



GARDEN TIME

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There is an old saying to the effect that when the dogwoods begin to bloom it is time to plant corn. That time will soon be here and we should have our seed on hand ready to plant.

In the past, especially in eastern North Carolina, most of the corn planted for roasting ears has been of early field corn varieties, such as Truckers Favorite and Early Adams. In recent years there have been many commercial plantings of sweet corn in the State, and there has been more sweet corn grown in the home gardens.

Once you grow true sweet corn you will never go back to the field corn varieties. There is no

comparison in the quality of the two types. Sweet corn has a high sugar content and is very tender. The objections to sweet corn have been that the ears are small and that corn ear-worm damage is often severe. There are now many varieties of sweet corn with large ears and the entomologists have developed a fairly good control for the ear-worm.

Many excellent hybrid varieties of sweet corn have been developed by the seed breeders. In order of airiness some of the best varieties are: North Star, Carmelcross, Hoosier Gold, Seneca Chief, Golden Cross Bantam, Ioana, Aristogold, and Lincoln. For a succession of corn early and late varieties may be planted at the same time, or a desired variety may be planted at two-week intervals. It is best to plant two or three rows of a variety at the same time in Sweet corn may be planted a little earlier to insure proper pollination, closer than field corn because it usually makes a smaller stalk growth.

Sweet corn is of best quality if used as soon as harvested. If it cannot be used immediately, it should be kept on ice or in the refrigerator; otherwise it will lose a part of its sugar content in a few hours.

A hen must lay about 130 eggs just to pay for her feed and upkeep, say poultry specialists at State College. The profit is made on the eggs she lays above this number.

"Carolinas Night" Set At Winthrop

ROCK HILL — Musicians of North and South Carolina will perform at Winthrop college Thursday, April 3, for "Carolinas Night" the final attraction on Winthrop's 1951-52 artists series.

The second annual Winthrop concert featuring all-Carolina artists, the program will begin at 8 p. m. in the auditorium.

Performers will include the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra with James Christian Pfohl conducting, Violinist Jeanne Mitchell, Baritone John Richards McCrae, and Pianist Thomas Brockman.

The Charlotte Symphony appeared at Winthrop last year on the first "Carolinas Night" concert. A community orchestra, its 50 players are citizens of the North Carolina city.

Conductor Pfohl, also a North Carolinian, is director of music at Davidson college and founded Transylvania Music Camp at Brevard. He originated the annual Brevard Music Festival which has received national recognition in music circles.

A native of Wilmington, N. C., Miss Mitchell made her New York debut in 1947 at the age of 21. She has made a number of solo appearances with the New York Philharmonic Symphony, and is now on her second major nationwide concert tour.

McCrae, South Carolina born and reared, is currently producer-director of the South Carolina Opera Workshop. He has given concerts throughout the United States and Canada. Most of his singing career has been in opera.

Pianist Brockman, born at Greer, first studied in South Carolina with private teachers and at Converse College. At 17, after playing for Pianist Josef Hofmann he was awarded a scholarship at the Curtis Institute of Music. He later studied with Olga Samaroff and was graduated from the Juilliard School of Music in 1948. He has performed with Conductors Eugene Ormandy and Dimitri Mitropoulos and has given concerts in New York, Boston, Washington, and other cities.

Ticket information for the "Carolinas Night" concert may be obtained from the Bureau's office, Winthrop college.

Horse and mule numbers in the United States have been declining for the past 25 years.



Miss Fannie Funderburke

Scout Director Resigns Post

Miss Fannie Funderburke, Executive Director of the Pioneer Girl Scout Area Council since its organization in 1947, resigned at the March meeting of the council Board to accept a similar position with the Bibb County Girl Scout Council, with Hdqrs. in Macon, Georgia. Since the new position offers professional advancement for Miss Funderburke, the resignation was accepted with regret by the local Board. Miss Funderburke will take over the position in Macon on June 1.

Many years of service in Girl Scouting have been given to this section of North Carolina by Miss Funderburke. In May 1938 she came to Gastonia as Executive of the Gaston County Girl Scout Council, which position she resigned in September 1941 to serve as a Traveling Executive to a number of councils in N. C.; Georgia and Florida. In 1943 she became a member of the National Girl Scout staff, serving as Camp Advisor for Region VI—N. C.; S. C.; Georgia and Florida—until October 1945. At that time she requested leave of absence and returned to again take over the Gaston County executive job.

During 1946 neighboring towns sought organizational help and by January 1947 the Gaston County Council merged with these groups to form the Pioneer Area Council. It now includes Gaston and Lincoln counties and the Kings' Mountain District of Cleveland county.

The Council has experienced healthy growth in all phases of its work under Miss Funderburke's leadership. She has directed Camp Rotary, the council owned camp located at the foot of Crowder Mtn., for eleven of its thirteen seasons, and is lining up plans for the coming summer before she leaves.

Miss Funderburke has also guided the development of Scouting and camping for Negro girls. Beginning in 1947, for four successive years, they have, under the direction of their own leaders, held Day Camps on the Lincoln Academy grounds. In 1951 they enjoyed a four day Troop Camp in Lincoln County. Development plans are now underway at Camp Kiwanis—a 77 acre tract of land given to the Council for a Negro camp site by the Gastonia Kiwanis Club in the fall of 1951. Some type of camping will be carried out on the site this summer.

A musician by training, Miss Funderburke received her education at Chase Conservatory; University of Georgia; Atlanta Conservatory and New York University. In addition she has had extensive training in Girl Scouting at National Girl Scout training schools and camps. Before entering the Girl Scout professional field she taught piano in Columbus, Ga., and Vidalia, Ga.

She first became interested in Girl Scouting through its camp program and served as music director and unit leader at Camp

Improper Lifting Causes Injury

Thousands of persons each year suffer sprains, strains, hernias, and other injuries caused by improper lifting.

This is pointed out by Howard Clap, county farm agent for the State College Extension Service who adds that correct lifting should be practiced until it becomes a habit.

Records of the National Safety Council show the most common causes of lifting injuries are: lifting and lowering with the back muscles; insecure grip or footing and unsafe placing of hands or feet; using quick, jerking, twisting, or awkward movements of the body; obstructed vision, unstable loads, or inadequate control; insufficient help or failure to use mechanical aids.

The body is a mechanical system of levers and hinges, activated by cables just like many machines. Nature intended each bone joint and muscle for a specific purpose. When they are overloaded or used improperly, injuries are invited.

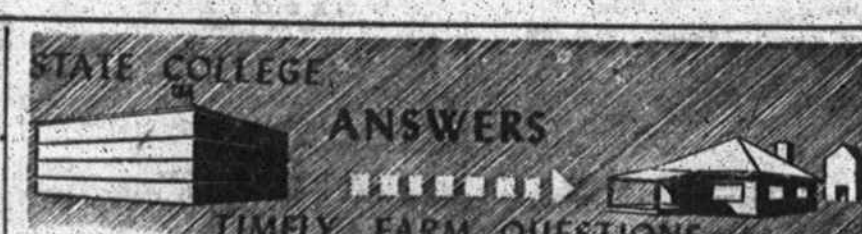
It is a common practice to bend at the waist when reaching down to grasp an object. Lifting in this position places a severe strain on the sensitive back and abdominal muscles. Always bend your knees and keep back straight when it becomes necessary to lift.

Examine farm lifting jobs with a critical eye. Rearrange the work to eliminate or reduce the amount of lifting required. When possible, use simple and safe mechanical aids, such as rope hoists, wooden skids, hand trucks, or inexpensive conveyors.

Juliette Low, a regional Girl Scout camp at Clouland, Georgia. Since becoming interested in Girl Scouting she has served as leader of Girl Scout troops. She is an active member of the First Baptist Church and the Altrusa Club of Gastonia.

Florence N. Young, Pioneer Girl Scout Area Council, Inc.

Many farmers, especially those with larger operations, have been quick to switch to delivery of commercial feed in bulk instead of the traditional 100-pound bags, when such service was offered by their farm supply cooperatives.



STATE COLLEGE ANSWERS TIMELY FARM QUESTIONS

QUESTION: Should milk cows be grazed on rape?
ANSWER: Dr. George H. Wise, head, animal nutrition section, State College, says rape is used chiefly as a pasture crop for swine and sheep. It is also satisfactory for cattle, but there are several precautions to observe.

If the cows are milking, they should be removed from the rape pasture four or five hours before milking to prevent off-flavor of milk. Plenty of salt should be provided to check any undue laxative effect. Finally, to reduce chances of bloat, the animals should be fed dry course feeds, such as hay, before they are put on the rape pasture.

Dr. Wise says it is advisable to check the animals frequently during the first several days to detect any bloating before it reaches the advanced stage.

QUESTION: What are package bees?
ANSWER: These are just ordinary bees put up in packages for shipment and sold by the pound. A queen bee usually accompanies the shipment in a separate little cage of her own.

W. A. Stephen, beekeeper specialist for State College Extension Service, says the business of producing package bees is a "lined more or less to the Southern states—but it's big business. In 1951, some 712,000 pounds of bees were shipped. Usually the packages weigh two pounds and contain 7,000 to 8,000 bees.

Weed Killer Helps Cotton Farmers

A product which will help save hand labor for controlling weeds in cotton fields will be available in commercial quantities for the first time this year, it has been announced by the Esso Standard Oil Company. Known as Esso Weed Killer 38, it has previously been obtainable only in limited quantities but is now ready for all planters.

The new weed killer helps do away with expensive and hard-to-get labor needed for hand hoeing. A complete weed control program for cotton can now be done in three steps: 1. Spray with pre-emergence herbicides before cotton plants appear. This will help delay the growth of weeds; 2. Spray with weed killer after the cotton plants are seven days old and twice more until its stem is about the size of a lead pencil; 3. From then on the plant is strong enough to stand flame cultivation. The cost of such a program is approximately \$10.40 per acre as compared to more than \$18 per acre for hoeing.

About five years ago the Delta Branch Experiment Station at Stoneville, Miss., discovered that certain products supplied to it by the Esso Laboratories do not harm cotton plant stems but are very effective in killing grasses and most annual weeds. Following innumerable tests to discover the formula that gives the

Uchurch Serving With FPO In Hawaii

Willard H. Uchurch, seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Uchurch of Kings Mountain, is serving with the Fleet Post Office at Pearl Harbor, T. H.

Uchurch, who graduated from Kings Mountain high school in June of last year, is a former assistant credit clerk for Dellinger's Jewel Shop. He enlisted in the Navy in August last year.

Uchurch went to Pearl Harbor at the first of January after returning from a 30-day leave.

obtained without charge from the division office of Esso Standard Oil Company located at 901 West First Street, Charlotte, N. C. The booklet gives detailed instructions for application of the product and results of experiments that have been conducted. Included are pictures of available spraying equipment, blueprints showing how to construct spraying equipment, and tables giving quantities of application.

Chemical sprays for blossom thinning—a postwar development in commercial orchards—will be used on an increased number of apple trees this spring.

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