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CONTROL OF INSECT PESTS EXPLAINED BY H. R. NISWONGER

Spraying Should Begin When Plants Are Two Inches High, Says State Expert. Formulas for Cabbage and Potato Insects Given. Control of Cabbage Aphids Increase Price of Product on Markets.

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The flea beetles, potato bugs and late blight of potatoes and the aphids and worms of the cabbage reduce potato yields and hinder the development of sound cabbage heads. It is necessary to make every potato hill and every cabbage plant produce a marketable product if a fair margin of profit is to be made under the present trend of prices received for farm products. The control of insects and diseases will aid in securing this margin of profit.

Control of Potato Pests

Spray or dust with Poisoned Bordeaux. Make first application when potato plants are about three inches high and repeat every two weeks until plants begin to die.

Poisoned Bordeaux for Spraying—Formula: Blue stone, 3 pounds; hydrated lime (plasterers finishing lime) 4 pounds; 2 pounds arsenate of lead; 50 gallons of water. Dissolve blue stone in wooden or earthen container, mix hydrated lime and arsenate of lead to a thin paste, each in a separate container. Fill a 50-gallon barrel three-fourths full of water; add the lime paste and stir thoroughly. Mix thoroughly the dissolved 3 pounds of blue stone with the lime water. Fill the barrel full of water and add the arsenate of lead paste. A stock solution of blue stone may be made by putting 10 pounds in a burlap bag and suspending it in ten gallons of water until dissolved. One gallon of this solution will equal one pound of blue stone. Make spray application as soon as Bordeaux Mixture is made. Each spraying for an acre (when the vines are young) will require 75 gallons and about 125 gallons when they are about grown).

Poisoned Bordeaux for Dusting—Commercial poisoned Bordeaux dusts or poison conifer lime dusts are very satisfactory if thoroughly applied. A good dust gun is necessary to apply these compounds. It will take from 15 to 25 pounds of dust, depending upon the size of the vines, to cover an acre of potatoes at each dusting. Make dust applications early in the morning or late in the evening during periods when little wind is blowing.

Control of Cabbage Pests

The cabbage aphids, which are soft bodied insects, curl up the young cabbage leaves and prevent the formation of good cabbage heads. One of the best remedies is 40 per cent. nicotine sulphate. Pyrethrum extract, sold under various trade names, is also good. These mixtures can be purchased from any dealer handling spray materials. Follow the directions on the package as to their use. A soap solution consisting of about one pound of soap to 4 gallons of water is also good when used during early morning or late in the evening. Treatment should be given the plants when this pest first appears. Do not wait until the leaves have been curled by the aphids. It is necessary to cover the aphids with the spray solution in order to kill them. Several sprayings are often necessary to completely destroy this pest.

The cabbage worm is the most serious pest and very common in the vicinity of cabbage fields. They first feed on the outer leaves and then feed on the inner leaves, hiding in the young heads as they form. It is then hard to reach them with the first seen around the cabbage field. These butterflies occur from early summer until fall and are continually laying eggs. Therefore, several sprayings are necessary to kill the continuous appearance of worms.

Spraying or Dusting Best Control

Spraying or dusting with arsenate of lead is the best control for the cabbage worm. For spraying use two pounds of arsenate of lead, 3 pounds of soap and 50 gallons of water. Mix arsenate of lead to a thin paste before adding to water in spray tank. Dissolve the soap and add last to spray mixture. A small quantity of spray is made up with five level tablespoonfuls of poison, 1-4-inch cube of soap and 1 gallon of water.

For dusting mix 1 pound of arsenate of lead and 3 pounds of hydrated or plasters lime. Dust when there is no wind blowing or in early morning or evening.

The cabbage grower who markets cabbage damaged by worms is handicapped in two ways; first, the merchant does not offer the top market price for cabbage when the outer leaves of the heads are riddled with worm holes. Second: since cabbage is sold by weight, there is a loss in weight whenever the grower has to strip the heads of outer damaged leaves in order to market an attractive head of cabbage.

Saturday Last Day To Register Voters

Next Saturday is the last Saturday when registrars are required to be at the polling places in the county for the purpose of registering voters for the June primary, the following Saturday having been set aside as challenge day. All voters who have reached their majority since the last election, and those who have moved their place of residence during that time are required to register. A number of new voters have been registered in Boone township; however, generally speaking, the registration is regarded as light.

SPECIAL TERM OF CIVIL COURT WILL BE HELD IN JUNE

Governor Gardner Issues Call for Special Term of Watauga Court for Trial of Civil Cases. To Be Held June 20th for Two Weeks, with Judge Schenck Presiding. Large Docket Held Over.

Pursuant to a request recently made by the Board of County Commissioners, Governor O. Max Gardner has issued an order for a special term of Watauga Superior Court which will convene on June 20th, and which is expected to continue for two weeks. Judge Schenck has been commissioned to preside.

The request for the special term was made upon petition of the local bar to the commissioners, when it was found impossible to handle the civil calendar at the April term, when an unprecedented number of criminal cases occupied the attention of the court for almost two weeks. About seventy-five civil actions had been calendared for trial at that time.

AUSTIN ADDRESSES YOUNG DEMOCRATS

Jefferson Attorney Principal Speaker at Organization Meeting. Officers Elected. Various Townships to be Organized.

W. B. Austin, prominent attorney of Jefferson, N. C., addressed the meeting of the Young Democratic Voters Club of Watauga County at the courthouse last Friday evening. About 150 young men and women representative of all townships in the county save three, enthusiastically approved the discourse of Mr. Austin, which centered about the progress North Carolina has made educationally and industrially since the days of Charles B. Aycock, who inaugurated the State-wide educational movement. He cited the State road system as a masterpiece of Democratic genius and compared conditions of today with those prevailing thirty years ago. He then assailed the national Republican administration, charging that President Hoover had made campaign guarantees of increased prosperity, thereby himself assuming the responsibility of the resultant panic.

Mr. Austin was introduced by Jim Rivers, Attorney Wade E. Brown spoke on the responsibilities resting upon the shoulders of the young Democratic voters, and urged united action on the part of the youthful partisans in returning the nation to the Democratic party.

A permanent organization was formed, Jim Rivers having been named chairman, Sam F. Horton of Cove Creek, vice-chairman; Miss Eula Carroll of Elk Township, second vice-chairman, and Wade E. Brown of Blowing Rock, secretary-treasurer. It was arranged that future meetings should be held in various townships and that permanent individual organizations would be set up.

Mr. G. B. Gambill of Jefferson, chairman of the Ashe County young peoples' organization, who came to Boone with Mr. Austin, W. R. Lovill and John H. Bingham made extemporaneous remarks before the meeting adjourned.

Mrs. E. F. Harmon Dies in Beech Creek Section

Mrs. E. F. Harmon, 76 years old, passed away at her home in the Zion Hill Community on Sunday afternoon, May 8, following a long illness. The death of the popular lady was probably due to cerebral hemorrhage.

Funeral services were conducted on Monday, the 9th, at 3 o'clock by Rev. W. H. Glenn. Burial followed in the family cemetery.

Surviving are the husband and the following children: Oscar Harmon and Mrs. Nettie Stynes, of Beech Creek, and Ruby Harmon of Elk, Tenn. The deceased was a good woman, a kind-hearted neighbor, and will be missed in her community. She was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church.

FISHING-HUNTING CLUB TO CONTROL MIDDLE FORK

Local Organization Will Supervise Popular Stream During Season. Meat Camp and Norris' Fork to Be Opened. Thousands of Trout Released. Twenty-eight Members Attend Club Meeting.

Twenty-eight members of the Watauga County Hunting and Fishing Club and other local sportsmen gathered at the Daniel Boone Hotel on last Friday afternoon to discuss plans of the organization for the present season. President Tom Cushing presided.

Various complaints had been raised regarding the club's control of certain streams in the county, and at the Friday meeting it was decided to open Meat Camp Creek and Norris' Fork, both of which have been under organization control since last spring. These streams have been well stocked with brook trout, ranging in size from 6 to 12 inches, and many large catches have already been reported.

Middle Fork has been signed up from the New River Light and Power Company dam to the Snyder property near Blowing Rock, and will for the present season be under the fishing club's control. This fine body of water has also been receiving large consignments of trout from the local hatchery, and is said to be in excellent condition. Middle Fork, like Howard's Creek, may be fished for the small sum of fifty cents a day for club members and one dollar a day for non-members. Only one stretch of the stream—that portion which runs through the Thomas Greer property—is exempted from club control. Sign boards along the road will designate boundaries of the club's waters.

More than five thousand brook and rainbow trout of legal length have been released this season by the Fishing and Hunting Club, and it is said that the streams which they supervise are in better condition than in years.

The meeting Friday was the most enthusiastic yet held, and a perfect understanding was reached between club members and outside sportsmen. Those present were: Tom Cushing, J. C. McConnell, Kenneth Linney, J. M. Gatter, A. E. Hamby, Vitas Brown, H. G. Parthing, Tom Shores, Paul Hodges, A. T. Brown, Sam Tate, H. E. Cook, Glenn Coffey, C. E. Smathers, I. S. Ayers, S. M. Ayers, M. B. Craven, J. W. Bryan, J. D. Council, Paul Coffey, Charles L. Younce, B. Frank Williams, Luther Clay, Fin Shores, Roby Shores, Fred A. Greene, C. B. Duncan, Walter Winebarger.

JURY DRAWN FOR FEDERAL COURT

Term Begins at Wilkesboro on May 23rd. Docket Largely Composed of Liquor Cases. McRary to Prosecute for First Time.

Federal Court for the trial of cases originating in Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga counties, will convene in Wilkesboro on Monday, May 23, says the Wilkes Journal. The term was scheduled for May 16, but was postponed recently by Judge Johnson J. Hayes of the Middle District.

The docket for the May term is heavy and practically all the cases are for violation of the prohibition laws. District Attorney J. F. McCrary, of Lexington, will prosecute the docket for the first time in Wilkesboro. The jurors picked from Watauga are as follows:

Collis Austin, R. P. Miller, A. C. Mast, S. G. Carroll, B. Fred Cook, Howard Holshouser, Will B. Reest, Joe J. Wellborn, Charles L. Younce, Joe L. Coffey, Conley Glenn and Carl Byers.

Lauds Newspaper Feature

Mr. J. C. Shell, Mayor of Banner Elk, who furnished the facts for a recent feature in The Democrat on his city, felicitates the county paper on the story, and says that communications resulting from the publicity are reaching him from distant points. Mr. Shell writes:

"Mr. R. C. Rivers, Editor Watauga Democrat

Dear Mr. Rivers:

"It seems that the article in your paper is creating a great deal of excitement throughout the whole country. I am surprised at the publicity it has given, not only to Banner Elk, but to all of Western North Carolina. I am receiving daily comments from New York papers about it.

"The people of this town are giving praise to your paper for the excellent way in which it has boosted our town. I am preparing a list of subscribers who want your paper, which I will send in at once; and, by the way: I want you to send me all the copies of the paper you can in which this article appeared. I am receiving requests for them every day.

"Thanking you for all you have done for us, I am

"Very cordially yours,

Banner Elk, N. C.

Biggest Dog and Littlest Girl



Marion Joan Wagner of St. Louis makes friends with Barry Von Ochswald, champion St. Bernard of America at the St. Louis dog show.

Matney Girl Makes Fine Record At Appalachian Teacher College

Perhaps no Watauga student at

tending any college has made a more outstanding record than Miss Dessa Mae Triplett of Matney, who last week received her B. S. degree at Appalachian State Teachers College, and due to the fact that she has participated so widely in extra-curricular activities, she finished with the highest honors ever awarded any graduate from that institution.

Having taken her freshman work at Queens College in Charlotte, she began her sophomore work at Boone, where she has taken the last three years' work. At the very beginning of her first year at Boone, she was elected president of the Y. W. C. A., to which practically every college girl belonged. Under her leadership this organization reached a degree of usefulness and efficiency exceeded by none other on the campus. In Miss Triplett's senior year, when the enrollment had almost doubled, from the hundreds of girls she was again chosen president.

In the fields of debating and oratory she has been a leading figure, having been an outstanding debater each year she has been at Boone.

GREEN PARK HOTEL TO OPEN ON MAY 28

Many Dignitaries Invited to Inaugural Dinner Dance. Extensive Repair Work Being Done on Poplar Hostelry.

Green Park Hotel, one of the most famous of the Blowing Rock section's hostleries, will open this year on May 28th, it was learned Wednesday. Many dignitaries, including the Governor of North Carolina, have been invited to the opening, which will be featured by a dinner dance, and indications are that the hotel will be well patronized from the start.

Mr. Paul Moldenhauer of Florida, tourist hotelist, recently purchased the Green Park, and is in charge of its operation. Extensive repair work is being done, the building is being repainted inside and out, floors refinished, and the attractiveness of the interior is being enhanced by a great number of pieces of especially designed furniture.

BANK HOLIDAY

The Watauga County Bank and Peoples Industrial Bank will not be open for business on Monday, May 20th. The holiday is in celebration of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Only once in her debating history

have the judges seen fit to vote against her in an inter-collegiate debate. She was on the debating team in 1929 when Appalachia held the junior college championship in debating. This year she won out over the speakers of every girls' society in the oratorical contest, and she and Leroy Sossamon, the winner from the boys' societies, represented Appalachia at the State Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest, held in Asheville in April.

This year Miss Triplett obtained an honor never before received by a girl—she was elected editor-in-chief of the Rhododendron, college annual. Added to this she has been business manager of the Rhododendron, class poet, assistant in biology laboratory, president of the Thalian Literary Society, president of the letter club, and has held other important offices in these and other organizations.

Her scholastic record ranks with her other achievements. These facts and the vote of her class that she is the best all-round student, is sufficient proof that her college record is one to be envied by all, but to be equalled or surpassed by few.

Mrs. Pashia Dotson Dies at Poplar Grove

Mrs. Pashia Dotson, aged lady of the Poplar Grove community, died at the home of her son, H. F. Dotson, Saturday evening at 7:30. She had been ill for only five days, having visited her other son, Mr. John Dotson, on Mother's Day.

Mrs. Dotson would have been 57 years of age had she lived until May 29th. She was an energetic person, and during her long life had served family and community well. "Aunt Pashia," as she was known to her many friends and relatives, had been a member of Poplar Grove Baptist Church for about thirty years and the impressive funeral services were held there, interment following at the Gragg Cemetery, one mile southwest of Boone. Rev. Ed Hodges was in charge of the rites.

Surviving are two sons, H. F. and J. J. Dotson, of Poplar Grove, and three daughters who reside in Tennessee. A number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren also survive.

Revival Meeting at Cove Creek Baptist

A revival meeting will begin at the Cove Creek Baptist Church on Sunday, May 22nd, Rev. J. A. McCaughan, pastor of the local church, has secured the services of Rev. B. E. Morris of Statesville, who will be the revival preacher. Rev. Morris is known as one of the state's greatest preachers, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to hear him.

The daily vacation Bible school begins Monday, the 23rd, and all the children from the age of 3 to 17 are cordially invited, and there will be a class arranged for the older ones if they come.

District Meeting of Juniors Next Week

The Junior Order councils in the Seventh District of North Carolina have been called to meet with North Wilkesboro Council on Tuesday, May 24, for a district meeting, it has been learned from officials of the local unit of the organization. A business meeting will be held at 3:30 in the afternoon and an open session at 8:00 in the evening. It is stated that several matters of importance will be taken up and some degree work put on. Local officials urge as many Watauga members as possible to attend.

LOCAL MAN WOULD HOLD PAGEANT IN W. N. C. MOUNTAINS

Professor I. G. Greer Concoives Idea of "Passion Play" for Great Smokies. Event Would Depict in Song and Story the Sternness of Life in the Hills. Native Singers Would Take Part.

A national-known publication recently carried a story relative to the suggestion of Professor I. G. Greer, Boone, that a "Passion Play of the Mountains" be conducted at some spot in the Southern Appalachians each year. This event would be patterned after the Oberammergau play and would be based on the ballads, customs and culture of mountain people. The story follows:

"A great 'Passion Play,' patterned somewhat after that of Oberammergau and based on the ballads, native customs, culture and folklore of the Great Smoky Mountains in North Carolina, has been conceived by Professor I. G. Greer, of the Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N. C. It is still only an idea, but it has been given enthusiastic reception.

"The coming of modern days in the mountains, with good roads, schools, and radios has brought the fear that the old ballads handed down for generations by mountaineers will be lost. Mountain youth is singing jazz instead of the songs of its fathers.

"Many of the ballads have been preserved in book form, but a mountain ballad on paper, Professor Greer says, is not a mountain ballad as sung by a native. The ballads go back to early English times. The greater part of them are sorrowful, rhythmic, mournful echoes of the sternness of the mountaineer's life, as it was that of medieval people.

"Professor Greer's idea visions a sort of amphitheatre in a mountain setting where these ballads would be sung and their long, droning stories acted out. Possibly for a week each year these mountaineers could offer an attraction that would gradually assume national appeal, as development of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park materializes.

"National park service officials have expressed favor for Greer's idea of creating a passion play of the mountains and have promised support for starting the drama.

"Singers taking part would be natives, Greer said, for trained voices cannot interpret the simple songs. It is explained that ballads differ from folk songs in that they are impersonal and record the experiences of others, whereas the folk songs record the joys and tribulations of the singer and his experiences."

PRESBYTERIAL TO BE HELD AT ROCK

Twenty-eighth Annual Meeting of Appalachia Synod Opens at Mayview Manor on May 23rd. A Three-Day Session.

The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Holston Presbyterial, Synod of Appalachia, is to be held at Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock, on May 23-24-25, according to information released Wednesday by Mrs. J. H. VonCannon, the president, at Banner Elk.

The regular meetings of the first and third days, it is explained, will be particularly for delegates, who will be entertained in the homes of the members of the Blowing Rock Auxiliary. On Tuesday, the all-day meeting will be of a more popular character and will be open to the public, anyone interested being cordially invited to attend. The highlights of the program will include a study of the Book of Hebrews, taught by Mrs. J. S. Poindexter of Chattanooga, Tenn., an outstanding teacher of the Presbyterian Church.

In the afternoon, Mrs. R. C. Anderson of Montreat, N. C., the synodical president, will give an inspirational address based on "The New Standard for Auxiliary."

In the evening Miss Janie McCaughy, of Atlanta, secretary of the Department of Woman's Work, will bring a message, "Looking to Jesus." Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Greer of Boone will render songs of the hill people, to the accompaniment of the dulcimer, and Mrs. Brown, student worker at the Teachers College in Boone, will appear on the program.

The management of Mayview Manor is co-operating with the ladies of the Blowing Rock Auxiliary, and will serve a luncheon to delegates and visitors on Tuesday at 50 cents per plate. It is asked that reservations be made in advance.

The Alleghany Farmers Exchange is selling lambs and beef cattle for its members at a flat charge of 15 cents each for the lambs and \$1.50 each for the beefs. This takes care of all marketing costs.