

Possibilities for Beauty

"They're alright as long as the meetings do not end up being all talk," said a lady from a neighboring town when we asked her what she thought of garden clubs. She elaborated on her statement by saying that when first organized their garden club has worked wonders with limited means, but as time went by certain members monopolized the meetings with talk and the club gradually fell to pieces.

In spite of this somewhat pessimistic outlook, we are delighted that Zebulon may soon have an active and growing Garden Club. That we have need for one is easy to see. Although there are lawns and flower gardens and well-kept streets here, they are the exception rather than the rule. With a garden club to show the way and set the example, there is no limit to the number of things which can be done to improve the looks of the town.

Frequently, in talking with folks from other parts of the state, we are happy to hear compliments on the appearance of Gannon Avenue, with its large trees, well-kept houses, and lovely lawns. We are fortunate that the main highway passes along this street rather than some others which might bring forth comments of a different nature.

We are novices at the business of gardening. We can buy the most expensive bulbs and seeds, chop vigorously, fertilize generously, plant profusely, and as the weeks drag on into months grow the healthiest rag weed and wire grass anybody ever saw. It is folks like us who can benefit the most from a garden club.

We wish success to a Zebulon Garden Club, where gardeners may band together and meet for mutual enjoyment, where neophyte gardeners may be guided and helped, and where the plans and energy to make our town and community more beautiful may originate.

A System Is Needed

An ever-popular promise made by municipal politicians when running for election is that garbage collection will be improved. We admit that some improvement has been made since the present administration took over the town affairs, but unless something more is done, a new host of candidates for mayor and commissioner will be around making the same old promise when 1953 rolls around.

Admittedly, the town trash collection department is understaffed, but some suggestions have been made which could be followed. For what they are worth, and without charge to anyone, here are ideas we've picked up around town:

- 1) Require home owners to have standard size garbage cans small enough to be handled by the trashmen;
- 2) Have trash and garbage picked up at specified times each week so that home owners may know when to expect the truck;
- 3) Have home owners place garbage cans beside the street so that the truck can stop beside the sidewalk to load, thus saving much time and trouble;
- 4) Request the cooperation of the home owners, and then require that these rules be followed before garbage is collected.

We can hear folks scream right now when they think of having to tote the garbage cans all around the house and to the street. We can hear those who have big barrels for their garbage complain about having to purchase something smaller. The moans and the groans will be long and loud, but we don't see any other way of solving the problem.

Are You Dusting?

Every time an inspection report is made on the infestation of cotton fields by the boll weevil, we see the County Agent Grady Miller was right when he advised farmers to dust their plants liberally. There is no comparison between dusted and undusted fields, and last year's almost complete failure in cotton should have been sufficient warning that dusting is required.

Recommendations are for continued dusting to guard against losses later in the season, and we hope that cotton farmers will follow the suggested schedule.

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THEY ARE BOTH RIGHT IN STYLE



The long bow which once turned the tide of battle and decided the fate of nations is now used for sport. In archery it's fun to score a bull's eye as well as to be properly attired for the occasion. A real hit for men's summer sport fashions is the Arrow knit shirt in a attractive rayon candy stripes in a plaquet model with a cotton rib knit bottom, which has proved popular

for all types of sportswear. These shirts are hand washable and made according to the same high standards of quality which have given their makers the number one position in the men's shirt field and are backed by the company's one hundred years of experience. That's why more men choose Arrow men's wear for sports or dress occasions than any other brand.

This, That and the Other

By Mrs. Theo. B. Davis

A magazine selling for fifty cents a copy offers this advice on table decoration: If you have no flowers and want an attractive centerpiece, place well-scrubbed potatoes in a curving row on green leaves, and on the potatoes place a string of pearls. Unusual, I'll admit; but when I am reduced to using such centerpieces, I shall carefully omit even the mention of pearls. I am wondering whether summer heat had not gone to the head of the editor who gave space to such a suggestion.

Will some one please give me an explanation of the expression "tombstone buddies." I know the general meaning, but not how the term originated. And do they confine themselves to graveyard talk? My curiosity is genuine and a word to the unwise will be appreciated.

The midget watermelons are really good, with deep red meat and black seed. But we have let several get too ripe before pulling them from the vine. The midget ripens before you think about it, and the rind never gets hard or tough. We are having to revise our hard-learned tests for ripeness and go mainly by how the midget looks on the underside. The over-ripe ones had good seed, which were saved, and my husband has planted some of them to experiment with a second crop in one season.

Indiana stands to lose the total fund hitherto assigned this state from Federal relief funds, the reason being that her relief lists are to be opened to public inspection. Our Government holds that it does something to one's self-respect for it to be known that relief money is being taken. But might also be kept in mind that there are also some who resort to dubious measures in order to become technically eligible for relief and secrecy does something to their consciences.

It is often a surprise to me to see how many persons have such vague ideas about measurement and who find it hard to tell a quart jar from a half-gallon one, or from a pint. Likewise they have little notion of whether a basket holds a peck, a half-bushel or a bushel. Fewer still are they who remember that in measuring in a container meant for liquids ten, and not eight, quarts must be allowed for each peck, a liquid quart being that much smaller than dry measure. This item is one that was impressed upon my mind in childhood, and though years have passed it stays with me.

Some of the men who work on our new municipal building room at our house. They are from Marion, Virginia, which is a mountain town with a mountain climate. I have sympathized with them as they have sweltered through weather which seems unusual to us who live here. And when Mr. Robertson, one of the roomers, remarked that since August has arrived we may expect cooler nights, at least, I was sorry to have to tell him that was only wishful thinking.

Back in the mountains August days may be scorchingly hot; but when night comes breezes begin to whisper of fall and few are the times when one will not want a blanket before morning. Down here, having gasped our way through this month, we still have September to dread.

This is a pre-garden-club reminder that August is the last month recommended for trying to root cuttings of shrubs. Put them in a damp place, or water them often. Althea cuttings taken now seem almost grateful for a chance to show how well they'll take root; and there is no shrub that gives more for your efforts. In our yard are four colors with single blooms, and a white and a rose color with blossoms that are very double. Cuttings will be gladly given to those who want them.

Personal Items

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Scott and children are on a vacation trip to visit relatives in South Carolina. They also plan to see the Lost Colony at Manteo before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Falc Bunn left Wednesday to visit the Elmo Bunnns in Miami Beach, Fla.

Mrs. Gladys Johnson, Mr. Pittman Stell, Miss Betty Salmon and Mr. John Miller will attend the pageant at Manteo tonight returning to Zebulon Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Studdert of Greenville visited Mr. Pittman Stell Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard of Towson, Md., were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Henry Temple Wednesday night.

Mrs. V. J. Watts of Miami, Fla., was a luncheon guest of Mrs. Wallace Temple Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wall have moved into their new home.

The Clarence Hocutts visited Mr. Jesse Wilder near Selma Thursday and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lewis of Wilson on Friday.

Lt. Frankie Hall leaves today for her new station in California.

Miss Janie Taylor and Miss Marilyn Alderman are visiting Miss Mary Lacy Palmer at the dormitory.

Dr. and Mrs. Ben Thomas have moved into their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Daniel spent several days last week at Atlantic Beach.

The Claude Dunns visited the Buggs Island Dam site last week.

Mrs. K. P. Leonard returned from Rex Hospital Wednesday.

Mis Faye Privette is a patient at Rex Hospital.

Miss Mary Fisher Finch returned home Thursday after visiting friends in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Harper of Charlotte are visiting Mrs. J. D. Finch.

Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Harper and family will arrive today from Atlanta, Ga., to spend the weekend in Zebulon.

Mrs. Foster Finch spent Thursday in Fountain with her mother, Mrs. Pattie Harris, and the Roderick Harrises.

Miss Rebekah Talbert is visiting the H. C. Wades.

Brenda Bunn is spending this week in Greenville with her aunt.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cowan and Susie are spending this week with Mrs. Cowan's mother, Mrs. J. E. Carter. They visited Sgt. Jeffrey Carter in the Fort Bragg hospital on Wednesday.

Mrs. A. B. Knott of Wendell, daughter of Mr. Clarence Strickland, is improving at Duke Hospital after a major operation.

Visiting Mrs. Melvin Massey this week are her sister and niece, Mrs. Hansel McDonald and Gloria, of Rocky Mount.

Loretta Cawthorne, daughter of the Allan Cawthornes, is a patient at Mary Elizabeth Hospital following an appendectomy on Tuesday.

Ruth Brown is spending this week at Pamlico with Joellen Gill. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Brantley, Jr., and children will spend this weekend in Zebulon with the Russell Brantleys.

Little Sue Arnold, daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. J. P. Arnold, has been sick in bed this week.

Tee Harris of Creedmoor is visiting his grandparents, the A. D. Antones, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Zollie N. Culpepper have returned home after visiting relatives in Washington, D. C., and Gloucester, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Denton of Zebulon, a son, Dennis Harold, July 29, at Zebulon Clinic. Mrs. Denton is the former Durley Privette of Zebulon.