

AROUND THE DISTRICT

By George Vitas,

If we were asked to name our most common grass, here in the South, we would all quickly say "broomsedge." We see it growing along our highways, in our poorly stocked woodlands, and we see entire fields taken over by this grass. Many of our farmers will tell us that broomsedge is much TOO common, and that it is little better than a weed. A farmer will tell us that a cow or other livestock will not eat it, if they can find anything else to eat. One farmer said that if a cow would eat it, she would need to travel five miles an hour, eight hours a day, to eat enough to keep her going. Most landowners would like to rid their land of broomsedge, but it seems we have been using the wrong methods. When we wanted to get rid of a dense growth of broomsedge, our first thought was: "Burn it off." We would set it on fire and burn the old growth off. Then the rains would come, wash away the ashes and much of the exposed soil and humus, and leave the land poorer than it was before. Then what happened? The broomsedge would come back denser than it was before.

As much as we hate to admit it, broomsedge is a sort of symbol—a symbol of abused land. It thrives on poor, barren soils. In fact, the coming of broomsedge is Mother Nature's first step towards healing the soil, and correcting Man's mistakes with land use. Since we can't get rid of broomsedge by burning, how can we rid our land of this "weed"? That can be answered in three words: ENRICH THE SOIL. Our research science boys have proven that fact. They've proved that fertilizing is the best way of controlling broomsedge. Here's what they did. Six test plots or strips were marked off, each of which had a coverage of 75% broomsedge. Three of these plots were burned off each year. The other three were left unburned. In burned and unburned pairs, two plots were left unfertilized; two were fertilized with only 230 pounds of 0-20-0 each year; and two were treated with 600 pounds of 8-8-8 fertilizer each year. This was carried on for a period of five years, and at the end of that time here's what had happened. Two of the plots hadn't changed their broomsedge cover noticeably. They were the unfertilized, unburned plot and the one that was lightly fertilized and burned each year. The one burned every year, but HEAVILY fertilized had reduced its broomsedge cover to 25%; while the broomsedge on the lightly fertilized plot that was NOT BURNED was down to a cover of 15%. We can readily see that the oftener we burn, the MORE fertilizer it will take to get rid of the broomsedge. So far, we have only told what happened on four of the six plots, we saved the worst—AND THE BEST—for last. The plot that was never fertilized and burned

over every year was completely taken over by the broomsedge—100% But the heavily fertilized and unburned plot had reduced its broomsedge to ONLY 8%.

The above study shows us that if we are going to allow fire, there is not much use in using fertilizer. We all know that the old dead broomsedge or any other cover will PREVENT erosion — will hold the fertilizer and will allow better grass or other vegetation to take over from the broomsedge.

Another good thought is the fact that the fewer broomsedge fields that are burned off, the fewer forest and field fires we will have each year. Many, many forest fires are started by burning sedge fields in the spring. Tons of soil go down stream because the old vegetation is burned off each year, and nothing is left to hold back the run-off of the rains. May the day soon come, when we have made our soil TOO GOOD—to grow broomsedge!



LEON L. GILLESPIE

Funeral services for Leon Livingston Gillespie, 68, were held Monday at 2 p. m. in the chapel of Brownell-Dunn and Lovin Funeral Home.

Mr. Gillespie died Friday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Minnie Morris of Swannanoa RFD 1, after a short illness.

The Rev. Embree H. Blackard officiated. Graveside rites at East Fork Methodist church cemetery were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Holmes of Brevard.

Nephews served as pallbearers.

Honorary pallbearers were Ray Stewart, T. Galumbeck, Edwin Sams, E. R. Cooper, Charles Hill, Banks White, Samuel Book, George White, Joe Cooper, Dr. Hubert Clapp, George Digges, and members of the Sheriff's department.

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Speaking Of HOMEMAKING

By Mrs. Elizabeth G. Parham
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QUICKIES

Pastry Turnovers

1 recipe of pastry
2 cups cooked vegetables or
2 cups chopped cooked meat
Roll out pastry about 1/4 inch thick. Cut in six 6-inch squares. Place 1/4 to 1/3 cup filling in center of each square. Fold diagonally, moisten edges and seal. Prick tops with fork. Brush lightly with mixture of one beaten egg yolk and 2 tbsp. milk. Bake on greased baking sheet in 475 degree oven about 10 to 12 minutes, or until golden brown. Serve with mushroom sauce.

Mushroom Sauce

Mix one can condensed cream of mushroom soup with half as much milk. Heat and serve over turnovers.

Stuffed Meat Patties

1 1/2 lbs. ground beef
1 1/2 tsp. salt
1/4 tsp. pepper
3 cups dry bread cubes
1/2 tsp. sage
3 tbsp. chopped onion
1/3 cup butter
1 cup sour cream
2 tbsp. mustard-with-horseradish

Combine meat with salt and pepper; form into 12 flat patties about 1/4-inch thick. Combine bread cubes, onion and seasonings, stir in melted butter and enough water to moisten. Place a layer of bread stuffing on 6 patties and top each with a remaining patty, press together lightly, place in baking pan which has been greased with melted butter and dot each patty with butter. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes. Remove patties from pan and stir sour cream and mustard-with-horseradish into drippings. Pour over patties to serve.

One-Dish Casserole

2 cups drained whole kernel corn
1 cup drained canned limas
1 onion, finely chopped
2 tbsp. prepared mustard
3 tbsp. golden syrup
1 tsp. salt
1/2 tsp. mono sodium glutamate
1/2 cup tomato juice
Combine corn, limas, and onion; spread over bottom of shallow greased baking dish. Slice luncheon meat into slives and spread with mustard. Arrange meat slices on top of vegetables. Combine remaining ingredients. Pour over top of meat. Bake at 400 degrees for 30 minutes.

FIRST TIME IN YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Frederick and daughter, Raietta, of Louisville, Ky., visited Mrs. Frederick's father, R. J. Daugherty, and sister, Mrs. W. M. Fortune, last week. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Daugherty and son, Fred Jr., of Kings Mountain were also visitors here. This is the first time in years that all of the Daugherty children have been home at the same time.

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Black Mountain (NC) NEWS—
Thursday, August 30, 1951

GUESTS FROM HAZARD

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Brown and son, Marcus Neil, and a friend, Miss Sue Campbell and Charli Brown, all of Hazard, Ky., were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Begley and son Wendel.

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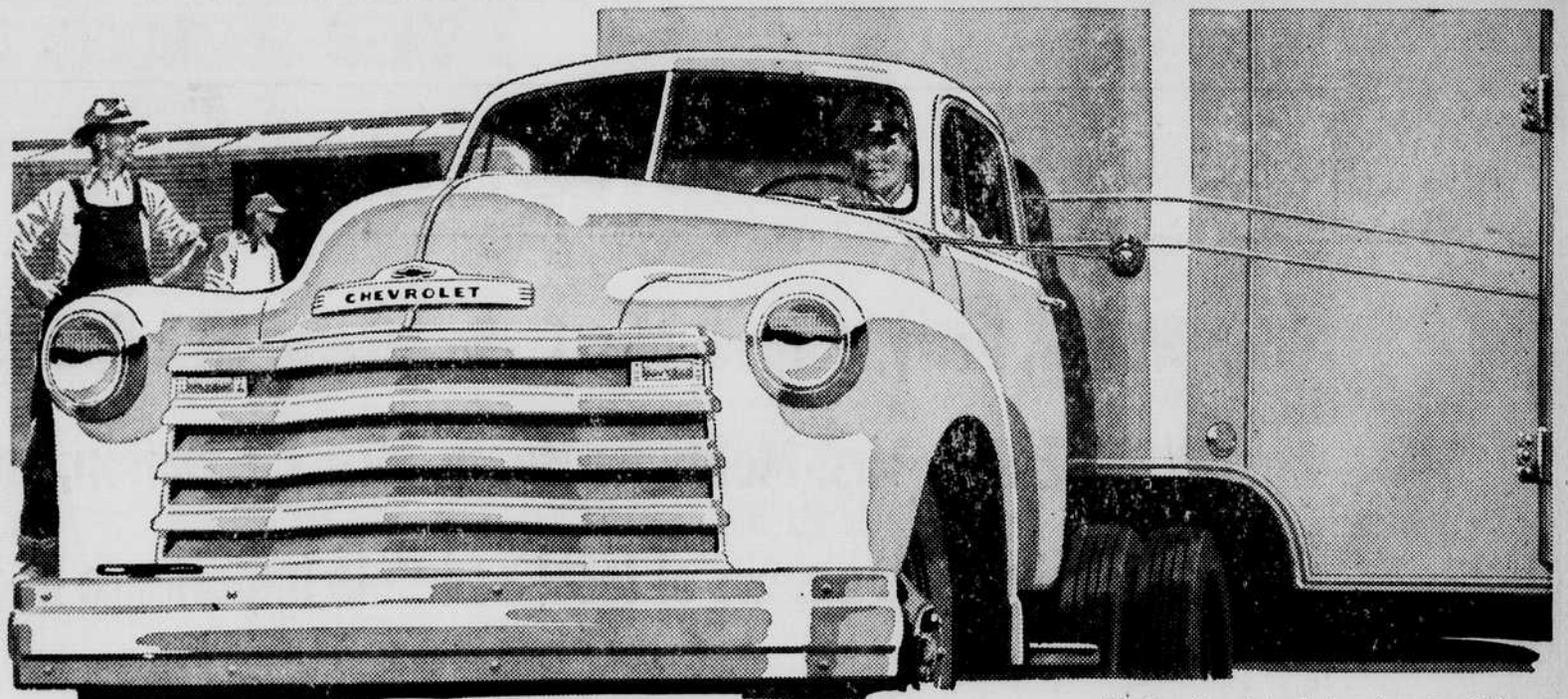
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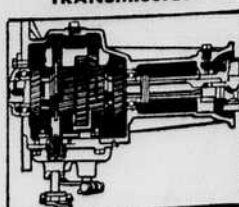
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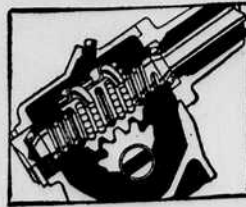
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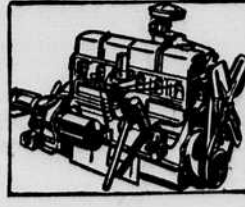
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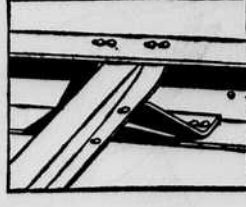
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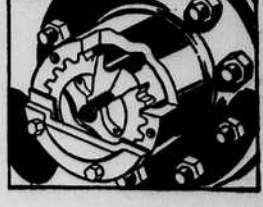
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