

Fruit Trees Need An Annual Pruning

By Willie Featherstone, Jr. County Extension Chairman
 All fruit trees should be pruned each year.
 The time to do this job depends on the age of the tree, according to Agricultural Extension Service specialists at N.C. State University.
 Trees 20 years old and older can be pruned soon after the leaves drop in the fall. Young bearing trees should be pruned in late winter or just prior to bud swell in the spring.
 Dead, diseased and broken branches should be removed first. Branches growing across the tree

and those growing either straight up or straight down from any main branch should be removed. Branches growing directly on top of others should be removed.
 In pruning fruit trees you want to develop strong framework branches that will allow the tree to produce heavy crops of fruit.
 Another objective of pruning is to keep the tree at a convenient height. Don't be afraid to cut your trees down to size and keep them open with strong well-spaced branches. It's better to prune your trees and make a few mistakes than to allow them to become a tall, tangled mess of branches.



Reaches 25
 Alexander Kelly (Center) completed 25 years service with Burlington Industries on January 12. He is a Machinery Inspector in the Process Department on third shift in the Dyeing Plant. Kelly is shown receiving his Twenty-Five Service Pin and Certificate from Plant Manager, Gib Bernhardt (left) and Department Manager, Jim Best. He also received a pocket knife with BI logo in recognition of his outstanding service.

Hoke Co. Farmer Elected Soybean Assoc. Secretary

Earl Hendrix, of Route 1, Raeford, has been elected Secretary of the North Carolina Soybean Producers Association.
 Hendrix, who is a prominent Hoke County farmer, was elected to the soybean post during the 17th annual membership meeting of the Association in Raleigh in late January.
 Other officers elected were: President, Don Lee, Jr., of Arapahoe; Vice President, Preston Harrell of Stantonsburg, and, Treasurer, Frank B. Boyette of Red Springs.
 Hendrix is an active local agricultural leader who serves on the Hoke County ASCS Commit-

tee. He was named Conservation Farmer of the Year in 1976. He also is active in church work and has served as a director of the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation.

The North Carolina Soybean Producers Association is a soybean trade association that is affiliated to the nationwide American Soybean Association.

Both organizations are involved in education, promotion, research, and legislative programs favorable to farmers. The state association administers the one-cent per bushel soybean assessment program in North Carolina.



John A. Morris

Morris Named VP At First Citizens

John A. Morris has been promoted to assistant vice president of First Citizens Bank. Morris is a loan officer at the Greenville Main Office and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam C. Morris of Raeford.
 A North Carolina native, Morris graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in industrial relations. He joined First Citizens in 1981 as assistant cashier and manager of the Pleasantburg branch.
 In 1983, he moved to the Greenville Main Office as a lending officer.
 Morris has participated in several civic activities, including the United Way, Chamber of Commerce, and the Greenville Metro Civitan Club.
 He is married to the former Elaine Sanders, a Greenville native.

Wrench Honored

Marine Lance Cpl. Herbert W. Wrench, son of Shirley A. Wrench of 308 E. Seventh St., Raeford, has received a Letter of Appreciation.
 He received the letter for superior performance of duty while serving at Henderson Hall, Arlington, Virginia.
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