



GARDEN TIME
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Before taking up your pruning shears this winter, it might be a good idea to first ask yourself—Why am I pruning these plants? If you can satisfactorily answer this question, it may mean the difference between doing a good job, a sloppy job or a good job of butchering.

Wise pruning improves the general appearance and neatness of a home landscape by maintaining, as nearly as possible, the natural growth habits of the plants, correcting damage caused by accidental in-

jury or ice breakage; confining plants to a desired space, if necessary; stimulating the growth of flowers, fruits and foliage; and shaping plants to some desired pattern. Remember that every plant has character represented by growth habit and leaf, stem, bark or fruit color.

An understanding of the fruit or flower bearing habits of the plant is essential before one can prune intelligently. The spring blooming woody plants produce their flowers from buds already formed on

wood produced in 1959 and remaining dormant over winter. This is true of lilac, forsythia, wisteria, weigella and deutzia. The proper time to prune these plants is just after they bloom because early spring or late fall pruning would remove the bloom buds.

The summer blooming plants, hybrid perpetual roses, crepe myrtle, etc., will produce their flowers on shoots produced early in 1960 and frequently referred to as the current season's growth. Such plants require pruning in winter or early spring in order to produce strong new shoot growth.

Now is a good time to prune your fruit trees and grapevines. Apples are borne on spurs produced on wood usually two years old or older. Peaches are borne on wood one year old and grapes on new growth which is produced on canes one year old. If you

have some old neglected peach and apple trees, give them a good pruning this winter, spray them with winter strength lime sulphur and fertilize with 8-8-8 fertilizer in the early spring. You may be agreeably surprised.
Merry Christmas!

Announcements By Negro Agent

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Home Demonstration Schedule
Monday, Dec. 28: 1:30 p. m., Olive Grove Home Demonstration Club will have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Juran Wilkins.

Tuesday, Dec. 29: 1 p. m., Wise Home Demonstration Club will have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Annie Williams.

2:30 p. m., Norlina Home Demonstration Club will have a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Alston.

Wednesday, Dec. 30: 12:30 p. m., Bethlehem Home Demonstration Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Queenie Evans.

Thursday, Dec. 31: Office.
Friday, Jan. 1, 1960: Holiday.

Keep Christmas Throughout The Year

Is the 26th of December an anti-climax in your family? Are you thinking of the new toys that are already broken, the disappointment someone felt when he didn't get what he wanted, the bills that have to be paid? Too often we look upon Christmas as something behind us when the day after Christmas dawns.

This is a good time for everyone in the family to write prompt thank-you notes for presents that require this courtesy. Writing at once to acknowledge a gift serves two purposes—the "giver" appreciates such prompt thoughtfulness, and it is always easier to write a thank-you note promptly than to keep putting it off! Try it—it works!

That vague "Spirit of Christmas" seems to disappear in the routine of business as usual. The angels' song of peace and goodwill among men doesn't seem too clear any longer. Dismantling the Christmas tree becomes a symbol of what many of us do with Christmas when December 25th has passed. Don't let the Christmas lights of joy, hope, faith, goodwill, kindness, friendship go out this year. Let's observe December 25 as Christmas Day, but let's keep Christmas throughout the year.

For next Christmas Memos made now make next year's Christmas easier! Before discarding Christmas cards and letters, check addresses and keep your list up-to-date. Good ideas for home-made Christmas presents often are suggested by seeing those of friends and neighbors. Jot the ideas down and use them next year.

In putting away Christmas decorations, remember to be careful and pack the items away so that they can be used another year. Too often in our haste to clean up and pack away all the trimmings of this year's holiday, we forget that again soon we will have need for the items that we carelessly stick out of sight. When it's time to put away decorations that were used this year, let's approach the task calmly and patiently, taking the time to remove each item and wrap

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It's holiday time, and we wish you many packages of happiness and good cheer.

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Good Quality Pasture Aids Beef Production

Don't overlook the value of a good pasture in producing high-quality beef.

Research at North Carolina State College shows that under some conditions pasture can put weight on steers cheaper and faster than the dry lot.

In fact, Dr. E. R. Barrick, animal nutritionist at the college, says that in a recent test pasture-fed steers gained 15 per cent faster than the dry-lot fed steers.

Pasture steers were provided an acre of Ladino clover-grass each plus a self-fed mixture of corn and fat. Lot-fed steers received ground ear corn, protein supplement and roughage.

"Not only did the pasture-fed cattle gain faster," Dr. Barrick said, "but they made 100 pounds of gain on 300 pounds less grain and 85 pounds less protein supplement than the lot-fed steers."

"In addition, the pasture steers did not require any hay or roughage while the dry-lot steers required 250 pounds for each 100 pounds of gain."

Carcasses of the pasture-fed and dry lot cattle graded about the same.

Dr. Barrick thinks test results make pasture feeding look very promising for North Carolina farms to which it can be adapted.

"I know modern-day cattle are commonly finished for market by confining them and feeding them liberal amounts of grain," he added. "This system works fine on farms that have an abundance of

it carefully in newspaper or discarded wrapping tissue, and labeling each package so that next year when you take down your decorations, you will know what each package contains. This saves time and money in that you can use the same decorations year after year and instead of buying new trimmings, you can add also to your present assortment if it is desirable.

It is also wise to remove the wrapping carefully from your gift. You can use the ribbon and bows again and again if you pack them away in a deep box where they will not be mashed or crushed.

grain, such as those in the Corn Belt. But many farms in North Carolina have plenty of good pasture but only limited grain."

For farms with limited grain, Dr. Barrick believes pasture can be best used in a cattle fattening program by (1) purchasing good and choice steers in the fall; (2) wintering them on pasture and roughage; (3) feeding grain on pasture during the spring and summer; and (4) marketing the cattle in the fall.

"In our tests, we found it pays to restrict grain feeding during the pasture season to about three-fourth pound per 100 pounds of body weight," Dr. Barrick added.

"We also found that we could self-feed this grain if

we added 10 per cent animal fat."

Twenty-four milligrams of stilbestrol implanted in each steer at the beginning of the grazing season increased the rate of gain by one-half pound daily. The addition of about 70 milligrams of the antibiotic chlortetracycline daily also increased gain and reduced the amount of grain required per pound of gain.

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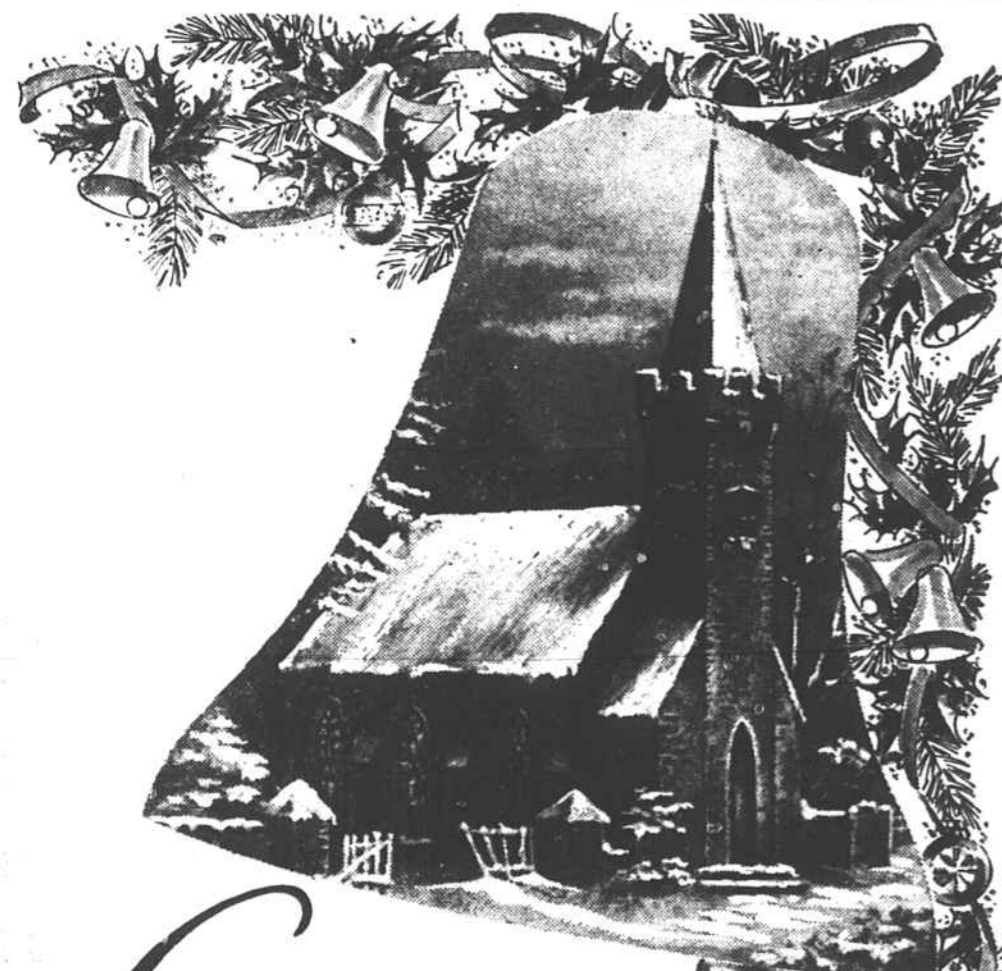


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This is the time of year when we take account of our assets. Among them all, we find none nearly so valuable as the confidence and good will of our patrons. To them go our hearty thanks and warmest holiday wishes.

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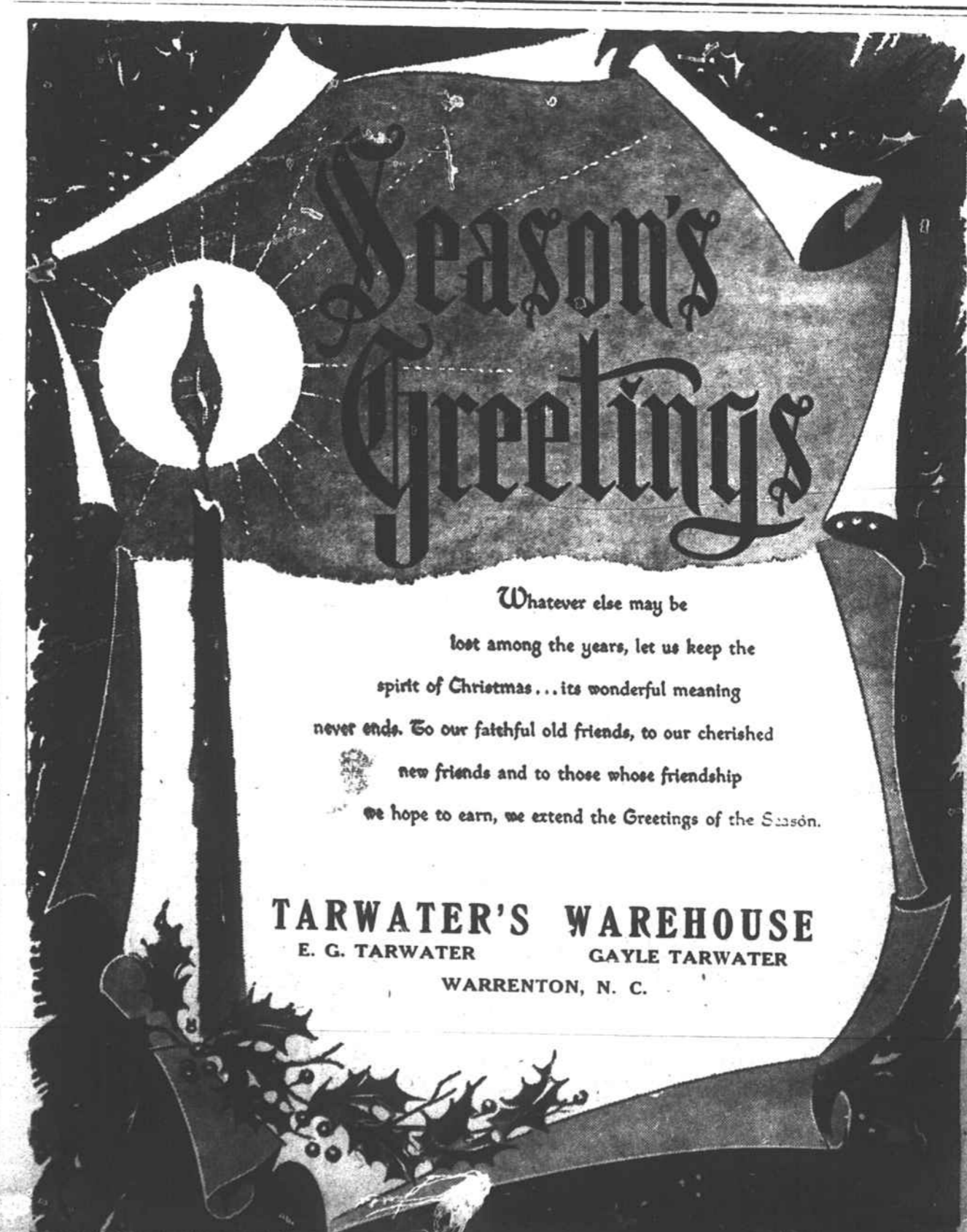
Greetings of the Season

We love the tradition of extending greetings to friends and neighbors at Christmas time. This age-old custom affords us the opportunity to express our gratitude to those we have long been privileged to serve, and to wish everyone a full measure of happiness and contentment throughout the Holiday Season.

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Whatever else may be lost among the years, let us keep the spirit of Christmas... its wonderful meaning never ends. To our faithful old friends, to our cherished new friends and to those whose friendship we hope to earn, we extend the Greetings of the Season.

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