

**Agriculturally Speaking**

**Farmers Asked To Report Symptoms Of Corn Disease**

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Extension Chairman

To: All corn growers in Warren County - If you have noticed any of the symptoms as explained below, please let us know in the Extension Agent's office. So far, this disease has not been found in Warren County.

Southern leaf blight of corn, caused by an apparent new race of the fungus, Helminthosporium maydis, is approaching epidemic stage in Eastern North Carolina. The susceptibility to the disease apparently comes from the Texas cytoplasmic male sterile parent used in a number of hybrids being planted in North Carolina and the other southern states. Earlier reports show severe damage in certain counties of Mississippi, Georgia and Alabama. The disease occurred in Southern Florida in epidemic form during March. The spores from this area were

apparently blown northward by wind and settled in these affected areas.

Symptoms of the southern blight disease first appear as small yellow spots scattered throughout the leaf. These spots can be seen by holding the leaf to a light source. Later the spots are elongated up to 1/2 inch long, white to gray in color and scattered on the foliage. Excessive spotting results in drying of leaves. It also attacks the ears and will result in ear rot.

If infection occurs before the corn kernels reach the advance milk stage, severe loss in yield can be expected. Where corn has been planted for silage and has severe leafspot, it should be harvested immediately as a high moisture content grass type silage. However, the causal fungus does produce a toxin. The mammalian toxicity of this toxin is not known.



**GARDEN TIME**  
M. E. Gardner  
N. C. State College

Last week we began a series of articles on houseplants, dealing, primarily, with their popularity; and giving suggestions about soil mixtures. If you have a "pet" mixture, which is giving satisfactory results, I would not have you change.

Perhaps many more house plants suffer from an excess of fertilizer rather than a lack of it. Symptoms of over-fertilization may be expressed by the plant in a slowing down of growth, stunting, browned leaf margins and wilting, depending upon the degree of excess. Plants may even be killed by excess applications, especially if the material used is high in available nitrogen.

If the plants do not receive enough fertilizer, the leaves may turn a pale yellow, may drop, few flowers may form and the stems may be shortened.

If a good potting mixture is used at planting time, most house plants will not need additional fertilizer until about three months after potting. Plants that have become well established may need small amount of fertilizer about every six weeks. Do not fertilize plants when they are resting or dormant.

Probably the better method of applying fertilizer is in liquid form. Soluble fertilizers are available and should be used according to the manufacturer's instruction because they will vary in formulation and in concentration.

If an ordinary dry garden-type fertilizer is used, such as an 8-8-8, dissolve one teaspoonful in a quart for this ratio if you need more than one quart of warm water. Stir well and let stand overnight. The next morning stir, vigorously, and apply.

When applying plant nutrients

in liquid form, or in suspended solution, use enough of the solution to thoroughly wet the entire soil mass in the container.

Acid-loving plants, such as azaleas, will develop chlorosis if the soil is too alkaline (sweet). This is expressed by a mottling of the leaves, especially between the leaf veins and along the midrib.

Chlorosis may be quickly corrected by spraying the foliage with a chelated iron compound or adding this material to the soil. However, to permanently correct chlorosis, it will be necessary to make the soil more acid (pH 5.5) by adding iron sulfate or sulphur to the soil.

Next week we will discuss containers and watering.

**Garden Club Members Attend Convention**

The Federation of Garden Clubs of North Carolina convened in Greensboro recently.

Highlighting the convention was a conservation workshop conducted by Mr. John Spivey, Jr., Guilford County Forester. His information on flowering tree diseases and pesticides was very beneficial.

The Town N' Country Garden Club was awarded second place for attendance; third place for the scrap book, and third place for the year book. Certificates of merit were presented to Mrs. T. T. Brown, Mrs. O. H. Hawkins and Mrs. G. M. Brown.

Members attending the convention were Mrs. Jesse Harris, President, Mrs. L. B. Henderson, Sr., Secretary, Mrs. T. T. Brown, state treasurer, Mrs. G. M. Brown, state financial secretary and Mrs. O. H. Hawkins state chairman of conservation and program

**Writing Course To Be Held At Vance Institute**

HENDERSON— A class in creative writing will be one of the new courses offered this Fall at Vance County Technical Institute.

The course will be taught by Mrs. Bernadette W. Hoyle, of Raleigh, founder and director of the prize-winning Tar Heel Writers Roundtable, held annually in Raleigh since 1965.

Mrs. Hoyle is the author of "Tar Heel Writers I Know", a book of interviews with 35 prominent North Carolina authors. A past president of the North Carolina Writers Conference, she has won numerous awards for her writing and photography. Her feature articles and photographs have appeared in newspapers and magazines across the State as well as in the metropolitan Press. She has had juvenile fiction and short stories published in magazines.

A former newspaperwoman, she is presently public information director for the North Carolina Council on Mental Retardation. She served in this post with the North Carolina Department of Social Services for seven years. In 1967 she was commissioned by the U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to write a booklet, "Information Services

in Public Welfare Agencies," which was the best seller of all the department's publications during the year.

The creative writing class will be conducted in workshop style at the Vance County Technical Institute. Class members will have the opportunity to read their works, and criticism and evaluation will be given. Persons interested in writing short stories, poetry, juvenile fiction, novels, feature articles, essays and historical works will find the workshop will provide incentive and inspiration. Improvement of writing techniques and ways to sell will be included in the course.

Registration will be held Wednesday evening, September 2, from 7:00 to 9:00 o'clock and persons interested in the course are invited to attend. The writing class will be of interest not only to writers, but teachers, librarians, book club members and others. Classes will be held each Thursday evening from 7:00 to 10:00 o'clock beginning September 10.

Mrs. Hoyle, a native of Henderson, is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. Frank Woodlief. Her sister, Miss Frances Woodlief, resides at 335 Montgomery Street.

**LITTLETON NEWS**

Miss Annie Shearin of Rocky Mount spent the weekend at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Shearin.

Mrs. Graham King and daughter, Miss Hazel Mae King, Mrs. J. A. Crawley and Mrs. Sol B. Bobbitt were Tuesday visitors of Mrs. Sam D. King in Roanoke Rapids Hospital. They also visited Mr. Fred Bowers, who is also a patient there.

Miss Mae Myrick spent the weekend with relatives in Newport News, Va.

Mr. W. A. Reid was a patient in Watts Hospital in Durham for several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Acree spent several days this week at Nags Head. En route home they visited Mrs. Maude Joyner in Portsmouth, Va.

Mrs. A. P. Farmer visited Mrs. Walter Bobbitt and Mrs. Bessie Hancock in Enfield Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Gup-ton spent several days this past week with Mr. and Mrs. George Duke in Newport News, Va.

Mrs. A. P. Farmer and her house guests, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Grey Bobbitt of Bradenton, Fla., visited Mr. Walter Bobbitt in Durham at the Veterans Hospital.

Mrs. Annie Strum and Mrs. Etta Parrish of Nashville were Wednesday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Bernice West.

The Rev. and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson Neal of Washington, D. C., spent several days recently with his mother, Mrs. Jesse V. Shearin. Mrs. Shearin

chairman.

Members not attending the convention are Mrs. W. E. Exum, Mrs. C. L. Powell, Mrs. McCarroll Alston, Mrs. Jessie Walton and Mrs. R. E. Ransom.

returned with them Friday to spend sometime.

Mr. and Mrs. David Perkinson and family of Goldsboro and Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Myrick and Mrs. John Myrick of Raleigh were among those visiting Mrs. John Myrick and Mrs. Gladys Perkinson over the weekend.

Mrs. Sally Bryant is now making her home with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Bryant in Henderson.

Mrs. Gordon Allen of Henderson and Mrs. Bernice Maury of Garner, Mrs. R. H.

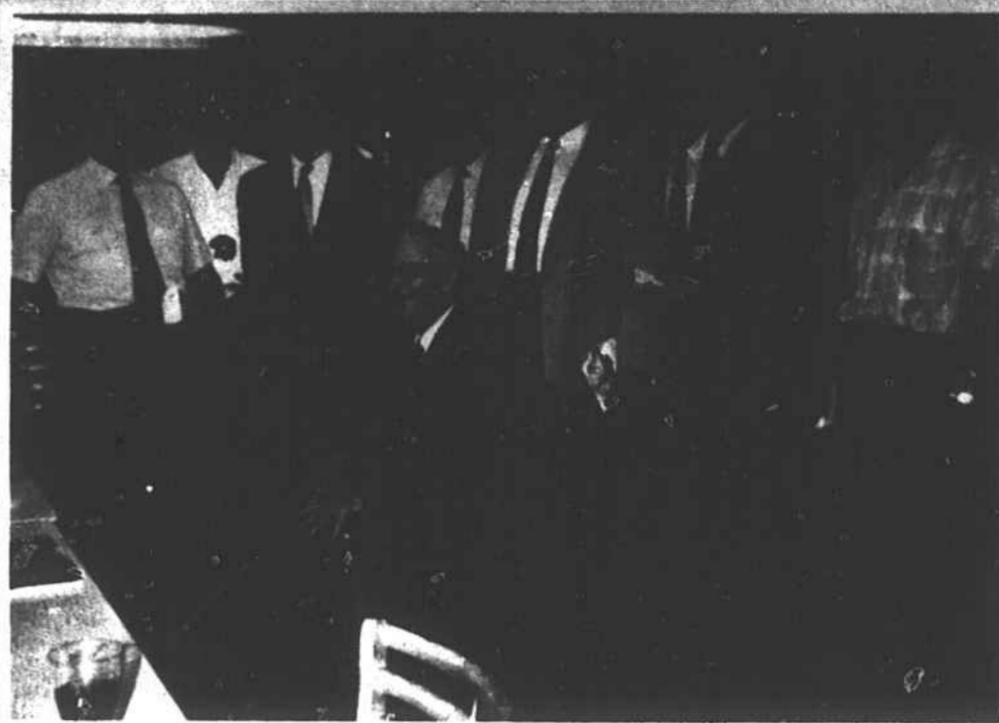
**Howard Honored On His 83rd Birthday**

Mr. J. E. Howard of Littleton celebrated his 83rd birthday, Saturday, Aug. 8, at his home. A barbecued pig, cooked by his son, Benjamin Howard, was served with all the other goodies.

Mr. Howard received many nice and useful gifts.

Present from the neighborhood were his wife, children, grandchildren, relatives and friends.

His guests from out of the community included the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Davis of Henderson, Courtney Fitts of Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Paschall and son and Dr. and Mrs. Howard Fitts and family of Durham, Mrs. Leola Sadler and daughter of Winston-Salem, Mr. Alexander Howard of Hampton, Va., Mr. and Mrs. G. Jones of Palmer Springs, Va., Mr. and Mrs. D. Baskerville, Mrs. Elizabeth Baskerville and Mr. T. T. Clayton, all of Warrenton, The Rev. William Flood, Miss Floria Flood and Miss Silvers, all of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Vernice Lacy of Columbia, Md., Mr. Erich Howard and Mrs. Jones of Baltimore, Md., Mrs. Jones of New York City and Mr. Funderburg and Dr. Owen Funderburg and sons of St. Louis, Mo.



World War I Veterans were pictured during the meeting of Limer Post No. 25 of the American Legion. Seated is Simon M. Gardner. Other shown, left to right, are: Cliff Bobbitt, Clarence Skillman, Martin Hayes, Frank Serls, Walter Gardner, Alfred Ellington, Maurice Fleming, L. B. Beddoe and Harold R. Skillman. Not present when picture was taken was Claude T. Bowers.

**World War I Veterans Are Honored**

World War I Veterans were special guests of Limer Post No. 25 of the American Legion at its regular meeting at the Lions Den on August 13. The Rev. Robert Orvis gave the invocation.

Legionnaire Howell Steed recounted the history of Limer Post No. 25 from its organization following World War I. Mrs. Leonard Daniel discussed the old songs coming out of that era, and Legionnaire Bill Con-

nell led in singing some of these songs.

Fun and fellowship was enjoyed by all throughout the evening with several door prizes being given to the veterans.

Bright and Mr. Grover Shearin of Warrenton and Mr. Arthur Larrimore and daughter, Angela, of Roanoke Rapids were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Edwin Stansbury. Angela remained and will visit Mrs. Stansbury for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Salmon and son, Lloyd, III, of Roanoke Rapids were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Salmon, Sr., and visited Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Salmon and Mr. and Mrs. James Salmon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ray Browning of Norfolk, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Browning and daughters, Lucille, Winifred and Mary Ann, of Rocky Mount were weekend visitors of

Mrs. Alice Browning.

Mrs. Macon Moore, Sr., returned home Friday after being a patient in Roanoke Rapids Hospital. Her daughter, Miss Jacqueline Moore of Goldsboro will remain with her mother while she is recuperating.

Mrs. Cheek, Jr., and children, Denice and Larry, of Warrenton were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Sykes.

Mrs. L. E. Morris, Mrs. Dave Clark and Mrs. H. Elliott Isles were Sunday visitors of Mr. David H. Isles in Duke Hospital, Durham.

Mr. Maynard Bobbitt and sister, Mrs. Viola Bobbitt were visitors in the home of Mr. Charlie Sewell in Mur-

reesboro last weekend.

Mr. A. G. Riggan was a visitor in Louisburg Sunday.

Mr. Ben Riggan of Cary and Mrs. Vernon Bennett of Henderson were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Riggan.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Spain of Virginia Beach, Va., were Saturday visitors of Mrs. A. P. Farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lawrence of Rocky Mount recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Leon Crawley at their cottage on Lake Gaston.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Newson and daughter, Beverly, spent last week in Greenville, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol B. Bobbitt

visited Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hudson in South Hill, Va., and also visited friends in Broadnax, Va., Sunday.

Among those attending the graveside services of Mrs. Kingsland Alston Burton at Sunset Hill Cemetery Wednesday were Dr. and Mrs. Robert Gaylord of Roanoke Rapids, Mrs. Samuel Patterson of Danville, Va., Mrs. George Jordan of Cary, Mrs. Russell Hubbard and daughter, Harriett of Pinehurst, Mr. and Mrs. James Burton and daughter, Eliza of Warrenton, Mr. Thayer Jenkins of Raleigh, Mrs. Bob Ellis and daughter and Mrs. Coley Perkinson of Warrenton.

Mrs. David Clark and son of Portsmouth, Va., spent last week with her mother, Mrs. L. E. Morris and other relatives.

Mrs. Harvey L. Paynter and children of Norlina were Tuesday visitors of Mrs. Lloyd Salmon, Sr., and Mrs. J. A. Myrick.

Mr. and Mrs. George Medlin and daughter, Macon of Charlotte, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson and daughter, Ellen, of Washington spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Sammie King.

Mrs. G. S. May spent several days this week with Miss Esmond Bradley in Charlotte.

Mrs. Josephine Kennedy of Durham is visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. J. May and other relatives for sometime.

Mrs. Mary Dickens is a patient in Sanatorium Hospital in Rocky Mount.

Mrs. I. G. Best of Florence, S. C. and Mrs. Anton Reid of Warrenton visited Mrs. Raymond Harris Thursday. Mrs. Louis Shearin returned to Warrenton with them after being a guest of Mrs. Harris for several days.

Mrs. Johnnie Strickland of Roanoke Rapids was a recent visitor of Mrs. Edwin Stansbury, Mrs. Lloyd Salmon, Sr., and Mrs. Hunt Johnston.

The hardest wood anywhere in the world is Desert Ironwood, reports the Southern Forest Institute. The wood is almost as heavy as stone. It blunts tools and can hardly be cut with a saw. Desert Ironwood is native to the Southwestern part of the United States.

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