

Beulaville News

Jerry Cottle of Clinton and J.D. Cottle visited the Ralph Turners in Potters Hill Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W.V. Oxley Jr. made a business trip to Kenansville and Clinton Tuesday.

Mrs. Ann B. House, daughter, and niece Lisa of Warsaw, visited Mr. and Mrs. Leo Brown Saturday.

Mrs. Russell Lanier has returned to her home in Wrightsville Beach after a few days here during the past week.

Iona Collier of Trenton visited Mrs. E.P. Thigpen and her sisters during the weekend.

Effie Garner accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Kennedy to visit Grace Brown in a Wilmington hospital Saturday.

Gene Quinn of Greenville visited Mrs. Sewell Quinn Saturday.

Mrs. J.A. Simpson made a business trip to Kinston Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Boyette visited with Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Jarman, Mr. and Mrs. John Heath and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Anderson, all of Richlands, Friday.

Effie Garner suffered bruises in a fall this past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bostic were in Wilson Monday for his medical check.

Adell Matthews and Mr. and Mrs. Gerlad Batts of Albany, Ga. returned to the Matthews home during the weekend. Mrs. Batts is scheduled to enter the hospital in a few days.

Verner Lewis of Jacksonville visited Mrs. Emory Campbell during the weekend.

On Wednesday of the past week, Mrs. Bill Carroll suffered a fall and broke her hip. She underwent surgery

at Lenoir Memorial in Kinston.

Mrs. Jessie Nethercutt suffered a fall and was taken to Duplin General, treated and released.

Kenneth Howard remains a patient in Lenoir Memorial. Rashie Quinn was admitted to Lenoir Memorial during the past week.

Sarah Kennedy remains in LMH in Kinston.

Dell Brock is also a patient in Lenoir Memorial.

Charlie Johnson had surgery in Duplin General Thursday.

Mary Frances Odom of Raleigh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bostic, entered a hospital there this week.

Potters Hill News

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Whaley visited Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Whaley and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Whaley of Rose Hill Sunday.

O.C. Quinn was dismissed from N.C. Memorial in Chapel Hill recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Turner, Mrs. Edgar Turner and Coy Turner were in Kinston Thursday for Ellis' checkup.

Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Whaley were in Kinston the first part of last week for a check of his injured finger. They also visited Kenneth Howard in LMH while there.

Harold Kennedy visited his mother, Sara, in Lenoir Memorial in Kinston Monday.

Hubert Houston of near Pink Hill fell a few days ago and broke his arm.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Howard visited their son Kenneth in LMN Monday.

Margaret Brock, Hazel Edwards, Bea Futreal and Emma Thigpen were in Greenville Tuesday for a medical check-up for Mrs. Brock.

Home and Garden

By Kenneth M. Teeter
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Conserving Energy with Plants

When planning a residential landscape, you should choose and locate plant material to help conserve energy. One will find that by planting windbreaks that one can considerably reduce the cooling and heating costs of your home. In planting windbreaks it is important to know the prevailing wind directions during the various seasons. You can control wind speed and direction by careful placement of trees and shrubs and in turn minimize the chilling effect of a cold winter wind or maximize the effect of a cool summer breeze.

Up to one-third of a building's heat loss can be caused by air movement (conduction), but through proper placement of trees and shrubs one can often reduce their year-round heating and cooling bill by 30 percent. In the Duplin County area, loblolly pine, holly and waxmyrtle are excellent choices for windbreaks.

Broccoli, Cauliflower and Cabbage seed should now be in the ground if you are growing your own plants. If you have not yet sown seed, it's getting late but not too late. By planting now, you should have plants ready in about eight weeks if sown outside in a cold frame and a week or so earlier if heat is supplied to the plants. Plants should be set in the field during mid-February to March in this area and fertilized with five quarts of 8-8-8 fertilizer per 200 feet of row before planting. Two level tablespoons of borax should be added to this fertilizer in order to prevent boron deficiency, which causes hollow stalks and blackening of the plant's growing points.

For more information on vegetable gardening and a free home vegetable garden planting guide, drop by or call 296-1996, the Agricultural Extension office in Kenansville.

Prune Grapevines Now:

Anytime within the next month will be an excellent time for homeowners to prune grapevines, according to Kenneth M. Teeter, Duplin County agricultural extension agent. Many people are concerned that the "bleeding" that takes place after pruning will kill the vines, but research has proven that even though bleeding appears excessive, it causes no harm.

Teeter feels that if homeowners wanting to prune grapevines would remember some of the basic steps in pruning that the productivity of most grapevines could be greatly increased.

One of the important steps is remembering that the grape crops will be borne from buds that are on the runners that grew during the previous summer. Any wood that is over one year old will not bear any grapes. With this in mind, producers can follow the rule of thumb of cutting 85 percent of the grapevine off in pruning. Care should be taken to leave ample spurs, three to five inches long, from wood that was produced during the previous summer.

It is also important that pruning be done annually so that excessive accumulation of old wood is avoided. It is also pointed out that when pruning is done annually, it is generally easier to handle and requires less time.

Training systems used are also very important when considering pruning. Teeter points out that overhead arbors are much more difficult to prune correctly and require more time and effort than the newer systems of trellising on wires. One of the most desirable trellises for a homeowner is the Monson system, which is constructed very similarly to a two-wire close-line. For more information on pruning and training grape vines, contact Ken Teeter at the Duplin County Agricultural Extension Service in Kenansville.

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