

Agriculturally Speaking

Plowing Soil Now Can Eliminate Many Insects

By L. B. HARDAGE
Extension Chairman

One of the best and easiest ways to eliminate many insects in the soil is to plow the ground now and let it lie fallow over winter.

Don't attempt to smooth the soil down in an even layer, but let it lie rough as winter freezes can kill many insects exposed in the plowing. Add fertilizer next spring before planting is done.

NEWLY PLANTED TREES AND SHRUBS

Any newly planted trees and shrubs require a concentrated dose of care the first few weeks with plenty of water the first year or two. A thorough soaking, at least weekly, is necessary if there is a lack of rainfall. Apply water slowly, and in sufficient quantity to soak the soil throughout the root zone.

Should a few days of windy weather occur, sprinkle the foliage of broadleaf evergreens occasionally to help prevent excessive moisture loss from the leaves.

When weather is cold, we all tend to forget that plants may need watering. Should the ground be frozen, wait for a mild period when soil thaws. Perhaps in our sub-conscious minds we think of them as being stored away in a deep freeze until the time of active spring growth. However, plants do need soil moisture even in winter.

MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS EVERGREEN

If you're using greenery for Christmas decorations, you'll be interested in this method of preserving foliage for use year after year. It's a big help to have wreaths and centerpieces "made up" and stored in the attic to bring down for use each December. This method keeps leaves and stems flexible, prevents drying out and brittleness. It preserves any thick "hard" leaves such as holly, magnolia, galax, boxwood, and ligustrum. The treatment will not preserve thin "soft" leaves as ferns.

Fill a large container, as a deep pan or wash pot, with the

least expensive radiator anti-freeze available. Cut greenery in lengths that can be submerged in the anti-freeze. Place greenery in the anti-freeze and weight down with bricks if necessary. Set aside for two weeks when leaves and stems will have turned black. Glycerine in the anti-freeze will keep leaves leathery and pliable.

Then, remove foliage and hang outdoors to dry. When completely dry, spray with green paint. Use any dark green paint available in a pressurized can. After paint dries, you are ready to incorporate greenery into decorations.

Homemade Cookies Add To Christmas Cheer

RALEIGH—Want to make a merrier Christmas for that special friend or relative in service overseas?

A box of delicious homemade cookies will bring him cheer. Here's how to be sure the Christmas cookies you bake will arrive at their destination intact, uncontaminated, and flavorful.

First, suggest extension home economics specialists, North Carolina State University, bake a type of cookie that can take a lot of jostling. Thin, crisp cookies are likely to break in the mail, but those high in moisture will remain intact. Chopped dried apricots, dates, or raisins, or candied fruits in the recipe will help cookies stay moist.

Pack the cookies carefully, using small boxes or containers inside a larger, sturdy box. Line the smaller box or can with foil or plastic wrap to keep the moisture in. If you're sending brownies or bar cookies, cut them into sheets to fit the box. They can be cut into bars after they arrive.

Wrap drop cookies in pairs, back-to-back, in foil or plastic wrap. Stack the pairs tightly in the can or box. When it's filled, pack it inside the larger box. Cushion with newspaper or popped pop corn. Tape or tie securely.

Special postal services are available to speed your package overseas. The service you use will depend on your package's size and weight—check with your postmaster for details.



LIVINGSTONE STUDENT OFFICERS—Making plans for the current academic year at Livingstone College are these officers of the Student Government Association just announced by college officials. From left, they are: Miss Adrenne D. Montague of Warrenton, correspondence secretary; Miss Gayle Brooks of Concord, correspondence secretary; James White of Schenectady, N. Y., president; Miss Doris Clemons of Maiden, secretary; and John Murali of Athirivet, Kenya, vice president. Not shown is Charles Mann of Spartanburg, S. C., treasurer.

Ridgeway News

St. Paul's To Have Special Thanksgiving Worship Service On Thursday, Nov. 26

A special Thanksgiving worship service will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at Ridgeway on Tuesday morning, Nov. 26 at 10 a. m. the Rev. G. T. Nauman, pastor, announced this week.

The minister said the public is cordially invited to attend the service.

LAS Meets

The Ladies Aid Society of St. Paul's Lutheran Church met Thursday night at the home of Mrs. L. G. Bender. The Rev. G. T. Nauman opened the meeting with scripture reading and prayer and with group singing of a hymn. Later Mr. Naumann led in topic discussion on the "Queen of Sheba," one of the Women of the Bible series.

Mrs. E. E. Hecht, president, presided over the business session when the group decided to have a Christmas party at their next regular monthly meeting. Mrs. Leonard Bender, hostess, served delicious refreshments.

Miss Paschall Honored

Mrs. L. M. Paschall, Sr., Mrs. C. P. Holtzman, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Gupton and Miss Deborah Gupton of Louisburg, Mrs. F. T. Wrenn, Jr., of Henderson and Miss Donna Pas-

chall visited Miss Dorothy Paschall in Murdock during the weekend in honor of her 42nd birthday. Mrs. Paschall carried a beautifully decorated birthday cake and other gifts for the honoree.

Loss Home By Fire

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Pendergrass lost their trailer home on the Henderson-Warrenton highway by fire on Monday night. They were not at home at the time and the fire was reported by a neighbor. They lost all their personal belongings.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. Adam Seaman is receiving treatment in Warren General Hospital in Warrenton. Mrs. Edith H. Holtzman is still improving at Wake Memorial Hospital in Raleigh. Her husband, Mr. A. P. Holtzman, and members of her family visited here over the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Humphrey and children, Robbin and Jennifer, of Franklinton visited Mrs. W. H. Daek on Saturday night.

Mrs. Mollie Wilkerson and Miss Dorothy Wilkerson of Henderson visited Miss Alice Wyckoff and Mrs. Grace Puryear on Sunday.

Miss Debbie Lassiter of Roxboro spent several days with her aunt, Mrs. Charles Stainback, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown, Mrs. Frank Perry and Miss Lisa Perry of Henderson and Miss Lynn Tucker and Mr. Raymond Seaman were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stainback on Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell of Cokesbury, Mr. and Mrs. Luke Gupton and family of Louisburg, Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Wrenn, Jr., and son, Frank, of Henderson, and Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Paschall, Jr., visited

Do-It-Yourself Has

Come To Carpeting

RALEIGH — Do-it-yourself has come to carpeting. Carpet tiles, that can bring wall-to-wall warmth and luxury into your house, also eliminates installation costs that go along with broadloom, observes Mrs. Edith McGlamery, extension home furnishings specialist, North Carolina State University.

You do the work yourself, she notes.

For the cost of a single carton of carpet tiles, you can try out a flooring in part of a room. If you like the way it looks, you can buy enough for the rest of the room.

If not, the tiles may be removed easily. The adhesive backing will take several applications and removals without losing its stick-to-it quality.

If your family is on the move, the mobility of carpet tiles could be a real boon, Mrs. McGlamery points out. The adhesive holds lightly to the floor; the tiles can be easily lifted and re-applied elsewhere.

Carpet squares may lose their stick-to-it quality after several applications. A squirt of spray-on adhesive renews the stickiness, the specialist says.

Gypsies first appeared in England about the beginning of the 16th century.



Rod And Gun

By ROD AMUNDSON

When the province of New Brunswick closed the season on woodcocks because of high levels of organic mercury found in the birds, considerable consternation was expressed in the United States, and serious thought was given to closing the woodcock season in several states.

Leslie Glasgow, Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior, however, has recently issued a statement to the effect that closing the season in the States will not be necessary. Tests of birds collected in Maine, Massachusetts, and other states showed considerable mercury in woodcocks, but so few people eat them, and so few hunters kill them, that there is little danger to human beings. Despite this, the Secretary does not deny that mercury compounds are building up in woodcocks and other game birds and animals, or that the levels can become dangerous.

It has taken several generations for wildlife conservationists, at both federal and state levels, to realize that mass annihilation of predatory birds and mammals does more harm than good.

North Carolina has never had a predatory animal control act such, but it was not until the late 60s that all hawks and owls, plus alligators, were placed on the protected list. Wildcats are still unprotected, but state game workers make no effort to destroy them except occasionally on wildlife management refuges.

Senator Gaylord Nelson, Wisconsin, is one of a few militant wildlife conservationists in Congress, and recently put some interesting information into the Congressional Record. He pointed out that every year, the federal government spends \$7 million "to support a wildlife control program in which a small army of some 700 poisoners ranges across vast tracts of public lands in the West, poisoning

and otherwise killing predatory animals and rodents."

"The body count," Nelson said, "of dead animals including rodents, is in the millions each year. Whole ecosystems are being altered, with one kind of predator replacing another, or with entire species disappearing in large areas. In some areas, wildlife populations reach such an unbalance that a new poisoning program is needed to correct it."

Senator Nelson cited a 1963 report in which it was stated that in a single year federal exterminators destroyed: 842 bears; 20,780 lynx and bobcats; 89,653 coyotes; 294 mountain lions; 2,779 wolves (mostly red wolves mistaken for coyotes); 6,941 badgers; 1,170 beavers; 24,273 foxes; 7,615 opossums; 6,885 porcupines; 10,078 raccoons; 19,052 skunks; and 601 "miscellaneous" victims (probably stray dogs and cats.)

Astonishing as these figures might be, what Nelson was getting at was the effect predator eradication has on the ecology of the region involved. For example, when foxes and coyotes were removed from an area, there came an immediate explosion in the populations of rabbits and rodents — the natural foods of foxes and coyotes. Rats, mice, ground squirrels ate up the forage crops and competed with range livestock for grass. So what? Well, the federal exterminators had to be called in again to carry on an expensive poisoning program to bring the rabbits, rats, mice, and ground squirrels under control.

Granted, coyotes and other predators made off with occasional lambs, calves, pigs, etc. and so on. But ranchers soon realized that this was a small price to pay for having predators keep the pest animals population under control, and maybe even a few realized that coyotes and foxes don't poison the whole countryside in doing so.

Senator Nelson also provides that there is no identification or elimination against any student unable to pay the full cost of a lunch.

A complete copy of the policy is on file in each school and in the office of the Superintendent of schools where it may be reviewed by any interested patron.

See you saw it advertised in The Warren Record.

School Lunches Subsidized

Lunches are given free or at reduced prices to Warren County school children from deprived families, J. Roger Peeler, superintendent of schools said in a public release this week.

It is the policy of the Warren County Board of Education to provide lunches free or at a reduced price to those children determined by the school principals to be unable to pay the full price for their lunches, Peeler said. The policy provides that an application form be completed and returned to the school. Copies of this form were recently sent home in a letter to parents and additional copies may be obtained at the principal's office in each school.

Peeler said the form itself is simple to complete and requests information needed to determine economic need based on the income and number of persons in the family and any unusual circumstances or hardships which affect the family's ability to pay for school lunches. The information provided on the application will be confidential and will be used only for the purpose of determining eligibility, he said.

Under the provisions of the policy, the principal of the school is the local official who will make the determination of individual eligibility.

If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the Principal he may make a request either orally or in writing for a hearing to appeal the decision. The request should be made to Supt. J. R. Peeler whose address is P. O. Box 110, Warrenton, N. C. The hearing will be held in accordance with procedures as outlined in the policy.

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