

"JOE BEAVER" By Ed Nofziger



Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture
 "You can sit and worry about H-Bombs, or you can get to work and help manage our timber resources for the country's future. Which seems more constructive?"

Garden Time

By ROBERT SCHMIDT

With a new garden planting season coming up we must be thinking about our seed supply - in fact, seeds for very early planting such as garden peas, lettuce and onions should already be on hand.

Very often we have seeds left over from last year and the question is - shall we plant them or shall we buy new seed? Seed that is held over from previous years should not be planted unless a germination test has been run on them.

Many kinds of seeds such as onions, beans, peas, corn, lettuce and parsnips are short lived and lose their viability in two or three years under the best of storage conditions. Other kinds, such as tomatoes, cabbage, beets and kale may be good for four or five years.

For seeds which normally sprout quickly a satisfactory germination test may be made at home. A piece of blotter or heavy paper towel should be moistened and placed on a dinner plate. Seeds are counted out and placed on the blotter or towel and another moistened blotter or towel is used to cover the seeds. Then another plate is inverted and placed over the seeds. This gives the effect of a small moist chamber and should be kept where the temperature will be between 65 and 75 degrees most of the time.

Radish, turnip cabbage, mustard, bean, peas, and corn seed should give pretty good indications of how well they will germinate in about four days. Pepper, tomato, onion, carrot and beet seed may require a week or more.

The seed laboratory of the N. C. Dept. of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C., will test seed for you free of charge, but it will require about three weeks for a report from them.

Instead of using blotters and paper towels seed may be planted shallowly in a small box of sand or vermiculite which can be placed in a warm place and the sprouts counted as they come up. This is not as quick a method as the other but may give a better indication of the vitality of the seeds. Weak seeds may germinate but in many cases will not make a plant.

Farmers got only 46 cents of each dollar that consumers spent for farm foods in November. This is 3 cents below what they received a year earlier and the lowest since the end of World War II.

Cabbage On Plentiful Foods List For Month

The winter cabbage crop is an estimated 15 per cent larger than last year and retail supplies of cabbage will be plentiful in the Southeast in February, G. H. Farley, Cherokee County Agent for the State College Extension Service, said this week.

In Florida, where 180,000 tons of this year's 357,300 ton-crop will be grown, shipments will reach a peak volume by the first of February. In addition, there'll be heavy supplies shipped to market from Texas, Arizona, and California.

Although cabbage leads the U. S. Department of Agriculture's plentiful foods list for February, Farley said retail shoppers should also find ample supplies of fresh carrots, lettuce, tomatoes, and celery at their local grocery stores.

Best fruit buys, Mr. Farley said, will be orange and grapefruit products, both fresh and processed, and in addition markets will be well supplied with dried figs, raisins, almonds, filberts, and walnuts.

Other foods on the plentiful foods list for February include peanut butter, frozen fish, eggs, dry baby lima and pea beans, heavy turkeys, dairy products, and edible fats and oils.

EFFICIENCY AT HOME

Home management specialist's suggestion to homemakers who wish to be efficient:

- Set breakfast table after supper the night before.
- Put cooking utensils to soak soon as they are emptied.
- Scrape and stack dishes, according to size and shape, at right of dishwashing center.
- Use brush for washing cut glassware, forks, graters, egg beaters, or any piece with grooves, crevices, etc.

Number of workers on farms in later December, estimated at 6.5 million persons was the lowest on record.

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THE LONE RANGER By Fran Striker

FOOD! I'LL HAVE IT-IF I HAVE TO KILL THOSE MEN TO GET IT!

STAND STILL, BOTH OF YOU! MAKE A MOVE, AND I'LL SHOOT!

UMP!

BORRY TO BE ROUGH WITH YOU, BUT YOU SHOULDN'T THREATEN US WITH A GUN.

MASKED! WHAT HAVE I WALKED INTO?

WERE NOT OUTLAWS.

CALL ME "BO". THAT'S SHORT FOR HOBO.

YOU'RE NO HOBO!

I WOULDN'T CARE WHAT YOU WERE, IF YOU GAVE ME FOOD, I'M HUNGRY!

CHARLES FLANDERS

YOU'RE A NEWSPAPER MAN! YOU RAN THE PRESS IN RED ROCK AND YOUR NAME IS SMITH!

THAT'S RIGHT, MISTER! CROOKS BROKE ME AND WRECKED MY BUILDING.

I HEARD THERE'S A PAPER IN WELLSVILLE. I'M GOING TO TRY FOR A JOB.

TONTO'S GOING THERE FOR SUPPLIES. HE WILL TAKE YOU.

THANKS FOR EVERYTHING. MAYBE I CAN DO SOMETHING FOR YOU SOMETIME.

I HOPE YOU LAND THAT JOB, BO.

CHARLES FLANDERS

THERE'S THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE, TONTO.

ME LET YOU OFF THERE.

ME WONDER WHY EDITOR NOT LIKE RUSSEL?

HELP YOURSELF! FREE PAPERS! READ HOW SPOT RUSSEL ROBS YOU

WELL FIND OUT, TONTO. COME ON!

WHO SET'S TYPE IN THIS PAPER?

MY NIECE HERE, MISS JENNY.

GOT ANY COMPLAINT?

NO, I'M A TYPESETTER AND I NEED WORK.

WELL, WE NEED HELP, YOU'VE HIRED!

BUT I MUST WARN YOU TO BE READY FOR TROUBLE! THERE MAY BE GUNPLAY- AND MURDER!

SILVER, TONTO'S BEEN IN TOWN A LONG TIME. I WONDER IF HE'S IN TROUBLE.

WE'LL FIND OUT. COME ON, SILVER!

GREAT SCOTT! THAT DOES SOUND LIKE TROUBLE!

CHARLES FLANDERS