



I'm sick so this is going to be a short one.
I called Kristin Sutton over the weekend and she had the flu. So I've told her that it is, indeed, possible to catch it on the phone.

Let me say, right off that it's time to be thinking about gardening. I've basically laid in bed over the last 24 hours when I wasn't sitting in the bathroom. And about the only so-lace I can take is having a stack of seed catalogues in both places. I get to thinking about gardening and forget how miserable I am.

Here's a tip that onion lovers should try.

You can grow much better and larger onions from seed than you can from the sets or plants available at most places that sell gardening stuff. You can also grow varieties that are not available locally and you can do for about a third the price of buying sets.

Last Spring onion sets were selling for about \$2.00 for fifty sets or plants. I ordered Walla Walla, Candy hybrids, and sweet sensation

from Parks Seed Company and produced about 700 plants for less than five bucks.

You simply take a flat tray or anything that will hold potting soil, sow the seeds, and water them once a week until it gets time to set them in the garden. Nothing is easier to grow from seed than onions but it takes about ten weeks to get them big enough to transplant.

Use a liquid fertilizer (I use Peters Professional 20-20-20) about every two weeks while they're in the potting soil. Because the plants go straight from the flat to the garden they don't even slow down and the Walla Walla onions will easily reach two pounds or better and get as big as a softball.

You can get a catalogue from Park Seed Co. Greenwood, SC 29647-0001 or go to their web site on the Internet and order directly from it. Another good source is Twilley Seed Co. 121 Gary Road, Hodges, SC 29635.

I've already planted mine but I

didn't get started last year until about the middle of March so you have plenty time. But the earlier you plant them, the sooner you can put them in the garden.

And speaking of seed, I spent most of the weekend sending out tomato seed from the volunteer plant that came up beside my kitchen door last year. I have no idea what the variety or what it might look like again. It was far enough away from the garden that it must have been self-pollinating but it grew more than 75 po-

matos on a single plant and they were huge. Very dark red with a purplish cast like a beefsteak tomato cross.

Anyway I mailed out over a thousand seed over the weekend and have at least that many left. If you want a start, I'm sharing. Just send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Ike Adams, 249 Charlie Brown Road, Paint Lick, KY 40461 and I'll stick three or four seeds in the mail to you. If they perform as well as they did last year, that's all you'll need.

Sweet and Sour

By Zi Graves



I think it is about time to put my lethargy on hold while trying to get back in touch with reality. The problems of the past two years has taken its toll physically and mentally so the words I must use to get a message out have become confused and lost in my memory bank. So, good morning to my faithful readers. I'll try once more to see if I can find them.

I would like to tell you of a meeting I attended last night and encourage the residents in Rockcastle County to take an interest in your civic duty to attend meetings pertaining to the growth and well being of the county. Begin with attending the City Council. That is where decisions are made to make Mt. Vernon the place where we want to live and raise our children. Last night the problems we have had lately with Charter TV service was fully discussed by members in the audience as well as council members. Improvements in reception was promised, cut rates? Clinging to another company was discussed and will be looked into and decided on later.

I suggested it is time for a zoning law and was immediately told the citizens of Mt. Vernon does not want one. The council member reminded the people of how much Mt. Vernon has grown and still growing. Now growth is needed and if an area is to survive, whether it be a town, county or state, there must be a plan for someone as to how it grows. Do we keep our residence area safe from intrusion or make them into a business one? Do we encourage new

businesses to locate on the once popular Main Street in Mt. Vernon or allow the buildings there to fall down from misuse? Should there be a limit to the amount of trailer parks a community can absorb and where they will be located?

My recent experience with the Berea Bank when it decided to do business in Mt. Vernon alerted me to the need for zoning. I lost my driveway, when they were allowed to use a big part of the alley joining the two streets. Then located their security lights in such a way as to shine into my window till I couldn't sleep. This went on for four months till the loss of sleep and intrusion of my privacy nearly caused a breakdown on nerves. Finally it took a trip to Berea headquarters and a talk to the president of the bank before the lights were covered sufficiently to keep them from shining into my windows and I can again get a good nights sleep. Thank you, Mr. President.

Now these are some of the problems we could avoid if growth was accompanied with plans/zoning, or if that is a dirty word, ordinance, that protects the residents as well as big business. Property owners do pay taxes.

If you have any interest at all in the future of Mt. Vernon you should attend the city council meetings and take a part in decisions made there for the growth or downfall of it. A well planned garden is beautiful, a neglected one an eyesore.

H-M-M-M-M maybe I haven't forgotten how to punch out a few words.

Our Readers Write

Dear Editor,

Due to unfortunate circumstances I am withdrawing from the First District Constable's race. I would like to thank each one of you, who encouraged me to run and offered your support. I will be throwing my support to Randall Stevens.

My Sincere Thanks,
Ernest Alcorn

Dear Editor,

We as a community don't show our appreciation for teachers in our school system the way we should.

I would like to compliment Mrs. Angie Hendrickson on her dedication to teaching. She exposes her students

to new material every day. She keeps her students mentally alert and excited about learning by always challenging them. This is done by a lot of hard work on her part, I'm sure.

I want to thank her for her commitment to our students. It is teachers like you that make a difference in the lives of our students.

I appreciate you, Mrs. Hendrickson, and many other school employees who excel in their vocation.

To our community, when you appreciate a teacher's hard work, please tell them.

With Appreciation,
Rhonda Bray
Brookhead, KY

Re-Elect Donald Bullock

I would like to thank the people in the 5th District for electing me as your magistrate in the past. I have always voted on the issues the way I thought it would be in the best interest of the people in my district. If re-elected I will continue to do so.

Your vote and influence will be greatly appreciated.



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