### Spring And Lawnmowers

by Jean Winslow moon on the 12th.

also Lincoln's birthday, which is two days before St. Valentine's Day, which is two days before Ash Wednesch means we've got fat days before the f Lent.

branches of spring plants and trees in for forcing: forsythia, apple, peach, spirea, shadbush, ornamental quences, pussy

\*Miniature roses offer a ly if you like container and still are. gardening. Write for 's catalog: The Miniature Greenwood, S.C., 29647.

\*Oil lawnmowers and sharpen blades. Get power tools such as clippers an pruners ready for spring action.

\*While working with powernot to spill petroleum pro- over cost." ducts on vegetation. Should you spill hydraulic or motor oil, God forbid, prepare a cup of detergent in a gallon of warm water. Carefully pour over affected area. If you spill Foundation is giving three gas, forget it. It kills vegetation outright, and you'll have Dogwood trees to new Founto replant. No smoking. No dation members joining durstriking matches.

John (number three son) was outside with his inback, separated by a brick

hands as he said "Mama, I feel like I'm going to be sick." I believed him, and began Dogwoods are hardy, lowroutine Mommy ministra- maintenance trees. tio until I heard "swoosh",

a sound I hadn't heard since hopping" there. Whatever the tree top to another Foundation will give three automatically instills cold dread once you've heard it. That's what was happening in \$10 or more during February. my back yard and that's why

The trees will be three to
John was see the and dob four feet tall and will be sent had hidden between the back of the tool house and the brick wall. They piled up dry pine needles and lit them with illicit wooden matches. Seems they got out seconds before an explosion ripped the tool house apart, throwing pieces of lawn mowers, bicycles and vards.

Firetrucks came. Lots of firetrucks. Current for the whole neighborhood was wiped out. A block away, Lake Forest Veteran's Hospital went on emergency generator. A crowd formed on the other side of ten hoses hooked up to anything that provided water.

My next door neighbor,

dashing through the camellia hedge with a red rubber hose barely dripping water, yelling "Fire, fire!"

The holocaust was quenched before it actually became a holocaust. Firemen rolled up miles of hose, looked at John and Robert and then at those kids were mine..." Off they went along with the crowd and Mary Ann and I surveyed the damage.

Now Mary Ann and I are facinating hobby, particular- the closest of friends, were

lawn mower," she said. What to loan me hers and help me buy another.

I've got an extra one, and that's had all the trouble you can have it-"

l leaned over to hug Her driven machines, be careful Munificence-"for just \$10.00 farmers.

#### Dogwoods Given

The National Arbor Day free White Flowering ing February, 1983.

The free trees, which are part of the Foundation's efforts to promote tree planting separable friend Robert, throughout America, will be Mary Ann Moore's son. Our shipped at the appropriate two families lived back to time for planting this spring.

Dogwood trees were chosen serpentine wall and tall pines. for this campaign because of Typical mischievous little their year-round beauty, according to the Foundation. John came in right before The Dogwoods have a longlunch on a hot August day. He lasting flowering in the looked awful. He wrung his spring, scarlet foliage in the fall, and red berries which attract birda all winter. The

The National Arbor Day Foundation, a nonprofit eaving the coal fields of West organization, is working to Virginia. We called it "crown- improve the quality of life throughout the country by enterm, fire jumping from one couraging tree planting. The Flowering Dogwood trees to new members contributing

postage paid with enclosed planting instructions. They are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free by the Foundation.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees a \$10 membership contribution should be sent to rakes over several back FREE DOGWOODS, National Arbor Day Foundation, Arbor Lodge 100, Nebraska City, NE 68410 by February



The baboon is the largest of the monkeys.

#### Farm Report - Release Of Anson Barley And Madison Oats

stiff-strawed oat have been developed in the small grain breeding program of the Agricultural Research Service, North Carolina State

University. The release of Anson barley each other. The look un- and Madison oats was an-mistakably said "...man, if nounced by Dr. Durward F. nounced by Dr. Durward F. Bateman, Director of the N.C. Agricultural Research Service. The varieties were developed by Charles F. Murphy, Professor of Crop Science.

Seed of the barley variety "Oh, look, you've lost your will be increased by certified seed producers in the 1982-83 Company, 200 Rose Ridge, a friend I thought, she's going crop year and should be generally available to farmers before the fall of 1984.

Anson is being released as since you've been the one a variety superior to Clayton, currently the most popular awnless or beardless barley grown by North Carolina

Madison will give farmers a choice of high yielding varieties similar to Brooks and Coker 716.

Plant breeder Murphy said Madison's outstanding characteristics in field trials have been its "exceptional" straw strength, which makes it highly resistant to lodging or falling over, and a protein production potential equal to or slightly higher than

Madison is shorter than varieties now being grown in North Carolina and other southeastern states. It is about five inches shorter than Brooks, Murphy said.

Yields of the new oat have been slightly higher than Brooks and Coker 716 in the Coastal Plain locations but slightly lower in Piedmont locations where winter weather was colder than normal, specifically in 1980 and

"Madison's winter hardiness isn't quite as good as Brooks and Coker," said Mur-"but under normal, winter conditions it may be more productive than either Brooks or Coker 716."

The new oat variety is superior in winter hardiness to Caroleo, the variety must winely grown in the state for nearly two decades.

The new barley release, Anson, is expected to give farmers a better awnless variety than they have had. While it doesn't produce the yields of some of the better bearded varieties, such as Milton and Boone, Anson outproduced Clayton by 6.5 per cent in all tests.

North Carolina farmers grew more wheat than ever last spring but the prices they have been receiving for it are the lowest in four years.

State acreage and total production set records for the third consecutive year, with 480,000 acres yielding 17.3 million bushels, up from 410,000 acres and 16 million bushels a year ago and 300,000

Williams Continued From Page 3-B directed the excellent San Diego Chamber Orchestra.

The American Boychoir will be singing to sold out audiences in their annual tour of the South and Florida this month, concluding at Converse College in South Carolina before coming to Elizabeth City where interested citizens already have contributed much toward hospitality, housing, and financial aid. Accountant Dick Aiken will supervise funds since any surplus will be donated to the choir's scholarship fund. Eighty percent of the boys are on scholarships. It is not a school for affluent boys but a school for boys who love to sing. Local boys with talent may contact Mrs. Williams at 330-2777 for information about auditioning and a possible free trial week in Princeton, at the former Gerald B. mansion. "Albemarle," home of the American Boychoir. The school also holds a unique summer boarding camp in music and athletics at Albemarle hosting boys and girls 6-13 from all parts of the United States.

Ticket information is available through Mrs. Williams, Mrs. George Haskett, at 335-1166, Deckside, Harris Music Center, Oxena News and the

due primarily to weather-related problems, particularand 10.5 million bushels two ""We slipped some in yield per acre," said Ron Jarrett, ly frequent rains that resulted in disease pressure on the

extension small grain crop and an unusual cold snap in April that effected pollination." specialist at North Carolina State University. "This was

the average yield. Johnston qualifies Denning for a cash County grower Norman Den- prize and a plaque, was

The average yield was 36 ning, Jr. won the state pro- measured on 3.8 acres. Murbushels an acre, compared to duction championship with an 39 bushels from the previous official yield of 86.7 bushels an

Some farmers far exceeded The winning yield, which

ray Berry of Pasquotank County was runner-up with a yield of 80.2 bushels. Third place went to James Hardison of Pamlico County, 72.1

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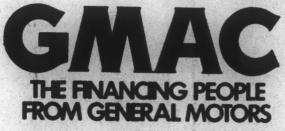
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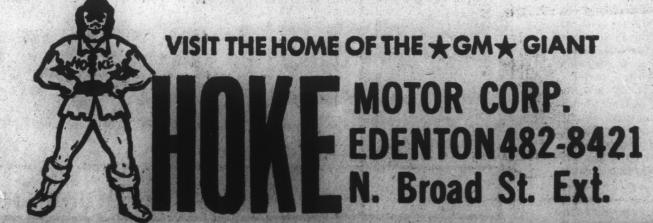
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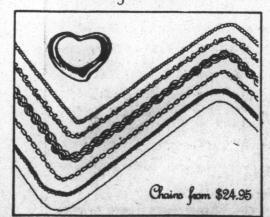
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