

Garden

Hoke Agricultural Extension News

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Early Weed Control Helps Keep Lawn Healthy

Homeowners look forward to spring as the time when lawns are revived by newly growing grasses and greenery.

Unfortunately, most newly growing spring grasses are also accompanied by newly growing spring weeds which, if left unchecked, can seriously threaten a lawn's survival.

It's important to combat weeds early in the season when they are small, tender and controllable. Otherwise, weeds will continue to grow and get stronger, rob the lawn of badly needed water, choke grass roots, and threaten the survival of surrounding plants and flowers.

A major step in controlling weeds is to establish a balanced lawn care program early in the season and maintain it throughout the year. Regular mowing at the right height, and proper feeding and watering will all help protect a lawn against invading weeds. Consistency in the care pattern is especially important since too much or too little mowing, fertilizing or watering could possibly result in more weeds.

An early application of a multi-

purpose weed killer can be effective against most spring and later season broadleaf weeds. There are chemicals available that can control such weeds as chicory, dandelion, ragweed, poison ivy, morning-glory, clover and many others.

Weed killers can be applied to large areas uniformly with a hose-end sprayer, or use spot treatment by mixing the chemical with water. Very hearty weeds, such as dandelions, will require repeated applications of weed killer for effective control. Whenever using any herbicide read all label instructions carefully, and follow them precisely and handle with care.

Are you interested in learning a craft that will help you relax, give you many hours of pleasure and could even help you bring in some income?

Home Economics Extension will offer during the summer three workshops if there is enough interest. Chair Caning - the one with holes in the wood part of the chair. Introduction to Lap Quilting (make one square). Pine Straw crafts. Please call 875-2162 to let us know of your interest. Further details will be sent after the interest is determined.

Dog Causes Problems

You And Your Pet

Dear Doctor: Our one-year-old Siberian Husky spends most of her time at a neighbor's home where there are two Irish Setters. It is always a problem getting her to come home.

If we let her, she stays there all day and night. Is it possible that she is confused as to where her real home is? Is there any way to train her to come home on her own?

Answer: Your dog may feel that your neighbor's home is where she is receiving the most attention, referring to playtime, as well as food. Before you can expect her to stay home, she needs to know what your property boundaries are. A fenced in area is the simplest and safest solution.

Allowing her to roam subjects her to the threat of being exposed to diseases and parasites that can make her suffer. Cars are also a very real danger.

Even the smartest dog or cat may not notice traffic and be injured. In addition, if she is not spayed, you may eventually wind up with entire litters of hers who will also visit your neighbor.

Dear Doctor: I have a St. Bernard-Shepherd dog that developed a bad habit of chasing my car each time I leave the driveway. How can I break him of this?

Answer: The solution for the dog that chases your car as you leave your driveway is simple. The dog should be confined to your yard, kennel run, or your house. Most cities have leash laws that prohibit dogs from roaming loose. It is in the interest of the dog's safety to keep him confined. A wandering dog will sooner or later come to grief.

I am sure you have heard stories of dogs that were trained not to leave their yards. Such dogs are exceptional. To train a dog to remain in the yard is a difficult and time-consuming proposition, and one mistake on the dog's part, could be his last. If you decide to attempt this, make sure you do so under expert supervision.



Farmers on the move

With the fields finally dry enough to run a tractor through, and the weather tapering off, area farmers have geared up for planting. Although

behind schedule, farmers are attempting to get their crops planted and ready for market.

Youth Job Service Opens For Applications May 16

Peggy Owens has been appointed Youth Employment Service Coordinator for the Laurinburg and Raeford Job Service Offices of the Employment Security Commission.

In making the announcement, Office Manager Burnest E.

Graham said "We are all too familiar with the depressing statistics on youth unemployment.

In order to help combat the problem, we have developed a youth employment service to help all youth, regardless of family income.

Youth 16-21 years old in need of summer jobs should apply from May 16-May 27 at the Job Service offices at 127 W. Elwood Ave., Raeford."

High school students may apply at their school on dates to be announced.

Any employer in need of extra help this summer, please call your Job Service Office.

Heilig-Meyers Expand Operations In Va., Ga.

Heilig-Meyers Company, the Richmond based home furnishings chain, announced recently the purchase of the stock of Thomas Furniture, Incorporated which had been operating a furniture store in Lawrenceville, Virginia.

In addition, the Company said that it has leased a building in Toccoa, Georgia which will be remodeled prior to a July opening.

This is the Company's first Georgia location and brings the total number of stores to eighty-five.

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A report to the taxpayers on how Jim Hunt uses State equipment and your tax dollars to build the Jim Hunt Political Machine



Gov. Hunt Opens Headquarters

Governor Jim Hunt arrived by helicopter Tuesday to officially open the McDowell County Democratic Headquarters. Hunt's helicopter landed in the parking lot of the Lady M... tell the story about Jim Hunt's political machine.

FACT: Jim Hunt has repeatedly used the State helicopters and State airplanes to attend Hunt political events.

North Carolina Taxpayers Are Paying The Bill For The Jim Hunt Political Machine

1 The McDowell News, 10-4-82
2 The Asheville Citizen, 10-5-82
3 The Blowing Rocker, 10-4-82
4 Sandhill Citizen, 10-30-82

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