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Garden Time

BY M. E. GARDNER

N. C. State

I again remind my readers of an important event to all North Carolinians and our neighbors from other states. The fifth Southeastern Flower and Garden Show to be staged in Charlotte, March 6-14. As was the case in 1964, the site will be the Merchandise Mart, 2500 E. Independence, Charlotte, N. C.

The "Mart" is spacious, comfortable and convenient. The floor plan is designed for adequate exhibit space and easy flow of pedestrian traffic. If your energy begins to lag a little, you can get a quick pick-up at the very nice cafeteria and rest your feet. You might even find a comfortable seat where you can relax and read the Charlotte Observer, the sponsor of the event. So much for the many little niceties provided for your physical comfort. Perhaps a few comments on what you can expect to see will be appropriate.

Let me say in the beginning that, in my opinion, the Southeastern Flower and Garden Show is the Grand Opera of garden shows in the Southeast. There is something here for everyone regardless of whether or not you

are engaged in farming, industry or some type of business.

Everyone appreciates beauty but I think sometimes that we are not very aggressive in creating beauty or in maintaining it once it is created. Here you will find a storehouse of ideas for creating a happy and desirable environment for your family, especially the children.

From the 16 professionally designed and landscaped gardens you should be able to pick up many new ideas concerning the selection of plant materials and their proper use in the landscape plan. The same is true for interiors and for outdoor living.

In a very real sense that is also a trade show because you will see the latest in children's play yards, garden tools and equipment, swimming pools, pesticides, including weed killers, patio construction, fertilizers, picnic equipment, pottery, statuary, and greenhouses.

No encouragement is needed for the 19,000 garden clubbers in the Old North State because many of them are already making plans. But how about you Pop? Couldn't you steal a little time off and take the lady to the show? And the children?

Divine Challenge

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A SOFT answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger. Proverbs 15:1.

I am sure that it would do us good to read the entire fifteenth chapter of Proverbs. So before you read any farther into this article hunt up your Bible and turn to Proverbs and start reading.

Have you ever said anything you really didn't mean to say? I am sure that all of us have. I have said things that shouldn't have been said by anyone. But after the words were said I was sorry. Please remember after words have been said there is NO WAY that we can UNSPEAK them.

Why do we have hard feelings and fight among people? Generally one person will say something and the other person will knock him down. We forget that when we answer someone in a soft voice that it has its effect. Even our enemy respect us when we speak to him in a soft voice. And if we continue

to speak to him in a soft voice we have a good chance of making him our friend.

It generally takes two or more to argue to have a fight. A person would look (and be) foolish if he started hitting himself over the head with a club because he was mad at himself. And a person is just as foolish to hit his neighbor over the head with a club because he is mad at him. If we hit our neighbor he is almost certain to hit back. And he may hit us harder than we hit him. Let me ask you, would it be better to hit ourselves over the head with a club or stick and let our neighbor go or hit our neighbor and take the chance of being hit back? I am sure that we would just tap our own head but would our neighbor? You just answer that question.

Harsh words is one of the things that can start a fight in just a few seconds. We can take the same reasoning here that we took in fighting. First don't get in the fight in the first place but if we do just pick up something and hit our own selves in the head and

walk off. The fellow that you left behind will be in such a position that he may do the same.

Did you ever try to put tooth paste back in the tube after you pushed it out? If you have you find that it is a very hard thing to do especially if we try to put it back the same way it came out. Wouldn't it be better not to speak the harsh words to begin with? I am sure that if we never speak to people in a harsh way we will have more friends.

Please remember that we are just as wrong to make our brother mad as we are when we break any one of the commandments. The Bible tells us not to make our brother mad. Or provoke our children to wrath. Je. 44:8.

May God bless each one of you until next week.

Talent Show At East Yancey

NOTICE! Coming soon. . . . Students at East Yancey will participate in the forthcoming Talent Show. There will be solos, group singing, instrumentals, bands, and dancing at the East Yancey High School auditorium, Friday, March 19, at 8 o'clock in the evening. The Talent Show is sponsored by the East Yancey Parent Teachers Association. Admission for the Show will be \$.50 & \$1.00.

Men In Service

FORT JACKSON, S. C. (AHTNC) — Army Pvt. Ronald B. Thomas, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Thomas, Route 5, Box 224, Burnsville, N. C., completed a light vehicle driver course at Fort Jackson, S. C., March 4.

During the course Thomas received instruction in the operation and maintenance of military vehicles up to and including the two and one-half ton truck.

Thomas was graduated from East Yancey High School in 1964.

MEMPHIS, TENN. (AHTNC) March 1—Aviation Machinist's Mate Airman Alan V. Cooper, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Cooper of Burnsville, N. C. completed the Aviation Machinist's Mate Reciprocating Engine Course Feb. 11, at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Memphis, Tenn.

During the nine-week course he studied reciprocating power plants and line operations. The curriculum included familiarization of intermediate, major and special inspections and power plant accessories.

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Advisory Council Report on Social Security

This is the second in a series of question-and-answer articles covering the report of the Advisory Council on Social Security which recently completed a study of, and made its report and recommendations regarding the social security program.

By: D. C. Nichols
Field Representative

QUESTION: What was the Council's finding concerning the method of financing the social security system?

ANSWER: That question can be best answered by quoting from the Council's report: "The social security program. . . is soundly financed, its funds are properly invested, and its operations are properly managed. . . . The program is soundly financed, its funds are properly invested, and its operations are properly managed. . . . The program is soundly financed, its funds are properly invested, and its operations are properly managed. . . ."

Q. Is it necessary that the system have current assets sufficient to meet all future anticipated costs and expenditures?

A. Quoting again from the Council's report: "A compulsory social insurance program is correctly considered soundly financed if, on the basis of actuarial estimates, current assets plus future income are expected to be sufficient to cover all obligations of the program. The present system meets this test."

Q. Does this, then, differ from the necessary financial structure of private insurance?

A. Yes, and naturally so. Quoting once more from the report: "The claim sometimes made that the system is financially unsound. . . grows out of a false analogy with private insurance, which because of its voluntary character cannot count on income from new entrants to make a part of the future obligations for the present covered group."

Q. In arriving at the actuarial estimates, what wage level is as-

sumed and used?

A. The actuarial estimates are based on the assumption that the present level of wages will continue to rise in the future, as they have in the past (though not, of course, at a constant rate). The Council considers that a desirable margin of safety is provided since wage increases will produce more income to the trust funds. In addition, as a cushion against an economic downturn, there are accumulated reserves now of \$22 billion in the trust funds.

B. Did the Council make any recommendation regarding the present method of investment of the social security trust funds?

A. Yes, and two of its recommendations relating to the trust funds are pertinent and of particular interest: (1) That the present method of investing the monies in the trust funds in U. S. Government securities, and returning the earned interest to the funds, should be continued; and (2) that the tax rate should always be set high enough to ensure that the income exceeds the outgo year by year. Not to do so may lead to public misunderstanding, the report points out — no matter what the long-range projection and expectation may be.

F.F.A. & 4-H Horticultural Crops Contest To Be Held

Announcement of a horticultural crops contest for 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America members in 18 Western North Carolina counties has been made by William A. V. Cecil, chairman of the Horticultural Crops Commission of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council.

Purpose of the contest according to Cecil is "to encourage interest among the farm youth of this area in producing horticultural crops and to recognize the boys and girls with the most outstanding projects."

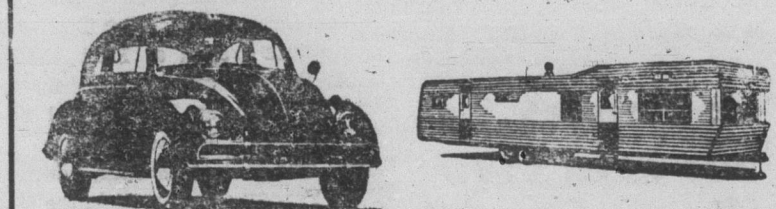
The contest is being sponsored by the Agricultural Development Council in cooperation with the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service and vocational agriculture departments. Participation will be open to all 4-H Club and FFA members with projects in vegetable and fruit crops, small fruits and orna-

mentals. Cash awards will be presented to the area winners at the annual meeting of the Agricultural Development Council at the Asheville City Auditorium next December. First prize will be \$65; second prize \$35; third prize \$25; and five honorable mention awards of \$10 each. These are sponsored by Gerber Products Company, Asheville Floral Company, Biltmore Estate and 3-D Farms of Fletcher.

There is no limit in the number of entries per county. Eligible counties are Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania and Yancey.

Information on the contest and record forms will be available from 4-H Club agents and vocational agriculture teachers.

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