

BEHIND THE HEADLINES

BY CHATWOOD HALL — FOR NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL
KHRUSHCHEV VOTED: At about the time Alabama storm troopers were roughing up Negro voters in Alabama, Russia's deposed former foe, Nikita Khrushchev, went peacefully and unhindered to a polling station and cast

his vote in an election in Moscow. Although he has been toppled from dictatorial power, citizen Khrushchev retained the constitutional right to vote. Of course, there is only one political party in Russia and citizen Khrushchev could vote only for candidates approved by the ruling Communist party.

But citizen Khrushchev, and all other Soviet citizens, did vote under a totalitarian dictatorship.

THE ELITE: In the wake of the bloody and disgraceful events in Selma and Montgomery, Dr. Martin Luther King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the Student Nonviolent Coordination Committee (SNCC) inserted advertisements in newspapers across the country in mid-March, including Chicago, appealing for contributions to help support their activities in the civil rights struggle.

That same week, two large Chicago Negro newspapers carried in their society columns big spreads reporting sumptuous shindigs staged by two social groups.

One of these elite groups dined, wine and danced at the expensive Sherman Hotel; the other threw its lavish blowout at the ritzy Sheraton-Chicago Hotel.

"The stunningly-gowned ladies out-glittered the lights in the city below," the account of one of the extravaganzas stated.

While the elite "glittered," the knots made by billy clubs on the heads of Negro marchers in Alabama were glittering, too. An impeccable source informs that the cost of such all-too-often extravagant affairs run into thousands of dollars. The same source informed that he knows personally that one such downtown shindig cost \$5,000!

It would show admirable concern for Negro civil rights if these large sums of money were re-directed to help support the SCLC, SNCC and NAACP civil rights struggle.

But perhaps this is asking too much. It would seem that the Elite, paying big money for the priv-



A DO IT YOURSELF PROJECT — This is evidence that when a community wants to help itself it can. These persons are shown as they build a community building in the Johnston Piney Grove section of Johnston County. This is volunteer labor and they decided that they would not sit around and complain that they did not have a building to hold community meetings in and they rolled up their sleeves and went to work. This is a good way to spend leisure hours.



GARDEN TIME
BY M. E. GARDNER
N. C. State

"Please tell me how I can kill wild cherry trees. They are growing among other trees in the woods adjoining my pasture which is used by the cattle for shade and rest."

Wild cherry trees, sweet gum, poison ivy, blackberry and many other woody plants may be eradicated by using the ester form of 2, 4, D-1. The material may be applied as a basal spray or to the foliage

depending upon the season of the year. Instructions for use will be printed on the containers and should be followed very carefully for best results. Be especially careful about spray drift to other plants that you do not wish to injure. Soon after receiving the call I met one of my forestry friends in the hall and told him about it. He was surprised that anyone would want to kill wild cherry trees because the lumber is bringing in \$60 per thousand board feet in the mountains on the stump and scattered among other trees.

It seemed to me that I remembered something about wild cherry foliage and cattle so I called one of my friends in Animal Science. He refreshed my memory and told me that wild cherry foliage could poison cattle, especially if they eat the wilted leaves on trees which have been blown down by storms or were clinging to broken branches.

My curiosity not having been completely satisfied I went to my file and got Dr. Jim Hardin's "Poison Plans of North Carolina" which I consider to be the last word on poisonous plants of all kinds.

I imagine that most everyone is familiar with the wild cherry as it grows in all sections of the state. Dr. Hardin states that the poisonous principle is hydrocyanic (prussic) acid. Numerous factors contribute to the formation of the acid but it is most commonly found when the leaves are in a wilted condition. It is also found in the twigs and bark. Both horses and cattle may be poisoned.

Dr. Hardin describes the symptoms as difficult breathing, vertigo, spasms, coma and sickness of short duration. An animal may die within an hour after eating unless a veterinarian is available for quick attention. Eating very small amounts, even of fresh leaves, is considered to have been the cause of some sickness and abortion in cattle.

HELPFUL ALABAMA: While it may seem ironic, it is true that Gov. George C. Wallace and his fellow racists and storm troopers have rendered yeoman service towards bringing about something that they fear most: unhindered and full and equal voting rights for Negroes in Alabama.

Alabama Negro citizens have been brutally clubbed and tear-gassed; white sympathizers and allies from the North have been insulted and manhandled; the Rev. James Reeb was murdered in cold blood.

All this sadism has aroused and shocked the conscience of the rest of the nation. It is added more tarnish to the country's image abroad. It has greatly disturbed President Lyndon B. Johnson.

The lawmakers in Congress have been pushed into a fighting mood to pass the new voting rights law. The Alabama disgrace has fomented a new civil war, this time without contending armies firing guns. Like the Civil War of a century ago, this new civil war also is one that Alabama and the rest of the South cannot possibly win. Gov. Wallace and his stubborn fellow racists have unwittingly helped to bring about their own defeat — and victory for Negroes in Alabama and elsewhere in the South.

On The Home Front

(News items this week from Franklin, Johnston and Fender counties.)

REUPHOLSTERY WORKSHOP

You can do simple upholstery with tools available in most homes. "Broken springs, broken webbing and dirty upholstering material will cause most families to want to buy new furniture," says Mrs. Margaret Baldwin, home economics agent in Franklin County. "But you can learn to reupholster furniture at home which will save many dollars." Some 27 homemakers attended a

workshop and decided they needed a lesson in refinishing furniture before beginning the reupholstering process.

LOOK WELL FED

Homemakers in Johnston County have been studying foods and nutrition. A study of the basic four food plan has caused many good cooks to take a second look at their menus.

Mrs. Lucy O. Toole, home economics agent, says the club members brought in menus which were analyzed to see if they were the right kinds of food.

PAY AS YOU GO

Mrs. Elizabeth Furlow is in the process of remodeling her home. Among the improvements will be running water and the addition of a bathroom, new windows, paneling in several rooms, and new kitchen cabinets.

Mrs. Arvista Merrill, home economics agent, says the Fender County homemaker is making the improvement as she is financially able. "But by making the plans before work begins, she will have a more attractive, convenient home," adds Mrs. Merrill.

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GREENSBORO — Mrs. David D. Jones, retired director of admissions at Bennett College, was honored by local alumnae of the institution at a reception Sunday night held in the David D. Jones Student Union, named for her late husband.

Mrs. Madeline Best, 31, president of the chapter, presided and Mrs. Nelle Coley, 31, presented to the honoree a replica of the Bennett bell tower and bell which is still used to summon students to classes and to chapel. The replica bears the inscription, "because you constantly cared," and a companion scroll, listing the names of the contributing members was inscribed "ever dear to us thou art," lines from the Alma Mater.

In her remarks of acceptance, Mrs. Jones recalled the early days of the institution and the determination of her husband that "the girls should have four glorious years at Bennett." In addition to the alumnae, a number of faculty and staff members and members of the local community were present.

KOREAN AUTHOR TO BENNETT
GREENSBORO — Dr. Younghill Kang, Korean-born author and lecturer, will speak on "The Psychology of East and West" at Bennett College on Thursday. His appearance is being sponsored by the Piedmont University Center's visiting scholars program.

Howard University was chartered in 1867, with congressional support, by Freedmen's Bureau, under General O. O. Howard. It was a rider on a bill admitting the State of Nevada to the Union.

Starting Melon Seeds



See what sturdy root systems have been formed on these young melon plants growing in peat pots. They're far better for starting seeds indoors than sod.

Gardeners in the north who want to grow cantaloupes or watermelons in their gardens have to start the seeds early and indoors otherwise they'll never have a ripe melon. This is because the number of frost-free growing days needed to insure melon maturity is lacking in northern climates.

Chunks of sod, brought in from the garden, have been used for many years as starters for melon seeds. Seeds are pushed into the sod and grown there because the sod is easily planted intact in the garden when danger of frost is over. The roots of the young melon plants, safely growing in the sod, are thus undisturbed. Their growth is not checked and they do not require weeks to resume growth.

Newer and more satisfactory than sod chunks for starting melon seeds are peat pots. They're cleaner and easier to handle than sod and don't fall apart when least expected. The soil which fills them can be mixed to suit the gardener. They're deeper than handleable sod pieces and thus allow greater and deeper root growth. And they're just as easy to set in the garden when warm weather arrives. Why not try them?

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