

Wilkes County Veteran Farm Trainees Make Crippled Girl's Life Happier

The life of Miss Avis Laws, of 122 Warren Lane, of Lenoir, will be much more enjoyable from now on. Plans are for the Wilkes County Veteran Farm Trainees, their instructors and Mr. F. W. Davis, teacher of Agriculture to present Miss Laws with a television set and a combination radio and phonograph. Miss Laws was in a car wreck in 1946 and her back was broken, she was never able to sit up, until recently, even though she spent many months in the hospital. She can now sit in a wheel chair.

None of the Veteran Trainees or their instructors are related to Miss Laws and here is the way the interest in her case began. In November 1948 Cayce Presnell (now one of the Asst. teachers) heard about Miss Laws on Curt Webster's What's Cooking program over WBT. At that time Presnell had only recently returned from an 8-months stay in the Johns Hopkins Hospital of Baltimore, Md. "Naturally I was in much sympathy for any one sick and in bed" said Presnell and "I started writing to her then." Presnell wrote to her often but never visited Miss Laws until October of this year. After his visit, he told his class of Veteran

trainees (The Mulberry class) about his visit with Miss Laws. Someone in the class suggested that they buy her a television set. So that was the beginning. From the Mulberry class it was taken up with the six other classes in Wilkes county. Through the help of the Firestone Store the television set was bought at cost. The Veterans said they had some money left. Through the help of the P. F. Goodrich Store a Radio-Phonograph combination and 12 records were bought at half price. Through the help of the Western Auto Store the technical labor was given free of charge, for installing the television set.

Miss Laws is from an unusually poor family and was unable to have much in the way of recreation. Now her life can be more enjoyable. And the Wilkes County Veterans Farm Trainees and their assistant teachers and Mr. F. W. Davis, all feel good about the whole thing too.

More than three-fourths of the nation's farms are now connected to electric power lines, according to the Rural Electrification Administration. Almost half a million farms have received electricity in the past year.

LIFE BRIGHTENED FOR INVALID LADY



Miss Avis Laws, invalid, can get much entertainment from a television set, radio and record player recently donated her by Wilkes veterans of the farm training program.

Put Nitrate On Orchards Before December 25th

By CARL E. VANDEMAN
The better apple growers have learned from experience as well as from experiment station tests that they get best results from their nitrogenous fertilizer when

it is applied in the late fall or early winter.

One fact that many fruit growers and farmers do not understand fully is the great difference in the amount of actual nitrogen in different kinds of nitrogenous fertilizers. Everyone is familiar with the regular nitrate of soda which is 16 per cent nitrogen and many have used cal nitra or ANL which is 20.5 nitrogen. Ammonium nitrate is 32.5 per cent nitrate which means that 100 pounds of ammonium nitrate has the same fertilizer value as 200 pounds of nitrate of soda, yet sells for little more than nitrate of soda. The fourth type of nitrogenous fertilizer is Uramon which is 42 per cent nitrogen.

If you take time to figure it out, you will find that 4 pounds of Uramon or 5 pounds of Ammonium nitrate will give the same results as 10 pounds of nitrate of soda and cost of buying and applying either of these two is so much less than it is with nitrate of soda. Better see your fertilizer dealer now and give your trees a good supply of nitrogen before Christmas. Your trees will return you a better crop of large red apples next fall if you do. Trees that had a light crop or no apples at all this year should have a light application of nitrogen and should be pruned with extra thoroughness in order to help them produce the best crop in 1950.

Have you put out that poison bait for mice in your orchards? These sunny clear days are when mice are most active. Better stop them now before they do a lot of damage to your trees. Don't rely on cultivation alone even in a young orchard!

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