High School Seniors Vie For $111,000 In Grants In Betty Crocker Search

The 20th annual Betty Crocker Search for Leadership in Family Living (formerly the Betty Crocker Search for American Homemakers of Tomorrow), a $111,000 college scholarship program sponsored by General Mills, gets underway Tuesday. More than 750,000 high school seniors here and throughout the country will join in writtem knowledge and attitude examinations which will determine individual college scholarship awards of $500 to $5,000.

Male student eligibility for the educational program, initiated for the first time last year, has been made a permanent part of the Betty Crocker Search for Leadership in Family Living. Participation by both males and females, a reflection of increased emphasis on the mutually shared responsibility for family leadership in American culture today, is the reason behind the change in the program's title for the first time in 20 years.

Participating seniors will compete in a 50-minute examination prepared and graded by Science Research Associates, Chicago, which is also responsible for all judging and selection of winners. The local winner will receive a specially designed award from General Mills and will, together with all other school winners, remain in the running for state and national honors.

State winners—one from each state and the District of Columbia—will each be awarded a $1,500 scholarship. Chosen in judging that centers on performance in the written examination, state Family Leaders of Tomorrow will also earn for their schools a 20-volume reference work, "The Annals of America," from Encyclopaedia Britannica Educational Corporation. Second-ranking participants in each state will receive $500 college grants.

On April 21-26 of next year, the 51 state Leaders in Family Living will gather in Washington, D. C. for an expense-paid educational tour of the capital city and Minneapolis, Minnesota. Personal observation and interviews of the state winners during the tour will be added factors in the selection of the 1974 Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow and three runners-up. Scholarships awarded to the four national winners will be for $5,000, $4,000, $3,000 and $2,000.

For the third successive year, a $1,000 Nutrition Scholarship will also be awarded. Recipient of this award will be the participating student who is planning a college major in nutrition or a related field, ranks among the highest in his or her state on the total Search examination and, from those meeting these two criteria, achieves the top score on the test's nutrition items.

More than nine million students have been enrolled in the Betty Crocker Search since its beginning in the 1954-55 school year. With this year's grants, total scholarships awarded will exceed $2 million.

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New County Permit Plan Goes Into Effect Dec. 5

The Iredell County Board of Health Tuesday approved an ordinance which requires that an improvements permit be obtained before a mobile home can be installed on a lot in the county and before a home can be constructed on a lot in the county. The ordinance will be fully enforced, beginning Dec. 5.

Permits must also be obtained on existing lots, according to a health department official, so that health department personnel can determine whether a ground absorption system can be satisfactorily installed.

The ordinance reads that an "improvements permit shall mean the written authorization from the health director to construct a ground absorption sewage disposal system on a designated tract of land. It shall be issued after a field investigation of the area, including such factors as character and porosity of soil, percolation rate, topography, depth to water table and rock or other impervious formations and location of any water supply wells, shows the site to be suitable according to the rules and regulations governing sewage disposal in Iredell County."

The ordinance also states, "No person shall commence the construction or relocation of any dwelling nor shall any person locate, relocate or cause to be located or relocated any mobile home intended for use as a dwelling, other than one in a mobile home park, on a site in an area not served by a public or community sewage disposal system without first obtaining an improvements permit from the health director. A separate permit shall be obtained for each installation. Nor shall any person construct, install, alter or repair a septic tank without first securing such a permit.

"No permit shall be issued to install a septic tank until an on-the-premises survey shall have been made by the health director and a diagram of the proposed layout has been approved by the health director. Once this layout has been established, it shall not be altered without the written consent of the health director. In the event that a satisfactory layout cannot be established, no permit shall be issued.

"No permit shall be issued for the installation of a septic tank system on any lot less than 20,000 square feet in area where the water supply is to be from any source other than an approved central water supply system.

"No permit shall be issued for the installation of a septic tank system on any lot less than 20,000 square feet in an area.

"In the case of a lot in existence and on record at the Iredell County Registry of Deeds as of the effective date of this regulation which does not meet the minimum lot area standards set forth, and where it is not deemed feasible by the health director to make a connection with an approved central sewerage system, the health director may issue a septic tank permit if field investigation indicates satisfactory soil conditions, percolation rates, topography, and depth to hard rock or other impervious layer.

"No permit shall be issued by the health director for the construction of a cesspool, and no person shall construct, install or use a cesspool in Iredell County.

"An improvements permit to construct or install septic tank systems or privies shall be revoked whenever the health director determines that said construction or installation is not being conducted in accordance with these regulations. Said permit may be reinstated when the health director determines that the provision of these regulations will be complied with.

"It shall be the responsibility of the sewage disposal facilities contractor to determine that an improvements permit has been issued; that it is in full force and effect, and that the system to be installed is in conformity with the provisions of the improvements permit.

"Persons denied an improvements permit or persons who have a permit revoked may appeal such decision in accordance with the provisions of these regulations."

Included in the ordinance are the following provisions related to subdivisions: "No person shall make any subdivision of land as defined herein without first submitting to the health director plans showing the layout of all proposed lots and their dimensions and the proposed methods of furnishing water to and disposing of sewage from each lot.

"No person shall create any lot less than 20,000 square feet in a subdivision where the sewage disposal is to be through a ground absorption sewage disposal system.

"More than 20,000 square feet may be required on any lot in a subdivision where type of soil, percolation rate, topography, depth to water table or other impervious formations indicate that more than 20,000 square feet is needed to construct an adequate ground absorption sewage disposal system.

"The requirements set out above shall apply throughout Iredell County except in areas designated with more stringent land use requirements by other appropriate state and county agencies."

A health department spokesman said there are many other changes included in the new ordinance and warned that persons planning to install a mobile home or to build a house should check with the department in Statesville or Mooresville before buying a lot.

A copy of the complete ordinance is on file in the clerk of court's office at the Hall of Justice and at the Iredell County Health Department.

Policeman Nabs Boy But Loses His Toupee

When a Dallas police officer spotted a runaway boy, he took off after him. The boy ran through a briar patch and so did the officer, but his toupee came off.

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