



### GARDEN TIME m. e. gardner n. c. state college

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Success in establishing a lawn comes easier in the fall of the year. As days get shorter and the soil becomes cooler, annual grasses and weeds, including crabgrass, slow down in growth. In contrast, perennial grasses, such as the fescues and bluegrasses, can be stimulated to more vigorous root growth in preparation for the rigors of the winter months.

If conditions are favorable, desirable grasses can be encouraged to form new shoots from the roots or at the base of the plants. This results in a thicker, more closely knit turf which is highly desirable if you want to have an beautiful lawn.

Other favorable fall factors are the cool nights and heavy dews which form at this season of the year. While dew will not take the place of a soaking rain, it does help because the leaves can absorb the moisture directly.

On established lawns, keep the lawnmower going as long as growth of the turf justifies. Do not mow too closely — one and one-half to two inches is about right for most lawns.

Remove leaves from the lawn as they fall and work them into your compost pile. I have a neighbor who rakes and piles leaves on his front walk. He then shreds them with his rotary mower and carries them to his

compost pile. This is a good idea as it hastens decomposition of the organic material.

Fall fertilization of the lawn is very important. September in the mountains and September or October in the lower Piedmont and Coastal Plain is the time for this. Use about 35 pounds of a complete fertilizer, such as 8-8-8, for each 1,000 square feet of lawn area. Measure your needs and apply, evenly, over the entire lawn.

If you gave your lawn a generous application of a complete fertilizer in March, you may need only a top dressing of nitrogen in the fall. Choose your source and use according to instructions as some forms are more potent than others.

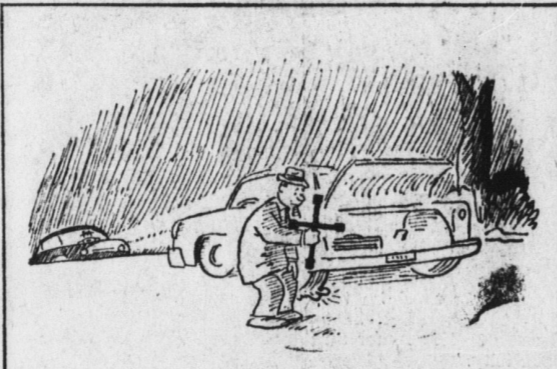
For lawns to be seeded in the fall, be sure that you prepare an adequate seed bed to hasten germination of the seed and promote rapid growth. Have your soil tested and plow or disc in the necessary lime and fertilizer before seeding.

Soil for lawns around new home should be carefully examined for building debris — roots, brick, mortar, wood blocks and other discarded materials. Remove this debris before preparation and seeding because it will cause trouble.

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### Crickets Are Problem For Some Homes

Raleigh — Crickets may be a problem in your house at this time of year. For once they enter the house, crickets may chew on and damage clothing or other fabrics, especially if these articles are soiled, notes Bill Gulley, extension pesticide information specialist, North Carolina State University.

Keeping crickets from entering the house is the best precaution against damage, the specialist notes. He advises closing all openings to the house and tightening screens, windows and doors.

However, if crickets still persist in entering, Gulley advises using a household spray containing two per cent chlordane. Apply it around baseboards, in closets and in cracks where crickets may hide, he suggests.

Spraying the chlordane solution around the outside foundation is also helpful, he notes.

Usually crickets are not household pests, Gulley points out. But there are times, such as now,

### Scruggs Wins Bronze Star

Phu Loi, Vietnam (AHTNC) — Army First Sergeant Charles R. Scruggs, son of Mrs. Beatrice Phillips, 204 S. Candler St., Kings Mountain, N. C., received the Bronze Star Medal August 22 near Phu Loi, Vietnam.

First Sgt. Scruggs was presented the award for meritorious service in ground operations against hostile forces in Vietnam.

At the time of the presentation, he was first sergeant of the 23rd Artillery Group's Headquarters Battery.

His wife, Martha, lives at 610 Penn Drive, Crawfordsville, Ind.

When two species — field crickets and house crickets — may enter dwellings. Occasionally other species are found in the basement.

Field crickets breed out-of-doors, where they feed on all kinds of vegetation, the specialist says. But in the late summer when vegetation begins to scarce or after crops have been harvested, they may head for the house. And that's when fabric damage may occur.

### Educators Set Meeting

On Tuesday, September 30, more than 2000 educators will meet in Hunter Huss High School, Gastonia, for the 47th Southwestern District Convention of the North Carolina Education Association.

Featured at the General Session of the day-long convention will be an address by John Popham, managing editor of the Chattanooga Times, on "Education: An Open Door to Understanding."

Others appearing on the program are William H. Brown, Superintendent, Gaston County Schools; Mrs. Virginia Raymer, NCEA District Director; Dr. A. C. Dawson, NCEA Executive Secretary; Dr. A. Craig Phillips, State Superintendent of Public Instruction;

Malcolm Brown, Superintendent, Shelby City Schools; and Mrs. Janella Hollar, of Hickory. The Hunter Huss High School Choir will perform.

Mrs. Hollar will preside over the General Session. Other district officers are: Malcolm E. Brown, Vice-President; Mrs. Mildred Miller, Mooresville, Secretary; and Mrs. Virginia J. Raymer, Lawndale.

The Southwestern District includes the counties of Catawba, Cleveland, Gascon, Iredell, Lincoln, and Rutherford.

In addition to the main program, the 7 NCEA district divisions will hold sessions. The divisions are: Classroom Teachers, Community Colleges, Directors of Instruction, Higher Education, Principals, Retired School Personnel, and Superintendents.

The 20 departments hold morning business and instruction meetings. Officers for the following year will be elected by both

### Mrs. John German Heads Committee

CHAPEL HILL — Mrs. John W. German of Shelby has been named executive secretary of the Cleveland County branch of The Arthritis Foundation. The appointments announced by Robert Pace of Chapel Hill, executive director of The Arthritis Foundation in North Carolina.

The Arthritis Foundation is the only national health agency devoted solely to the problem of arthritis, the crippling disease that afflicts 446,000 North Carolinians and seventeen million Americans.

The Arthritis Foundation will conduct a public education campaign in Cleveland County during October.

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### Bobbitt Rites Are Conducted

Vilas V. Lee Bobbitt, 63, of Route 2, Kings Mountain, died Thursday in Cleveland Memorial Hospital following an illness of several months.

Bobbitt, a retired salesman with Cleveland Drug Co., is the son of the late Charles Bobbitt and is survived by his mother, Mrs. Lula Fowler Bobbitt of Shelby. Other survivors include his widow; a daughter, Mrs. Marilyn Parker of Bethesda, Md.; a sister, Mrs. Ervin Noblett of Shelby, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the home at 3 p. m. Friday with burial following in the Bess Hoey United Methodist Church cemetery. The Rev. E. L. Murphy officiated.

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