

Newton Serving With 79th Artillery

GIESSEN, Germany (AHTNC)—Hubert G. Newton, 19, son of Lee C. Newton, Bessemer City, N. C., recently was promoted to specialist four in Germany where he is serving with the 3rd Missile Battalion, 79th Artillery. Newton, a rocket assembly spe-

cialist, entered the Army in June 1960 and arrived overseas the following November. He received basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

Specialist Newton is a 1960 graduate of Bessemer City High School. His mother, Mrs. Betty L. Goodman, lives at 214 S. Columbia street, Gastonia.



INTRODUCES PLATES — TV player Connie Stevens (Surfside Six) introduces North Carolina's 1962 auto license plates which go on sale January 2. New regulations concerning the purchase and use of the '62 tags are summed up in a specially prepared leaflet accompanying renewal cards which are already in the mail. Motor Vehicles Department officials strongly urge owners to read carefully the instructions before applying for new tags. The bright new black-on-orange '62 tags must be in use by February 15.

Nazarene Giving At All-Time High

The Church of the Nazarene increased its per capita giving to \$144 in 1961 — a denominational record. The increase was nearly \$2 a person over the preceding year when the denomination ranked first in the nation in per capita giving among Protestant churches with 100,000 or more members, First Church of Kings Mountain announced.

Giving for all purposes in 1961 climbed to a record \$47,122,000, an increase of \$1,772,000. The total was \$45,350,000 in 1960.

The annual statistical report by Dr. S. T. Ludwig, Kansas City, Mo., general secretary, showed the membership increased to 326,870. This was a net gain of 8,732, a gain of 2.6 per cent which was some higher than the preceding year.

Dr. Ludwig said that another 55,000 Nazarenes in foreign lands gave the church a total world membership of 382,000.

The denomination, which stands for scriptural holiness in the Wesleyan tradition, started 35 new churches during the year for a total of 4,775 on Jan. 1, 1962. Gains in enrollment also were

GARDEN TIME
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The purpose of mulches are many and varied. They are regularly used to conserve moisture, regulate soil temperature and help in the control of weeds. In soil management they influence organic matter to some extent, the activity of soil Micro-organisms, and prevent soil erosion and compaction.

Most mulches in common use are some type of organic material — pine and clean grain straw, peanut hulls, ground corn cobs. Of these materials, pine and grain straw will decompose more rapidly than the peanut hulls and corn cobs.

Sawdust and wood shavings last longer as mulches because they decompose slowly. Sawdust is likely to become compressed and prevent rapid penetration to water. If shavings are used, it must be remembered that an adequate supply of nitrogen is necessary to decompose the woody fibers.

A new material called "Forest Mulch" is available and is a by-product of saw milling operations. It is fortified with plant food elements and shows a guaranteed analysis of 1 per cent Nitro-

gen, 1 per cent Phosphorous and 1 per cent Potash-giving a 1-1-1 ratio.

What about peat? Peat is a good and perhaps the best source of organic material available. It is used for mulching, but I believe that it is best to incorporate peat with the soil and mulch with something else.

Plastic materials and aluminum foil, when used as mulches, do not contribute anything to the soil organic content but serve a useful purpose in the home vegetable and flower garden if properly used. The plastic mulch is being more extensively used by commercial growers of strawberries and many other crops.

After a mulch of organic material settles and weathers, it becomes more fixed in location. The soil holds more water and prevents rapid run-off which prevents erosion. Where traffic is heavy, such as between the rows of strawberries, raspberries and staked tomatoes, a good mulch prevents soil compaction.

Whatever mulch you choose, remember that nitrogen fixing bacteria require nitrates for their use in breaking down organic matter and relate your fertilizer program to the type of mulch you are using. The more woody or fibrous the material the greater the demand for nitrogen.

Although Santa Claus doesn't visit Japanese homes, the native god Hoteiosho, the kind old gentlemen who carries a pack on his back and has eyes in the back of his head, makes a realistic substitute gifts bearer. Boys and girls are warned to be good, because the all-seeing Hoteiosho knows everything they are doing.

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Mrs. Byers' Rites Conducted

Funeral rites for Mrs. Daisy Helen Byers, 75, of Grover, were held Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. from Grover's First Baptist church, interment following in the Grover cemetery.

Mrs. Byers died Monday morning at 2:30 a. m. in Cherokee

County hospital at Gaffney, S. C. A native of South Carolina, Mrs. Byers was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jonas C. Blanton and widow of Charles Edgar Byers of Grover who died in 1959. She was a member of Grover's First Baptist church. Surviving are a son, Gilmore Byers of Grover, a daughter, Mrs. S. M. Houck of Jacksonville, Fla., nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

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