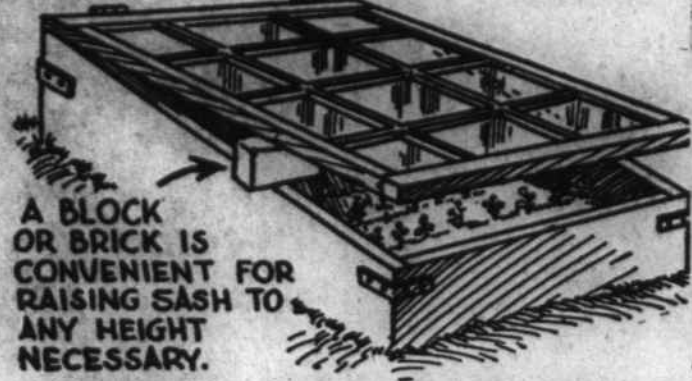


Shorten Winter, Lengthen Spring, with Cold Frame



Working Drawing for standard Single Sash Cold Frame.

About this time winter begins to be tiresome, doesn't it? Here is a way to relieve its tedium, and make the days until spring seem fewer: Build a cold frame.

While a cold frame can be used the year around, it is difficult to find time to build one during the active garden season. But now there is plenty of time, and little to occupy it; and all you need are a few elementary tools and space in a warm garage or basement to swing your arms, and handle lumber.

Cold frames are usually made 36 inches or some multiple of this, to fit the standard glazed sash. But there are so many glass substitutes available now, that you can change the size to fit the most convenient location available for it in the garden.

This should be entirely free from shade especially to the south, so that the sun may shine directly on the frame. The frame should be constructed of 1-inch boards, of cypress, white pine or some wood which resists rot. First, dig a hole in the ground slightly larger than the size of the frame. It should be at least a foot deep. Into this hole put the frame you have built so that 6 inches of it is beneath the surface and the remainder above. This will insure that no drafts enter

from beneath. Construct the frame so that the front is 4 inches above the surface, and the rear, 8 inches. It must slant toward the south, where the winter sun shines. It is well to hinge the sash at the top of the frame, so it can be easily opened for transplanting purposes and airing.

A sunny spot in the garden, protected as much as possible from the full force of winds and driving rain, is the best situation for the cold frame. It may be too cold now to dig in the garden, but the sash may be procured and the lumber frame made, so that when the first warm days arrive you are ready for serious gardening.

Glass substitutes are worth considering for the sash. They do not break, and the breakage of glass in windy localities is sometimes considerable. They are much lighter than glass, a merit which women appreciate. They do not let in as much light as glass, but for growing seedlings they let in enough.

The substitutes most commonly used consist either of wire screens covered with material resembling celluloid, or fabrics treated with wax to make them waterproof, and let more light through.

PERSONALS

BY MRS. C. W. SAVAGE

Mr. and Mrs. George Powell and children, George Farber and Susan of Charlotte, spent the week end with Mrs. Powell's mother and sister, Mrs. S. D. Akin and Miss Mary Akin.

Mrs. John W. Thuss and sons, Johnny and Roland, returned Saturday from Miami, Fla., where they spent two weeks with Mrs. Thuss' sister, Mrs. Z. Y. Brown and Mr. Brown of Asheville.

H. Bueck was guest speaker Tuesday night at the meeting of the McCayville, Ga. Lions Club, the occasion being the celebration of the birthday of Melvin Jones, founder of Lions Clubs.

Mrs. Arthur Akin had as guests over the week end her family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Akin and son, Bobby, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Akin and son Jerry of Fontana, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Wallace, Jr., and children, Eddie, Donald and David, and Gary of Knoxville, Tenn.

H. Bueck, governor of District 31 A, Lions International, will go to Asheville Friday to complete arrangements for the winter convention of District 31 A and 31 B which will meet there January 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Winchester and family returned Friday from a week's visit with Mr. Winchester's mother, Mrs. E. C. Winchester in Monroe.

Miss Nedeanne Queen left Monday for her home in Clinton, Tenn., after a week's visit here with Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Odom.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey, and children, Laura, Beth, Walter and John returned Friday from a vacation trip to New York and Washington, D. C.

Mrs. J. Bueck, H. C. Bueck Ann Shields and Mrs. Tom Mauney left Tuesday for Raleigh, where H. C. will be Page for Rep. Richard Mauney in the coming General Assembly. H. C. will stay with his uncle, John R. Branham and family while in Raleigh. They will be joined Thursday by Betty Heaton and Jerry Reece of Andrews and Bobby Bolling for the Inaugural Ball. They will return Friday.

Fall Pig Crop, Intentions Down

North Carolina's Fall pig crop totaled 732,000 head, farrowed by 114,000 sows for an average of 6.6 pigs per litter according to a report released today by the State-Federal Crop Reporting Service. This is about 15 percent below the 1951 Fall pig crop of 834,000 head. Spring pig production this year totaled 1,071,000 head, bringing the number for the year to 1,822,000.

The number of sows farrowing in the State this Fall was about 17 percent below intentions expected earlier by producers. Intentions for the Spring of 1953 are for 139,000 sows to farrow. This is about 18 percent below the 170,000 sows which farrowed last Spring.

The 1952 U. S. pig crop totaled 91.8 million head, a decrease of 10 percent from last year. The Spring crop was down 9 percent and the Fall crop 11 percent. The Fall was 12 percent smaller than last year but the number of pigs saved per litter, at 6.65, is equal to the record-high Fall litter size in 1950. The Fall pig crop at 33.4 million is the smallest Fall crop since 1948.

For the 1953 Spring crop, reports on breeding intentions indicate a total of 7.4 million sows to farrow, 13 percent below the number farrowing last Spring and 17 percent below the 10-year average.

Stronger prices for hogs are expected this winter.

SHORTENING

Pvt. Jack Hardin of Andrews, son of Thomas Hardin, has completed basic training at The Signal Corps Replacement Center, a part of the Signal Corps Training Center at Camp Gordon, Ga.

Prior to entering the service Hardin was employed by Firestone Tire and Rubber Co.

A record high number of chicks for North Carolina during the month of September were produced this year. Commercial hatcheries produced over 3 1/2 million chicks in that month.

Traditional A&P low prices



- COME SEE AT A&P**
- A&P Crushed Pineapple - - - - - No. 2 Can 25c
 - Iona Golden Cream Style Corn - - - - - 2 No. 303 Cans 25c
 - White House Evaporated Milk - - - - - 3 Tall Cans 40c
 - Jane Parker Enriched White Bread - - - - - 1 1/2-Lb. Loaf 20c
 - Our Own Tea Bags - - - - - 100-Ct. Pkg. 69c
 - Sunnyfield Corn Flakes - - - - - 18-Oz. Pkg. 23c

- Ann Page Vegetarian - Boston Style or
- BEANS WITH PORK - - - - - 16-Oz. Can 10c
 - Puffin's Easy To Fix BISCUITS - - - - - 2 Pkgs. 25c
 - A&P Fancy TUNA FISH - - - - - 1/2-Size Can 29c
 - Waldorf Toilet TISSUE - - - - - 2 rolls 15c

- Tiny
- A&P PEAS - - - - - No. 303 Can 21c
 - Ann Page Jelly CRABAPPLE - - - - - 2 12-Oz. Jars 35c
 - Niblet's MEXICORN - - - - - 12-Oz. Can 20c
 - Dry BLACKEYE PEAS - - - - - 2-Lb. Pkg. 37c
 - A&P SPINACH - - - - - No. 2 Can 16c
 - Pratt-Low Whole Spiced PEACHES - - - - - No. 2 1/2 Can 29c

- Ann Page Pt. Jar SALAD DRESSING - - - - - 25c
- Ann Page Pt. Jar MAYONNAISE - - - - - 29c
- Del Monte 14 Oz. Bottle TOMATO CATSUP - - - - - 21c
- Majestic 12 Oz. Jar Hot PEPPER RELISH - - - - - 25c
- Long's Sweet Qt. Jar MIXED PICKLES - - - - - 33c
- Orange Blossom 2 1/2 Lb. Jar PURE HONEY - - - - - 85c
- Ann Page 2 Lb. Jar SALAD MUSTARD - - - - - 27c
- Welch's 16 Oz. Jar GRAPELADE - - - - - 25c
- Iona 1 Lb. Can COCOA - - - - - 41c

Shortening

Swift Jewel

1-Lb. Ctn. 23c 3-Lb. Ctn. 65c

Clorox

Qt. Bot. 17c 1/2-Gal. Bot. 29c

Chicken of the Sea

Tuna Fish

1/2-Size Can 33c

Complexion Size

Dial Soap

2 Bars 27c

Bath Size

Dial Soap

Bar 17c

fresh fruits & vegetables

Winesap

APPLES

5-Lb. Bag 59c

Juicy Florida

Oranges - - - - - 8-Lb. Bag 39c

Firm Golden Ripe

BANANAS

2 Lbs. 25c

J.S. No. 1 White

Potatoes - 10 Lbs. 59c

Juicy Florida - Sizes 5 1/2's, 6 1/2's

Grapefruit - 4 For 27c

Firm - Fine Flavor

Rutabagas lb. 5 1/2c

Palmolive Soap - - 3 Reg. Bars 23c

Palmolive Soap - - - 2 Lge. Bars 23c

Soap Cashmere Bouquet - - - - 3 Reg. Bars 23c

Soap Cashmere Bouquet - - - - 2 Lge. Bars 23c

Toilet Soap Octagon - - 2 Bars 13c

Super Suds Lge. Pkg. 27c Giant Pkg. 65c

Personal Size

Ivory Soap 4 bars 21c

Ivory Flakes - - - - Lge. Pkg. 27c

Duz - - - - Lge. Pkg. 27c Gt. Pkg. 65c

Crisco - - - - 1-Lb. Can 31c 3-Lb. Can 85c

Scouring Pads

SOS - - - - Pkg. of 10 21c

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BIRTHS

PETRIE HOSPITAL

Mr. and Mrs. Quentin Moore of Hayesville, announce the birth of a boy, December 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Loving, Route 3, Murphy, announce the birth of a girl, December 17.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McDonald of Chattanooga, Tenn., announce the birth of a daughter, Gwendia Renea, December 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Evans of Oak Park announce the birth of a son, December 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Crawford, Route 2, Cullerson, announce the birth of a girl, December 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Colee of Murphy, announce the birth of a boy, December 22.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy McMahan, Route 1, Murphy, announce the birth of a son, December 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Bettis of Marble, announce the birth of a son, December 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Sampson of Young Harris, Ga., announce the birth of a boy, December 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Anderson of Turtletown, Tenn., announce the birth of a girl, December 28.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Reece, Route 1, Warne, announce the birth of a daughter, December 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hogsd, Route 2, Murphy, announce the birth of a son, December 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Helton of Suit, announce the birth of a boy, December 29.

To see a thing and tell it in plain words is the greatest thing a soul can do. Ruskin



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Garden Time

BY ROBERT SCHMIDT

Because of the response to my article of last December on the poinsettia, I am repeating the article with some additions.

The poinsettia has long been a popular Christmas plant but probably few people have given much thought to the fact that it does come into bloom each year only at this season. The so-called blooms are really leafy bracts which color up a brilliant red. The true flowers are the small insignificant yellowish cups found in the center of the whorl of red bracts. The poinsettia is one of a group of plants known as short day plants because it will bloom only in the season of the year with short day length periods, preferably ten hours or less. That is why it is always in bloom during the Christmas season and not during the summer. It could be prevented from blooming now by lengthening the day light period to fifteen hours by means of artificial lights. Flower growers have learned how to bring garden chrysanthemums into bloom any month of the year by using shading cloth to shorten the days and artificial lights to lengthen the days. The chrysanthemum is also a short day plant.

How can one keep a poinsettia plant until next season? After its usefulness is over, place it in the basement or some dry place where it will not freeze. Do not water it, or at least very little, and let the soil dry up. Next May bring the plant out, cut the stem back about two thirds, wash the old soil off the roots and re-pot in new soil. From then on handle it like any other plant. Softwood cuttings taken in July and rooted will give you good Christmas bloom.

A good potting soil can be made by mixing equal parts of sandy soil, clay loam, and well rotted stable manure.

The poinsettia is not an ideal home plant. It is rather exacting in its requirements for best growth. The average home usually does not afford the proper temperatures, light, or atmospheric conditions. Poinsettias require regular watering—every day is necessary—but not excessive watering.

They should be placed where they will get a maximum amount of daylight and sunshine. Day temperatures should be about 70 to 72 degrees and night temperatures should never be allowed to

11 Per Cent Decline Seen In Vegetables

A decline of more than 11 per cent was noted in North Carolina in 1952 from 1951 in production of commercial vegetables (excluding strawberries and Irish potatoes), according to the state crop reporting service.

The production totalled 139,000 tons in 1952 and 157,000 tons in 1951.

The service said the decrease in production resulted primarily from an 8 per cent reduction in harvested acreage. Production of all crops except late spring snapbeans, beets, cantaloups and late fall cabbage was smaller in 1952 than a year earlier.

However, despite the rather unfavorable growing season, yields realized this year were higher than in 1951 for late spring snapbeans, cantaloups, watermelons, cucumbers, lettuce, peas and tomatoes.

The value of North Carolina's 1952 commercial vegetables totalled \$11,742,000—almost 9 per cent more than the 1951 value of \$10,785,000. The unit value of all vegetables except late spring snapbeans, lettuce and late fall cabbage was higher in 1952 than a year earlier.

Dorcas McGuire Has Pajama Party Tues.

Miss Dorcas McGuire gave a pajama party at her home, last Tuesday night, honoring Miss Doris Teas, who is home for the holidays.

The young people ate supper at the Shell Dining Room.

In addition to the honoree, Miss Teas, guests included Patsy Derberry, Sue Crawford, and Doris Holder.

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drop below 60 degrees. Sharp fluctuations in temperature or cold drafts may cause the leaves to drop. A very dry atmosphere or one containing gas will do the same. The poinsettia is a short day plant—that is, it will bloom only when the days are short (November, December, January).

Therefore, after late October it should not be placed where it will be exposed to artificial light at night. Such exposure may prevent blooming or cause poor blooms.

The ideal society would enable every man and woman to develop along their individual lines, and not attempt to force all into one mold, however admirable.