



**GARDEN TIME**  
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Gardeners are already becoming dahlia-conscious, probably because the roots are now being extensively advertised in the garden magazines and newspapers and are also being sold by seed stores and chain stores. One of the most frequent questions being asked me is: When will you plant your dahlias? I usually plant more than 200 roots, but I never plant before May 1 here at Ral-

leigh. My advice would be to plant during early May in the central and western portions of the State and about May 25 to June 1 in the extreme eastern portion of the State. The dahlia is a fall flower and will give you better blooms in the fall if it is not planted too early. If you grew dahlias last year and left them in the ground over winter,

they should be taken up now before they send up stems above the ground and become divided. Even if you want only one plant, divide the clump, plant one division and give the others away. Leaving the clump in the ground will give you several main stems, a lot of early flowers and usually poor flowers in the fall when they ought to be at their best.

In digging the clump be careful not to break the necks of the tuberous roots. Some varieties have very slender necks. In dividing the clump you must have at least one bud or eye and one root with each division. You will find the buds on the main stem or at the base of the stem—not on the root itself. Usually you can get from three to five divisions from each clump. These divisions can be kept

in a cool place, covered with peat moss or dry sand until the proper planting time. Sometime in April in this column I will discuss varieties and give planting instructions.

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er will be answered, because I went out there three days ago and kicked the trap to pieces!"

**Mrs. Temperance Eason Dies At Home At Tyner**

Funeral services for Mrs. Temperance Eason, 87, who died Sunday at her home in Tyner, were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence of the Rev. Ralph W. Knight, pastor of Ballard's Bridge Baptist Church. He was assisted by the Rev. John T. Byrum of Belhaven, a former pastor. Burial was in the family cemetery.

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