

# Trees, Shrubs, Flowers Feature Address By Dr. Gartner Tuesday

Dr. J. B. Gartner, horticultural specialist of the State College Extension Service, Raleigh, addressed the March meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce Tuesday on the growth and care of trees, shrubs, and flowers.

In attendance as guests of the Chamber were members of the Blue Ridge Garden Club and the Home Demonstration Club.

After being introduced by Mrs. B. W. Stallings, Dr. Gartner opened his remarks with a discussion of tree-trimming. He said the life of a tree is shortened by improper trimming, and advised strongly against the cutting back and topping of trees, thereby ruining their natural contour. He said horticulturalists know how to tunnel through the foliage of trees for power lines to pass through without destroying the beauty of the tree, adding that there is a movement underway to enlist the cooperation of power companies in this respect.

Declaring that the goal of the extension service is the beautification of every home and farm in the state, the speaker advised owners to engage the services of a horticultural architect for their landscaping problems and to advise in the proper pruning of plants. He said that with proper planning and planting, replanting is unnecessary, and that expert advice will pay dividends in the long run.

He pointed out that beautification enhances the value of any property, and that a well landscaped place is easy to keep neat and attractive in appearance. He also cautioned growers to use care in selecting plants that are adapted to the locality in which they are to be grown, and stressed the importance of keeping grounds clean to prevent disease in plants as well as for beautification purposes.

The meeting was closed with a

questions and answers period, during which Dr. Gartner helped questioners with individual problems.

## Weed Measuring Now Available

The Watauga County ASC Committee is now accepting applications for premeasuring Burley tobacco. The cost of premeasuring must be borne by the farmer and will be \$7 per farm. The closing date for accepting applications is March 31.

## VFW Auxiliary To Gather

The Ladies Auxiliary to Watauga Mountaineer Post 7031 Veterans of Foreign Wars will hold its regular meeting Thursday, March 11, at 7:30 p. m. Miss Eric Gilliam, District President from North Wilkesboro will be present. Each member is urged to attend.

## Legion Plans Memorial Day

A meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary will be held at the Legion Hut Friday night, for the purpose of making plans for Memorial Day services. All veterans are requested to attend.

Then there was the new bride coming into the dining room bearing a large platter and proudly exclaiming, "My first turkey."

"Why, it looks wonderful darling," responded her spouse, "and you've stuffed it so beautifully." "Stuffed it?" echoed the bride. "This one wasn't hollow when I bought it."

## Garden Time

By ROBERT SCHMIDT  
If you haven't already done so, it is time to sow tomato, pepper, and eggplant seed in hotbeds, coldframes, or flats in the kitchen window.

Although it is much easier to buy plants for the garden, we like to grow our own tomato plants. Then we know what we are getting. The seed sowing date will depend on how soon the weather will permit setting in the field. It usually takes from five to eight weeks to produce tomato plants large enough to set, depending on the temperature of the plant bed.

Pepper and eggplant are a little slower in developing. By figuring back from the last probable frost we can determine when to sow the seed. By sowing the seed thinly, it may not be necessary to transplant, but usually transplanting to two inches apart about a week after the plants come up will give much stronger and stockier plants. There is no advantage in growing plants to blooming size before setting in the field. The younger plants will stand the shock of transplanting better than the older ones.

Where no fusarium wilt is present, good early varieties are Valiant and Urban Earliana, of course, is an old standby. For the main crop Rutgers and Marglobe are popular. Of the hybrids, Burpee's Big Boy has done very well for us.

If the garden soil is infected with fusarium wilt, it is advisable to use only such varieties as Homestead and Jefferson, which are highly resistant to fusarium wilt. These are not early varieties

but will survive the wilt.

The best variety of pepper is probably California Wonder. It is a good grower and has heavy, meaty fruits.

Eggplant is not a common vegetable in North Carolina gardens but should be grown more. The Florida Highbush and Ft. Myers Market are good varieties. As soon as eggplant are set in the field, the plants should be covered with a DDT dust or spray to prevent flea beetles and potato beetles from destroying them.

Plantings of these three crops can be made at least two weeks earlier if the plants are covered with hotcaps or other plants protectors.

## General News Brevities

Easing of import curbs by West Germany may add \$100,000,000 in new United States exports.

The Administration bars a world price war on food.

Paris feels Western unity met Soviet tests at Berlin.

The Post Office has inaugurated air delivery of three-cent mail from New York, Chicago and Washington to three Florida cities.

Philippine bases expansion provides a bulwark for Asia.

Eniwetok, hydrogen bomb test site, is closed to planes.

The Ford Foundations grants \$25,000,000 for education.

Five passenger vessels are planned for Canadian service.

15 nations agree to continue the weather ship program.

## COPS CONFUSE THIEF

Chicago—The politeness of a police squad in giving the right of way to a large truck driving away from a warehouse saved a wholesale grocery firm \$10,000 worth of coffee. The driver, apparently believing the police had been summoned to the warehouse, stopped the truck and fled. The van was loaded with 400 cases of coffee, 9,600 pounds, which had been stolen from the warehouse.

## Alexander To Run Again For Congress Seat



HUGH Q. ALEXANDER

Representative Hugh Alexander has filed with the State Board of Elections notice of his candidacy for Representative in Congress from the Ninth North Carolina District.

In making his announcement Representative Alexander says: "During my tenure of office, I have conscientiously tried to faithfully serve all the people of our Congressional District relative to legislation affecting them, our state and the Nation. If nominated and re-elected I shall continue to support Federal Legislation for the best interest and welfare of our entire population."

Alexander is serving his first term in Congress, and succeeded Robert L. Doughton who held the ninth district seat for 42 years. Alexander, a former Kannapolis attorney, once was state commander of the American Legion.

Alexander studied at Duke university and the University of North Carolina. He was graduated from UNC law school in 1937 and started practice shortly thereafter in Kannapolis.

He is a veteran of 44 months of Navy Service in World War II, 34 of which were overseas. He is a member of First Presbyterian church in Kannapolis, a past master of Cannon Memorial lodge, AF&AM, and a past president of the Cabarrus Shrine club. The Ninth district, which he represents, is composed of Iredell, Ashe, Alleghany, Alexander, Caldwell, Cabarrus, Rowan, Stanly and Watauga counties.

**THIEVES STRIP HOME**  
Van Nuys, Calif. — When the George Russell Pierson family went around to look at their new home just prior to moving in, they had the surprise of their life. Thieves had broken in and taken the family range, refrigerator, deep freeze, automatic washer and dryer, radio-phonograph, livingroom suite, bedroom suite, rugs and their trunks. The only piece of furniture left was Mrs. Pierson's sewing machine.

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