



### GARDEN TIME

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I am again giving instructions for the preparation of a compost pile because it has so many uses and is the best and cheapest source of organic matter, if properly prepared.

Another reason for repeating is due to the fact that leaves continue to accumulate and, in the city, are piled in the streets and clog the storm drains before they are picked up.

While many materials can be used, I am going to be practical about it so that whether or not you live in the city or the country, you can have a good compost pile for mulching, putting on plants, renewing bad spots in the lawn and incorporating with soil in your garden, border, or flower bed. We will use leaves, old sawdust, 8-8-8 fertilizer and dolomitic limestone.

The location should be near a water supply because it is necessary to wet the leaves as you pile the layers and keep the heap moist at all times. When finished, the heap should be four or five feet high, about six to eight feet wide and any length. It is best to confine the sides. If you can, this can be done with rough boards. If you have well spaced, try you can use a corner with post pile for mulching, putting on plants, renewing bad spots in the lawn and incorporating with soil in your garden, border, or flower bed. We will use leaves, old sawdust, 8-8-8 fertilizer and dolomitic limestone.

corner in a wire fence could also be used. Start the bottom layer with a about four inches of old sawdust. On this layer apply three pounds 8-8-8 fertilizer per 100 square feet of area, and a liberal sprinkling of dolomitic limestone. If the sawdust is moist, wetting will not be necessary. If it is dry, sprinkle with water until wet.

Next, add leaves so that the layer will be about one foot deep when packed down with the feet. Add the same amounts of 8-8-8 and limestone to this layer and sprinkle thoroughly with water. Continue to add water on layer, as above, until the pile is as high as earlier suggested. The top layer should be of leaves so that rain water will be readily absorbed. Clean grain straw or old hay could be used for the top layer.

It is highly desirable that the pile be turned after it has settled for one or two months. This will aerate the entire heap and promote more rapid bacterial action for complete decomposition of the sawdust and leaves.

If these instructions are followed, you should have a good, rich source of organic material in 6-8 months. Let the pile decompose thoroughly before using.

### Shepard Finishes Basic Training

FORT JACKSON, S. C. (AP) — Army Pvt. Jerry D. Shepard, son of Mrs. Agnes S. Badger, Route 3, Box 23, Kings Mountain, N. C., completed a basic Army administration course at Fort Jackson, S. C., Nov. 10.

During the eight-week course Shepard received instruction in the preparation and filing of various Army records and forms. The 18-year-old soldier entered the Army in July 1965 and completed basic combat training at Fort Jackson.

He attended Bessemer City high school.

### METHODIST SERVICE

The subject of Rev. Howard Jordan's Thanksgiving sermon Sunday morning at Central Methodist Church will be "Cultivating the Grace of Gratitude."

### Agriculture In Action

#### MORE POWER TO 'EM

Real strange, you know, how they neglected to put a representative of the nation's largest general farm organization on this new commission which is supposed to map out future U. S. agricultural policies.

The new farm study group, comprised of thirty members, is called the National Advisory Commission on Food and Fibre. The farm organization, comprised of over 1,647,000 farm families, is called the Farm Bureau. Probably it was just an oversight on the part of President Johnson, who wrote up the invitation list. He has a lot of things on his mind. Like keeping the lights turned off in the White House. And keeping them turned on in New York and Boston.

It could be, of course, that the White House delivery boy just dropped one of the letters of appointment on the way to the post office. Those things happen. Some of the letters that didn't get dropped went to a couple of officials of the AFL-CIO, seven business executives, five educators, two bankers, and assorted others.

Nine farmers or producers are listed on the rolls of the new policy body. But does this really give the country boys a voice? Are they really represented? Who's calling the shots for tomorrow's agriculture?

Let's face facts. The facts about show how the game of politics is played.

It wasn't an oversight on the part of the President. And the delivery boy organization works. Farm Bureau policies are set by the members. There can't be any compromise or trade. Somebody from an outfit like this would only get in President Johnson's way.

Just want to make sure one thing is understood. We're not coming down on the people who were tapped for the new commission. More power to them. Literally.

### Sears Grant To G-W College

BOILING SPRINGS — The Sears-Roebuck Foundation Tuesday made a \$1,200 grant to Gardner-Webb College. This unrestricted grant was presented to Dr. Eugene Poston, president of the college, by the local Sears Foundation representative, J. M. Jordan of Shelby.

Unrestricted grants totaling \$1 million will be distributed this week by Sears-Roebuck Foundation under a continuing program of aid to privately supported colleges and universities, according to Jordan.

In announcing the grant, Jordan said 19 colleges and universities in North Carolina will share in grants totaling \$22,500 and nation-wide 600 colleges and universities will receive Foundation grants. Since they are unrestricted, the grants may be used by the colleges to meet their greatest needs. Purpose of the program is to systematically help institutions of higher learning meet their financial needs.

In addition to its grant program, the Foundation during the current year will spend approximately \$750,000 for a variety of scholarships and other type education programs, bringing its total expenditure for higher education purposes this year to almost \$1,750,000.

### Elmore Finishes Eight-Week Course

FORT MCLELLAN, ALA. (AP) — Pvt. Claude E. Elmore, whose wife, Sue, lives at 39 Columbia Dr., Tampa, Fla., completed a chemical entry course at the Army Chemical Center, Fort McClellan, Ala., Nov. 12.

During the eight-week course Elmore received instruction in the principles of chemical, biological and radiological operations and defense and the use of flamethrowers and smoke generating equipment.

The 21-year-old soldier entered the Army in April of this year and completed basic training at Fort Gordon, Ga.

He attended Bessemer City high school. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max C. Elmore, live on Rt. 2, Box 144, Bessemer City.

### Future Of King Cotton In South Depends On Outcome Of Referendum

RALEIGH — The future of cotton as a basic farm commodity in North Carolina and the Southeast depends to a large extent on the outcome of two grower referendums to be held Nov. 23.

That, in substance, is the opinion of many top-level Tar Heel agricultural leaders as expressed in the past few days.

In the voting, growers throughout the nation's cotton belt will decide whether marketing quotas are to remain in effect on the 1966 crop. In addition, growers in the Tar Heel State will determine whether to assess themselves at the rate of 15 cents a bale on the next three crops to continue support of the North Carolina Cotton Promotion Association.

A referendum on peanut marketing quotas for 1966, 1967, and 1968 will be held on the same date.

In each referendum, approval by two-thirds of those voting is required for the issue to carry. Polling places will be those designated by Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service county offices.

A number of farm leaders in North Carolina have released statements in the past few days strongly endorsing the program of the Cotton Promotion Association, according to John F. Campbell of Raeford, chairman of the organization's public relations committee.

State Agriculture Commissioner James A. Graham termed the association "one of the most vigorous and dynamic agricultural commodity associations" in N. C. "We need this program to stay ahead," he asserted.

The organization "has provided vital leadership for all cotton producers" in the State, commented Dr. George Hyatt, Jr., director of the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service. He praised its sponsorship of important cotton research and said its legislative program has made a real impact on current cotton policies.

G. D. Arndt, general manager of the Carolinas Cotton Growers Association, said the Promotion Association "has been a most important factor in bringing about increased interest in growing cotton" in North Carolina.

Arndt credited the association with saving the cotton acreage release and reapportionment program despite strong opposition from Western states. He also said the promotional organization has served effectively as a liaison agency for all who are interested in the welfare of cotton in North Carolina.

"To me it would be unthinkable for any cotton grower in the State to fail to vote for the nominal assessment needed to continue the work of the association," Arndt said.

### Payne Completes Radioman Course

LENGGREGIS, GERMANY (AP) — Pvt. William G. Payne, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Payne, Route 1, Box 32, Grover, N. C., completed a radio repair course Nov. 12 at the U. S. Army School, Europe, in Lenggreis, Germany.

Payne was trained to maintain and repair Army radio equipment. A radio operator in Headquarters and Company A of the 3d Infantry Division's 3d Medical Battalion near Aschaffenburg, he entered the Army in February 1965, completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Payne is a 1963 graduate of Kings Mountain high school and was employed by Magnolia Finishing Co. in Blacksburg, S. C., before entering the Army.

### LUTHERAN SERVICE

Sunday is Loyalty Sunday at St. Matthew's Lutheran church and Rev. Charles Easley's sermon topic will be "What's Happening To Our World?". The worship service will be broadcast via Radio Station WKMT.

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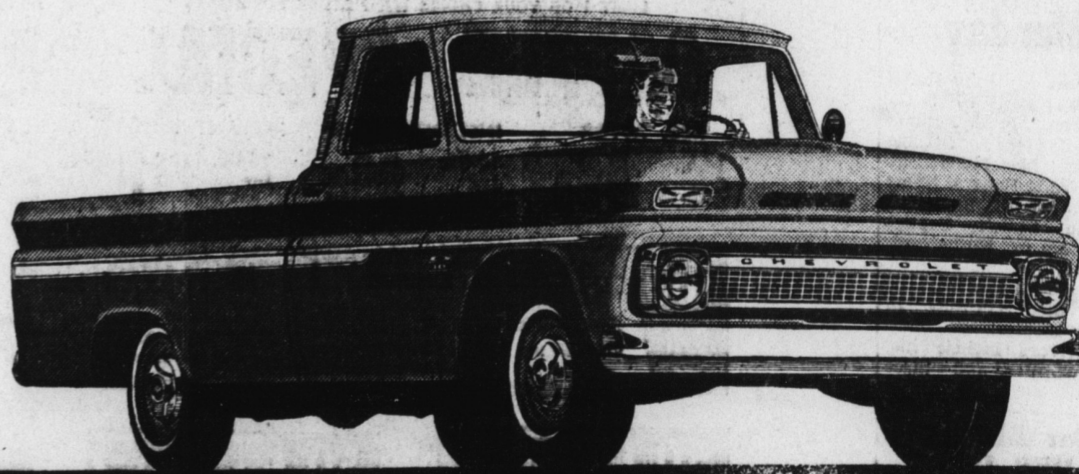
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