

# GARDEN HINTS

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## Pruning Trees And Shrubs

We would like to have shrubs and trees that would grow to the right size, that wouldn't need pruning and would remain beautiful, but no such plants exist. However, with moderate pruning, we can keep plants under control for a long time. Some reasons for pruning are: to keep plants shapely, and in the case of flowering plants, to encourage better quality of blooms.

A few rules of pruning are:

- 1) Don't cut off the top of a young shrub when planting. Trim off some of the side branches and shorten others back as the plant grows and gradually remove the lower limbs until the lowest limb is about ten feet high.
- 2) Make your cuts next to a limb or bud, don't leave a stub to die back.
- 3) Pruning is local in effect. That is, new growth puts out near where the work is made. Therefore, to make a plant thick near the ground, make your cuts near the ground.
- 4) Plant when pruning will try to return to its natural shape, so don't try to change the natural habit of the tree or shrub.

Prune evergreen shrubs several times during the summer, removing very little growth at any one time. If the shrub has been neglected for several years, a severe cutting back might be needed to put it back in shape. Do this in late winter or early spring before new growth starts. Most broadleaf plants will come back following a severe pruning but this is not true of the needleleaf plants, such as cedars and arborvitae. Don't cut back needleleaf evergreen plants beyond the green foliage.

Flowering shrubs come under two groups: those that flower in spring and those that bloom in summer and late fall. The late bloomers, when pruning is necessary, must be pruned in winter or early spring. For most part, they flower largely on wood made the same year. By trimming or pruning in the spring, new growth that will

flower is encouraged. However, on the other hand, spring bloomers largely flower on the wood made the previous season. To prune anytime after the leaves fall would mean the removal of much flower wood the following year. Shrubs in this group should be immediately pruned after they have finished blooming. This will allow new growth of flowering wood to put on in the summer.

A few of the most commonly grown flowering shrubs that may be pruned soon after blooming are: Downy Serviceberry, Red Chokeberry, Sweetshrub, White Fringe, Red Bud, Dogwood, Flowering Quince, etc.

Late blooming shrubs to be pruned while dormant are: Glossy Abelia, Five-leaf Arelia, Barberry, Butterfly Bush, Hydrangea, "Pee Gee", Crape Myrtle, etc.

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## Gentry P. T. A. Draws 75; Dec. Meeting Stated

ERWIN

Some 75 persons attended the third P.T.A. meeting at Gentry Junior High School, Erwin, on Tuesday night, November 11, at 8 p.m.

The evening program, which was centered around American Education Week, featured Open House and Tea. Mrs. Mattie McNeill, president presided.

Mrs. Mattie McNeill, president of the P.T.A. said "As we observe American Education Week, let us as parents and teachers check ourselves and see if we are carrying out our responsibility."

Members of the P.T.A. discussed and made plans for sending a delegate to the 31st Annual P.T.A. Convention, which met in High Point, N. C. on November 21-22.

The program adjourned with a tour of all classrooms from first through ninth grades. Evening refreshments were served in the school cafeteria.

The next P.T.A. meeting will be held on December 9, at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. The program will feature Christmas Carols and Christmas Tree. On December 1, at 3 p.m., the P.T.A. is sponsoring a Community Singing Program and a Baby Con-

## Two Newspaper Publishers On CR Commission

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Two newspaper publishers, a former all-American football star, a member of the Washington State Legislature, and a recently appointed municipal judge were named to State Advisory Committees last week by the Commission on Civil Rights.

They were among 11 Negroes named on 13 State Advisory Committees during the week. These groups are appointed to study civil rights problems within their respective states and report their findings and recommendations to the Federal Commission.

A total of 34 have been named so far. Six others have been approved and will be announced by the end of November. Similar groups are being organized in Puerto Rico, Hawaii, the District of Columbia, and the soon-to-be-admitted state of Alaska.

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## Interracial Counterfeiters Are Arrested

STATESVILLE

The case of a white tavern operator and a local Negro of Statesville, charged with conspiring to sell and circulate counterfeit money, was continued in Recorder's Court on Tuesday until December 9.

David Jackson, a local Negro and Fred Lackey, tavern operator, were charged in the indictment drawn up by Judge Allen H. Gyn. While the jurist was questioning Webb, who entered a guilty plea, the defendant involved Lackey, Jackson and R. I. James.

According to Solicitor Fred Hedrick, he had been unable to prepare the case as his main witness would be Webb, who is serving a prison sentence. He asked that the case be continued.

W. R. Battle, appearing in defense of Jackson, and Hugh Mitchell, defense attorney for Lackey, made motions to quash the warrants, but the motions were denied by Judge C. B. Winberry in the Recorder's Court.



"Ambivalent," the central figure in the photograph, furnishes his blood so that scientists may measure some of the antibodies produced by the new anti-tuberculosis vaccine. Margaret Vandiviere, research assistant, and Johnnie Williams, animal porter, are assisting "Ambivalent" in his donation. Other support for the project comes from Christmas Seals. Announcement for the perfection of the new TB vaccine was made last week from the state Tuberculosis Association office in Raleigh.

## Durham Delegation Of 35 To Attend Jehovah's Witnesses Tarboro Meet

According to a statement made here this week by O. M. Stokes, presiding minister of the Durham Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses, a delegation of 35 persons from Durham will attend the three-day circuit convention in Tarboro, N. C., at the W. A. Pattillo High School Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, November 28-30. About 400 delegates from 21 towns and communities will be there.

Stokes said that Jehovah's Witnesses are spearheading a "back to the Bible movement" intended to make known to the people of all the nations the good news of Jehovah's established kingdom under Jesus Christ.

This means that each witness must take the Kingdom ministry seriously. Accordingly, the theme of this three-day seminar sponsored by the Watchtower Society, is centered around Paul's counsel to the Colossians at Colossians 4:17, NW: "Keep watching your ministry that you fulfill it!"

Sessions will begin Friday, November 28, at 8:30 P. M. and continue through Sunday, November 30, until 8:00 P. M. The program is especially designed to help Jehovah's Witnesses expand their ministry, and will include talks, demonstrations, and round-table discussions.

On Friday O. M. Stokes of

## Assignment Of Airman's Daughter To Little Rock Jim Crow School Hit

NEW YORK

The Air Force's refusal to transfer a Negro sergeant from the Little Rock Air Base after his six-year-old daughter was required to attend an off-base segregated school was criticized today by the American Civil Liberties Union as contrary to "the national policy of integration."

The Negro airman, Technical Sgt. James E. Dallas, made the request after officials at the Air Base had decided that because of Congressional instruction a new federally financed elementary school for airman's children must follow a segregated pattern.

The ACLU had registered a strong protest that this action was contrary to the school desegregation decisions of the U. S. Supreme Court.

An official of the Department of Defense informed the Union that the Air Force did not concur with the segregated school plan but under the law passed by Congress providing funds to local communities to handle the schooling of military personnel children, the new school must be operated in accordance with the local segregation law.

In a letter to Secretary of the Air Force James H. Douglas scoring the decision in the Dallas case, ACLU executive director Patrick Murphy Malin said the "Air Force's action, in effect, condones the local practice of segregated education by compelling the Negro airman to send his child to a segregated school."

"In view of the Armed Forces' repeated protestation of successful integration and Assistant Secretary (of Defense) Finucane's statement that the Little Rock incident should not be construed as 'approval or indication of agreement with the school

board's decision," we believe the Air Force's decision directly contravenes the spirit of the national policy of integration.

## Durham Sends 41 Explorers To Pope AFB

Some 41 Explorer Scouts from eight units of the Durham division spent Saturday at Pope Air Force Base where they took an airplane flight, witnessed demonstrations by the 77th Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg and lived the routine of the base airman for the day.

Units sending boys on the trip were as follows: Post 129, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Robert Thompson, Reginald Mitchiner, Willie High, William Hunter, Owen Justice, Winfred Morris, Gary Stephens, and Linwood Archer.

Post 190, Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, Harold Smith, Norman Chavis, Bernie Toomer, Jimmie Smith, William Hopson, Robert Hopson, Willie Burt, and John Fletcher.

Post 144, Russell Memorial CME Church, Raymond Anderson and Robert Wingate.

Post 158, Walltown Recreation Center, Ronald Walker.

Post 118, Red Mountain Baptist Church, Curtis Scurlock, Collin Pettiford, Al Daye, William Spears, James Spears.

Medford Hewitt, James Lane, Dan Pettiford, Edward Kenon, Calvin Holman, Rhinshart Bullock, Eddie Kerton, Lafayette Jones, Douglas Jones.

Post 60, Whitted Junior High School, Troy Hocks and Samuel Price.

Post 100, Mt. Calvary Baptist of Bohama, Earl Evans and George Stewart.

Post 65, St. Mark AME Zion Church, Joseph Washington and Thomas Hayes.

## No Truth Taboo To Christians, Bryan Asserts

GREENSBORO

That no idea is so sacrosanct that the children of God can be forbidden to probe it was one of the points made by the Rev. John L. Bryan in his vespers sermon at Bennett College Sunday.

The minister, who is director of religious activities at the college, defended the right of persons to evaluate the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

"Christians," he said, "are believers in one God who has revealed himself in a three-fold way. He has disclosed himself as the Father and Creator, as Jesus of Nazareth and as the Holy Spirit. God is the source of all truth and all truth is one."

The Rev. Bryan stated that truth can vindicate itself under all tests and inquiry and reminded his listeners that the last word has not been said on any subject.

Theology, he concluded, is not a dead subject but a vital, living thing.

## Area Health Talks Are Held At J. C. Smith

CHARLOTTE

One hundred and forty-four leaders from communities throughout Charlotte and surrounding areas attended a Health Institute recently held at Johnson C. Smith University. This was a part of the University's Community Services Program.

During the Institute, prominent persons in medicine and public health served as discussion leaders.

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