

## Tips On Reducing Gas Use Offered

Want to reduce your car's fuel consumption — not to mention lowering the chances for a traffic mishap and costly repair bills?

A booklet's step-by-step advice for saving gasoline by keeping your car in the best possible shape is all-important.

The pointers represent just one aspect of the American Automobile Association's Gas Watchers program, being implemented across the nation by all of the association's affiliated clubs.

According to T. E. Pickard, Jr., vice president - general manager of the Carolina Motor Club, "the inflation-recession spiral could be considerably slowed if all motorists would join in this effort. It would mean the nation's goal of reducing oil imports by one million barrels a day could be surpassed."

A major portion of the Club's Gas Watchers' Guide, available to the public through the Charlotte office and all branch offices of the club, is devoted to "preventive medicine" tips for your car.

Here are some of the key ones — along with Pickard's reminder that with Spring tune-up and family vacations fast approaching, it's important to get started on this task right away:

— Check spark plugs to make certain they are clean and all firing properly. If plugs misfire, they can lower engine efficiency and reduce gasoline mileage.

— Check distributor points.

— Replace dirty air and oil filters. If either type becomes

clogged, gas is wasted and you risk a stalled engine. And a dirty air filter can rob your car of a mile per gallon at 50 miles per hour.

— Make sure that the automatic choke is not sticking; if it is, your car is wasting gas.

— Change motor oil, making certain to use the weight recommended in your owner's manual.

— Make sure tires are properly inflated and balanced and wheels are properly aligned. If they're not, they can create drag and force the engine to use more power — and fuel.

— Check automatic brake adjusters for proper operation; those that do not function right can create brake drag and increase fuel consumption.

— When you fill up the tank after the tune-up, don't forget to select the correct octane for your specific model of car. The wrong octane could cause engine problems, spark plug fouling and reduced gas mileage.

— Also, never have the tank "topped off." If it's filled to the brim, the gasoline could overflow if the car is parked on an incline, and fuel expansion in summer heat can also cause an overflow even if the car is parked on level ground. Finally — always be sure your gas tank cap is on tight. A loose one could allow gas to leak out.

Thorough engine tune-ups are absolutely essential, says Pickard, pointing out that besides the safety benefits, they can improve your mileage by at least 10 per cent.

## Hints From The County Extension Chairman

By - Jerry Purser



### Vegetable Garden Planting Guide

Many of you will soon be making plans for your 1975 vegetable garden. If you plan to add lime now is a good time to do so. It would be a good idea to add the lime before plowing. Adding lime at this time insures proper distribution once the ground is plowed.

Some seed and fertilizer materials will be in short supply this spring. It would be a good idea to purchase your fertilizer and seed supplies as soon as possible to insure you get the analysis of fertilizer and seed varieties of your choice.

Listed below are recommended varieties for selected vegetable crops that are grown in Transylvania County. Please understand that these are only recommended varieties that have been tested by the Experiment Stations in Western North Carolina and have shown to do well in our area. This does not

mean that there are no other varieties which will grow and do well in our county.

**ASPARAGUS (crowns):** Mary Washington; **SNAP BEANS:** Tenderette, Harvester, BBL Supreme, Roma (Flat); **BEEF:** Ruby Queen, Early Wonder; **CABBAGE (plants):** Round Dutch, Early Jersey Wakefield; **CARROT:** Danvers Half Long, Spartan Bonus; **SWEET CORN:** Silver Queen, Earlicking, Seneca Chief; **SLICING CUCUMBER:** Highmark II (mtn.); **ONION:** (sets or plants): Ebenezer, Excell, Early Grano; **OKRA:** Clemson Spineless, Emerald; **SWEET PEPPER (plants):** California Wonder, Yolo Wonder, Pimento; **IRISH POTATOES:** Kennebec, Boone; **RADISH:** Early Scarlet Globe, Cherry Belle; **SUMMER SQUASH:** Seneca Prolific (yellow), Zucchini Elite (green); **TOMATO (plants):** Venus, Saturn, Manapal, Marion, Better Boy.

### 1975 Stocker Cattle Sales

The Stocker Cattle Sales for Western North Carolina are as follows: **CANTON,** April 8th - 10:00 a.m.; **ASHEVILLE,** April 15th, 10:00 a.m.; This year Holstein steers will be sold in the spring stocker sales. All steers will be graded and sized by weight. They must be castrated and dehorned. All animals must be checked in at the stock yards the day before the sale.

## Landscaping Class Begins On Thursday

A special class in home landscaping will be offered by Blue Ridge Technical Institute and Transylvania County Schools starting Thursday, March 13, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Brevard High School. Classes will meet one time per week for 11 weeks.

This course will be taught by Loren Brown, a graduate in horticulture from Clemson University. Mr. Brown is a nurseryman and landscaping contractor. He owns and operates Avalon and Mountain Gardens.

This course is designed to teach homeowners the most effective and practical methods of landscaping their grounds. It will include shrubbery selection, arrangement and care, drainage and soil preparation, also lawn establishment and care.

To preregister call Transylvania County Adult Learning Center 883-2520.

### FERTILIZER

Tomatoes need six to 10 pints of a complete fertilizer per 100 feet of row, depending on location. Use the low rate on heavier Piedmont and Mountain soils and the higher rate on lighter Coastal Plain soils.

## Wildlife Afield

# Bass Fishermen Earning Plaudits

BY JIM DEAN

Bass fishermen in North Carolina ought to take a bow. Really. They've earned it. Before I tell you how or why, consider the following parable.

It's been said that every fisherman goes through three stages.

A beginning angler wants only to catch as many fish as possible and show them to anyone who will look. Then, as his experience grows, he will begin to release most of his fish and concentrate on a new goal — that of catching the biggest fish possible.

Finally, the angler reaches a level of great skill and maturity and from that point on, the contest changes. No longer does he seek the "most" or "biggest" fish. Instead, he seeks the most difficult fish. In other words, fishing becomes a lifelong challenge, an endless and charming series of riddles to be solved.

There may even be a further step, and if so, there are increasing signs that today's modern bass fishermen — in North Carolina, at least — have reached this plateau. The ultimate level is when an angler begins to realize that he is not only an angler but a potentially important cog in the future of fishing. He becomes an amateur biologist, keenly interested in the management of many species of fish that have afforded him so much pleasure.

Roughly a month ago in mid-February, the N. C.

Wildlife Resources Commission decided to ask bass fishermen in the state to help in a survey of bass populations across the state. Plans called for the study to last indefinitely, and its success depended entirely upon the willingness of the state's bass fishermen to supply information.

"We really didn't know what to expect," said Larry Birchfield, who is in charge of the Largemouth Bass Catch Survey and also one of nine Wildlife Commission fisheries biologists. "We sent out information to bass fishermen, clubs and others asking for help.

"What we wanted," explained Birchfield, "was volunteer anglers who would be willing to keep an on-going log on every fishing trip they made — both good ones and bad ones.

"We wanted to know where they fished, the number of hours, number of bass caught, number of sublegal bass released, and the number of weight of legal bass caught and either kept or released. Like I said, we really didn't know what to expect."

Apparently, it was like tossing a minnow to a hungry bass. The response was instantaneous and gratifying.

"It's been amazing," said Birchfield. "So far, we've heard from 30 bass clubs from all parts of the state, and we fully expect to hear shortly from many of the state's some 60 other clubs. Also, we've had many individual bass

fishermen offer to help with the survey. The N. C. Wildlife Federation has also pledged its support.

"We've even had bass fishermen from out of state writing to ask about the survey," said Birchfield. "The Fish and Game Department in Alabama is interested. I'd have to say, at this point, that it looks as though the survey is going to be a resound success. The bass fishermen are pleased to be able to help us, and we're tickled to death to be able to conduct a study that will help insure a good future for bass and bass fishing.

"Of course, we're still in the early stages," added Birchfield, "and we're still trying to contact clubs and fishermen who will help. I'm in the process of preparing a report now on the progress we've made in getting assistance, and we plan to give this report wide circulation to help find others willing to keep fishing logs. The report will appear in the N. C. Bass Anglers Sportsmen's Society newsletter soon, as well as in other places."

Around the first of April, Birchfield plans to mail the various forms and logs to participating bass clubs and anglers, and that's when the project will get underway in earnest.

"We want to stress that these survey reports will be continuing indefinitely, and we hope that those who sign up to help will agree to fill out the logs for as long as possible," said Birchfield. "We'll use the information we collect to find ways to improve the

management of the bass fishery in the state, and we'll need to continue to get information for a long time."

Bass fishermen and bass clubs who think they might be interested in helping can get their forms or find out more information by writing Larry Birchfield, Division of Inland Fisheries, N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission, 325 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27611. If possible, try to write before April.

### ADMINISTRATRIX C.T.A. NOTICE

### STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF TRANSYLVANIA

Having qualified as the Administratrix of the estate of Clara B. Auvil, deceased, late of the county of Transylvania, North Carolina, this is to give notice that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased to present them to the undersigned Administratrix at Route 1, Penrose, N. C. 28766 on or before the 17th day of August, 1975 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate settlement.

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