



Questions Given On Making Your Yard More Attractive For Contest

BY MRS. ED EWERS
Are you planning to enter Warsaw's yard of the month contest? If so, here are some general planting hints which may help you. The simple design or plan is best. It is easy to assemble and plant; less expensive; easier to care for and maintain; looks prettier; and it is easy to live with.

Take a long view of your planting. Try to visualize it as it will look after several years when the plants have attained their ultimate growth. In this way you will not overplant. Overplanting and overcrowding not only fails to create a beautiful effect, but also encourages diseases. Furthermore, it is expensive. Remember the simple plan is best.

Plan for minimum upkeep by selecting native plants and plants known to do well in Warsaw without being coddled. The following list may be of interest to you.

Native Plants Easily Found
Small flowering trees: Dogwood, Sweet Bay, Grandfather graybeard, Shubert Wax myrtle, evergreen with tiny grey berries; Yaupon, evergreen with tiny red berries; Calliopsis or Beauty berry (Funch maiberry); Violet berries; Suncup, foliage brilliant red in fall with

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1957 'Finer Farms' Contest Plans Are Readied For Event By CP and L

The 1957 'Finer Farms' contest sponsored by Carolina Power & Light Company and soil conservation district supervisors of the two Carolinas will get rolling this month.

Plans for five meetings to be held in the two states within the next two weeks were announced today by K. N. Pope, CP&L's relations manager and assistant director.

The first of these meetings, where CP&L representatives will talk contest rules and awards with Soil Conservation supervisors and county work-unit conservationists, will be held in Florence, S. C.

The second meeting was held in Asheville on January 16, the third in Raleigh January 22, the fourth in Wilmington January 22, and the fifth in Southern Pines January 23.

The 1957 contest will offer \$2,000 in cash prizes to rural communities, soil conservation supervisors, and sponsoring organizations which in the opinion of the judges have made outstanding application and maintenance of conservation practices.

As explained by Pope, the conservation contest was requested and designed by the Soil Conservation supervisors and county soil conservationists. Results will be obtained by the combined efforts of 1-agencies interested in soil and water conservation, 2-every farmer in the soil conservation district, and 3-Carolina Power and Light Company.

Soil conservation agencies will provide technical aid through their work unit conservationists for new conservation practices when requested by farmers in the community, and for conservation plans where requested.

All North and South Carolina counties served by CP&L are eligible to participate in the contest, which closes June 30, 1957.

A total of 68 counties are designated as eligible for the 1957 competition: 14 in North Carolina, and 54 in South Carolina.

In making the announcement, Pope outlined the following awards:

to be made following the judging of entries by a North-South Carolina team.

Cash prizes for communities, counties and supervisors will total \$2,000.

A total of \$1,000 in cash awards will be made by community committees: \$350 first prize; \$250 second prize; and \$150 third prize; plus 21 superior results prizes of \$50 each.

Awards totaling \$500 will be made to the county board of supervisors: \$250 first prize; \$150 second prize; and \$100 third prize.

Individual prizes totaling \$500 will be made to supervisors who guide to victory the top-scoring communities.

Practices
The contest will be sponsored on the local level by various community organizations, including the direction of soil conservation supervisors and work unit conservationists. Among conservation practices to be judged are the following: terracing, waterway development, closing drains, ditches, new ponds, sprinkler irrigation, roadside erosion control, contour farming, contour stripcropping, crop rotation, crop residue utilization, pasture planting, perennial legumes and grasses, critical area planting, reforestation, tree planting, improvement cutting, selective tree harvest, firebreak construction, windbreak planting, improvement cutting, selective tree harvest, firebreak construction, windbreak construction, windbreak planting, wildflower border planting, and fish pond improvement.

Top winners in the 1956 'Finer Farms' contest were the following: North Wendell community, \$350; Olive Chapel community, \$250; Dawson community, \$150; and Holly Springs - Wilton community, \$150.

The Wake County Board of Soil Conservation Supervisors took first prize in the supervision classification, \$250; Darlington County, S. C. second for \$150; and Buncombe County, N. C., third with \$100.

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Youth Is Killed As Mule Runs Away Saturday

Craig Anderson, a seven year old youth visiting in Duplin County from Wisconsin, was pronounced dead on arrival at Duplin General Hospital Saturday morning after being dragged about one-half mile by a run-away mule.

The youth was with Mrs. Lena Dupress, of Aberdeen, at the time of the accident.

Reports said that the youth was helping bridge the mule when he became entangled in the rope. The mule was frightened and ran, before the youth could free himself.

Duplin Meat Cutting Demo To Be Jan. 24

John Christian, Animal Husbandry Specialist from the State College Extension Service, will be in Duplin County on January 24 to give a meat cutting demonstration.

This demonstration can benefit men and women in various ways; by learning unfamiliar cuts that could add variety and pleasure to meals; enabling them to instruct butchers to cut meat as desired; and learn to buy more economically.

Mr. Christian will give the first demonstration at 10:00 a.m. in Dewey Lanier's package in the Cedar Fork Community. The second demonstration will be at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Agriculture Building.

Bids To Be Opened

Bids for construction of a consolidated high school for Warsaw, Kenansville and Magnolia will be opened in the office of County Superintendent O. P. Johnson Friday afternoon at 3 p.m.

The new school will be located between Warsaw and Kenansville and will mean a better education for Duplin's high school students because of improved and increased facilities which will be made available in the new consolidated high school.

Notice

Dr. John F. Powers, health officer, reports that five persons died of Tuberculosis in Duplin County last year. He also reports an urgent need for better case finding equipment for the health center.

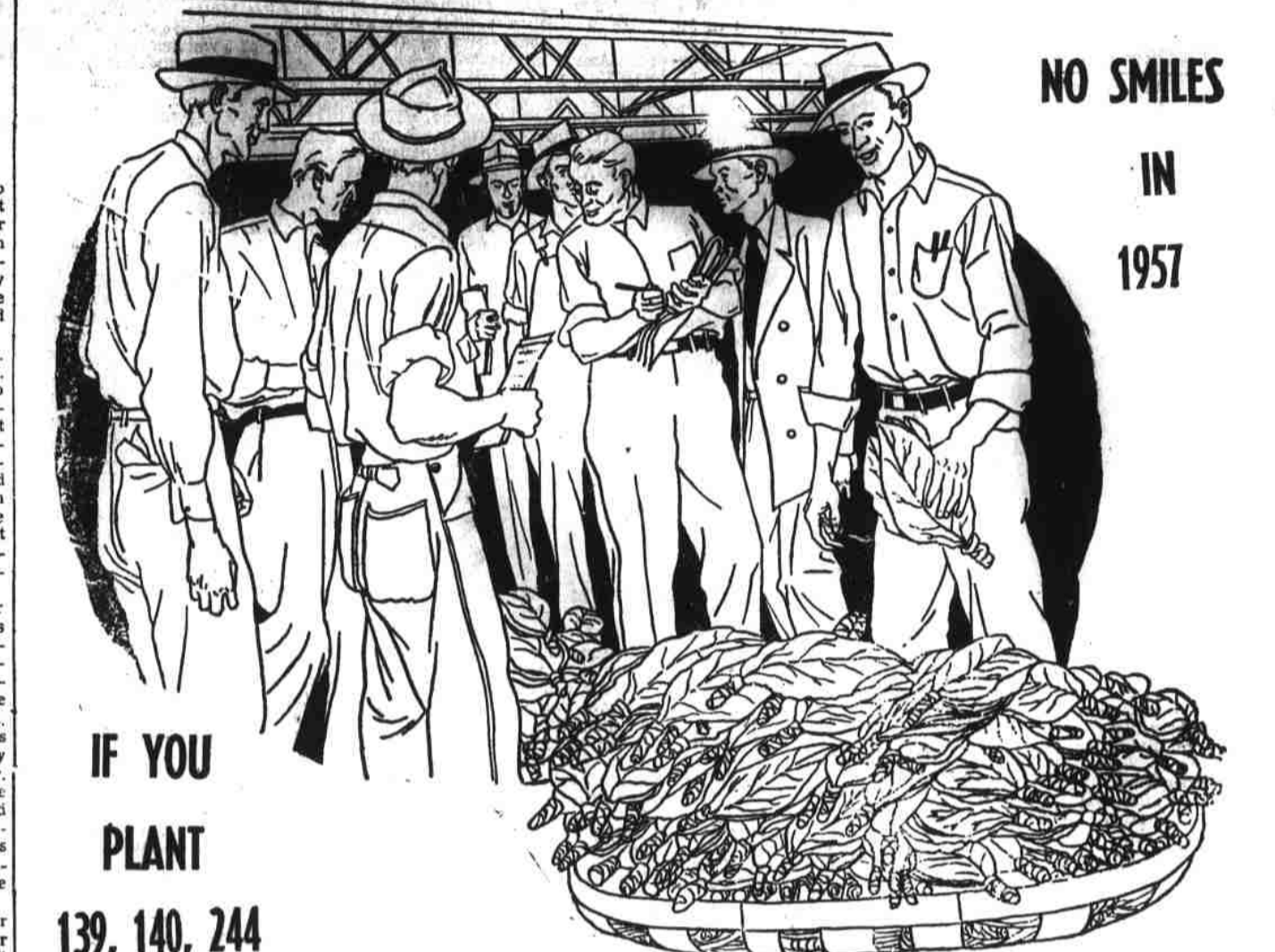
If you neglected answering your Christmas Seal Letter, and would still like to contribute towards the fight of Tuberculosis, it is not too late to send your check to Mrs. Mary Taylor, executive secretary of the Tuberculosis Association, Warsaw, N. C.

O. P. Johnson and Dallas Herring Are Named To Better Schools Committee

Governor Hodges announced today the appointment of thirty outstanding North Carolinians as members of a new North Carolina Citizens Committee for Better Schools. O. P. Johnson and Dallas Herring are members of the committee. He also released the names of professional educators who will serve on an Advisory Panel to the Citizens Committee.

Mr. Herring, well-known newspaper editor, will serve as Chairman of the Citizens Committee.

The Governor first announced his intentions of appointing such a committee in a speech to the annual winter meeting, Division of Superintendence, North Carolina Education Association, at Durham in early December. He emphasized that the purpose of a North Carolina Citizens Committee for Better Schools is to arouse in each community the intelligence and will to improve our public schools. Included in the 30 member committee are three prominent Negroes. They are Dr. Paul Bishop of Rich Square, Dr. Thomas J. Watkins, Dentist of Charlotte, and Mrs. D. M. Jennings, Ken-



Farmers Told Not To Be Foolish With 1957 Tobacco

The announcement on December 18th that three varieties of flue-cured tobacco would be supported at only 50 per cent of the regular support rate for other varieties has caused considerable comment among farmers and others.

The varieties '139', '140' and '244' are the three that will be supported at the lower rate. Growers will certify before harvest time as to whether any of these varieties are planted on their farm. A special marketing card showing that the farm with these varieties of tobacco growing on the farm will be used to market the tobacco and the card will show that the tobacco is eligible for only 50 per cent of the regular support rate for the tobacco marketed.

Support prices for grades also will be changed to reflect higher support on these grades and types that are more desirable and in demand by the tobacco trade. These are the more orange types with more flavor and aroma.

The certification of variety of the tobacco grown for 1957 will probably be obtained at the time ASC personnel measure the crops during the summer performance season. Farmers who falsely certify as to the variety of tobacco being grown could be subject to being convicted of fraud and violation of the marketing quota regulations. Violation of the marketing quota regulations usually result in the reduction of the following year's allotment on the farm.

BANKERS ADVISED TO WEIGH TOBACCO SURPLUS PROBLEM
The North Carolina Bankers' Association today advised its membership to "consider carefully" the implications of the current flue-cured tobacco problem.

The Association transmitted to its 564 member banks in North Carolina a warning from L. T. Weeks, general manager of the Flue Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation, who predicted that "if production of undesirable or neutral types of tobacco continues, it may lead to serious impairment of the trade market for flue cured tobacco and make it impossible for a price support program to operate in the black."

Weeks said that once the tobacco support program goes "into the red," tobacco growers will no longer have the benefits from a 90 per cent parity support price program.

Weeks pointed out that varieties 89, 140 and 244, irrespective of grade, will be supported by the federal government in 1957 at one-half the support rates for comparable grades of other varieties. Also, price supports for individual grades of flue cured varieties will be adjusted to reflect current demand patterns.

Weeks said that the latter action will support a program to encourage growers to follow cultural practices that will increase the proportion of the crop which has desirable flavor and aroma characteristics.

"The total supply of tobacco currently on hand is 3,643 million pounds. That is an all-time high, and about 650 million pounds higher than the desirable supply of tobacco."

BANKRUPTCY PRICE SUPPORT IS SERIOUS
J. B. Hutson, Washington, D. C. in his October - December report as president of Tobacco Associates Inc. points out the danger of bankruptcy and price support.

Many Self-Employed Farmers Are Now Qualified For Social Security Benefits

Along with the cancelled check or money order receipt for payment of the Social Security tax, farmers who are now covered by Social Security for the first time must have at least two years of earnings from the farm during which they net at least \$400. These years must be after 1954.

2. Have available some documentary evidence of date of birth.

The tax return for 1956 is due on or before April 15, 1957. Farmers now covered by Social Security should keep in mind that a return is to be filed for any year after 1954 during which they net at least \$400. This is true regardless of age or whether they receive Social Security benefits.

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Many self-employed farmers are now qualifying for Social Security benefits. 1956 was the second year in which farmers could build credits for retirement benefits and survivorship protection under Old-Age and Survivors Insurance. For those farmers who are now 65 years old or older, the two years credit (for 1955 and 1956) will make them eligible for retirement benefits.

Farmers who believe they are now eligible should take the following steps upon contacting a representative of the Social Security office to file their claims for benefits:

1. Present a copy of the 1956 Income Tax Return (Form 1040 and Farm Schedule of Income and Ex-

Autopsy Is Ordered By Coroner In The Death Of Mrs. J. W. Williams Monday

An autopsy has been ordered by Duplin County Coroner Garland Kennedy into the death of Mrs. J. W. Williams, 96, of near Mount Olive, to determine the cause of death.

Mrs. Williams, of the Ellizard's Cross Roads community, died in three hours and fifty minutes after being admitted to Duplin General Hospital Monday. Dr. R. E. Willis requested the autopsy, according to Sheriff Ralph Miller, when Mrs. Williams died before a diagnosis could be made.

She was brought to the hospital in a semi-conscious condition. Sheriff Miller said.

Mrs. Williams' body was removed from Duplin General Hospital Wednesday morning to Duke Hospital where the autopsy will be performed.

7,000 Letters Mailed To Aid In Fight Against Polio In Duplin During 1957

Seven thousand letters are being mailed in Duplin to aid in a continuation of the Duplin County March of Dimes campaign.

Mrs. Christina Williams, County Chapter chairman, said the letters mailed have enclosed an envelope in which persons can make their contributions to the drive. They are addressed to County March of Dimes chairman, W. E. Craft.

This is the first time that letters have been sent out to assist in raising funds for the fight against polio, Mrs. Williams said.

Craft has already organized the communities with their chairmen as well as having the drives conducted through the various schools.

There is no goal for Duplin County. However, a large sum of money is needed to carry on patient treatment.

Mrs. Williams points out that Duplin's 1956 polio victim total still at the Central Carolina Convalescent Hospital in Greensboro under treatment. This treatment is costing \$17.54 per day. The child has been receiving this treatment since last August.

It has also been pointed out that the County brings over into 1957 an indebtedness of \$203.

This must be covered in the County's share of the 1957 drive.