

Don't Sample Too Wet Soil

According to County Extension Chairman H. R. Clapp, this has been, in general, a good year for collecting soil samples for soil tests. The soil has not been too wet for extended periods of time as has occurred in past years.

Such wet periods frequently occur during the winter months.

Mr. Clapp states that it is best not to sample extremely wet soils because of the difficulty encountered in obtaining a truly representative sample from a field or area. However, moderately wet soils can be sampled if care is exercised in collecting the samples. For example, soil cores or slices from an area or field should be collected in a clean bucket and then transferred to a clean plastic bag during the sampling of several fields or areas. Each bag should be marked as to the area it represents by clipping a numbered tag to it.

After the samples have been collected, the soil must be poured out of the plastic bags onto waxed paper to air dry for two or three days. When the soil becomes sufficiently dry, mix each sample of soil in a clean bucket and transfer a portion to a regular soil sampling carton. The sample cartons are then placed in regular cartons for sending to the Soil Testing Division, N. C. Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, North Carolina.

January is a good month to collect samples says Mr. Clapp. Farmers are encouraged to make use of soil testing and other up-to-date production practices that will help them increase their net farm income. For sampling supplies and information on sampling, contact your County Extension office.

Grizzly bears once roamed a wide range, stretching from northern Alaska south throughout the Rocky Mountains to central Mexico and east on the plains to Minnesota, Nebraska and Kansas. Now, though it is still common in parts of Canada, it is found in the United States only in remote mountain districts. According to the Book of Knowledge, the grizzly's only salvation is the national parks and the best place to see one running freely is at Yellowstone.

The Veterans Corner

Here are authoritative answers by the Veterans Administration to questions from former servicemen and their families:

Q—What is the present maximum amount of a GI home loan the Veterans Administration will guarantee?

A—The Veterans Administration will guarantee up to 60 percent of the loan but not more than \$7,500. The limit on the amount to be obtained in a direct loan, when no loans are available from private lenders, is \$15,000.

Q—I understand my daughter although over 18 may continue to receive her nonservice-connected pension up to age 21 if she is attending a VA approved school. How can we tell what schools are VA approved?

A—Most well-known and recognized schools and colleges are on the VA approved list. However, if you are in doubt about a school, contact the Department of Education in the state in which you live or the nearest VA office.

Q—I am a veteran about to retire. Will my Social Security benefit and also 24 weeks of unemployment compensation be considered as income?

A—Your Social Security benefit will be considered income but not until you have been given full credit for your personal contributions from wages to the Social Security fund while you were working. All unemployment compensation benefits are considered income.

Q—When will the 1964 GI insurance dividend be paid?

A—The VA will pay the 1964 GI insurance dividend to eligible policyholders between January 2 and January 15, 1964.

Q—How many young men and women are taking advantage of the War Orphans Educational Assistance program administered by the VA?

A—About 20,000 are enrolled in colleges and schools at the present time.

Q—Do we have a reciprocal agreement with some Allied nations that veterans of their armed forces may be treated in a VA hospital?

A—Yes, but these governments reimburse the VA for this care just as the United States must reimburse these nations for care of a U. S. veteran.

The words, "Postal", "Postage", "Postman" and "Post Office", are all derived from the Latin word, "positum" meaning "placed" or "fixed". As the Book of Knowledge explains it, the ancient Romans had stations, or posts, at fixed points along the network of roads that stretched across their broad empire. Horses were kept at these points, and messengers carrying letters on public business would stop at them to change their tired animals for fresh ones.

Training School For Teachers Starts Sunday

Plans have been completed for the Gastonia Area Leadership Training School to be conducted at First Presbyterian church in Gastonia January 19-22.

Seven sections will be offered under the one-course theme, "The Bible in Christian Teaching."

The school is open to all Presbyterians in the area of Kings Mountain Presbytery from Mount Holly westward to Forest City. There is no registration fee.

Registration will begin at 3 p. m. Sunday, Jan. 19 with assembly and the first class following at 3:30. A supper break is scheduled at 5:30 and classes resume at 6:30. A supper break is scheduled at 5:30 and classes resume at 6:30. The schedule Monday through Wednesday, Jan. 20-22, will be from 7:30 until 9:30 p. m.

The school has been in the planning stage for a year. The Rev. Wilson Rhoton of Mount Holly's Presbyterian church has revealed these seven sections of study as follows:

"The Bible in Christian Teaching with Adults", taught by Miss Jubank Taylor, director of Christian education, First Presbyterian church, Gastonia.

"The Bible in Christian Teaching with Senior Highs", taught by the Rev. E. T. Thompson, Jr., pastor of Seigle Avenue Presbyterian church, Charlotte.

"The Bible in Christian Teaching with Pioneers", taught by Miss Shirley Moore, director of youth work, First Presbyterian church, Winston Salem.

"The Bible in Christian Education with Juniors", taught by Mrs. W. F. Thompson, area director of Christian education in Winston Salem Presbytery.

"The Bible in Christian Teaching with Primaries", taught by Miss Ann Powell, director of children's work at Myers Park Presbyterian church, Charlotte.

"The Bible in Christian Teaching with Kindergarten Children", taught by Miss Helen Jackson, area director of Christian education in Granville Presbytery.

"The Bible in Christian Teaching With Nursery Children", taught by Mrs. Marion J. Murray, wife of a Presbyterian minister and long-term teacher of nursery department and leadership courses for nursery leaders.

Rev. Mr. Rhoton said the course presents Biblical principles underlying the new Covenant Life Curriculum, which Presbyterians began last Fall. He said the courses will be of particular benefit to Sunday School teachers, group leaders, circle leaders, Sunday school officials and ministers as well.

The potato, native to South America, was introduced into Europe by the Spanish sometime during the early sixteenth century, according to the Book of Knowledge. It was brought to England in 1535, by a sailor aboard one of Sir Francis Drake's ships.

Robbins Assigned To Third Infantry

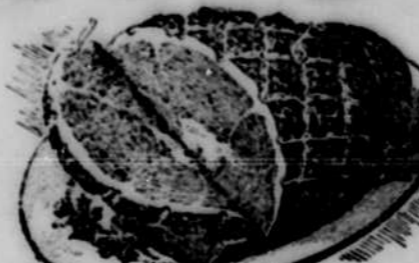
3d INFANTRY DIV., Germany (AHTNC) — Army PFC Steven

N. Robbins, son of Buford A. Robbins, Route 1, Kings Mountain, N. C., was assigned in mid-December to the 3d Infantry Division in Germany.

Robbins, an infantryman in Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion of the division's 30th Infantry, entered the Army in July 1962 and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

The 21-year-old soldier is a 1959 graduate of Kings Mountain high school.

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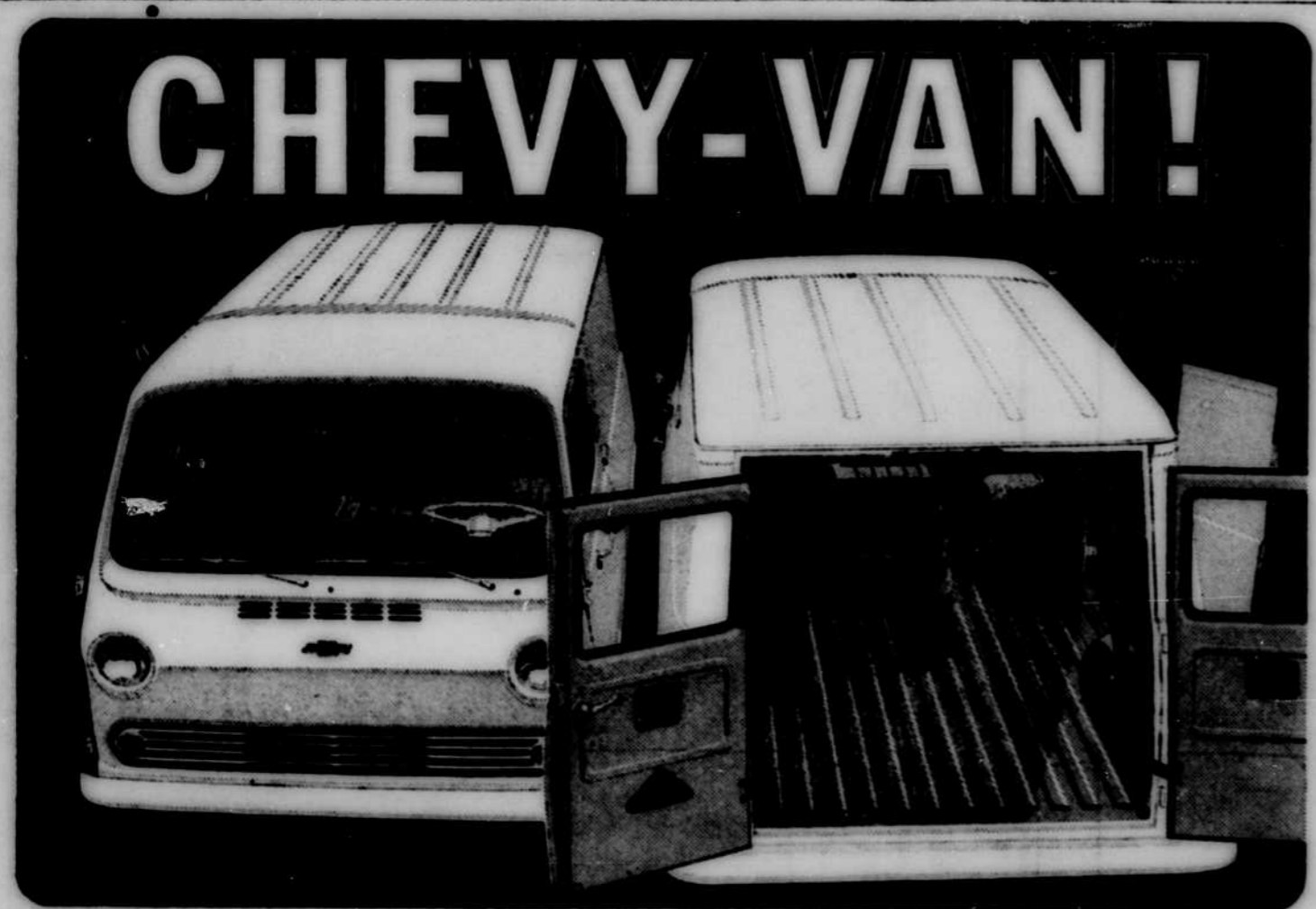
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