

HOW TO PREPARE THE GARDEN SOIL

Fertilizers and Lime Should Be Applied When Ground is Ready.

[Prepared by United States department of agriculture.]

A simple test to determine when garden soil is ready for plowing or working is to take a handful of earth from the surface and close the fingers tightly on it. If the earth compacted in this way is dry enough for cultivation it will fall apart when the hand is opened. This test is applicable only to comparatively heavy soils, but it is these which receive the most injury if they are worked when wet. On such soils overzealous gardeners not only waste their time, but frequently do actual damage by attempting to work them too early.

After plowing or working with a spade it is usually desirable to apply some form of fertilizer. Barnyard or stable manure, which furnishes both plant food and humus, is undoubtedly the best, and applications of from twenty to thirty tons to the acre are satisfactory. The manure should be distributed evenly over the surface and later worked in with a hoe and rake. Frequently it is advisable also to apply commercial fertilizer, especially

phosphate. An application of 300 to 600 pounds of acid phosphate to the acre is usually sufficient. In order to apply potash, if this is needed, unbleached wool ashes may be distributed over the garden at the rate of 1,000 pounds to the acre. Wet or leached ashes have less fertilizer value. Two thousand pounds of these should be used. In order to start the plants early in the spring applications of 100 pounds to the acre of nitrate of soda are sometimes used. It is important, however, to remember that no form of commercial fertilizer will yield good results unless the soil is well supplied with humus. This frequently may be furnished in the form of sod or other vegetation which has overgrown a garden spot and may be turned under with a plow or spade.

In certain localities it is also advisable to test the soil for acidity. Naturally moist soils are likely to be sour and in such a condition are not likely to produce the most satisfactory crops. The test for acidity or sourness is a very simple one. A handful of the soil slightly moistened and a piece of blue litmus paper, which can be obtained from any drug store, are all that is necessary. When placed on sour soil the paper will turn red. To correct such a condition lime should be used. The ground should be covered with a thin coat of air slaked lime and the latter worked in well. Lime is not a plant food, but it will correct the acidity and will improve the physical condition of the soil.

ROAD CONVENTION LARGELY ATTENDED

ANNUAL SESSION GOOD ROADS CONVENTION AT ASHEVILLE ADJOURS.

RE-ELECT VARNER PRESIDENT

Meeting Most Successful In History of Association.—Number of Trophies Awarded.

Asheville.—With the election of officers and the adoption of resolutions the annual convention of the North Carolina Good Roads Association ended.

The following officers selected by the nominating committee were unanimously elected: H. B. Varner of Lexington, president, re-elected; Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, Chapel Hill, secretary-treasurer, re-elected; Benehan Cameron and Julian S. Carr, vice-presidents; R. P. Cane of Sanford, G. D. Cansfield of Morehead City, W. O. Howard of Tarboro, Geo. E. Butler of Clinton, Joseph C. Brown of Raleigh, W. C. Boren of Pomona, W. D. McMillan, Jr., of Wilmington, Frank McCauley of Mt. Gilead, W. W. Stringfield of Blowing Rock, W. McCauley Brown of Greensboro and Dr. M. H. Fletcher of Asheville directors.

The executive committee is composed of the general officers and the following who were elected: W. C. Hammer, of Asheville; D. A. McDonald, of Carthage; R. R. Cotton, of Bruce; W. A. McGirt, of Wilmington; James A. Gray, Jr., of Winston-Salem; N. Buckner, Asheville. This committee will decide the next meeting place. Kinston, Greenville, Greensboro and Wrightsville Beach are asking for the convention.

Silver trophies were awarded the following: Mayor E. V. Webb, of Kinston, for the largest delegation from a North Carolina city; McD. Henton, chairman of Pitt county commissioners, for the largest county delegation, and J. C. Askey, Jr., for coming the longest distance in an automobile.

Resolutions were adopted urging the use of all able-bodied convicts on state roads, and pledging the efforts of the association for legislation to this end. The resolutions also call on the legislature to provide adequate funds for the State Highway Commission.

Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt secretary-treasurer of the association, made his annual report showing that 172 active members belonged to the association during the past year. He made a plea for more members.

K. E. Bennett, W. S. Fallis and R. S. McCain led a discussion on road legislation passed by the last session of the legislature.

D. M. Clark and W. S. Wilson discussed "State Security for County Bonds" and this brought out a general round table discussion for and against the idea. State Engineer W. S. Fallis and Senator Benehan Cameron made short addresses, pointing out the benefits of the bill providing for the use of automobile tax for road maintenance, showing the immense amount of good accruing to the state highways through this measure.

Bruce Craven talked on road bonds and the prison reform bill in regard to hiring convicts to private corporations was discussed by Senator W. D. Turner and Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt.

Gen Carr Refused Passport. Durham.—Gen. Julian S. Carr, commander of the Northern Virginia Confederate veterans and Durham's "first citizen," who recently made up his mind to join the allied forces in France, has been refused a passport by the war department.

In refusing the passport war department officials informed General Carr that passports are being allowed to only those persons having official business for the government, and enlisted men.

As a confederate soldier General Carr made a splendid record and although his hair is gray and his age past seventy, the Durham citizen believes himself still good for war duty. He had planned to ask admittance into the army of General Pershing.

Sheriff Commits Suicide. Kinston.—Seadla Allen, deputy sheriff of Lenoir county, and former alderman of this city, committed suicide in the warden's apartment at the county jail here.

Allen, who was jailer of the county, was to have been supplanted on August 1st because of excessive dissipation. He had been drinking, and despondency, prompted by a knowledge that he was to be dismissed soon, caused him to take his life. Surviving him, besides a wife, are four children.

"At the Front," is Card's Message.

Durham.—The laconic message, "A man from this house is at the front," was conveyed to Mr. and Mrs. J. Mc Lennan on a postcard as testimony of a son "somewhere in France." James McLennan, the 21-year-old son of J. McLennan, of the city tax collector's office, was on one of the warships that escorted the transports bearing General Pershing's troops across the Atlantic, and that communication told the story to his parents of a Durham boy on the battlefronts.

Church Directory

BREVARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH John R. Hay, Pastor. Regular church services every Sunday. Hours: First and third Sundays, 11:00 a. m.; second and fourth Sundays, 4:30 p. m.; fifth Sundays, by announcement. Sunday school every Sunday, 10 a. m. Men's Brotherhood Bible class. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor every Wednesday evening, 8:00.

DAVIDSON RIVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH John R. Hay, Pastor. Regular church services every Sunday. Hours: Second and fourth Sundays, 11:00 a. m.; first and third Sundays, 4:30 p. m.; fifth Sundays, by announcement. Sunday school every Sunday, 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor 1st and 3rd Sundays at 11 a. m.; on 2nd and 4th Sundays at 2:30 p. m.

BREVARD BAPTIST CHURCH Corner Jordan and Gaston streets. A. W. McDaniel, Pastor. Phone No. 145. Bible school 9:45 a. m., well graded with classes to suit all. Preaching services at 11:00 a. m. and 8:00 p. m. every Sunday. Midweek service for worship and fellowship, 8:00 p. m. Wednesday. Advisory Board meets on Tuesday evening after the first Sunday of each month. All who desire to encourage or to assist the worship of God or to be helped by worship are cordially invited to attend all services. Strangers and visitors are especially welcome.

Special Announcement. Subjects for Sunday: Morning: "The Office of Faith in the Matter of Salvation." Evening: "Can I Hold Steady in the Christian Life?"—2nd Peter 3:17.

BREVARD METHODIST CHURCH W. Edgar Poovey, Pastor. Sunday—Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 8 p. m. Intermediate Epworth League 3:30 p. m. Monday—Y. P. M. S. 8:00 p. m., first and third Monday nights. Tuesday—(After first Sunday) Board of Stewards, 8:00 p. m. Wednesday—Prayer meeting 8:00 p. m. Thursday—First and Third Woman's Missionary Society, 2:00 p. m. Local Auxiliary 4:00 p. m. Friday—Choir practice 8:00 p. m. "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."—Num. 10:29.

Special Announcement. Sunday subjects: 11 a. m.—"What Our Church Stands For, and Against." 8 p. m.—"The Man Who Spoiled a Good Start." This is the first sermon of the series on "Some Men Who Missed the Trail."

ST. PHILIPS EPISCOPAL CHURCH. Rev. Chalmers D. Chapman, Minister in Charge. Sundays—Morning service at 11:00 o'clock. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Week days—Evening every Friday, Wednesday and Friday during Advent; Wednesday and Friday during Lent; every day in Holy Week; also on Saints days. Holy communion the first and third Sundays of every month, also on the greater Holy days, Christmas, Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Easter day, Ascension day, Whit Sunday and Trinity Sunday.

Special Announcement. Seventh Sunday after Trinity, July 22. There will be a patriotic service with address on "Practical Economy the Test of Our Christianity." The following hymns will be sung: "The Son of God Goes Forth to War," "America, the Beautiful," "Once to Every Man and Nation," "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," "Soldiers of Christ Arise." Friday, July 20, evensong with address at 5:30. Subject, "Separation."

We will have to learn, first of all, that waste has no right to exist anywhere under any circumstances. A man or woman cannot waste their own substance. Destruction cannot be confined to the individual who courts it. Cast a pebble in the water and the ripples will describe a wide circle. In like manner, waste of any sort describes a vast circle of harmful influences.

Special Announcement. Now, I wish to make it clear that it is not because the women may be acquitted that I protest. I know how strong is the evidence against these women; so do a great many of your readers. Nevertheless, no one wants them persecuted or deprived of a fair and impartial trial. If they can honestly prove their innocence, well and good. Every good woman must regret beyond measure a false accusation of that sort.

What I object to is that it should be possible for clear-headed business men—not preachers and Sunday school superintendents—to assume that because "the men" do not want these women convicted therefore they will be acquitted. Can it be that these vague and indefinite "men" control our juries, so that our jurymen decide as "the men" wish, and not as the evidence warrants?

If these women are guilty, and are declared innocent because "the men" wish it so, we have come to a turning point in the history of Brevard. If our citizens wink at a dishonest verdict by their jury

DO MEN AND WOMEN WANT BREVARD MORALLY CLEAN?

Are the Citizens of the County Morally Degraded or Do They Want a Pure and Upright Surrounding for Their Boys?

Editor, News: I understand that, at the coming term of court, two women are to be tried upon the charge of keeping a disorderly house.

Recently a woman (the wife of a man who has been prominent in Transylvania politics, having held office more than once) told me that her husband said, "Nothing would be done with these women." I asked her how the gentleman could possibly know, before they were tried, what the result of the trial would be. She answered, with a shrug of her shoulders, that "the men" didn't want these women interfered with, and that her husband said when the case came before the jury the women would be sure to get off.

Another woman of excellent standing, whose husband has had much to do with county affairs, expressed the same opinion to me, assuring me that her husband thought it almost hopeless to secure moral cleanliness in Brevard.

Both of these women were sensible, level-headed women, not given to exaggeration; their truthfulness cannot be doubted. I know that they simply expressed the opinions of their husbands.

One of the husbands referred to is heartily in favor of a clean town. The other one, to judge by his remarks on the subject—also by his associates—is equally in favor of an unclean town.

It is somewhat noteworthy that these men, from opposite standpoints, and with their wishes entirely opposed to each other, should be in entire agreement as to what might be expected in the matter.

It seems to me that this is rather a serious situation. If these men are correct in their judgment, we have one of two conditions in Brevard. In one case we must assume that the majority of our citizens are morally degraded persons who do not wish the laws enforced. I can hardly suppose this to be the case. But if this is not true, then one must conclude that the majority of our people being decent and respectable folk, wishing a clean and well ordered town in which to rear their children, their wishes are set aside by an impudent minority who manage the affairs of the town to suit their own wishes and not according to its ordinances. Is this the case in Brevard?

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in this case, it simply means that our townspeople consent to the establishment of the social evil among us. Perhaps "the men" want this, though I can but think that most fathers prefer their sons to grow into clean and fine and self-respecting manhood, and would not willingly help them into becoming the reverse. But however "the men" may feel, the women emphatically do not want such a condition.

What will the chivalrous Southern man do about it?—our fathers, our brothers, and the husbands who promised before God to love, honor and cherish their wives. Do they think we feel honored by their even tolerating—much less encouraging—such a thing?

If "the men" can make this town a clean and wholesome place for our sons and daughters—and they can—will they not do so? I shall watch this trial with intense interest. So will many other wives and mothers. If the women are innocent I earnestly trust that they may be cleared. If they are guilty let them be punished, and let the decision rest with the jury and not with "the men" who have already decided what is to be done in the matter.

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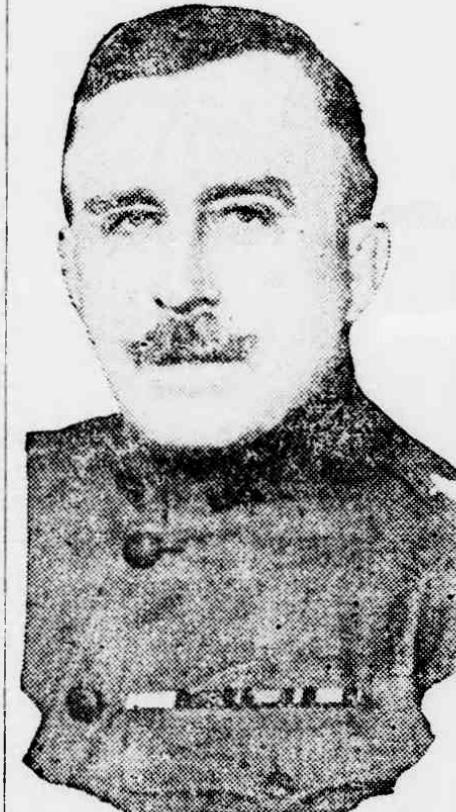
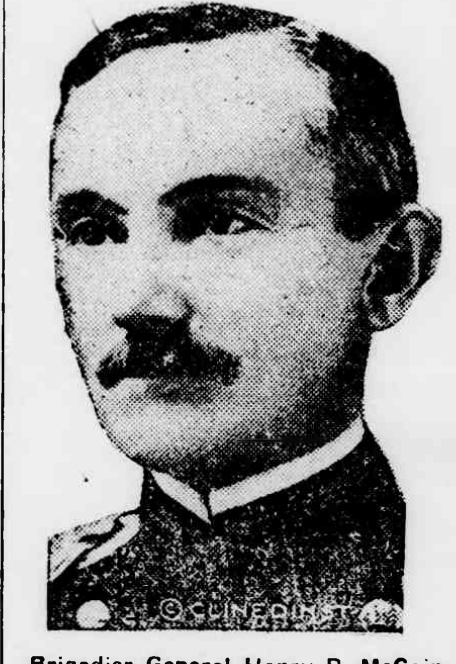


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Brigadier General Henry P. McCain.

6-Room House for \$2,464.00

This sum, only part cash and balance on easy terms, will take one of the best real estate bargains in Brevard.

Ask any man with knowledge of real estate values and he will tell you that the house was bought at a bargain. If a sale can be made in July it will be sold for exactly what it cost because the owner contemplates a business investment and needs the money, having absolutely no use for a house.

The cottage is ideally situated on the corner opposite the Henning Inn on lot 75x155 with good garden and plenty of shade trees. \$200 was recently spent on the property, placing it in first-class shape.

If you can find a better bargain buy it, but this proposition will bear looking into. The property is renting for \$15.50 per month.

This price is offered for only a few days. See me at once.

Noah M. Hollowell OWNER