



SMOKE-IN—The crowd ran for cover as a brief but hard rain dispersed some 450 people taking part in a "smoke-in" in front of the Connecticut Capitol, 4/19, protesting marijuana laws.

Distaff Deeds

Studying Home County A Fascinating Project

By JANICE CHRISTENSEN

Getting the inside information on your home county can be fascinating. Members of Iredell County's Extension Homemakers Clubs, are learning.

One club member, Mrs. William Gill, told a tale of the Genesis of Iredell, followed by her research into the question, "Was Peter Stuart Ney, Marshall Ney?" Most local people like to believe the Iredell teacher was Napoleon's marshal, she added.

But the locals would like to forget the story of Tom Dula. "Dula's life has all the trappings of a popular Hollywood movie with an X-rating," Mrs. Gill added. One story has it that Dula said to the sheriff, "I see you have a nice clean new rope there, sheriff. If I'd a knowed that, I'd a washed my neck."

Other less flamboyant, but equally interesting, talks were given on the history of the county's schools, hospitals, churches, cemeteries and old houses," adds Mrs. Nancy Myers, home economics extension agent.

HOMEMADE CLAY

If you have to entertain a young child, give him some homemade clay to play with. "You can make a batch right in your own kitchen," says Dorothy Mobley, home economics extension agent, Richmond County. Put food coloring in 1/3 cup water; add 1/3 cup salad oil. In a bowl, place one cup flour and 1/2 cup salt. Pour liquid ingredients into bowl with dry ingredients. Mix. Keep clay in an airtight can or plastic container, with a damp towel on top. It will last for months, the agent verifies.

CLEAN AIR

Ecology is a mighty important word to members of the Weyman Extension Homemakers Club, Columbus County. All the women live in Riegelwood, a small industrial area that supports paper, chemical and fertilizer plants.

The homemakers and members of the industries are teaming together to clean up the air, says Mrs. Elaine Blake, home economics extension agent.

Club members planted 30 azaleas, one dogwood, four Chinese hollies, four Japanese

Garden Time

Ants in Your Peonies? They're Doing no Harm

By M. E. Gardner N. C. State University

We are as dry now in our area as we were wet two weeks ago. We did have a stingy sprinkle this morning (April 25) but not enough to help. Hope we get a good rain before the clouds move out. We have been irrigating some early planted crops for several days. I point out, again, the need for adequate water if you expect maximum performance from your plants.

Have you ever observed ants feeding on your peony buds? Do not let this bother you too

only improve the environment by giving off oxygen; they will make the area more beautiful, the agent pointed out.

much as they are feeding on a sweet substance secreted by the buds.

Dahlias planted in late May or early June will give better results than earlier planting. They will produce their finest blooms during flower show time in September and October.

Tender vegetables may be planted now, if not already planted, in the lower Piedmont and coastal areas -- peppers, eggplant, beans, spinach, okra, sweet corn, sweet potatoes, cantaloupes and watermelons. Wait until the danger of frost has passed in the mountains.

If you have a pond or pool, water lilies and other tender aquatics may be planted as soon as the water is warm enough.

Tender annuals may

be planted now in most sections of the state -- petunias, zinnias, marigolds, snapdragons, celosia and others. Petunias are fine for planting over spring flowering bulbs if you plan to leave them in the ground rather than lift and store during the summer months. This may help fill planting gaps after the leaves of the bulbs have turned brown.

If you haven't "gotten around to it," fertilize azaleas after they finish blooming. It is best to remove the mulch, fertilize, and replace the mulch. Add more mulching material if needed.

Feed your roses regularly, usually about once a month. It is very important that they be sprayed or dusted regularly, too, if you want to have lush perfect foliage and satisfactory blooms. Mulch and water as needed.

You might remember that Malathion and Sevin are two of the most effective and safest

approved insecticides for general use on all plants around the home. Either one of these materials,

mixed with Captan, will provide a good combined insecticide and fungicide.

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By the way...

by Joe Black



Letters. We get letters.

We get lots and lots of letters about the various things we discuss in "BY THE WAY."

Not all the letters we get agree with us either. Not by a long shot, sometimes. And that's good.

You see, I am not a preacher. Nor a teacher. I am simply Joe Black, citizen. A Black man fortunate enough to speak up and speak out, and reach thousands of people through the press and broadcast media.

Still, I am only a single voice, trying to remind you and me and all of us how important it is to constantly re-examine our attitudes and solutions to Black problems.

I have been labeled a "Tom" by some, because I don't relate to racism as strongly as some think I should. My answer to that is simply that I deeply believe in the importance of uniting people of good will more than I do dwelling on those things that divide them.

I don't believe that rap sessions like "BY THE WAY" have to be filled with hatred, profanity, and despair to jog our minds, our sensitivities, and our sensibilities.

I do hope, though, that when I communicate my way, more and more of us will give just a little more honest thought to what we are all doing—what we can do—to more realistically solve more of the problems facing the Black community.

If we get letters because of it—even those that disagree with what we say—we must be doing something right.

At least, someone out there is reading and thinking.

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