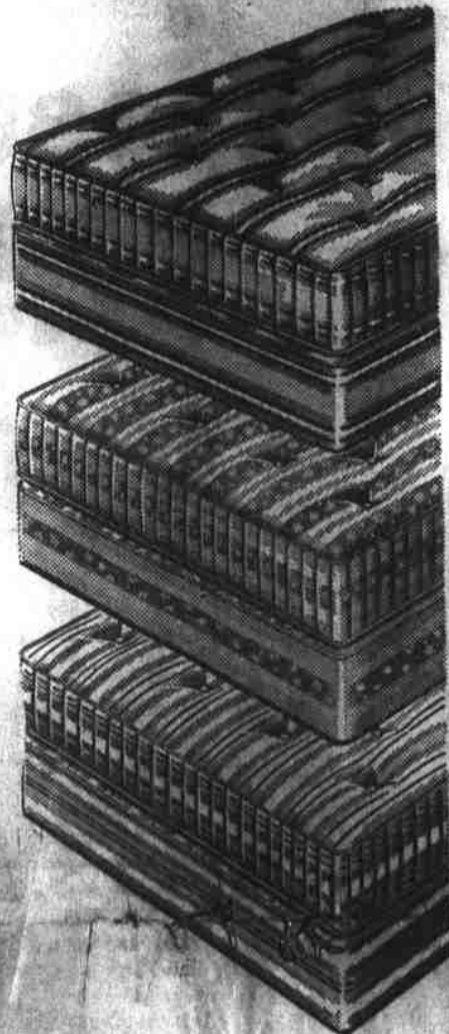


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BOYD HILL GROWS CORN EASY WAY

According to Harry G. Silver, county agent, the best cultivator are not for Boyd Hill, of the Middle Fork Community in Madison County, in growing corn. High nitrogen fertilization is necessary in growing large yields of corn per acre, but Boyd thinks there are easier ways of putting the nitrogen down than with a bucket when the corn is two feet tall. Boyd has proven to himself and demonstrated to his neighbors that corn can be grown easier and cheaper — in fact, corn growing in the mountains can be revolutionized. How so?

In 1960 Boyd, in cooperation with the county agricultural agents, made four changes in his corn growing as a demonstration. The **FIRST** change was in fertilization, he used all the fertilizer for the demonstration as pre-plant put down with a fertilizer distributor and dialed it in the soil — nitrogen, phosphorus, and potash. The **SECOND** change was to increase the nitrogen to 180 pounds per acre — the equivalent of 500 pounds of ammonia nitrate. The **THIRD** change was to a new variety of corn, Pioneer 209A, a variety with resistance to blight, good stand up ability, and good yield ability. The **FOURTH** change was to spray the demonstration acre with 2½ pounds of Atrazin W 80 before the corn came up. This spray treatment killed the weeds and grass and eliminated ALL cultivation, it kept the corn clean. The Atrazin was sprayed on with 30 gallons of water fast and easy with a tractor sprayer. The results were good; so good in fact, that all of his 20 acres of silage corn in 1961 was treated as the 1960 demonstration acre.

From 20 acres of leased land Boyd grew enough corn silage to fill a bunker silo 96 feet long, 20½ feet deep and a trench 16 feet wide, 100 feet wide, about 3 feet deep, a total of at least 451 tons. An average yield of 22.5 tons per acre of corn silage with NO HOE, and NO CULTIVATOR. Sure, but at what cost?

Boyd, a demonstration farmer, got 30-10-0 at \$3.19 per hundred pounds, his 0-0-60 (muriate of potash) cost \$3.25 per hundred pounds, the Atrazin cost \$7.50 per acre. A total cost for fertilization and weed control chemical was \$38.24 per acre or \$1.47 per ton of silage — a low cost. Should he have paid full pay for the 30-10-0 his cost would have been \$1.61 per ton of silage for fertilizer and chemical for weed control.

How would you like to: 1. Make corn silage and have it "laid-by" before it comes up? 2. Have no topdressing operation? 3. Get a higher yield for as small or smaller cost per ton?

You, too, can grow corn the easy way — it's a revolution, but no secret. Check with your county agricultural agents for details.

HUNTER CHECK

MRS. ERNEST BALL, Correspondent

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. Burns Hunter Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Lester Lewis and daughter, Annette, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Warren and son, Gregory and Mr. Leonard Hunter and Mrs. Fossey Wille Jr.

Miss Linda Carol had Sunday dinner with her cousins, Jdane, Audrey and Teresa Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ball and son, Ben were visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ball, Sunday.

Mrs. Clarence Hunter and daughter, Karen were visiting Mrs. Burns Hunter Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Ball were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ball Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Ball made a trip to Greeneville, Tenn., last week.

Mother's Book of Life

To a mother whose hands are wrinkled with age, Who's nearing the end of life's written page; A book that's been lived and written well; How hard it's been she will never tell.

She may be grey and bent with age, But she's still our mother who's written life's page. When we were kids we loved her then, But we didn't realize how hard it had been.

She worked and toiled — making a home; Never leaving us hungry, alone. Today she's with us, tomorrow she's gone; But we'll never feel lonely and all alone.

There'll be a memory of that mother and wife, Who's filled the pages in her book of life.

By GENEVA GRIFFIN

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