

Foul Weather Hampers Early Garden Chores

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If the weather has been as bad in your neighborhood as it has in ours, you are way behind with chores in the fruit, vegetable and flower gardens. In the last seven weeks, I have only been able to work around the house on one Saturday. On the other six, we have had either snow or rain; or it has been too cold to be outside.

Many cool season crops should have been planted in eastern Carolina and the lower Piedmont in February -- beet, broccoli, (plants), cabbage (plants), onion (plants or sets), kale, lettuce, etc. If you are late, get these crops planted as soon as you can work the soil in the East and lower Piedmont. If you live in the mountains, wait about one week for each 1,000 ft. rise in elevation from the Feb. 15 date.

If the physical condition of your soil is very light (sandy) or very heavy (clay) it will help to add organic matter. This may be in the form of very old sawdust or stable or poultry manure. Apply about 15 bushels of stable manure per 1,000 square feet. If you use poultry manure, apply one-third as much as for stable manure. If you have neither of the manures available, you can most likely find an old sawdust pile. The sawdust will

improve the physical condition of the soil by adding organic matter but will not have any fertilizer value. Both of the manures will supply some NPK but it will be low.

It will be best to apply the organic matter, in whatever form, and your lime and phosphate needs, as determined by soil test, and turn them all under when the ground is plowed. This plan will put your garden area in good condition and the proper amount of an 8-8-8, or similiar fertilizer, can be applied when the crops are planted.

Don't expect your garden to flourish if it is in a low wet area subject to frost; or on a site where you have competition from trees for moisture, light and nutrients.

The same general recommendations given for conditioning the vegetable garden will apply to the flower garden. Remember, too, that if you expect to have crisp and tasty vegetables or beautiful flowers, they must have water as needed. This is very important.

Prepare now for the constant and never ending battle to control insects and diseases. Select the insecticides and fungicides best suited for the different crops. If you have strawberry plants, begin now to look for red spider mites on the undersides of the leaves.



Former President Honored

North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co. today honored its sixth President Joseph Waverly Goodloe, second from left, by presenting him with a citation on his retirement after 46 years. At the ceremony are, left to right, A. W. Williams, board chair-

man; Goodloe; W. J. Kennedy III, current president of the company; Mrs. V. G. Turner, board member; and Alfred M. Pelham, board member.

—Sun Staff Photo by Thornton.

N.C. Mutual Enjoys Record Year

New company records for income, assets and insurance in force were set during 1972 by North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., according to William Kennedy III, president of the Durham firm. Speaking today at the 74th annual meeting of the company,

Kennedy said the Mutual has recorded "amazing growth" in the past year.

While it took 73 years for the firm to obtain its first billion dollars of insurance in force, Kennedy said, nearly 40 percent of the second billion was achieved last year. During 1972,

\$378.8 million was added to the total which stands at \$1.4 billion.

Large gains also have been made in benefits paid to policy owners, said Kennedy. He explained that \$15.6 million was paid to policy owners last year, with \$1.4 million paid in divi-

dends from the firm's net operating gain.

Saturday will mark the 75th anniversary of North Carolina Mutual. Kennedy said he is confident the firm will continue "to provide the best possible insurance coverage for our policy owners."

MARYLAND LEAF

The stocks of Maryland type tobacco showed a small increase last year to 54.5 million pounds. Use during the 1971-72 marketing year fell to 25.5 million pounds. A few North Carolina farmers have indicated an interest in trying to grow Maryland type tobacco, which is not under production control as is flue-cured and burley, the two types

Produced in the Tar Heel State.

KNOWLEDGE PAYS

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Family Should Discuss Handling Death Crisis

RALEIGH--All of us make special preparations for the addition of a new baby or a new son or daughter-in-law into a family. But it is just as important to prepare for the subtraction of a life.

Although we do not plan to die, we need to get ready for the troubles that death makes in a family, believes Leo Hawkins, extension family life specialist, North Carolina State University. For how you handle this crisis may make or break the family.

One of the chief problems remaining family members face in the event of death is making decisions about a funeral. The more plans you make ahead of time, the wiser your decisions will be, the specialist points out.

Family members should talk about and make tentative decisions concerning where they wish to be buried. They should say what they want concerning future funeral arrangements.

In addition, both of the couple should be aware of family financial affairs.

Each person should know total income and sources; insurance policies and local agents; other securities and agents; other legal papers such as property deeds and tax receipts; location of will and any personal instructions; cash available not in joint account or jointly owned safety deposit box; family lawyer and financial consultant; and clerk of the court, who handles some of the proceedings.

Also think about what provisions you can make to help the remaining family with finances if

Something Extra

PRETORIA, South Africa — An advertisement in the Pretoria News offered "an industrial building with gull edged tenants."

HERB GARDEN

Starting an herb garden has been a long-time dream of Mrs. Blossie Solice, a homemaker enrolled in Wayne County's Expanded Nutrition Education Program.

So with the help of program aide Lois Williams, Mrs. Solice selected five different herbs that she wanted to include in her garden. She already has two plants, gifts from friends, the aide confirms.

the breadwinner dies. Remember, too, it would cost money to replace the services provided by a wife and mother.

Education and training are good insurance. Make preparations to qualify for a job that will earn what you would need to support the family, advises the specialist.

It is also a good idea to think about the different housing arrangements the family may have to make. The more possibilities you can figure out ahead of time, the easier it is to make a wise choice later.

Sometimes widowed persons make hasty decisions immediately after the death of a mate. They may sell the house and learn too late that it was a mistake. Or the family may agree to buy a house without thinking through their finances.

Any of these factors that can be decided in advance will ease the burdens that death makes in the family, the specialist concludes.

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