

Garden Time

Trouble with Boxwoods May Be Traced to Site

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Many times boxwood troubles are difficult to diagnose. Many home gardeners attempt to grow these plants out of their range of adaptability, which compounds problems.

The two most common types are: the American boxwood, and the English boxwood. Neither of these types are adapted to our coastal plains region but do best in the Piedmont and mountains. The Japanese box (*Buxus microphylla japonica*) is more heat tolerant and better adapted for growth in the coastal areas.

Boxwoods grow best in semi-shaded locations with some protection from cold, drying winds in the winter season. If some protection from cold winds is not afforded, there is likely to occur a mild form of cold damage expressed by bronze foliage in the spring. This is usually not serious and the plants will recover when new

growth is initiated in the spring.

The soil should be reasonably good, well drained and aerated. Equal volumes of peat and soil placed around the plants at setting time

will help. Don't set plants too deeply. Place the ball (whether from container or balled and burlapped) even with the soil level, mulch and keep moist after setting.

Two applications of fertilizer, such as an 8-8-8, are usually sufficient. Make the first application when growth starts in the spring; and the second about the middle of June. Spread the fertilizer evenly over

the root system and away from the trunk of the plant. Use about one-fourth measuring cup for each foot of height.

Boxwood plants seem to be especially susceptible to nematodes. They can be controlled by drenching the soil around the plants with a nematocide either Nemagon or Fumazone. Both materials should be carefully used according to instructions on the container.

For branch blight, twig blight and Phytophthora blight, J. C. Wells, extension pathologist, suggests the use of the following fungicidal spray schedule, using Ferbam: first spray, as new leaves are breaking out of the buds; second, two weeks later; and third, four weeks later.

Sanitation will also help. Remove diseased stems as they appear and keep the plants free of leaves and twigs that fall from the trees.

New Budget Off Course? Don't Be Discouraged

RALEIGH--How well is the financial plan or budget you made at the beginning of the year working for you?

If your estimates for living expenses, savings, contributions, and recreation have not been satisfactory, don't be discouraged. Often the first plan doesn't work, point out extension home economics specialists, North Carolina State University.

An emergency may have occurred or circumstances may have changed. And like many other families, you may need to shuffle the plan to meet family needs and wants until the end of the year.

To know how well any financial plan fits your family, a systematic check is necessary. You know where your money

goes only when you keep some kind of financial record. Your system need not be elaborate, but it should show you how to spend your money, the specialists indicate.

Food, for example, is not the only "nibbler" on the best of plans. Any

Today, progressive growers are adopting a new system of integrated insect and mite control which calls for management, rather than extermination, of pest populations.

thoughtless spending of quarters, dimes and nickels can cause trouble. Unexpected expenses or emergencies, such as broken glasses or a plumber's repair bill, can cramp your plans. Bills for a number of emergencies may completely cripple your spending plan.

But when you know what your family is spending and for what, it's easier to make adjustments, the specialists add.

You can begin an account book any time of the year; you don't have to wait until the beginning of the year.

Keep your plan simple and it won't become a burden.

Plays

Four summer plays will be produced by the Cape Fear Council of the Arts.

CASTING for the four plays will be announced after tryouts on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. and Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Wilmington Community Center on Second and Orange Streets.

The four plays, to be staged at the Greenfield Park Amphitheatre, will be "Tango", "Tiny Alice", "Picnic" and "Harvey".

Persons of southeastern North Carolina wishing to try out are asked to bring their audition material with them on Sunday or Monday.



Mrs. Hargrove Bowles, wife of the Democratic gubernatorial candidate from Greensboro, campaigned for her husband Tuesday in Brunswick County when she visited Long Beach, Yaupon Beach and Southport for brief stops.

RESOLUTION

Be it resolved by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Yaupon Beach that the following schedule of discount for tax year 1972-1973 is hereby established. Discount to be as follows:

June 1 through June 30 - 2 percent
July 1 through July 31 - 1 1/2 percent
August 1 through August 31 - 1 percent

This schedule will remain in effect until it is repealed by the Board of Commissioners.

Dated this 19th day of April, 1972
Schedule of Discount has been approved by the North Carolina State Board of Assessment.

Marsha N. Stone,
Tax Collector

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Bears Close In On Title

By JIGGS POWERS
ASH — Bolivia's Bears drew nearer to a second straight Brunswick County Conference baseball championship here, Tuesday afternoon, with a 7-1 decision over the Waccamaw Eagles.

The win made Coach Joe Best's defending champion Bruins 6-0 in the league and 10-5 for the season, overall. It was Bolivia's third win over the Eagles.

David Watkins was the winning pitcher, leaving in favor of Wayne Rabon with a 4-0 lead in the 5th inning. Watkins held the Eagles hitless and only Davis Milligan's single off Rabon in the 5th frame kept the Bruin duet from pitching a no-hitter.

Bolivia touched Milligan, going the route on the mound for Waccamaw, for 8 hits, including 2 for 4, by Wayne Rabon, one a 2-run homer in the second inning when the Bears scored thrice. Watkins had 2 for 3 and Catcher Ernie Flowers joined his batterymates with a lusty triple.

Bolivia goes to Leland in a big Brunswick County Conference game, Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Bears 130 001 2-7-8-4
Eagles 000 010 0-1-1-1

David Watkins, Wayne Rabon (5) and Ernie Flowers; Davis Milligan and Hughes.

Bolivia Defeats Hoggard, 7 To 6

By JIGGS POWERS
BOLIVIA—Two runs in the bottom of the 7th-inning gave Coach Joe Best's Bolivia Bears their 9th baseball victory of 1972 against five defeats here, Friday; a 7-6 win over Hoggard's JVs.

The Bruins are due to go to Waccamaw Tuesday at 4 p.m. for a Brunswick County Conference game; go to Leland, Friday night, and then host Topsail here in a non-league contest, the following Tuesday.

Randy Rabon hit 3 for 3, two of them doubles and Ernie Flowers was 2 for 4, with a double for the Bears here, Friday. Leftfielder Pierick belted a 2-run homer in the 1st-inning and Shortstop Tilson was 2 for 4 for Hoggard. Bolivia's winning runs came in the 7th as Randy Rabon walked, Ernie Flowers singled, Gene Ward walked to fill the bases; Burwin Mercer's squeeze-bunt scored Rabon with the tying tally and a wild pitch scored Flowers with the winner.

Hoggard 201 030 0-6-4-2
Bolivia 100 040 2-7-6-2

Lee, Warren (4) and Melvin; David Watkins, Wayne Rabon (6), and Ernie Flowers.



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