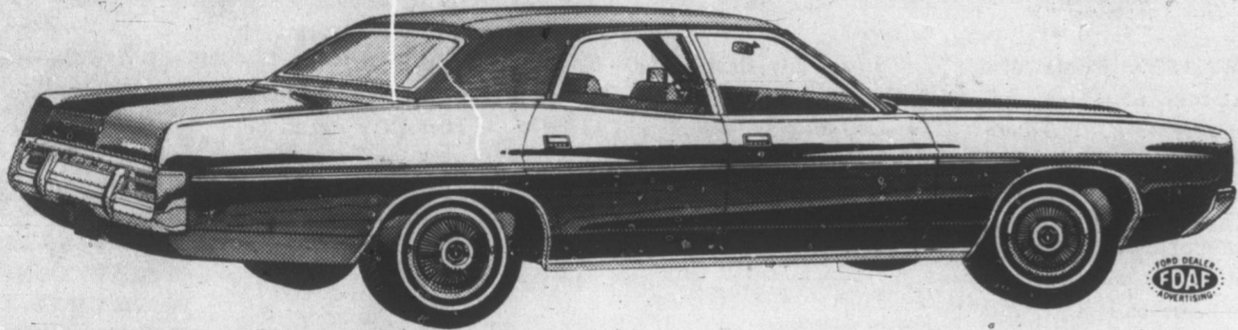


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Burnsville

## Robertson Has Many Crafts

At the Mt. Mitchell Crafts Fair, Burnsville, N.C. on August 4 and 5 there will be many local craftsmen who have learned how to make their crafts through years of experience. Among them is Mrs. Ida Robertson of Route 3, Burnsville, who is known for her old fashion sun bonnets, quilts, jellies and jams. Having been taught these crafts by her mother, Ida also grows African violets for selling to Sears in Asheville. Her crafts are sold at home and sun bonnets are sold to Mrs. Roberts' Gift Shop in Asheville. In addition to her other interests, Ida grows strawberries, blueberries, and raspberries. She has been active as a craftsman for five years and has been a member of the Blue Ridge Hearthside Crafts Association.



## Happy Birthday, George!

Capt. George Downing stands in front of the Country Store holding a giant 3 1/2 x 2 1/2 ft. birthday postcard he received from Winston-Salem artist George Briggs. Downing said the card, which can be seen at the Y.C.C.S., is the largest one that can go through the U.S. Mails. Briggs makes the handpainted cards to order with any theme or message and mails them direct from his studio in Winston-Salem. The postcards cost \$10.00 plus an additional \$2.00 for air mail special delivery. Briggs, who uses brilliant colors and paints, is a self taught artist and has had his works displayed in the Syracuse Museum of Fine Arts, at Colgate University, and several of his works have been displayed in New York Galleries.

## Local Couple Attend Dinner

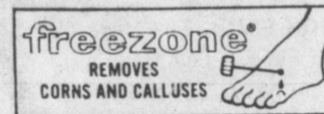
Captain and Mrs. George A. Downing, proprietors of Yancey County Country Store, Burnsville, attended the Tri-County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner given at the Spruce Pine Country Club last week. Four awards were given for outstanding performance in the community, by George Conard, President.

Dr. Herbert W. Wey, Director of Appalachian State College, Boone, was the guest speaker. He pointed out the tremendous growth of the college in recent years and was optimistic in his observations for the future.

## Gospel Sing Is Benefit

The Jacks Creek Baptist Church, located on lower Jacks Creek in Yancey County, is sponsoring a benefit gospel singing at their church for Mr. Lloyd Tolley on Saturday night, June 17th, at 7:30 p. m. Mr. Tolley has been in failing health for several months and is going back to the hospital for major surgery. Mr. Tolley is a well-known singing teacher of gospel music in this area. All of his friends are invited to attend.

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## Garden Time

## Suggestions Given For Handling Berry Plants

By M. E. GARDNER  
 N. C. State University

A request has been received concerning the proper method of handling red raspberry plants after the fruiting period has been completed. Since there is similarity in the handling of black raspberry and dewberry plants we might as well give attention to all three.

The red raspberry: Old fruiting canes should be removed immediately after the crop is harvested. Cut the old canes close to the ground. New canes (suckers) will come from root buds.

If you are using the hedge-row system of training, do not let rows become wider than about two feet. This can be done by cutting out (roots and all) suckers as they appear. If you are using the hill system, save 8-10 canes for the 1973 crop around each stake.

The black raspberry: Remove the old fruiting canes after harvest. This plant does not "sucker" from root buds as the new canes originate at the base or crown of the plant. When the new canes are two or three feet in height, pinch out the tip of each new cane. This will destroy apical dominance and cause branching. Branching is desirable for two reasons: in the first place pinching will result in a low stocky plant; and secondly, the yield should be better the following year.

The dewberry: Old fruiting canes should be removed after harvest as was the case with the red and black raspberries. There are two methods employed depending upon where your planting is located in the state.

In the lower Piedmont and Coastal Plain, all canes (old and new) are removed at the crown or base of the plant. The growing season in these regions is long enough to produce sufficient new canes for a good crop in 1973. This procedure also assists in reducing the severity of disease organisms.

In the mountains, where the growing season is shorter, it is best to remove only the old fruiting canes.

All plants should be cultivated and fertilized after post-harvest treatments as suggested. About 10 ounces of an 8-8-8 fertilizer per plant should be applied evenly around the plants and incorporated with the soil.

If you have strawy stable manure available you might reduce the 8-8-8 to 6 ounces and add a good fork-full around each plant.

## The way we figure it, anyone who's survived ...

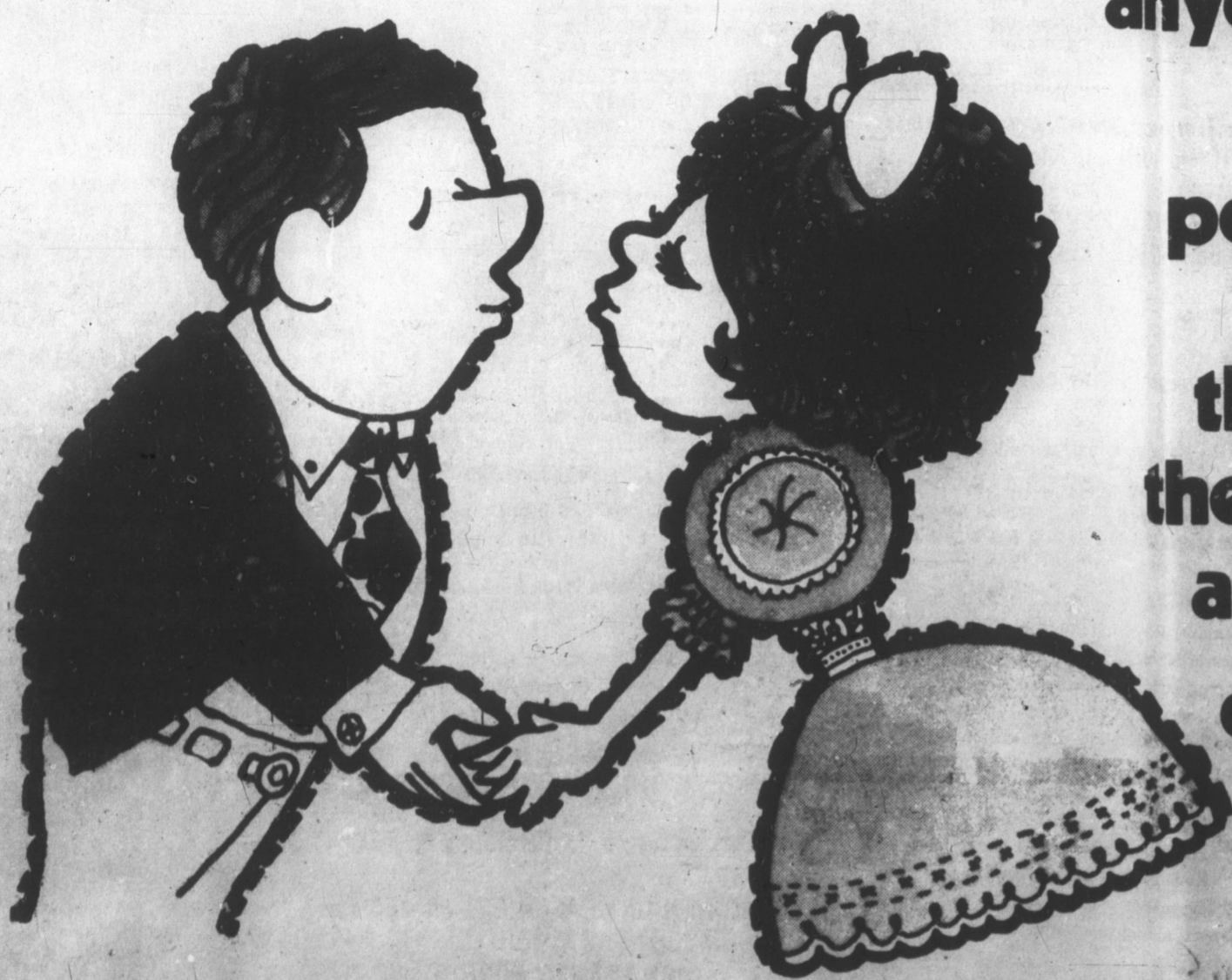
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## More Corn

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