

## Garden Time

By ROBERT SCHMIDT

The dry hot weather of the past two weeks is the cause for a flock of complaints that to-

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Education of Jones County, July 27, 1954, at the Court House, Trenton, N. C., until 2 p.m. (E.S.T.), and immediately thereafter publicly opened and read, for the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment entering into the construction of an addition to Central High School. Proposals received after the hour and date specified above will not be considered.

Separate bids will be received for the General Contract, Electrical Contract and the Heating Contract.

The Building is located about two and one-half miles from the Court House south on Highway 12, and consists of the equivalent of five Classrooms.

Complete plans, specifications and contract documents will be open for inspection at the office of John J. Rowland, Architect, 129 W. Gordon St., Kinston, N. C. Plans and specifications, and other contract documents may be obtained by prime contractors upon deposit of \$15.00 in cash or check, for General Contract; \$10.00 in cash or check for Heating and Electrical Contracts. The full deposit will be returned to contractors submitting bona fide proposals, provided plans and specifications are returned to the Architect in good condition within 5 days after the date set for receiving bids. Subcontractor's deposits will be refunded less cost of printing and handling.

All Contractors are hereby notified that they must have proper license under State laws governing their respective trades.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a cash deposit, or by a certified check drawn on and certified by some bank or trust company insured by the Federal Deposit Ins. Corp., in an amount equal to not less than 5 per cent of the proposal; or in lieu thereof a bidder may offer a bid bond in the amount of 5 per cent of the bid; said deposit to be retained by Owner as liquidated damages in event of failure of the successful bidder to execute the contract within ten days after the award, or to give satisfactory surety as required by law. (Public Laws 1933, Sec. 1, Chapt. 400, General Statutes of North Carolina, 1943, C-143 Art. 8 S. 129.)

Performance Bond will be required in amount of 100 per cent of the contract price.

Payment will be made on the basis of ninety (90) percent of monthly estimates and final payment made upon completion and acceptance of the work in about 10 days.

No bid may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for the receipt of bids for a period of thirty days. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive informalities.

Signed: BOARD OF EDUCATION; JONES COUNTY

Date: June 30, 1954

By E. M. PHILLAW, Chairman  
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matoes are rotting on the lower side or blossom end of the fruit. The condition occurs on small green fruits as well as on fruits almost ripe.

This is not an organic disease but rather a physiological condition known as blossom-end rot. It appears to be caused by extremes in weather conditions—either by periods of dry weather or periods of excessive rainfall. In periods of dry weather it can be held in check by providing irrigation. However, don't wait until you have lost a large percentage of your tomatoes, but irrigate as soon as lack of sufficient moisture is evident. Mulching plants with a deep layer of straw or leaves will prevent loss of moisture from the soil and will cut down on the blossom-end rot.

In the mountain area it will be necessary to control late blight if you wish to be successful with tomatoes. This is the same disease that attacks Irish potatoes. Use a copper spray such as tribasic copper sulfate or Copper A compound and keep the plants well covered.

I examined the tomato plants in my garden a few days ago and found that I had a very poor set of early fruit on one of the varieties. They had been in

bloom during the week that we had such cool nights and it seems that the blossoms all dropped off instead of setting fruit. I suspect that tomato plants in many other gardens reacted the same as mine. This will often happen when temperatures are abnormally low (below 60 degrees) or sometimes when they are excessively high.

Sometimes there will be a heavy blossom drop when we have a long period of rainy weather.

Blossom drop of tomatoes due to periods of cool weather may be prevented by spraying the open blossoms with one of the fruit setting hormones sold under the trade names such as Blossom-Set, Fruitone, Sure-Set and others. You can obtain these materials at any seed store.

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