

Hints From The County Extension Chairman

By - Jerry Purser



Budding and Grafting

This spring why not try your hand at some budding and grafting. Advantages including developing a plant more quickly, having a better root system and maintaining certain varieties difficult to propagate by cuttings. Most ornamentals, flowering trees, roses and shrubs can be grafted. The plant species being grafted depends on the type of grafting technique involved. Types of grafting include whip, cleft, bridge, splice, saddle, side and veneer grafting.

A bulletin, published by North Carolina State University, entitled, Budding and Grafting, explains how each grafting technique is done along with a list of plants that can be grafted. The list also shows the type of graft recommended and the time of year each should be done. This bulletin is available at the Extension Service Office.

Fertilizing plants

Most fertilizer materials are in short supply. Local suppliers have some fertilizer analyses available such as 8-8-8, 10-10-10, 5-10-10. Not only has fertilizer material become scarce, it is also expensive. No longer can you afford to waste fertilizer materials by making excess applications.

We recommend you take a soil sample anywhere that fertilizer has to be applied.

This is a free service in North Carolina and mailing cartons, along with information sheets, are available from any of the agricultural workers in Transylvania County.

Plants, like people, are better off if fed often and not too much of any one type. The amount you use will depend on the fertility of your soil and how fast you want your plants to grow. Keep in mind that phosphate and potash move very slow through the soil, while nitrogen leaches out rather quickly. In most cases only nitrogen will be needed when fertilization of plants is done.

Sale of Un-inspected Meat
The wholesale meat act passed by the federal government states that any meat offered for sale must be processed under state and federal inspection programs and have their stamp of approval. It is not legal for a farmer to cure country meat and offer these products for sale if the meat is not prepared under the meat inspection program. A farmer may kill and process meat at home for his own use.

Planting Shade Trees

In locating shade trees, it is well to know the ultimate size. You'll want to be certain that there is space for the tree to spread its branches as growth progresses in years to come. No limbs should eventually overhang a building. And, be certain to look over-head — avoiding planting beneath power lines.

Too frequently, we plant a tree that will grow to a height of 40 feet beneath electric lines. This adds expense to the operation of the power or telephone company, and you end up with a tree they have to butcher. We should take care that trees are not being planted too close together.

See Off Shower Held For Family

BY JOYCE THOMAS

Friday night, March 14, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Fisher and family held a household shower at the community center beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Fisher family lost everything when their home was recently destroyed by fire. The shower was given by Mrs. Wanda Owen and Mrs. Mary Hogsed.

Saturday, March 15, Dunn's Creek Baptist Church held its regular third Saturday night Sing, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Bringing the message in music were The Spiritual Tones, The Demasters, The Serenity Singers, The Gospel Trio, The Howard Sisters and The Baker Family.

On Sunday night, March 16, the Gospel Redeemers sang at our regular Sunday night church service beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Morris McLaughlin will be our

special guest speaker at the Homesteaders meeting Monday night, March 17, at 7 p.m. He will show slides of See Off and other communities that were taken for the Community Development Program. This should be of interest to everyone and all are invited to attend.

Mrs. Opal Ludwig, chairman of the beautification committee, is sponsoring a yard improvement contest in our community. She requests "before" and "after" pictures to show improvements made during the past three months.

The contest ends March 31, and the winner will be awarded a hybrid azalea. Mrs. Ludwig has also announced that starting in April, we will have a "yard of the month". Let's all work hard to earn that honor!

Our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Robbie Gaye Sledge Barton and Mrs. Lucille

Sledge on the passing of Garland Sledge. He was the brother of the late John Reese Sledge who resided in this community.

Our get-well wishes and prayers are extended to the Rev. Bill Wilson who is recuperating from surgery in the Hendersonville Hospital.

The See-Off 4-H'ers and their friends had a great time last Saturday afternoon at a skating party in Skyland. They were accompanied by their leaders, Mrs. Sharon Newton and John Sinclair, and Mrs. Becky Gravley, Mrs. Joyce Thomas and Mr. John Holland. Some returned with a few blisters and bruises, but are rarin' to go again.

The 4-H'ers had clogging practice at the center Tuesday evening and are planning a handicraft session Thursday evening at 7:30.

Old man winter let us know

he's still around by dumping 4 inches of snow on the mountain Monday. The children were delighted and were out in full force with snowball fights, snowmen, sledding, etc., and missing a day of school didn't seem to bother them a bit!

R. H. Moretz

Completes

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FT. BRAGG — Army Sergeant Randall H. Moretz, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Moretz, Rt. 4, Brevard, has graduated from the U. S. Army Noncommissioned Officers Academy here.

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