

### Sapphire Country Most Picturesque Of Mountain Region

The Sapphire Country of western North Carolina, beautified by numerous waterfalls and a rich profusion of forests and wildflowers, is one of the most picturesque mountain regions in the world.

Although its name from the gem sometimes found throughout the region, no sapphire is half so blue as the peaks behind which the sun sets in such majestic beauty. Around the horizon one line of blue, waving mountains succeeds another, until the farthest can scarcely be distinguished from the blue of the sky. Castellated heights that pierce the clouds are sternly wrapped in deepest purple and blue. No scenery in the Appalachians can match the surpassing grace found in Transylvania's undulating mountains, the rugged beauty of Macon and Jackson county ranges, and the sparkling cascades that plane down mountainsides, or suspend their colorful rainbows abruptly from some height. At Bridal Veil, a little stream drops across the highway; at Dry Falls, visitors walk behind the roaring river.

An unspoiled wildness, the mountains of the Sapphire Country are heavily clothed with virgin timber and mountain flora, presenting at once unusual scenic beauty, and acting as nature's purifier of air and water. Massive, Whiteside, the largest mountain of solid rock in Eastern America, bold Devil's Courthouse, the Chimney Top, Rock Mountain, and numerous crystal-clear lakes and streams are outstanding scenic points in this area.

Brevard, entrance to the Sapphire Country, is a resort town noted for its surrounding region of beautiful waterfalls. This is the South's greatest center for summer camps, filled each year by boys and girls from all sections of the United States. Here also is a summer music camp and an annual music festival. At Sapphire, High Hampton, Highlands, Cashiers, and Franklin tourist facilities and accommodations are well established. Rowing, swimming, trout fishing, tennis, golfing, motoring, hiking, and horseback riding are all popular sports in this summer playground.

For eight years, High Hampton was the private estate and summer home of the famous Hamptons of South Carolina. Here gathered many men famous in the history of the South, Christopher and Wade Hampton, John G. Calhoun, the Prestons, Haskells and others. It is now a lodge with cottages attached.

The entire section of North Carolina has long been a mecca for scientists. A privately-owned museum of natural history and laboratory research are maintained at Highlands. The region is particularly interesting to botanists, since this is the southern terminus of the great Canadian forest system, and there is a wide variety of plant life. The rare flower, shortia, grows only here.

Two great National Forests extend into the Sapphire Country, the Pisgah and Nantahala. Permits to responsible citizens are issued by the U. S. Forest Service for camp sites and cabins. The Service has established several desirable home sites in the Sapphire Country, which may be leased at low cost. Summer homes, built to Forest Standards, may be constructed on these home sites.

Throughout both forests, the forest service maintains public use areas, which include camping and picnicking grounds, lakes, trails, overlooks and other facilities. Dominating the eastern entrance is rugged Mt. Pisgah, accessible almost to the top by a modern road. A five mile stretch of the Blue Ridge Parkway climbs high above the sapphire valley itself and is now open to motorists.

### Control Of Root-Knot Discussed In Bulletin

A new bulletin on root-knot, a summer vegetable disease which is caused by microscopic eelworms or nematodes, has just been published by the State College Extension Service.

The publication was prepared by Dr. D. E. Ellis, associate professor of plant pathology for the Agricultural Experiment Station, who says root-knot causes a loss of at least \$1,000,000 in North Carolina gardens every year. Damage from the disease, Ellis says, includes the abandonment of many garden sites and the loss of thousands of bushels of fresh vegetables each year.

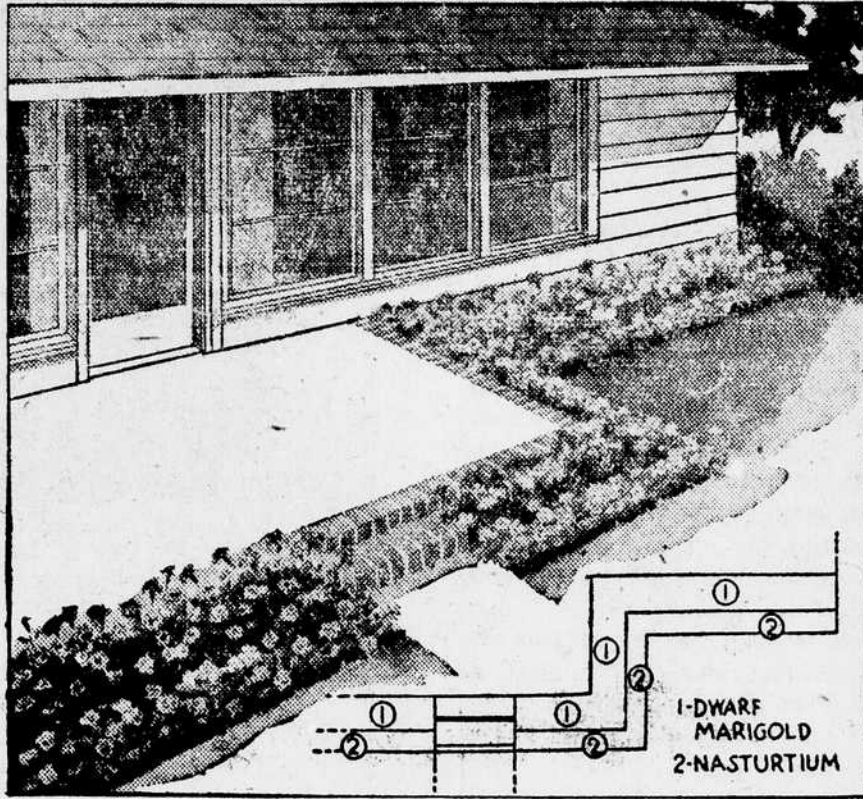
"Much of this loss is needless because highly effective and practical methods for combating nematodes have developed," the pathologist declares.

The effects of root-knot are familiar to most gardeners. The most striking symptoms is the conspicuous swellings or galls on the roots. These galls soon rot, new root growth is retarded or prevented, and the plant cannot obtain sufficient water and mineral salts for normal growth. Severely affected plants are stunted, frequently wilt on hot summer days, and eventually may be killed. Plants less seriously affected may survive but have a sickly appearance and yield poorly.

Control measures, says Ellis, include early planting of vegetable crops, rotation of crops on two or more garden sites, and treating the soil with chemicals which are known to be effective in controlling the root-knot nematode. Complete information on soil-treatment materials is given in a table on the back page of the circular.

The publication is entitled "Control Root-Knot in the Vegetable Garden" and is designated as Extension Circular No. 337. A copy may be obtained free from the local county agent or by writing the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh.

Close to 50 per cent of the farms in North Carolina are operated by tenants. The lowest farm-tenant rate in the nation is Maine, with 7.6 per cent, while the highest is Mississippi, with 70.1 per cent.



### Gay Flower Beds Enhance Ranch House Appearance

Landscape planting about a house should be a decoration, carefully planned to enhance the beauty of the building, completing an attractive picture as it is viewed from the street.

When tall trees dwarf the house, and over-large shrubs and evergreens hide it, and prevent the occupants from seeing out of the windows, the planting has not achieved its purpose.

Examples of such failures are frequently given by modern one-story homes planted with the shrubs and evergreens.

Only low growing plants should be planted in front of low homes; and the brightly colored annuals of dwarf habit are widely accepted as the most suitable plants for this purpose.

Their color gives a welcome touch, and they leave the view from windows unobstructed. Seed may

be started early in seed-boxes indoors, and grown to a size suitable for transplanting by the time the soil can be prepared.

There are many varieties which will grow quickly from seed sown directly in the border where the plants are to grow, and they will bloom until freezing weather comes in the fall. Besides providing a decoration for the house, many annuals are suitable for cutting, to be used in the house.

Dwarf double French marigolds, for planting as shown in the illustration, come in tones of orange, yellow and maroon, with several two-tone blends of these colors.

Fragrant, dwarf nasturtiums, in various tones of red, orange and yellow, harmonize with the marigolds, and will make a striking frame of bright color to enhance the beauty of a ranch house of grey, blue, or brown.

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# The Big Oil Interests vs The People of North Carolina

NORTH CAROLINA will not be deceived by the Big Oil Interests and their imported propaganda expert. If Big Oil is so concerned about the people of our State and our pocketbooks, why did they raise the price of gasoline within the last four months? The truth is obvious. They are fighting the Road Bonds because the only increase in taxes to pay for the Bonds will be the 1c per gallon increased gasoline tax. Evidently, if there is any increasing to be done, Big Oil wants it all.

Big Oil attempts to scare-confuse-and-defeat by saying how much money the State will have without the Road Bonds. But they don't tell you that the war-accumulated surplus is about used up. They don't tell you that WITHOUT THE ROAD BONDS, THE HIGHWAY COMMISSION WILL NOT HAVE AS MUCH MONEY TO BUILD ROADS IN THE NEXT THREE YEARS AS IT WILL HAVE SPENT IN THE PAST THREE.

The Road Bonds are absolutely needed if North Carolina is to carry out its PROGRAM OF PROGRESS.

We stand now on the threshold. Every time North Carolina has acted courageously to invest in its own people and future the result has been magnificent. SO SHALL IT BE again on June 4th when the decision of "The Big Oil Interests vs. The People of North Carolina" is rendered at the polls.

### ROAD FACTS

**What Is The Better Roads Program?**  
The plan calls for the paving of 12,000 miles of secondary roads and placing 35,000 miles of roads in all-weather conditions.

**Who Will Benefit From This Program?**  
Directly or indirectly, every man, woman, and child will benefit. For example, only one-third of the miles traveled by school buses are now paved. Produce to market problems will be eased for thousands. Nor will the city folks who benefited most from the Road Program of the 1920's be helping only their rural fellow citizens. If the financial pressure for secondary road improvements is relieved, the Highway Commission will have more money to spend for primary roads. Good roads are good for everyone.

**Who Will Pay For The Program?**  
Highway users. The Road Bonds will not increase land taxes, income taxes, sales taxes, etc. Repayments on the bonds will be made from highway funds, not the General Fund. We repeat for emphasis. The only increase in taxation will be the 1c per gallon increased gasoline tax.

**Can The Program Be Completed In Four Years?**  
The bonds will be issued only as they are needed and only as the money can be used wisely and economically. It is not anticipated that the program can be completed in four years but the authorization for a full program is necessary for sound planning.

**Why Not Authorize The Bonds Gradually?**  
Although, as just stated, the money need not be borrowed all at one time, sound planning necessitates its being authorized all at one time. If the Highway Commission knows the money is available, road plans can be projected on a broad scale. Proper planning will enable builders to operate on long stretches at a time. This will speed up construction and save money. The expensive cost of moving heavy equipment from one small job to another can be minimized. Long haul of material from its point of origin can be reduced.

**Who Will Say Where, When, and How The Money Is To Be Spent?**  
The law specifies how much is to be spent in each county. There can be no question therefore of equitable distribution. The Council of State will approve the sale of the bonds as the money is needed. The State Highway Commission will make the contracts.

## LOUISA'S LETTER

Dear Louisa:

I am a girl of sixteen and I have very nice parents and I love them very much. But my mother has been rather strict with me and has taught me to not run after the boys. Now this is my problem.

All of the girls in my crowd call up the boys over the 'phone, ask them for dates and even take them to ride. One, boy I know who wanted to take me to a dance was asked by one of these girls before he could ask me. This leaves me in a spot.

What must I do? Keep on acting nice or start running after the boys?  
G. L.—IOWA.

Answer:  
Times have certainly changed. The way that girls go after their dates now-a-days would have been a scandal twenty years ago. They went after them then in a way, but not so that the public could see.

As to whether the boys like it or not depends on the individual. Some boys run all the faster when someone gets in behind them and others feel extremely flattered and can be captured by any persevering female who calls up enough and flatters them enough.

I think the flattery is really the crucial move. All boys like to hear how wonderful they are and no matter how absurd the compliments are they swallow them all and wait for more. I think G. L., that it might be well for you to work out a compromise plan. Don't sit back and wait for your dates but don't be obvious-

ly aggressive. Give the boys plenty of opportunity to ask for dates and give them an earful of praises when you do have one. There is no percentage in cheapening yourself by calling them over the 'phone unless you have something definite to tell or ask them.

Life is really a race, with all the rules reversed and the female sex in full pursuit.

LOUISA.

Dear Louisa:

I have two small children. My husband goes to work very early in the morning and doesn't come home until night. He loves to play with the children and although the book says they should be in bed, I let them stay up for about two hours after he gets in.

In order that they may suffer no bad effects from these late hours, I make them take a long rest in the middle of the day. This also gives me a chance to get a short nap. It has worked out just fine. When my husband comes home I am not overtired and he has a chance to get acquainted with his children.

YOUNG MOTHER—PENN.

Answer:

I think you are a very sensible young mother. You know the rules but you also know when to break them.

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