

Short Cuts to Better Gardens

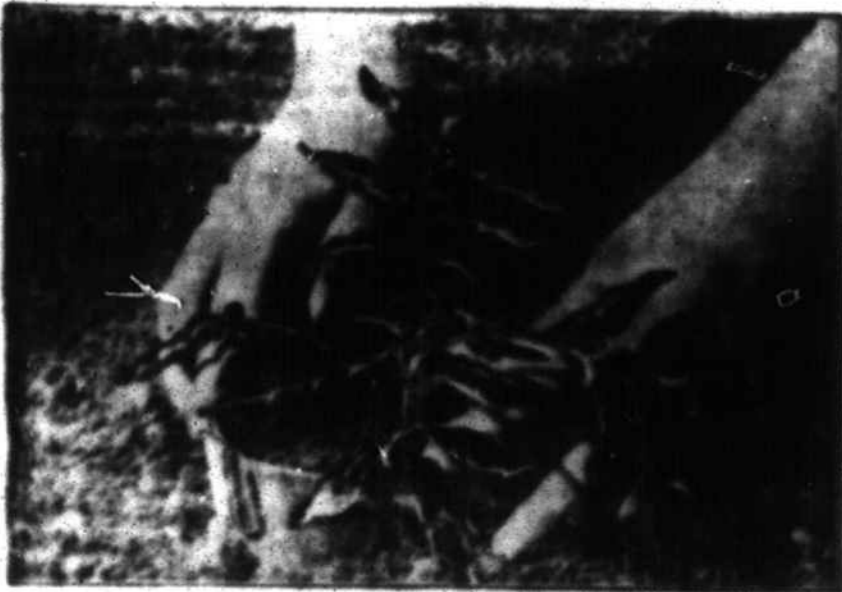


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Many a Victor Gardener has learned a lot from experience in the past three years. Various kinds, devices, and methods have been found helpful in making vegetable and flower growing easier, more efficient, and more enjoyable. Here are a few of them picked up here and there.

There's the quick trick of making the rate handle flat on the ground parallel to other rows and pressing it lightly into the soil. The soil, of course, must be of fine texture and well prepared. The shallow depression left by the handle is just the right depth for lettuce, carrot and other tiny vegetable and flower seeds which should not be planted more than a quarter-inch deep. The row can then be speedily covered by gently taking a thin layer of soil over it and tamping it down.

Mixing small seeds with a handful of sand or fine soil before sowing is a good idea. This method keeps the seed from blowing around and from being sown too thickly.

Do you suspect the presence of that empty nuisance, the cutworm, in your garden plot? The pest frequently digs in the soil and slips off young plants at the base during the night while you sleep. Tomato and pepper plants are often victims as well as other transplanted seedlings. To combat this enemy, a paper "collar" is a handy device. Cut a strip of flexible

cardboard about six inches wide and long enough to make the proper size hollow cylinder for encircling the plant you want to protect. Fasten the lapped ends together with a couple of paper clips. Or, if available, use a paper cup with the bottom cut out. Slide the collar over the little plant when setting it out, sinking it about half way into the soil as shown in the illustration.

If your garden is 50x75 feet in size or larger, plan to include a wheel hoe among your garden implements this year if at all possible. You can do the job of cultivating in about one-third the time it takes with a hand hoe. Remember, however, in laying out the garden for wheel hoe use, a little more space will be needed between rows than for hand hoe cultivation. With a wheel hoe you can travel up and down the garden rows with little more exertion than running a carpet sweeper over a rug. Weeds are quickly destroyed, the soil is well stirred, and there's seldom a backache in this kind of garden care.

Weekly Legislative Summary

INSTITUTE OF GOVERNMENT
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

At the end of the fifth full week of the session, the 1945 General Assembly was still opening considerably behind the record of the 1943 body with respect to the number of bills introduced. The 53rd legislative day saw the introduction of House Bill 240 and Senate bill 179 for a total of 519, as against 469 House bills and 202 Senate bills for a total of 671 for the same period last session. The percentages are approximately 72 percent for the House, 80 percent for the Senate, and 77 percent for the total, as compared with last session.

The number of bills introduced, however, cannot be safely relied upon as an index to the amount of work accomplished to date, nor as an indication as to how near the General Assembly is to adjournment. Most of the major bills arise and are well on the way toward final action, whatever that action may turn out to be. Many of the bills are quite lengthy and if enacted would make substantial changes in our laws, and the breadth and scope of some single bills, embodying subject matter and proposing statutory changes which at other sessions might have been handled by many separate bills, go a long way toward making up the numerical count. General revision of laws proposed by such bills as those relating to insurance, unemployment compensation, motor vehicles, seed, weights and measures and statutory recodification and clarification bring the volume of the 1945 body well in line with that of 1943. The revenue and appropriations bills are still in committee, but indications are that they are least as near the reporting stage as they were at this time last session. Opinions as to the probable adjournment date vary considerably, but the favorite guess at present is somewhere between the 6th and 9th of March. The date of adjournment depends on a considerable extent upon the fights which may develop in the future, and the relative strength of the contenders. Fights of varying intensity do develop all along the line, but unless the contending forces are fairly even, the fights are likely to be short though sharp.

The principal pressure toward breaking through the recommendations of the budget appropriation bill continues to come from proponents of increased salaries for teachers and proponents of increased support for the State's mental institutions, and particularly for Caswell Training School. The teachers and their friends are greatly dissatisfied with the salary scale proposed in the bill, and they are also opposed to writing the salary schedule into the law rather than leaving the actual schedule to be worked out by the Board of Education as an administrative matter. On Thursday, joint resolutions were introduced in the Senate and House simultaneously. Declaring the policy of the State with respect to the fixing of a salary scale for, and the payment of salaries of, public school teachers and principals. These resolutions, which were signed by a majority in the House and by fourteen Senators, declare that the fixing of a salary schedule is an administrative rather than a legislative function, and that the appropriation should be sufficient to enable the State Board of Education to fix a teacher salary schedule ranging from \$1,125 for holders of A certificates with no experience to \$1,800 for A teachers with 9 years of experience, and that principals shall be paid on a ten-month basis. These resolutions were sent to the Appropriations Committee, which is considering the teachers' salary requests.

Pursuant to the recommendations of commissions appointed by Governor Hightower, bills were introduced on Thursday and Friday of this week to establish two institutions, one for the care of feeble-minded Negro children, and the other for the care of epileptic children, of whom there are said to be over 1000 in this State.

As to existing State institutions, a comprehensive bill was introduced on Friday to reorganize the management of the various State institutions for the care of the insane, and another making rather far-reaching changes in the method of commitment and discharge of persons suffering with mental disorders and providing for commitments for observation. A joint resolution would recognize the primary claims of the Caswell Training School for a building program as soon as conditions will permit.

As to sanitation, one bill would appropriate \$75,000 to assist counties to provide modern sanitary facilities and water supplies in their schools, another would require rigid inspection of sanitary facilities in schools, and a third would appoint a commission to a study of sanitary and other aspects of the State's penal institutions.

As to personal health, new bills would make more stringent the provisions about vaccinating children five months and diphtheria and require their immunization against whooping cough. A change would also be made in the health certificate required of applicants for marriage licenses.

Resolved jointly, perhaps by the unanimous charge of doctors, another bill would permit the closing of such in districts' offices and in school, industrial and hospital clinics by registered hygienists who are not themselves doctors.

Sgt. Reynolds Returns To States

Marine Corps Air Post, Miamar, Calif. — Marine Sgt. Roy L. Reynolds, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds of Route 2, has returned here from the Pacific, where he was an ordnanceman with a Fourth Marine Air Wing Squadron.

He was based in the Marshall Islands and on Midway. The young Marine attended Kings Mountain High School, where he participated in basketball, football. Prior to enlisting in December, 1942, he was employed by the War Production Board at Washington, D. C. He was promoted to his present rank in June, 1944.

Three brothers, Thomas, Paul, and James, are serving with the Army.

North Carolina growers have an extra 20,000 bushels of the Louisiana Purple Skin sweet potato this year so certified seed stock. The variety gives extra yields and quality.

The one ingredient when fully grown, contains 10 gallons of pure oil.

Can Advertising Be 'Lopped' Off While We're At WAR

RAYMOND MOLEY, an authority on national and international business, describes "an experiment in which seventeen major business ceased or materially reduced their advertising for the duration."

- THESE WERE THE RESULTS:**
- Six sold out or were absorbed by competitors.
 - One failed and went out of business.
 - One went into receivership.
 - One was deflated 97 per cent in terms of personnel.
 - One lost 81 per cent of its sales volume.
 - One ended with only two customers.
 - Three completely lost their leadership in their fields.
 - One was operated by banks for five years.
 - Two found their competitors had grown at their expense.

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Protect your future...business and advertising investment by continuing to advertise in The Newspaper that gives full coverage for your market.....

The Kings Mountain Herald

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Army Discontinues Dog Training

ATLANTA, Ga. — The training of war dogs for the detection of buried enemy mines has been discontinued by the Quartermaster Corps, it has been announced by Headquarters, Fourth Service Command.

The training of dogs for this purpose was started little more than a year ago and it was discovered that the dogs could detect a certain percentage of buried mines, it is explained. However, continue the re-

port, tests under field conditions in theaters of operation showed that while the dogs could find a good percentage of buried mines, the percentage was not high enough to justify the use of men and dogs as a substitute for more efficient mechanical devices.

Training of scout and messenger dogs, whose performance against the Japanese already is credited with the saving of hundreds of American soldiers, will be continued.

Newspaper advertisements for Marine recruits were published in 1940.

"Cupid's Target"
AS FEATURED IN "GLAMOUR"

A sweetheart from the heart-embroidered blouse to the smoothly gathered skirt. Main subject in FUN-damental 50% elegant! Showcases Bayon Crepe, in White Sand Soie, Florida Sky Blue, Day and Gray. Size 9 to 12.

\$12.95

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