

Mauney Says Umstead Agrees On County Unpaved Rd. Setup

RALEIGH.—Rep. Richard Mauney of Cherokee said here today that he had conferred with Governor William B. Umstead relative to more paved roads for Cherokee and other Western North Carolina counties and that he found the Governor in sympathy with efforts being made in this respect.

The conference, Rep. Mauney said, was held at 10 a. m. on April 11 in the Executive Mansion and that he talked with Governor Umstead for 30 minutes.

"The Governor feels that the elimination of the motor vehicle registration from the present allocation formula will help the western counties considerably in the matter of getting more and better roads," the Cherokee legislator said.

Rep. Mauney said he gave the Governor a report he had compiled from information furnished by the statistical and planning division of the State Highway and Public Works Commission and which shows that Western North Carolina leads the entire State in unpaved roads.

The Governor, Mauney said, expressed his appreciation for the information given him and said it would be helpful.

RANGER

The Rev. C. A. Smith filled his regular appointment at Ranger Methodist Church Sunday.

Mrs. G. B. Fox spent Thursday night with Mrs. Iowa Nichols and Mrs. Hampton Monteith.

Mrs. Ida Bryson has returned to her home at Washington, D. C., after spending several days here with Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Elliott.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kilpatrick spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. S. V. Evans Jr. and family at Oak Ridge Tenn.

Mrs. Art Latschaw and family visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Fox.

Mrs. Callie Wooten spent several days recently in Blue Ridge, Ga., visiting relatives.

Mrs. S. V. Evans of Oak Ridge, Tenn., spent several days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Sneed.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Keenum and family of Copperhill, Tenn., visited Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Kilpatrick Sunday.

FERTILIZER TOPS

On North Carolina farms, under present economic conditions, fertilizer is still at the top of the farmer's bargain list, according to Warren County farm agent Frank Reams.

Reams is urging his fellow farmers to go easy on everything but fertilizer. He says that in 1940 every dollar invested in fertilizer brought a \$2 dividend in extra crop. Six months ago the same investment brought an average return of \$3.65, with dividends on certain specialty crops like toma-

Backyard Gardeners Ought Operate Simply

North Carolina's thousands of backyard gardeners, to justify the use of the labor, seed and fertilizer, should operate on sound and simple principles. Some of the practices emphasized by G. H. Farley, Cherokee County farm agent, include:

Do not grow crops that require too much room, if the space available is small—which it often is. Sweet corn gives a low yield of food per unit of land, and therefore is not one of the more valuable home garden crops. Sprawling plants, such as cucumbers, melons, and the vining varieties of squash and pumpkins, should not be considered for the home garden where space is a problem, according to Farley.

On the other hand, he said, it may be possible to grow these sprawlers by training them and ty-

ing them to poles, brush or a fence to save garden space. Climbing beans and limas, where adapted, give large yields per unit area of land. Staked tomatoes yield more per unit of land if planted relatively close.

Generally Mr. Farley warned, the home gardener should avoid planting crops that are unusually difficult to grow. And don't try to grow crops that are not suited to the season or region.

As a dependable guide to making your home garden add to your family food supply, follow the lead of your neighbors who are successful gardeners, Mr. Farley suggests. But give attention to the new disease-resistant varieties and try to learn about some of the less common vegetables that may prove valuable in your particular garden.

GARDEN TIME

BY ROBERT SCHMIDT

With the coming of spring weather and the swelling of dogwood buds it is time to talk about sweet corn again. There are a few gardeners who still plant early varieties of field corn for roasting ears because the ears are large and there are not many earworms. However, once they have given real sweet corn a fair trial, they will not be satisfied with field corn. There is no comparison in edible quality.

There are a number of very good hybrid sweet corn varieties to choose from. In order of earliness the following are recommended: North Star, Seneca Chief, Hoosier Gold, Golden Cross Bantam, Ioana, Huron, Aristogold. These are all yellow corns. Early and late varieties may be planted at the same time in order to get a succession of harvest, or any one may be planted at two week intervals. Corn is mostly wind pollinated and therefore it is best to plant in blocks of two or three rows rather than in a single row. Sweet corn may be planted a little closer than field corn because it usually makes a smaller stalk growth.

Sweet corn is of best quality if

used as soon as harvested. If it cannot be used immediately, it should be kept on ice or in the refrigerator, otherwise it will lose a large part of its sugar content in a few hours and will taste like field corn.

The entomologists have developed a fairly good control for the earworm—a spray of DDT emulsion that is applied to the silks. Instructions on earworm control may be obtained by writing the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, N. C. State College, Raleigh.

Raw Garbage May Cause V. E. Disease In Hogs

Some farmers of the county have been alarmed about the recent outbreak of V. E. disease in the state. G. H. Farley, County Agent said today. Vesicular Exanthema Disease is a virus disease that almost, without exception, has been traced to hogs fed on raw garbage.

This disease produces blisters that may appear on the snout, nose, lips and on the feet of hogs, Farley said. The disease is similar to Foot and Mouth disease but it does not affect cattle, whereas Foot and Mouth disease affects both hogs and cattle.

V. E. can be prevented by cooking garbage at a temperature of 212 degrees F. for thirty minutes, Mr. Farley said. Farmers need not be alarmed if they do not feed raw garbage or purchase hogs of un-

TOPTON

Sue and Bill Solesbee, who are working in Detroit, spent the week end with their mother.

Sgt. Frank Dunbar has recently returned home after spending a year of service in Korea. He has reenlisted for service in Japan.

Mrs. Buster Godfrey and Johnny returned home with her sisters to Boone, for a few days.

Steve Nelson is recovering from a serious operation. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Nelson and daughter spent Sunday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Nelson.

known origin.

Table scraps containing no raw meat are considered safe.

MRS. HAMPTON HAS CIRCLE

Mrs. J. H. Hampton was hostess to Circle 2 of the WSCS of the Methodist church Tuesday night April 21.

The program, "Blessed Are the Pure in Heart" was given by Mrs. W. D. Townsend.

During the social hour refreshments were served to the 13 members present.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the West Liberty Association will hold its monthly meeting Monday evening May 4 at Ranger Baptist church 7:45 p. m. Each church of the Association is requested to send representatives to this meeting. Rev. Fred Stiles is moderator.

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