

All Soils Need Organic Matter

By C. E. VANDEMAN

Organic matter makes the soil more fertile and improves its tilth or mellowness. While not a plant food, organic matter decays and disappears through natural soil processes, and it must be constantly replaced through the return of clover, manure, straw and stalks. Lack of organic matter will hold down yields even though you apply all the limestone, phosphate, and potash needed.

Soils that are low in organic matter are tough and heavy; they pack and run together and are cloddy when broken up. Because of their poor tilth, such soils are not able to take up and store water for use by crops during dry spells. They also drain slowly and erode more easily than soils that are well supplied with organic matter. You can supply organic

matter by growing legumes and returning manure, straw, and cornstalks at the land.

In orchards growing a good permanent cover crop such as ladino clover, will help to increase the organic matter. Ladino or early next spring. Lime and phosphate should be worked into the soil before the clover is seeded. Be sure to inoculate the seed.

Evangelist Keyes Announces Services

Evangelist "Sledgehammer" Andrew Keyes, Jr., announces he will baptize his converts the first Sunday in June, and the place and time of these services will be announced in the papers along with the various churches. The evangelist expects to have over one hundred converts to be baptized, and they will all be immersed at the same service. Many were converted at his meetings in Boone and Fairplains.

Evangelist Keyes will preach at the Fairplains Community church Friday, May 20, 7:30 p. m. and at the same church Sunday afternoon, May 22, at 2:30 p. m. He will conduct a street meeting with several good singers Saturday, May 21st, across from Red Cross Pharmacy at 12 noon. He cordially invites everyone to these services.—Reported.

East Side Kids Beat Millers Creek Nine

The East Side Kids toppled Millers Creek in a baseball game at Millers Creek Saturday by a score of 15-3, as Bussell pitched a four-hitter for the kids.

Osborne hit a homer and El-

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ledge a triple for Millers Creek for half of their team's hits. Rhodes had four singles and Eller and Church had a triple each for the East Siders.

The Kids scored enough runs to win the game in the first inning when four runs crossed the plate.

Osborne and Kilby were pitchers for Millers Creek with H. Englebert, Osborne, and Kilby catching. Bussell and Eller formed the winning battery.

Boys Enjoy Games, Baseball In City

In the first game of a double header Sunday the East Side Kids beat Hinshaw Street in a free scoring game 24-9.

The Kids found the offerings of three Hinshaw pitchers to their liking and eight of the East Side batters hit safely. C. Hayes and W. Hayes had two hits each for Hinshaw Street.

Lloyd started on the mound for Hinshaw Street and was relieved by Pruitt and Foster. C. Hayes was catcher. Day and Asher pitched for the Kids with Shore catching.

In the second game, cut to six innings by agreement, the North Wilkesboro American Legion team gave the Kids their first defeat of the season by a score of 11-3. The East Siders collected only two hits off Bussell and Parker, both hits being singles, one each by Wilcox and Church. Hitting was evenly divided between the American Legion team.

The Legion team broke out with seven runs in the fourth inning to break a 2-2 tie and sew up the game.

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Score by innings:
First Game
Hin. St. 332 001 0-9
E. Side Kids 540 825 x-24
Second Game
American Legion 110 702-11
East Side Kids 002 100-3

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May 19
Elkin at North Wilkesboro.
Galax at Mount Airy.
Wytheville at Radford.

May 20
North Wilkesboro at Galax.
Radford at Elkin.
Mt. Airy at Wytheville.

May 21
Galax at North Wilkesboro.
Elkin at Radford.
Wytheville at Mt. Airy.

May 22
Elkin at North Wilkesboro.
Mt. Airy at Galax.
Wytheville at Radford.

May 23
North Wilkesboro at Elkin.
Radford at Wytheville.
Galax at Mt. Airy.

May 24
Radford at North Wilkesboro.
Elkin at Mt. Airy.
Wytheville at Galax.

May 25
North Wilkesboro at Radford.
Mt. Airy at Elkin.
Galax at Wytheville.

World production of rice has climbed back to just about what it averaged before World War II.

Social Security—Veterans Benefits

Social Security protection was given to veterans of this war by legislation which the President signed on August 10, 1946.

If a veteran served 90 days or more during the war, and was honorably discharged, he is considered to be "fully insured" under the Social Security Act, if he dies within three years after his discharge.

Payments will be calculated as though the veteran had an average monthly wage of \$160. This actually works out to something over \$58 a month if the veteran leaves a widow and two children.

This applies to all veterans who qualify, even if they have never worked under social security. There is one exception. Since this special payment is based on military service, no payment will be made under this new part of

the Social Security Act if the veteran's dependents get a veteran's pension from the Veterans Administration, since such payments are also based on military service.

This is the fifth in a series of articles on "Your Social Security."

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