

## Traffic Across Chesapeake Bay To Be Improved

### Size of One of Five Ships, DelMarVa, to Be Increased

To further expedite movement of traffic and substantially increase the automobile and passenger carrying capacity of its fleet of five speedy transports across Chesapeake Bay, Capt. L. H. Garrison, general manager of the Virginia Ferry Corporation has announced signing of a contract to modernize and lengthen by 90 feet the S.S. DelMarVa. This is the second ship this year to be given this unusual treatment.

The DelMarVa will go into dry-docks of the Maryland Dry Dock Company at Baltimore on Sunday, January 9, for the lengthening operation, which will cost nearly one million dollars. A relief ship will take her place on the ferry run, between Kiptopeke Beach and Little Creek, Virginia, so that the fast round the clock operating schedule can be maintained on this water link of the popular north-south Ocean Hiway motor route.

The completely modernized and lengthened S.S. DelMarVa will be returned to regular service on Sunday, April 3, Captain Garrison's announcement said.

The capacity increasing operation calls for inserting a 90 foot section amidships, which will increase the length of the DelMarVa from her present 260 feet to 350 feet, and will increase the ship's vehicle carrying capacity from 62 to 104 automobiles.

A similar operation on the S.S. Princess Anne was made in February, and it was so successful and well received that Captain Garrison announced in April that plans were being formulated to alter the S.S. DelMarVa in like manner before the year ended. Today's announcement confirms this.

describing the unusual lengthening process, Captain Garrison stated that construction would be virtually completed on the new 90 foot three deck section addition before the S.S. DelMarVa enters the Maryland shipyard for the fitting. After the DelMarVa has been cut apart, forward of the engine room bulkhead, the new section will be riveted and welded into the center of the ship. When she is returned to service in April, the DelMarVa will be the latest thing, from stem to stern, in modern water transportation.

The Virginia Ferry Corporation fleet of ships transports a daily average of 1,800 automobiles and approximately 6,000 passengers across Chesapeake Bay. The crossing distance of 21 miles is made in 1 hour and 25 minutes. Ferry service is operated around the clock, with a minimum of 22 round trips daily and an average departure every 55 minutes. Nine additional round trips daily are added when needed during peak periods, to handle the traffic flow with efficiency and with minimum delays.

There is a confidence necessary to human intercourse, and without which men are often more injured by their own suspicions, than they could be by the perfidy of others. —Burke.



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### CASUAL COMFORT



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### Census Information Extremely Useful

The North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development has found the information compiled from the annual State Farm Census to be extremely useful in a number of ways, says F. H. Claridge, state forester.

He says the Division of Commerce and Industry has found farm figures assembled from the census to be essential in its daily contacts with representatives of industry. In fact this knowledge may even determine the location of a factory or supply store or may affect the distribution of materials needed by farmers.

A concrete example of this was the location of a meat packing plant at Clinton after accurate figures showed the ready availability of hogs for use by the plant.

In addition, the Division of Forestry refers to the annual farm census for the latest figures concerning land use on farms. Such information helps this division to locate the areas which are most in need of assistance in farm forestry and to assign technically trained foresters to assist farmers with their woods problems.

Tar Heel farmers have been asked by agricultural leaders to cooperate with the 1955 State Farm Census which got underway earlier this month. This census provides annual county statistics on agriculture in greater geographic detail and at more frequent intervals than the Federal Census conducted every five years.

## 60-SECOND SERMONS

BY FRED DODGE

TEXT: "Enthusiasm for a cause sometimes warps judgment."—Wm. Howard Taft.

I remember mother telling of her experience one hot summer afternoon. She had charge of seeing that her younger brother was well scrubbed and taken for a walk. After vigorously washing his hands, face and ears with soap, they started walking along the street. Before long mother noticed something alarming about her little brother. His face and ears started to crack. Distressed over his terrible appearance which was growing worse every minute, she hurried home. There she learned that, in

washing her brother, she had forgotten to rinse off the soap. The hot sun caused the soap film to crack into hundreds of tiny white lines.

How many times do we see folks so enthusiastic for a cause that they mark them in peculiar ways? Under the hot sun of day to day living they take on a strange appearance. They carry their belief in a "cause" to extreme lengths that reach fanaticism. People avoid them. The merit of their "cause" is damaged. We all should be enthusiastic for something worthwhile in life. We can be clean. But rinse off the soap, so that we do not appear to be freaks.

### Timely Advice

By C. W. OVERMAN  
Chowan County Agent

#### Hardy Azaleas and Camellias

Seven factors are important in growing azaleas and camellias successful—proper soil preparation, depth of planting, site or location (shade, drainage, wind protection) fertilizer, watering, mulching, and last, but not least, selecting varieties that are winter hardy in your community. Failure to do any of these things correctly may mean failure. Space is too limited to discuss all these factors, so let's take the last factor—winter hardiness. No two people ever seem to agree on which camellia and azalea varieties will stand the lowest temperature or how far north and west they can be grown. The location of the plant undoubtedly has a lot to do with it. Choose well-drained locations protected from sweeping winds. Plants given northern and western exposures, or otherwise protected from winter sun, especially morning sun, will stand more cold than those with southern exposures. Some of the hardier camellia japonica include Daikigura, T. K. Variegated, Brown's Red, Flame, Governor Mounton, Kimberly, Tricolor, Semi-double Blush, Kumasaka, Lurie's Favorite, and a local variety in the Piedmont known as Greensboro Red. A number of varieties of camellia sasanqua will stand more cold than camellia japonica varieties. Perhaps the hardiest of the sasanquas is the variety, Dawn. One week after 13 deg. weather, my plants were in full bloom. Some other well known hardy sasanquas include Cleopatra,

Apple Blossom, Rosea and Dauphin. It's peculiar how some camellias having the greatest flower bud resistance to cold have tender leaves and stems, and some of the most cold resistant plants produce some of the least resistant flower buds.

If the right azalea varieties are selected, they will grow practically anywhere in the state. In the colder sections use only the hardier azaleas such as the native species, Kaempferi, and Glen Dale hybrids. The next hardy are the khrume group, especially Flame, Hindoedgiri, and Snow. Some of the tenderer varieties include Formosa, Fielders White, India Alba, and others in the indica group.

#### Plant Shrubs and Trees

Any time between now and the last of March, when you can catch the man of the house without a excuse is a good time to finish your transplanting, but don't plant more than you can keep watered next summer. Pick out a day when the soil isn't too wet. If your plants arrive when the soil is wet or frozen, don't keep them outdoors, open the package and pile soil, sawdust or sand around the roots and keep

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#### Prune

Don't forget your pruning. Remove low limbs and the dead wood from your shade trees. Your fruit trees and grapes will also need pruning along with your evergreens and fall blooming shrubs. Wait until your Forsythia and other spring blooming plants have flowered before pruning them. At least don't prune them very much because flower buds have already formed and, of course, many of these would be pruned away if the plant is cut back now.

#### Vegetables

I once had a neighbor who complained of the high cost of gardening saying "These new tools they make now don't even last two seasons. Why, I bought a duster year before last and look at it now!" Well, we looked at it and as I assumed, it still had dust caked up in it. If we took better care of our tools, they would last three or

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four times as long as they now do. This is a good time to check our dusters and sprayers to make sure they are clean and oiled when necessary. Trowels, hoes, rakes, and other tools should be oiled and put in working order. Women, as well as men, are often guilty of leaving fertilizer or other corroding substances in buckets or other containers only to find a rusty hole when it is needed in the spring. Make sure they are clean now.

If you order your farm fertilizer early, order enough garden fertilizer to take care of your year's garden. Feed your garden and it will feed you.

Growing your own plants can be a money saving and enjoyable venture. It has the following advantages: (1) you will be sure to have the variety you want; (2) you should have disease free plants; (3) you can plant whenever you want to, taking advantage of weather conditions like rain, cloudy weather, etc.; (4) you will have a better stand because the plants can be planted only a few minutes after they come out of the bed and before they even wilt; (5) you can sell or give away your extra plants. Why not plant a few hills of garlic in your onion row? Plant them as you do onion sets and then use the bulbs or the leaves for a flavor that's really different. A dose of garlic gently rubbed over a ham or most meats will bring out the "pass-me-some-more-please" in you. One row in a garden could well be devoted to herbs and spices like garlic, basil, chervil, dill, marjoram, mint, parsley, rosemary, sage, savory, and thyme.

Let's make a New Year's resolution "To have a good garden in '55, is one more thing for which I'll strive."

#### Fruits

If you live in the Piedmont or Mountain areas of North Carolina, you can successfully grow bunch grapes in your backyard. It will be necessary to prune them every year and to keep them sprayed. Your county agent will be happy to give you a new bulletin, just off the press, entitled "Growing Bunch Grapes in North Carolina" Circular 311. This bulletin has the latest information, proper varieties to plant, how to prune the vine, etc.

The midwinter month of January is the month of scarce food supplies for most wildlife, as a result various rodents like mice and rabbits may eat the bark of young fruit trees. They eat the bark from the tree near the ground and may completely girdle the tree and cause its death. To avoid these, enclose the tree in a cylinder of screen wire, sheet metal or similar material. Sink the cylinder a few inches below the surface of the soil.

Remove trash and weeds for a couple of feet around the base of the tree, as a condition of this sort harbors the pest and makes the tender trunks of the trees a convenient item at mealtime.

#### Trained

A visitor to a large factory told the manager he could pick out all the married men among the employees. He stationed himself at the door, and as the men came from dinner he pointed to those he thought were married. In almost every case he was right.

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