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First Aid For Ice Hurt Trees

Have your woodlands been damaged by the recent ice storms? The remaining timber can be managed to reduce pest-caused losses, yet leave trees of sufficient size and numbers to produce a sawtimber crop.

How?

First, have your damaged woodland areas inspected by your county forest ranger, pulpwood yard forester or a private consultant forester. He can determine the extent of the damage and what should or should not be salvaged.

Second, determine or have determined the extent of the damage carefully. Salvage the most severely damaged timber first. Concentrate on pine stands because they are more susceptible to insect and disease damage than hardwoods.

Third, complete salvage promptly. Salvaging pine areas should begin by mid spring if possible. Get references from the person or agencies you contact about buying the damaged timber.

Fourth, consider deducting damage losses on income tax returns. Further advice can be obtained from local foresters, Extension Service, your accountant or IRS agents.

Fifth, check for pest activity after salvage operations are finished.

From Book Leaves To Flowering Trees



Line of flowering pear trees will be planted across front of Boiling Springs Baptist cemetery (above) by Boiling Springs Extension Homemakers Club.

The cash from 1100 book sales will turn into 23 flowering pear trees this spring as the result of proceeds from the Boiling Springs Extension Homemakers Club.

The Club bought and arranged to have planted Thursday the 23 Bradford pear trees that now border the cemetery of Boiling Springs Baptist Church on Main Street. The Bradford pear is an early bloomer, and the trees should flower early in April, according to Shelby Nursery &

Garden.

The trees were purchased from Shelby Nursery with receipts from the Extension Club's cookbook sales, according to Mrs. Vernie Piercy, chairperson of the cookbook committee.

The cookbook, "Treasured Recipes," is now in its second printing and has sold about 1100 copies. The committee decided to use the money raised by the sales to plant the trees, Mrs. Piercy said, and Boiling Springs Baptist approved the addition.

Other members of the cookbook committee are: Margaret White, Rosina Hamrick, Brenda Hamrick, and Kathryn Hamrick.

Only about 85 copies of "Treasured Recipes" are available, according to Kathryn Hamrick. Copies are \$5.00 and are available at Nu-Way Cleaners, she said, or may be ordered by mail for \$5.75 from P.O. Box 524, Boiling Springs 28017.

Letter To Reagan

Broyhill: Hire A Pro At EPA

In the text of a letter not previously released, Rep. James Broyhill has urged President Reagan to replace a fired Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) official with a "highly qualified" administrator.

Broyhill's staff released the letter to the **View** on Wednesday, the same day ousted EPA official Rita Lavelle denied any wrongdoing to a Senate investigating committee. Broyhill's letter to Reagan urged him to take "an active leadership role" in choosing Lavelle's replacement. Reagan fired Lavelle on Feb. 7.

The letter to Reagan was signed by Broyhill and mailed Feb. 10. It was not made public until two other House Republicans began circulating a letter this week for GOP congressional signatures. That letter warned Reagan that his appointees to the EPA had created an "impassable barrier" to the Republican party.

When asked Wednesday if Broyhill planned to sign the latest letter, an aide in the congressman's Washington office revealed the earlier letter to the president.

After writing the president Feb. 8, Broyhill sent a second copy to Reagan on Feb. 10. The second draft was also signed by the 15 Republican members of the House Energy and Commerce committee. Broyhill is ranking minority member of that committee.

Broyhill's letter called on the president to replace Lavelle with someone with "substantive knowledge" of the environment and with high "administrative skills."

Phil Kirk, an aide to Rep. Broyhill, doubted the congressman would add his signature to the letter currently circulating among Republicans.

"He (Broyhill) likes to write his own letters," Kirk said.

Two Recitals At College

Boiling Springs, N.C. - Chris Winans, baritone soloist and sacred music major at Gardner-Webb College, will give a senior recital on Tuesday, March 1, 1983.

The 8 p.m. recital, open to the public, free of charge, will be held in Dover Chapel on the G-W campus.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sales of Fairview, N.C., Winans will perform selections from Handel, Schubert, Rameau, Ravel and Quilter.

Winans will be accompanied by Carmen Hood on piano and Oland Summers on bassoon.

Included in the program will be Esther Perrin on flute performing selections from Prokofiev, Telemann and Martinu.

Accompanying Miss Perrin will be her sister Lydia Perrin on piano.

Winans is a graduate of Hartford High School in Hartford, Mich. and is a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Asheville, N.C. He is a member of the American Choral Directors Association and for the past two years has served as assistant conductor of the Gardner-Webb Chamber Chorus.

Boiling Springs, N.C.—Lynne Anders will perform as guest soloist in a vocal recital at Gardner-Webb College on Monday, February 28, 1983.

The 8 p.m. recital, open to the public, free of charge, will be held in Dover Chapel on the G-W Campus.

The program will feature entertainment for the whole family. Anders will sing selections by Handel, Rachmaninoff, Puccini, Massenet, Sigmund Romberg and others.

A native of Mississippi, Anders has performed across the country in many facets of music: recital, oratoria, opera, operetta and musical comedy.

She has appeared as guest artist at the Kennedy Center, Brevard Music Center for the Southeastern Region of the National Federation of Music Clubs, and the Piccolo Spoleto Festival in Charleston, S.C.

Anders attended Belhaven College in Jackson, Mississippi and won the Marie Morrisey Keith Student Award of the National Federation of Music Clubs for voice.

She is past president of the American Opera Scholarship Society and completed a two-year term as president of the D.C. Federation of Music Clubs in Washington, D.C.

Gardner-Webb is a liberal arts college affiliated with the Baptist State Convention of N.C., offering associate, bachelor and master's degrees. The college is noted for its independence of federal funding.

The Craft (And Cash) Of Writing

"I believe those things happen to Kathryn," a neighbor was quoted about newspaper columnist Kathryn Hamrick, "I just can't believe she writes about them."

Mrs. Hamrick shares her neighbor's surprise, she told an audience of about 40 townspeople Wednesday at Gardner-Webb College. "I turn everyday events into special events," she told her listeners. "I use my writing as an outlet for my own astonishment."

Mrs. Hamrick was one of five speakers at G-W's "Spring Seminar" on "The Craft of Writing." In addition to Mrs. Hamrick, publisher Sally McMillan, president of East Woods Press, a Charlotte publishing house, spoke on "What I Look For In A Writer."

Also in attendance was Gil Blackburn, author of *The German Apocalypse* scheduled to be published later this year. Blackburn, professor of history and director of graduate studies

at G-W, spoke on "Writing A Scholarly Book."

Other speakers included John Roberts, editor of the *South Carolina Baptist Courier* and Grace Hamrick, a local columnist and author.

Gardner-Webb will sponsor a second Spring Seminar March 2 with Frye Gaillard, Charlotte *Observer* columnist and author of *Race, Rock, and Religion*.

Mrs. Hamrick began writing, she said, to overcome the "shock of becoming a housewife."



KATHRYN HAMRICK
Mrs. Hamrick's column, *The Farmer's Wife*, appears every other week in the *Foothills View*.

At Least It's An Honest Name

When winter seems to have been around too long, it is comforting to know that some energetic early wild flowers are already working to cheer us up.

A February stroll through the boggy areas of the North Carolina mountains and the Piedmont will reveal the unusual, exotic flower of the skunk cabbage.

Close to the ground, we may see a colorful hood, maroon and mottled green and 4 to 6 inches high. These are really modified leaves formed into what is called a spathe.

Inside the hood is a knobby, yellow-tan spike, 1 to 3 inches tall and entirely covered with tiny blossoms, the true flowers. The hood-like form enclosing the flowers is characteristic of the Arum family, which includes other familiar members such as calla lily and jack-in-the-pulpit.

The skunk cabbage comes by

its name honestly. The spike has a strong, skunk-like odor, also recognized in other common names such as polecat weed. The late Vermont Sen. Aiken, a wild flower enthusiast, opined that the skunk cabbage flowers so early to avoid its "outrageous" odor being compared with pleasant fragrances of later spring flowers. Even the formal scientific name, *Symplocarpus foetidus*, recognizes this distinctive quality. *Foetidus* is the Latin "to stink," akin to our English word "fetid."

Not all creatures, however, find the aroma unpleasant. Flies are attracted to it, as well as by the color—and thus are helpful as pollinators. Even honeybees, during brief warm spells, are induced to enter the hood to gather pollen from the many flowers there.

It has been said that the skunk cabbage is growing so

energetically in this period that sufficient heat is generated by it to melt a circle of snow around it.

As the flowers fade, the leaves appear, at first in the form of compact rolled cones. Cutting across one of these tightly rolled leaves would reveal a pattern very much like a slice of a compact cabbage-head.

By late spring or early summer the leaves grow to be as much as 2 to 3 feet long and a foot across, and these enormous leaves are called colloquially "elephant ears," a very apt name.

By late summer to fall, the leaves may hide the reddish-brown and greenish berries, so one has to look for them. Still later, the leaves turn ragged and the plant seems to have disappeared. But it is deep-rooted and long-lived and is just waiting for mid-winter to arrive to start its act up all over again.

Three is folk lore that the Indians boiled the skunk cabbage for food and medicine, and natural food enthusiasts have suggested its utility also. One authority, however, after considerable experimentation and trial, reports that even after many repeated boilings the odor was still awful, and the product left a burning sensation in the mouth. Dehydration for a long enough time period helped reduce the odor somewhat, but the taste was still judged unpleasant and thus not recommended.

An unusual plant, the skunk cabbage presents an almost tropical appearance at a welcome time of year. Have a look for it in your favorite boggy place, or, more conveniently, visit the Mountain Habitat at the N.C. Botanical Garden in Chapel Hill.

And don't be discouraged: you have to get very close to notice the characteristic smell.

Local Briefs

Museum Event

The Spanish Heritage Club will hold its first meeting Tuesday, March 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Cleveland County Historical Museum, located on the Court Square in downtown Shelby.

The Spanish Heritage Club is open to all those who speak and/or are interested in Spanish culture. Those who are interested but are unable to attend, please contact Lizette Lazcombe at 487-0586 or Viola

Perez at 482-94322.

Bike Found

Boiling Springs police department asks anyone missing a bicycle to call the police at 434-9691. The department recovered the bike Saturday.

Seafood Fundraiser

Any oyster and salmon stew supper will be held Saturday at Boiling Springs Methodist Church 5-8 p.m. tickets are \$3.50 for adults and \$1.25 for children 12 and under.