

**Armory News**

The door frames are here, the floors are being poured, and Zebulon's National Guardsmen will be in their new armory before Christmas if unforeseen difficulties do not present themselves. That was the report given yesterday by Frank Christopher, construction superintendent.

All the concrete floors in the \$100,000 building will be completed this week, and the brick masons report for duty today to complete office partitions and walls in the toilets, kitchen, and class rooms.

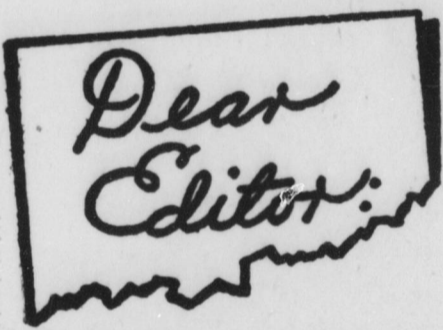
With the aid of the State highway workers, Town Manager Willie B. Hopkins had the deep ditch in front of the armory filled last week. It will be seeded to prevent erosion.

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**Watt's Hummin'**

By Lane Siler

**THANKSGIVING DINNER**

Are you wondering how you will get everything done you need to do in preparation for Thanksgiving dinner? If you have a Home Freezer at your house, chances are you can go right to it and get your menu needs with little or no further shopping.

If you bought a turkey earlier it cost you less than it will now. Turkeys, chickens, and other fowl that have been frozen without stuffing must be thawed enough to permit the stuffing to be placed in the bird. I prefer my turkey not stuffed. But if you like your turkey stuffed, you may stuff, truss and freeze the turkey for as long as two months, and then place in the oven and cook without thawing — allow approximately one-half again as long to cook as for a completely thawed bird. Make sure the stuffing is completely chilled before it is placed in the bird that is to be frozen.

I never cook frozen chicken or turkey in an oven hotter than 300 degrees F. Without a meat thermometer, the best test for doneness is: Squeeze the heaviest part of the drumstick with a piece of paper toweling. When the meat feels very soft and the leg moves easily, your turkey is baked perfectly.

If you do not stuff your bird, make your stuffing up ahead of time and place it in the pan you will bake it in. Then freeze until baking time. Orange cups with mashed sweet potatoes could be made several weeks ahead and frozen.

Make your pumpkin pie or mincemeat pie up ahead and freeze before baking (if you want to serve it hot — or you may bake it ahead, thaw and heat for serving.

When Thanksgiving dinner is ready to serve, besides the many other things for which you give thanks the Home Freezer will be in the list for taking a great deal of the "rush and fuss" from your dinner preparations.

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Every once in a while some newspaper or magazine will carry a feature article about dwarf trees, giving the impression that something new has been discovered. That is misleading because dwarf fruit trees, especially apples and pears, have been available for many years. There have been some improvements, of course. Dwarf fruit trees have been very popular in Europe where garden space is at a premium.

Dwarf trees are those that have been grafted upon dwarf or slow-growing rootstocks which prevent the full development of the tree. Many varieties of dwarf apples are now offered for sale by nurserymen. Dwarf trees are an advantage for gardeners who want a number of different varieties and do not have sufficient space for standard trees.

The dwarf trees will bear just as large fruit of the variety as the standard trees, but of course the total crop will be much smaller. However, dwarf trees may be planted as close as eight or 10 feet apart instead of the usual distance for standard trees. They have the advantage of small size which makes them easy to prune and spray and convenient for harvesting the fruit. There is one disadvantage — the dwarf rootstock is weak and the trees are apt to blow over in a storm. Therefore is it necessary to stake and tie dwarf trees in order to keep them from blowing over.

During the next two or three months is the best time to plant deciduous trees of all kinds. That gives them a chance to get well settled by the time the spring growing season arrives and they are more likely to survive than if planted later.

In selecting trees to plant in the farm yard or even on the front lawn we should keep the pecan in mind. In addition to the crop of nuts produced the pecan is a beautiful tree and is as valuable for shade as any of our deciduous trees. It is not necessary to plant more than one tree in order to get a crop of nuts although a better crop may result if more than one tree or more than one variety are planted somewhere near by.

For eastern North Carolina we recommend the Stuart, Cape Fear and Brake varieties. The Mahan variety is popular because of the large size of the nuts, but is not as resistant to disease. For the Piedmont, the Stuart variety is probably most reliable and in the mountains only northern varieties such as Indiana or Green River should be planted.

In buying trees there is no advantage in getting the largest trees. A five to six foot tree is a desirable size and will not cost as much as a larger one. Trees should be set slightly deeper than they were in the nursery and should be at least 60 feet apart so that they will not crowd when they are full grown. While preparing for planting take care that the roots of the trees do not dry out. Place them in a tub of water or cover them with wet burlap sacks.

Dig a hole large enough to take care of the root system without crowding and fill in around the roots with top soil. Do not put commercial fertilizer or fresh manure in the hole next to the roots. Each spring just as the buds are swelling apply a well balanced garden fertilizer underneath the spread of the branches at the rate of 2 lbs. for each year of age of the tree from the time of planting. For more complete information, write to the Department of Agricultural Information, N. C. State

**Gems of Thought**

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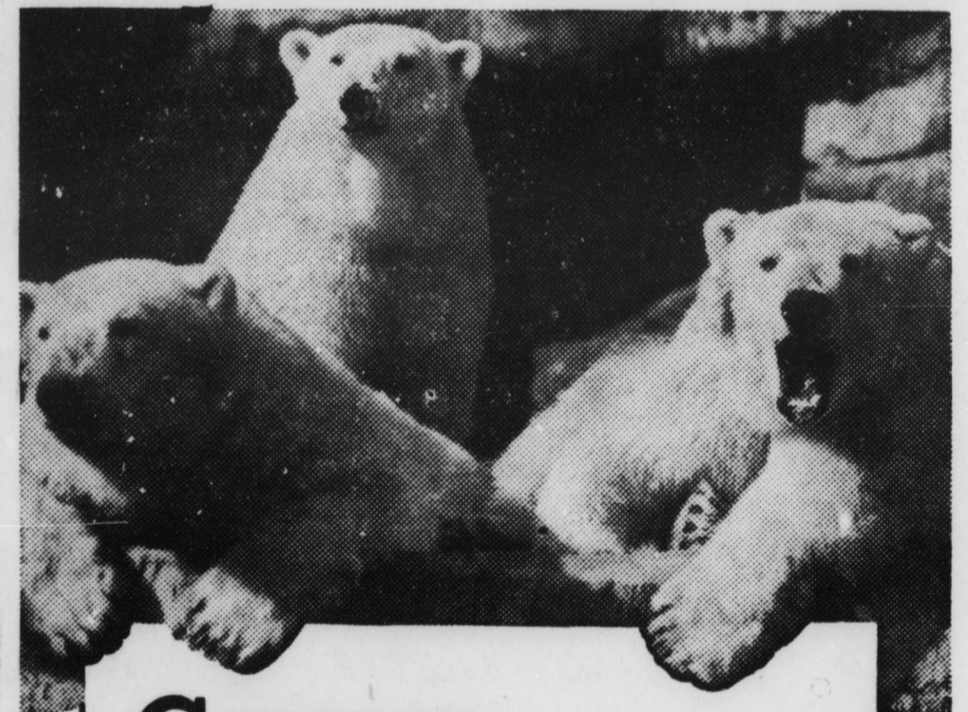
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