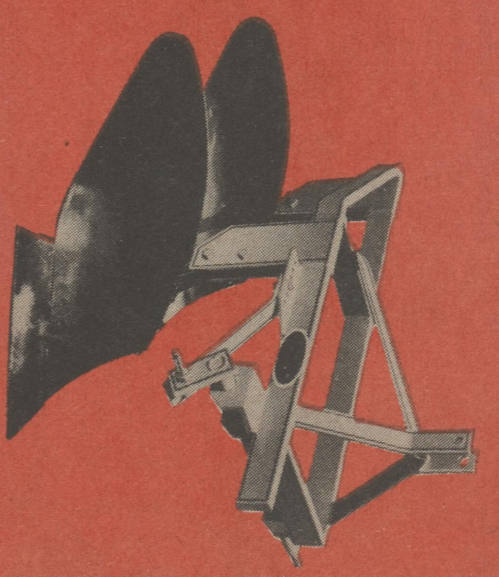


**19499**

Reg. 204.99 / SAVE 10.00  
13398-063

**Category 1 Single Bottom Plow**

1 bottom 14" PLOW for 3-point lift arm spacing of 26". Hitch frame provides separate adjustment of bottom position and PLOW bottom position. Replaceable shank, share, shin and landside made of high carbon steel.



**31999**

Reg. 342.99 / SAVE 23.00  
13399-063

**Double Bottom Plow**

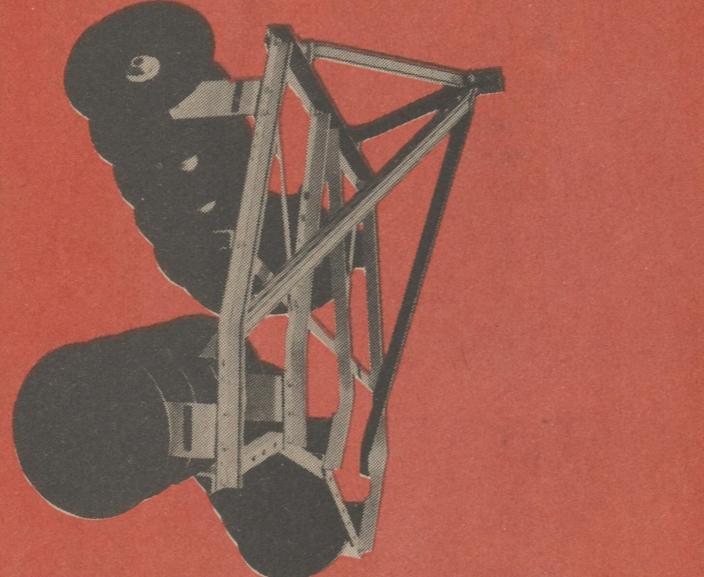
2 bottom 12" plow for 3-point lift arm spacing of 26". The frames are separately designed to provide true spacing of moldboards.

**34999**

Reg. 365.99 / SAVE 16.00  
13395-063

**Category 1 Double Bottom Plow**

2 bottom 14" PLOW for 3-point lift arm spacing of 26". Hitch frame provides positive adjustment of furrow width and plow bottom position. Replaceable shank, share, shin and landside made of high carbon steel.



**34999**

Reg. 373.99 / SAVE 24.00  
13398-063

**Category 1 Tandem Disc Harrow**

For 3-point lift arm spacing at 26". Entire frame manufactured from 1/2" structural strength angle. Self-sealing grey iron bearings with two grease fittings each on 10" diameter wheels. Standard equipment includes twenty plain 16" disc blades on 7/8" spacing.

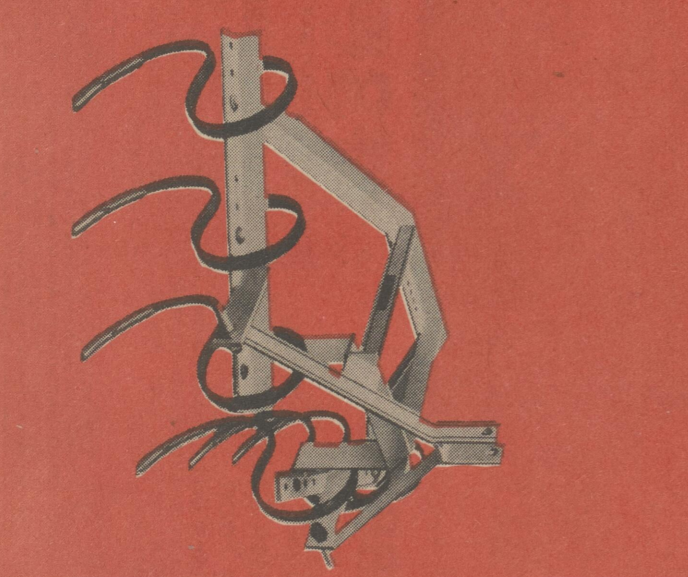
**35999**

Reg. 377.99 / SAVE 18.00  
13408-063

**Category 1 Tandem Disc Harrow**

3 point lift arm spacing of 26". Frame made of 1/2" structural strength angle, allowing smooth, rigid penetration. Tandem gangs adjustable from 10" to 15". Combination notched front and solid rear blades.

Notched blades front and rear. Reg. Price 364.99  
SALE PRICE 344.99



**9999**

Reg. 108.99 / SAVE 9.00  
13397-063

**Category 1 Row Cultivator**

For 3-point lift arm spacing of 26". Rigid high clearance frame provides four position adjustment of shanks. Six Danish Vibrating "S" Shanks with reversible points are standard equipment.







