

**Agriculturally Speaking**

**Good Seedbed Necessary For Good Garden Stands**

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A good seedbed is necessary to get good stands in the fall garden. Poor soil preparation and lack of moisture are probably the two main reasons why many fall gardeners fail. Lumpy soils with unrotted organic matter cause faster drying out and results in poor stands. Soils should be thoroughly pulverized, then fertilized and finally rows made up ready for planting.

If you can irrigate you can plant immediately. Those without irrigation should wait for good rain before planting. A great deal of time and moisture is lost if you wait until after a good rain to prepare your soil. Transplant "in the cool of the evening" and if possible, give them a little shade the first few days they are out.

In planting fall crops, without irrigation, it's a good idea to make the rows about a week ahead of time. Make a slight ridge over your fertilizer and wait for a rain. Planting as soon as possible after the rain will insure you of enough moisture to get your seeds or plants started. To keep ahead of the weeds, it's a good practice to knock off a little of the ridge just before planting.

Don't waste those precious vegetables. Vegetables left unharvested on the vine will prevent the plant from continuing to bear. For example, a squash vine will grow only 5 to 6 fruits to maturity, yet that same vine will produce 20 or more fruits if they are picked off at the proper edible

stage and before the seeds begin to harden. The same holds true with other crops like okra, beans, tomatoes, eggplants, peppers, cucumbers. To get maximum yield harvest those crops often and get all fruits of edible size or age off the plant so that it will keep on bearing more young fruits.

Keep tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, okra, and pole beans bearing until frost by keeping the weeds out and applying a good sidedressing. Apply about one pound nitrate of soda per 100 feet of row to keep them growing and bearing. In storing onions be sure that the necks are thoroughly dry before you put them in a cool place for later use.

**Things To Do In The Strawberry Patch**

1. Cultivate shallow and only enough to keep the planting weed free.

2. Thin plants in the row so that each plant is 4-8 inches apart. Keep the row 18-20 inches wide. Cut off plants that root in the middle.

3. If possible, apply water when needed. Apply one inch of water each week during dry weather.

4. Spray for insects and diseases as needed.

5. Apply nitrogen fertilizer from August 15 to September 15. Three pounds of a 15% Nitrogen material, 2 1/2 pounds of 20% or 1 1/2 pounds of a 32% material are adequate for each 100 feet of row. Scatter the material over the top of the plants while they are dry and use a broom to brush it off the foliage.



An extra crew from Stackhouse, Inc., is working in the Enterprise Community to speed up construction of heavier lines in the Lake Gaston area.

**Halifax Electric Loses Race With Time**

Delayed construction, hot weather, and hoards of people flocking to the Lake area over the July 4th weekend caused overloads on some of Halifax Electric Membership Corporation's lines, according to Thos. B. Slade, III, HEMC's General Manager.

Slade said this caused automatic sectionalizing devices to open interrupting the flow of power. These devices operate in much the same manner as a home circuit breaker which opens up when the circuit it is protecting becomes overloaded. When either line sectionalizers or a house circuit breaker opens due to overload neither will stay closed until some of the load is taken off the circuit.

Power was interrupted on lines serving some of the Lake vicinity at approximately 4:30

p. m. on July 3rd. Halifax Electric's crews were unable to get sectionalizers to hold all of the load on some lines until approximately 3:30 a. m. after most of the people visiting the lake cut off their air conditioners and went to bed. As the day grew hotter on Saturday, the power went off again about 3:30 p. m. This time the power was fully restored about 6:30 p. m. following a rain storm which lowered the temperature considerably.

Late in the fall of 1969, Engineering studies were completed which indicated that Halifax Electric would have to spend \$125,000, (eighty-two thousand of which would be spent in Warren County). These expenditures were required to heavy-up power lines to meet power demands during 1970, Slade said.

Three sections of line in Warren County are involved: a 1.5 mile section from the Northhampton County line to Wildwood Point; a 5.1 miles section from Vaughan along U. S. 158 to State Road 1350 thence along State Road 1357 to Enterprise; and a 3.7 mile section from Paschall to old U. S. 1 thence along old U. S. 1 to its intersection with I-85.

Materials for these jobs were ordered in early February of this year. However, due primarily to strikes and shortage of supplies sufficient materials were not on hand to start construction crews until April 6, 1970. Earlier plans called for the completion of all work no later than May 15.

Line work in Roanoke Township has been completed and if all goes well the balance of the work should be completed by the middle of August, according to Slade.

**More TLC Recommended For Power Lawn Mower**

Much neglected and abused, the power lawn mower would be far less frustrating and perplexing if it received more TLC (tender loving care).

That part of the machine that is the source of most trouble, the engine, is the most important and requires the greatest care. Frequent changes of oil is one of the first considerations, according to extension agricultural engineers at North Carolina State University.

Most small engine manufacturers recommend changing oil at 25-hour (time in use) intervals. However, lawn mower life can be extended by even more frequent changes, the engineers suggest.

A good quality detergent oil, normally of 30 weight, is recommended. When the oil change is made, it is desirable to have the engine hot, since more of the contaminants can be drained from a hot engine.

More engines are damaged from lack of oil than any other single neglect. The oil level should be checked frequently, the engineers warn.

The air cleaner is another important item and a frequent source of trouble—again, due to neglect. In cases of oil bath type cleaners, they should be serviced each time the oil is changed. Paper type oil filters should be changed at least once each season and more often in cases of extensive use.

Lawn mowers operate with air-cooled engines, generally. To assure proper cooling, the shrouding should be removed

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**Reports**

**TO THE PEOPLE**



WASHINGTON, D. C. — The census takers have finished the first phase of the census in North Carolina and their preliminary figures show a much smaller population increase than expected. The preliminary census report says that North Carolina's population is now 4,966,869. In 1960 it was 4,556,155.

On the basis of these figures, it appears that many, many North Carolinians — especially Eastern North Carolinians — were not counted this year. The preliminary figures look way off and, unquestionably are in sharp conflict with the 1966 estimates.

The 1966 figures showed reasonable gains in many Eastern North Carolina counties and losses in a few. This was only to be expected. But sharp losses almost everywhere in Eastern North Carolina—that's hard to understand, in view of our rapid industrial growth during the last ten years.

The official census report has to be completed and printed by December 1st of this year. On that date, the census will be officially reported to the President. In the meantime, the Census Bureau is going to have to keep the adding machines and computers hot in order to finish up on time.

And so, if any of our cities or counties feel that their preliminary census reports are not accurate, they should do something about it now. I'm advised that the best approach is to have a "Were You Counted" campaign.

To begin such a campaign, local officials should get in touch with the Charlotte Regional Office of the Census Bureau. Mr. Joseph Norwood,

Director of the Regional Office, will supply all the necessary forms.

The Census Bureau also has the responsibility of advising local groups on how to conduct a "Were You Counted" campaign. In other words, the Census Bureau will provide the expertise.

However, I am advised that it is up to local units of government, through whatever means they may select, to distribute the forms to those who may not have been counted and to publicize the campaign.

I feel sure that many of our civic clubs, chambers of commerce, and other local groups would be more than willing to give much needed help. In a number of areas they are already giving wonderful cooperation.

And, of course, communication media such as newspapers, radio and television, should do all they can to encourage those who have not been counted to be counted. This is vital.

"Were You Counted" campaigns are now going on in many communities. I'm sure all concerned will cooperate fully to get the job done. Again, wherever and whenever questions arise as to procedures, contact should be made with the appropriate local group or the Charlotte Regional Office of the Census Bureau.

After the campaign is over—and it ought to be completed in the next few weeks—the Census Bureau will go back to their tally sheets and re-check each name. All uncounted names will be added to the list, increasing the count for that city or county.

As the folks in communities already undertaking this responsibility now know, this work takes lots of time and effort. But it's worthwhile.

An accurate census is highly useful, not only to businessmen as they plan for the future, but also to government as it makes allocation of tax funds and grants. An inaccurate census report means inaccurate money from State tax revenues and from Federal grants. We may not approve of all of the various Federal grant programs, and our people don't want anything to which they are not entitled, but they do want what is rightly theirs.

In short, an accurate census is important to all of our people. It affects jobs—old and new—as well as industries,



Mrs. Carrie Russell is shown holding one of the quilts which she makes and sells for the support of her church.

**Senior Member Supports Church With Quilt Project**

Mrs. Carrie Russell, 83, of Baltimore, Maryland, wife of the late Deacon William Russell of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church of Drewry, makes quilts in support of the church. With these quilts made entirely by hand, Mrs. Russell sells them and makes regular contributions to her church. For the past few years she has contributed eight hundred dollars from quilt sales.

On July 5, 1970, the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church had a States Rally, with Samuel A. Russell, son of Mrs. Russell representing the state of Maryland. Because of the support given by his mother from quilts sold, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Russell were crowned King and Queen of the States Rally.

Mrs. Russell is the mother of seven daughters and two sons. The sons are Samuel of Rt. 2, Macon and William Russell, Jr., of Baltimore, Maryland.

road construction, schools, hospitals, benefits for the elderly and disabled, even welfare benefits, water systems, agricultural programs, and many others.

And so, whether we like all the census questions or not—and I, for one, object to many of them which, hopefully, we won't have next time—it is nevertheless essential and in our own best interest to be counted in the census.

The daughters are Mrs. Geneva Henderson of Rt. 2, Macon, Mrs. Katie Boone, Mrs. Mable Fountain and Mrs. Mollie Bullock of Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Lena Wiggins of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Lucy Jones of Honolulu, Hawaii, and Mrs. Eliza Wilmore, deceased. Mrs. Russell has a sister, Mrs. Annie Green who resides in Henderson and a brother Mr. W. B. Henderson of Kittrell.

**Homecoming To Be Held At Church**

Chapel Hill Baptist Church of Route 1, Norlina, will hold its annual homecoming on Sunday, July 19, with all day services and a fellowship dinner.

Revival services will begin at the church on Tuesday night, July 21, at 8 o'clock and continue through Friday night at the same hour. The Rev. Mr. Robinson of Oxford will be the guest minister on Sunday afternoon and for the revival.

Special music will be rendered by the Oxford Choir of Oxford and the "Homecomers" Choir.

The public is invited to attend each and all services.

The kingfisher is king of his nesting territory. He will chase away larger birds that intrude on his domain.

**High Quality Wood Is Needed For Good Furniture**

RALEIGH—High quality wood and well-constructed furniture usually go hand in hand, says Mrs. Edith McGlamery, extension housing and house furnishings specialist, North Carolina State University.

So if you make sure you have a superior wood, you can usually be assured you'll have a piece of furniture that will hold up for a long time.

Better quality furniture is often made of hardwoods such as maple and walnut. They are hard, dense, have a good texture, color and figure.

Soft woods such as pine are most often used for less expensive furniture.

When in doubt about the quality or kind of wood used

in furniture, read the label, the specialist advises. The official seal of the Fine Hardwoods Association certifies that all exposed parts of the furniture are "genuine hardwood veneer construction." Other manufacturers certify their wood, giving full description of the type wood used.

A few terms might be helpful in making a wise choice in furniture selection. The word, "genuine," used along with the name of a specific wood, such as "genuine walnut," means that all exposed parts of the furniture are of walnut.

The word, "solid," means all exposed parts of the furni-

ture are made of solid wood. No veneers are used on the outside of furniture bearing this label.

When you see the word "combination," it means that more than one wood has been used. If any wood is named, all others must be named, too, according to Federal Trade Commission law.

The word "finish" in the label as in "walnut finish," means only that the surface finish imitates the look of walnut. In other words, the wood is not walnut—it may be any type of wood.

Furniture is usually a long term investment, so it pays to know exactly what you're buying, the specialist concludes.

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We wish to express to our many friends our thanks and deep appreciation for all acts of kindness shown us during the illness and death of our mother. Special thanks go to Dr. D. R. Coffman, the nurses of Warren General Hospital, our pastor, Mr. Tom Currie and Dr. F. P. Hunter for his many years of services to her and Warren County.

FAMILY OF MRS. G. L. ROOKER

I would like to thank my friends, relatives and neighbors for the cards, gifts, visits and food and every act of kindness shown to me while I was a patient at Maria Parham Hospital and since my return home.

May God Bless you all. MRS. ELWOOD BURGESS

The family of the late Melton G. Lyons would like to thank our many friends, neighbors and relatives for the many acts of kindness shown during the illness and death of our loved one. Also we would like to thank the pastor and members of the Snow Hill Baptist Church.

May God Bless and keep you. MRS. LILLIE LYONS AND FAMILY

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