



**GARDEN TIME**  
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Mulches! Mulches! There are so many materials used for this purpose. What do they accomplish? Which is best?

Perhaps we should say in the beginning that mulches serve a useful purpose and their extensive use is a good practice in the flower, vegetable and fruit gardens.

We might divide mulches into organic and inorganic kinds. The inorganic, of course, do not add to the organic content of the soil—black polyethylene plastic, aluminum foil and heavy mulching paper.

On the other hand, the organic mulches are almost too numerous to mention—leaves, pine needles, peanut hulls, sawdust and shavings. All of these materials eventually decompose and fuse with the soil—some faster than others.

The inorganic mulches seem to be most extensively used in the commercial production of such crops as strawberries and many of the vegetables. The operation is mechanized and can be very quickly done.

It is rather difficult to say which of the organic mulching materials are best but we might give some thought to what a mulch is supposed to accomplish.

Perhaps the two most important benefits would be the conservation of moisture and the regulation of soil temperature as both water and temperature figure strongly in the total environment of plants.

To conserve moisture, a mulch should be porous enough to let water through and deep enough to prevent rapid surface evaporation. An example would be

pine needles or grain straw. Both of these materials decompose rather rapidly and become incorporated in the soil as organic matter, provided, the nitrogen needs are supplied for both the plant and the micro-organisms which decompose the mulch.

### On The Home Front

(Items this week from Randolph, Wake and Franklin Counties.)

**COUNTY HOUSING PROGRAM**  
A county housing committee was set up in Randolph County to determine the housing needs of the people and to try to do something about poor housing conditions.

As a result, Mrs. Bettye J. Taylor, home economics agent, says that in 4 communities, 38 families added running water; 51 families added baths to their homes; and many other home improvements were made. After a careful study, the housing committee decided to place further emphasis in the housing area during 1964.

**PRESSURE CANNERS USED**  
Food conservation leaders are stressing the importance of using the pressure canner when canning non-acid vegetables, reports Mrs. Mary Graham, associate home economics agent. She says that 68 per cent of the rural families are without a pressure canner and are only canning about 23 quarts of food per person.



**PLANNING SECOND ANNUAL WOMEN'S WEEKEND AT LIVINGSTONE** — Shown seated, left to right, are: Misses Margaret Michael, Philadelphia, Pa.; Carolyn Kornegay, Goldsboro; and Mrs. C. C. Coleman, dean of women Standing, left to right: Misses Jessica Andrews, Winston-Salem; Beverly Gurney, Portland, Maine; and Barbara Rogers, Salisbury. Included in activities at Livingstone College, April 10-12 will be an All-College Assembly with Attorney Ruth Whitehead Whaley, New York City, as the featured speaker.

### At Salisbury:

## Women's Weekend Planned

SALISBURY—The Women's Assembly at Livingstone College, a group organized and directed by Mrs. C. C. Coleman, dean of women, will observe its second annual week-end April 10-12. Theme for the observance is "The College Woman and the Changing Patterns of Culture."

Activities for the three-day period will include, among others, an exhibit of original paintings by students and faculty members, a Fashion Show, a Charn Clinic conducted by Mrs. Ola M. Forte, La Mae Beauty School, Winston-Salem; installation of officers for next year, a break-on Sunday, April 12, and an All-College Assembly at 8 P. M. the same day.

Speakers for the observance will include Mrs. Harry L. Koontz, special education teacher in the Salisbury Public Schools and currently serving as vice president of the department of classroom teachers, NEA; and Attorney Ruth Whitehead Whaley, secretary, the Board of Estimate, New York City, of women at the college, will install the newly elected officers for the Women's Assembly.

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## White Alabama Lawyer Tells His Militant Story In 'Mag'

A white Birmingham lawyer who dared to speak out against the inertia of his fellow citizens in the cause of civil rights tells his own story in a new book. Titled "A Time to Speak" it will be published by Harper & Row on April 22.

Born and bred a Southerner, Charles Morgan, Jr., gradually came to recognize a growing breach between what he believed and what Birmingham practiced. Using his legal talents in the cause of civil rights, he tells how he came to desist at least to the present his usefulness in the hometown he had chosen for himself and his family.

The culmination of Morgan's struggle in Birmingham came the day after four Negro Sunday School children were killed in the bombing of a Birmingham church.

Charles Morgan, saddened and angry, spoke before the Young Men's Business Club and said, "A mad, remorseful, worried community asks, 'Who did it? Who threw the bomb? Was it a Negro or a White?'"

"The answer should be, 'We all did it.' Every last one of us is condemned for that crime and the bombing before it and the ones last month, last year, a decade ago. We all did it. Those four little Negro girls were human beings. They had lived their fourteen years in a leaderless city; a city where no one accepts responsibility, where everybody wants to blame somebody else."

His speech was reported in the press throughout the country.

In his book Charles Morgan makes a plea to members of the white communities of many cities to "not be afraid to succumb to conscience."

"There are too few of these people," he writes. "For some a commitment may mean financial, social or political ruin. When he acts the Southern man can never be certain it will not mean his job, or community standing or physical safety."

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## Delta President Describes Key Role Of Women In Fighting Discrimination

PETERSBURG, Va. — Women can play a key role in the fight against poverty, in guaranteeing good education and fair employment, in easing tensions and in building constructive relations between peoples.

This growing importance of the role of women, and particularly Negro women, was described by Dr. Geraldine P. Woods, president of Delta Sigma Theta, a women's national organization, in her address to interracial public service or the sorority's south atlantic regional conference Saturday evening, March 28, at Virginia State College here.

In asking the 35,000 members of her organization to quickly assume this responsibility, Dr. Woods referred to a prediction made by Dr. Kenneth Clark of New York University, who said that "we have now come to the point where there are only two ways that America can avoid continued racial explosions. One would be total oppression; the other total equality. There is no compromise" she stated.

## Yes, We All Talk

**BY MARCUS H. BOULWARE, THE CHAIRMAN**

Regardless of whether the man is in the church, school or university, or in a fraternal or sorority group, the individual who has poise and grace, who speaks well with visual directness, and who has a winning personality usually is elected as president or chairman.

In a group or public discussion, committee meeting the chairman must be one with good speech, ability to think, impartiality, etc. This chairman's main duty is to guide the discussion to see that all remarks are relevant to the topic. In terminating the discussion, the chairman should be able to give a brief summary of the discussion and decision reached, if any.

On the other hand, the chairman of a deliberative body such as a club, lodge, society, sorority, fraternity, union, etc., must be able to hear motions and direct the disposition of them. The debate on the various motions gives the chairman an opportunity to exercise his ability in guiding discussion on a motion.

Realizing that he must depend too heavily upon an elected parliamentarian, the chairman studies diligently the rules of parliamentary procedure, so that he can help the business transactions to move forward at a satisfactory pace.

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## Men's Week At FSC

FAYETTEVILLE — Men's Week will be observed at Fayetteville State College from April 6 to April 12. Culminating activities will be held on April 12 which will be Annual Parents Day. The men will go to Sunday School with their will accompany their sons to church in the city.

Dinner will be served in the dining hall and campus open house will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 p. m. A faculty-parent reception will be held from 3:00 to 4:00 p. m. and Vesper will be held at 4:00 p. m. at which time Dr. Patterson of Winston-Salem State College will be the speaker.

## Dr. Richardson Vesper Orator

GREENSBORO — Dr. Harry V. Richardson, president of the Interdenominational Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., will speak at the April 12 Sunday vesper service at Bennett College at 4 p. m. in Pfeiffer Chapel.

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