



Most of our deciduous shrubs and trees have now lost their leaves and have become dormant. The most common question that now arises is—"When must I prune my fruit trees, or when must I prune my shrubs?"

There isn't any hurry about it, so don't let that worry you. In most cases it is best to delay pruning until the hard freezing weather is past. Pruning may be done at any time of the year but it is advisable to do it during the dormant season when the plants are not growing and when fruit trees and shrubs have lost their leaves and you can see what you are doing. In order to prune a fruit tree intelligently, one should know how it bears its fruit and also its natural habit of growth.

The grape, for example, bears its fruit on new shoots coming from the previous season's wood. Therefore, we prune out as much of the old wood as possible each year, leaving sufficient one year wood to produce a good crop. The apple bears much of its fruit on short fruit spurs which are distributed up and down the main branches and upper trunk, and also on the terminals of the one year twigs. If you remove these fruit spurs and cut back one year twigs, you will destroy a lot of the fruit bearing wood. The peach bears its fruit directly on last season's growth and, therefore, may be pruned quite severely in order to keep up a good supply of young wood each year.

Pruning flowering shrubs involves similar problems. It is necessary to know on what wood the flowers are borne in order to know when and how much to prune. Therefore, before you start to cut, learn something about the tree or shrub. You can always remove branches but you cannot put them back. In pruning grape vine—especially muscadines—many gardeners become alarmed because the vines "bleed" badly. That is, the sap flows from the cut stems. However, there is no evidence that this bleeding is harmful to the plant. Bleeding can be reduced by pruning grape vines early in the dormant season, preferably in December or January.

**Most Of Cotton Crop Is Already Ginned**

The 1953 cotton crop has proved the fastest moving crop on record in North Carolina. By November 1, approximately 91 per cent of this crop had been ginned, according to the State-Federal Crop Reporting Service. At this time last year 75 per cent had been ginned.

Cotton marketing specialist, of the N. C. Department of Agriculture attributed this to the uninterrupted harvest season and the lower crop yield. While the Nation's cotton crop is forecast in the November cotton report at 16,093,000 bales, a six per

cent increase over last year's crop. North Carolina's crop is estimated at 460,000 bales, or 19 per cent below the 1952 crop. Lint yield, at 290 pounds per acre, is 76 pounds below 1952 and compares with 342 pounds for the 1942-51 average yield. This decrease is the result of drought and heavy weevil infestation.

**Pick '54 Colors**



As one of several steps in the selection of best finishes for soon-to-be-shown 1954 models, Chevrolet officials viewed 390 miniature cars, each painted a different color. Above, E. N. Cole, chief engineer, (L) and W. E. Fish, general sales manager, inspect a candidate.

**Miles Cullipher Dies At Home Near Windsor**

Miles Cullipher, 77, a native of Bertie County, died at his home near Windsor Thursday morning at 11 o'clock after an illness of about a year.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary E. Cullipher; three sons, Taylor Cullipher of Windsor and Walter and Eugene Cullipher of Colerain; three daughters, Mrs. Nellie Langdale of Colerain and Mrs. Lizzie Whitley and Mrs. Millie Farless of Merry Hill; one brother, Gus Cullipher of Merry Hill and one sister, Mrs. Capitola Pierce of

Windsor. Twenty-three grandchildren also survive. Funeral services were held in the Wakelon Baptist Church in Bertie County Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The Rev. J. P. Mustian officiated with burial in Hillcrest Cemetery at Colerain.

**It's In The Book**

**What Do You Know About Motor Vehicle Laws?**

I have heard that it is unlawful to park a car and fail to pull up the hand brake. Is this true?

F.Y.—Monroe. Yes, Motor Vehicle Manual regulations, in describing the correct procedure for parking a motor vehicle, say you must first stop the engine and then "effectively" set the brakes. Under the same regulation the law says you must turn the front wheels toward the curb when parking on a grade.

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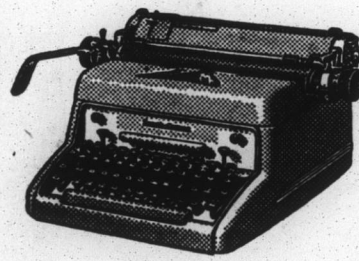
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**Turkey Shoot At Oak Grove On December 16**

Sponsored by the Oak Grove Home Demonstration Club, a big turkey shoot will be held Wednesday, December 16, at the Oak Grove Community House on the Holley Wharf highway in the Rocky Hock section. The shoot will be in progress from 10 o'clock in the morning until 10 o'clock at night and is expected to attract a large number of shooters.

Refreshments including hot coffee, sandwiches, cold drinks, etc., will be sold in the club house which will accommodate a large crowd. Music at the affair will be furnished by the Chowan Ramblers.

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The new instruments make a total of 25 pieces of equipment which the patrol will use to curb flagrant speed-

ers and influence slow pokes to drive more normally.

Col. James R. Smith, patrol commander said the speed recorders, including five mobile radar units, are distributed throughout the state as follows: Troop A, Greenville, 5; Troop B, Fayetteville, 7; Troop C, Greensboro, 5; Troop D, Salisbury, 5; and Troop E, Asheville, 3.

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