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Medicare Signup Deadline Near

March 31st is a very important day. That is the deadline for signing up for Medical Insurance under "Medicare".

"If you're over 65, don't wait until the last day", advised Lex G. Barkley, Manager of the Gastonia Social Security office.

To make it as convenient as possible for people to sign-up, the social security office will be open extra hours. Mr. Barkley announced that the office at 1320 E. Franklin Ave., Gastonia, will be open Saturday, March 26 from 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Also they will be open until 9:00 P.M. each night on March 28, 29, 30, 31.

According to Barkley, there are still hundreds of older people in this community who have not signed up.

Failure to sign up by March 31st means that there would be no help on their medical bills when the law goes into effect on July 1 of this year. In addition, it will be 1967 before they get another chance to enroll. At that time the amount they will have

Talent Show To Be Saturday

Blacksburg's third annual Journalism Talent Show will be held Saturday, March 26th, at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Theme of the show will be "The Sound of Music", and young people from seven area high schools, including Kings Mountain, will participate.

Radio personality Tony Brooks will be master of ceremonies. A spokesman for the Journalism class, the show sponsor, said, "All age groups will find music to fit every mood they desire." Admission is 75 cents for students and \$1.25 for adults. Proceeds will defray expenses of the school newspaper, "The Blacksonian."

to pay each month will be more than it is for those who sign up now.



GARDEN TIME
m.e. gardner
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Two rather unusual requests for information have been received. The first: "I want to plant a red climbing rose which will not be troubled with mildew and such ailments."

There are many good climbers, among them would be: Blaze (red); Crimson Glory; Climbing Peace (blooms as Peace); Golden Showers (yellow); Red Express; and White Dawn. Since he wanted a red, I suggested Blaze.

The second part of his question is something everyone wants — roses that are immune to insect and disease pests. It is true that some varieties may, under certain conditions of environment, be more resistant to diseases than others but this does not preclude the necessity for following a regular spray or dust program to control both insects and diseases.

I think the most unusual request I have ever received was this one: "I want to plant crabapple trees on the school grounds but I do not want fruit to form. Can you recommend a spray that might be used to prevent fruit formation?"

This one floored me so, knowing the caller real well, I tried to build up a case in favor of letting the fruit form. I told him that I liked the ornamental effect of the small fruits and the contrast in color with the green leaves.

Also, that every plant has character and that fruit production was a characteristic of the crabapple. Then, too, the Home Economics girls might make him some jelly which would prevent the fruits from dropping and cluttering the lawn, his main objection. I got nowhere and gave in.

It is possible to prevent the formation of fruit by using NAA

(naphthalene acetic acid), dissolved in water, as a spray. The concentration should be 40 parts per million and the spray should be applied thoroughly after all blossoms have opened and the petals are shedding.

In recent years the apple growers have been using NAA for thinning their trees to reduce the fruit load but the concentration is lower and the timing of the spray is later than I have recommended for the crabapple problem.

The best season is upon us so be well prepared to do battle with the many insects and diseases which attack most of our garden plants. Check with your nurseryman, your garden center or your county agent. And, before using any pesticide — STOP, READ THE LABEL.

Include These Costs In Tax Report

GREENSBORO, N. C. — Taxpayers whose jobs require special apparel or equipment as a condition of employment or occupation may include the cost and upkeep among itemized deductions, today said J. E. Wall, District Director of the Internal Revenue Service in North Carolina.

These deductions are generally allowable if the clothing is specifically required as a condition of employment, and is not adaptable to general or continued usage in the place of ordinary clothing.

Nurses' uniforms, for example, and other clothing which cannot be worn in place of regular dress, qualify for deductions, the Internal Revenue Service said.

Document No. 5014, which furnishes more detailed information on this subject, may be obtained by writing to the District Director, Internal Revenue Service.

Summer Grass Gives Good Yield

The growth of livestock industry is placing greater emphasis on the need for North Carolina farmers to use their land more efficiently.

"A stable feed supply can be maintained by planting both cool-season and warm-season crops," according to Dr. Carl T. Blake, extension agronomy specialist at North Carolina State University.

Cool-season grasses are very popular in North Carolina, but they should not be depended upon for summer growth. Blake points out. By planting warm-season perennial grasses, farmers could lower production costs and have an adequate source of feed during summer months, he said. Excess production could be cut for hay or silage for winter feeding.

Coastal bermudagrass is a warm-season perennial crop which is widely adapted in North Carolina. It is grown from the coast to the central Piedmont, except in poorly drained areas. Coastal bermuda is especially adapted to the Sandhills of North Carolina, Blake adds.

Coastal bermuda is similar to common bermudagrass or wiregrass in appearance. It is larger, more vigorous and more productive.

"Coastal bermuda is relatively free from insects and diseases and sometimes used in rotation with other crops," Blake said.

Peak growth comes during hot weather. Since it has a three to five month growing season, Blake says Coastal bermuda can take the pressure off Ladino-grass pastures.

The main use for Coastal bermuda is summer grazing, however, it can be grown for hay or silage. About four and one-half tons of dry matter per acre can be taken off by grazing animals or about five tons per acre can be cut for hay, Blake adds. "This yield is equivalent to 120 to 130 bushels of corn per acre."

N. C. State agronomy specialists recommend one-fourth acre for each animal unit when cool season grasses provide some of the feed supply. One-half acre per animal is needed if Coastal bermuda is the primary source of feed.

Since Coastal bermudagrass is a hybrid, it has no seed. Certified springs should be used to get the crop started, Blake said. Sprigging should be done in March or early April.

Soil preparation for Coastal bermuda is much the same as for other grass crops, points out Blake. Soil tests should be taken to get accurate lime and fertilizer requirements.

Coastal bermuda will tolerate fairly acid soils, but lime is essential for continuous production. Lime may be worked into the soil before or during land preparation.

Extension agronomy specialists recommend row applications of fertilizer to reduce weed competition and to give grass a faster start. Usually about 400 pounds of 0-14-14 per acre is used in rows. Thirty to 40 pounds of nitrogen should be applied in early May and again in July.

Coastal bermuda is explained in Extension Circular No. 451. It is available at county extension offices or can be obtained from the Department of Agricultural Information, North Carolina State University, Raleigh.

Thombs Qualifies As Firing Expert

FORT JACKSON, S. C. (AHT-NC)—Army Pvt. Daniel E. Thombs, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Thombs, Jr., Kings Mountain, N. C. fired expert with the M-14 rifle near completion of his basic combat training at Fort Jackson, S. C., March 2.

The expert rating is highest mark a soldier can achieve in his rifle qualification test.

The 20-year-old soldier was graduated from Lincoln High School, Bessemer City, in 1964.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administrator for the estate of John Carvel Crowder, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate will please file same with the undersigned on or before the 28th day of January, 1967 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 28th day of January, 1966.

J. Ollie Harris
Administrator
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EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

Having qualified as executor of the Estate of Adam Lee DeVeney, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate will please file same with the undersigned on or before September 3, 1966 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery.

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This 3rd day of March, 1966.

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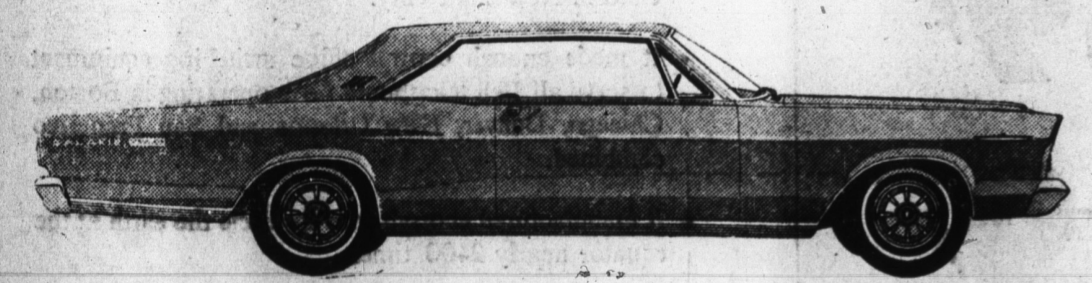
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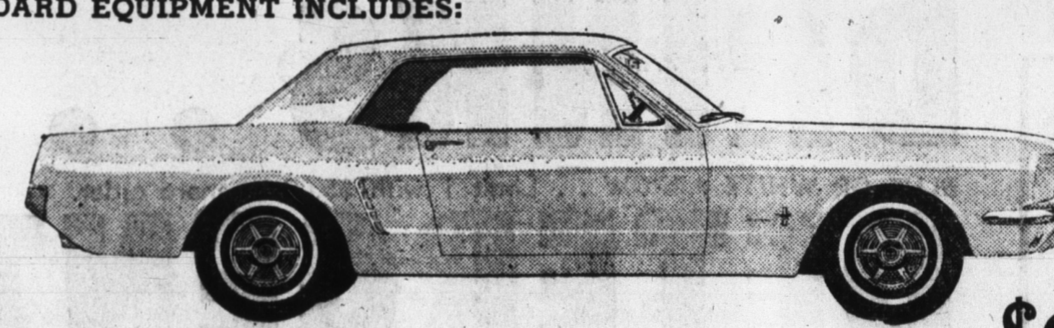
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