

Happy Faces That Can Save You Money



If you're a working parent like the woman above and you and your spouse are both employed at least 30 hours a week, you may be entitled to a big income tax deduction for child-care costs. "The total can be up to \$400 a month or \$4800 a year if you're entitled to the maximum deduction," says Sanford Kahn, the director of the tax preparation service for GFC Corp. The amount you are entitled to deduct will vary according to your family income and the number of children you have under the age of 15.

Garden Time

It's Feeding Time For Strawberries, Grapes

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This is a dreary, wet, cold and cloudy day in Raleigh. Good planning weather for spring

operations though. There are some chores for this month, too.

If you have bearing strawberry plants, they should be fertilized now in eastern Carolina and

the lower Piedmont; and late March in the upper Piedmont and mountain counties. Apply about two quarts of an 8-8-8 fertilizer per 100 feet of row. Select a good day when the leaves are dry. Distribute the fertilizer evenly over the plants and brush from the leaves to prevent burning.

Remember to mulch the plants to keep the berries clean when ripening. Pine straw is

probably best but clean grain straw may be used. Fertilize before applying the mulch.

It would be a good idea to fertilize those pecan trees you have been neglecting. Use about two pounds of an 8-8-8 mixture per year of age until the trees come into bearing. On bearing trees, apply three pounds per inch of tree diameter.

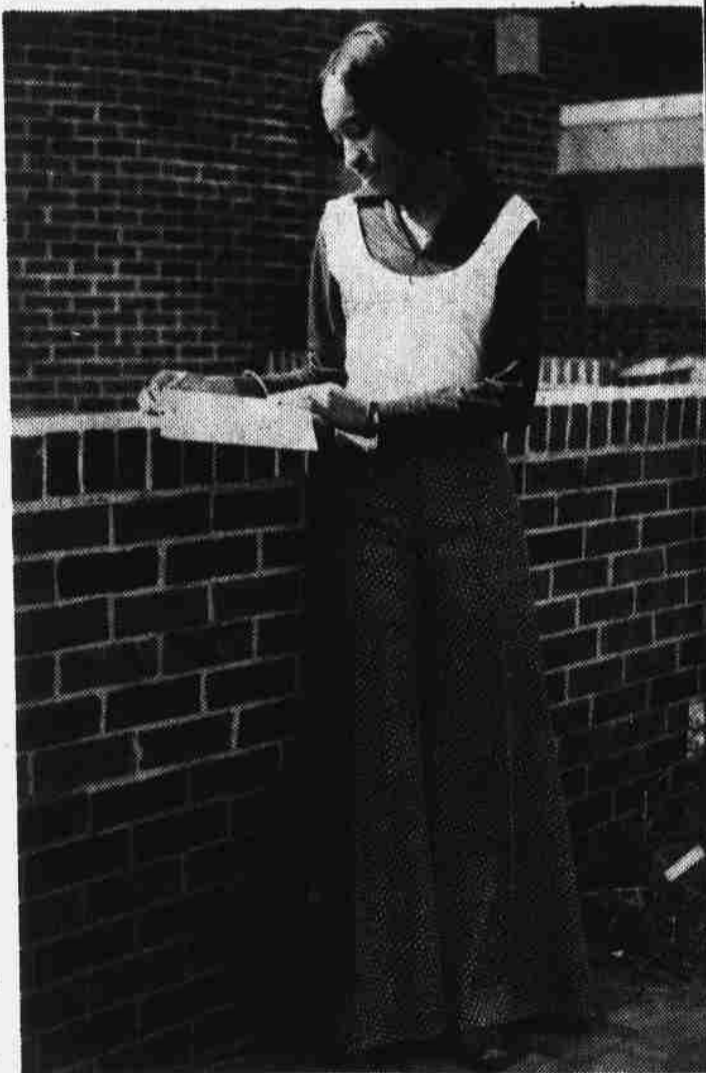
The fertilizer may be broadcast evenly around

the tree or it may be placed in holes 12-14 inches deep made with a crowbar or an old car axle. The latter method is best (and is recommended) because it places the plant food nearer the feeder root zone.

The major portion of the feeder root system extends just inside and outside the spread (or

drip) of the branches of the tree. Stagger the holes in this area uniformly around the tree and divide your fertilizer accordingly when placing in the holes.

On bunch grapevines, apply one-half pound of an 8-8-8 per year of age until the plants are receiving about three pounds per vine per year.



BEAUTY AND THE BOOKS— It takes more than beauty to have brains and this lovely Fayetteville State University coed Valjeaner Brewington, a

sophomore Business Administration major, has both. "Val" hails from Parkton, North Carolina and wants to be a business executive.

Veterans Administration Notes

Editors Note: Veterans and their families are asking thousands of questions concerning the benefits their Government provides for them through the Veterans Administration. Below are some representative queries. Additional information may be obtained at any VA office.

Q—Is the Veterans Administration cutting back on hospital care?

A—On the contrary. An all high record of more than one million patients will be treated in fiscal year 1974. Because of advances in medical science and improvements in treatment techniques, hospital stays will be shorter and fewer patients will be in bed on an average day.

Q—How can I apply for my special dividend which I hear the VA is paying to holders

of World War II life insurance policies?

A—Sorry to disappoint you, but there is no special dividend VA pays regular dividends to veterans who have kept their World War II "V" prefixed National Service Life Insurance and World War I "K" prefixed United States Government Life Insurance policies. Dividends are paid on the anniversary date of each policy and no application is necessary.

Q—Why is the Veterans Administration's budget for fiscal year 1974 being reduced?

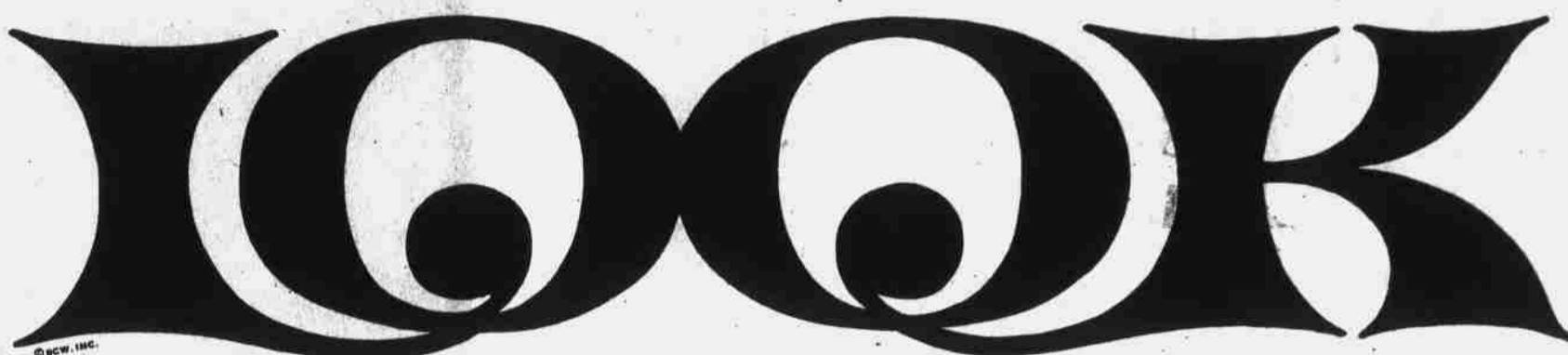
A—VA's budget is not being reduced. Overall expenditures will be some \$300 million higher than in the current fiscal year.

Men were born to lie, and women to believe them.

—John Gay.



PANCHO VILLA'S WIDOW, Maria Luz Corral de Villa, 78, was honored recently with a festive luncheon at the Greater Los Angeles Press Club. The charming and vivacious lady, who married the famous Mexican general in 1909, shortly before their country's revolution, maintains a Pancho Villa museum in her home town of Chihuahua. At the close of the Press Club fiesta, Señora Villa was presented with a bottle of Tequila Sauza, the "national aperitif of Mexico."



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