

### HOME DEMONSTRATION CORNER

EMILY BALLINGER, County Home Economics Agent

The home agents announce the following schedule:

Monday, April 8: The Agricultural Workers Council will meet at 3:45 p. m. in the assembly room of the county agricultural building.

Tuesday, April 9: Office.  
Wednesday, April 10: Ridgeway Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Frank Kilian.

Vaughan Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Elsie Shearin.

Thursday, April 11: Shaw Springs Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Walter Kidd.

Friday, April 12: Johnston Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Miss Mary Hope Halthcock.

Inez Community 4-H Club will meet at 2 p. m. at the home of Terry Mullan.

#### GET YOURSELF A GREEN THUMB

If your house plants show signs of trouble—and you know what causes it—the plants can very often be revived and made to flourish. And you are credited with a "green thumb."

Poor plants sometimes are the result of nothing more serious than improper watering or a cold draft. Lack of fertilizer and insect attack are other frequent causes.

Here are some of the symptoms of unhealthy house plants—and some of the causes—as listed in "Selecting and Growing House Plants" (HG-82), a new booklet prepared by scientists of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture's Research Service.

Loss of leaves may be due to a sudden change in temperature, transplanting shock, change from strong sunlight to a dark location or from dark to sunlight, or overwatering.

Browning of leaf tips may result from improper watering, exposure to cold drafts, insect attack, or excess fertilizer.

Loss of normal foliage color

overwatering, lack of fertilizer, insect attack.

Spotted foliage — Overwatering, burning from direct sunlight.

If your plants are bothered by insects, USDA has an answer for that too—in another booklet, entitled "Insects and Related Pests of House Plants" (HG-67).

Single copies of both booklets may be obtained free from the Office of Information, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C. Send a post card with your name, address, and the title and number of each publication.

### Announcement By Negro Agent

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#### Home Demonstration Clubs

Monday, April 8: Office.  
Tuesday, April 9: 11:30 a. m., Longs-Arcola Home Demonstration Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Victoria Williams.

1 p. m., Thrift Hill Home Demonstration Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Janet Wilson.

Wednesday, April 10: 1 p. m., Coley Spring Home Demonstration Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Lugenia Kearney.

Thursday, April 11: 12:30 p. m., Fork Chapel Home Demonstration Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Ethel Alston.

Friday, April 12: 1:30 p. m., Vaughan Home Demonstration Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Mable Richardson.

#### 4-H Meetings

Wednesday, April 10: 8 p. m., A general 4-H Club meeting will be held in Vaughan Community to discuss the Community 4-H Club Concept.

Thursday, April 11: 8 p. m., A general 4-H Club meeting will be held at Russell Union

Church to discuss the Community 4-H Club Concept.

Friday, April 12: 8 p. m., A training meeting for Adult 4-H Leaders will be held at Snow Hill Church.

#### Community Development Meetings

Monday, April 8: 7:30 p. m., Mayflower Community Development meeting will be held at St. Stephen Baptist Church.

7:30 p. m., Embro Community Development meeting will be held at the home of Mr. W. H. Fitz.

Tuesday, April 9: 7:30 p. m., Fork Chapel Community Development meeting will be held at the school.

Wednesday, April 10: 7:30 p. m., Shocco Community Development meeting will be held at the clubhouse.

Thursday, April 11: 7:30 p. m., Ridgeway Community Development meeting will be held at the church.

All club members and families are asked to please observe the schedule of activities above and make plans now to attend.

### Negro FARM AGENT NEWS

LEONARD C. COOPER, Negro County Agent  
I. W. MURFREE, Asst. Negro County Agent

#### PEPPER GROWERS

Here are some timely suggestions for growing your 1963 pepper crop:

1. Select a well-drained, easily worked loamy soil. Do not select a soil that had cotton, tobacco, tomatoes, eggplant, peppers or Irish potatoes last year. Practice crop rotation to control root knot, bacterial spot and other diseases. Fumigate with EDB or DD if root knot is severe—at least two weeks prior to planting.

2. Take a soil sample early to find out your lime and fertilizer needs.

3. Be sure that the land is plowed early and deep to insure that trash and other organic matter are well rotted. Addition of 5-10 tons of stable manure before plowing is very desirable. Plowing under green manure crops

### Soil Conservation News

## Farmers And Contractors Busy With Soil Conservation Work

By NAT B. WHITE, Soil Conservationist

For the past week farmers and contractors have been busy on Conservation work on farm lands. In some cases the earth is being moved with heavy equipment; in some cases the job is being done by farm tractors. For four months the land was too wet to work. Now that soil conditions are right terraces are being built, grassed waterways shaped, and farm lands smoothed.

During the past week parallel terraces were staked for J. P. Williams of Norlina, M. P. Hartin of Oine, Fredrick Hardy near Arcola, Edward Carroll of Warren

(cover) early will result in increased yields.

4. Have rows 3 1/2 feet apart and set plants 1 1/2 feet apart in row. This row width helps for later cultivation (6500 plants per acre).

5. Apply the recommended fertilizer in two bands, each located 3 inches to the side and 2 to 3 inches below the plant roots. On average soils, 800 pounds of 5-10-10 per acre should be used (if soil was not tested.) Where banding is impossible, mix the fertilizer thoroughly with the soil before ridging, since peppers are very susceptible to fertilizer injury. (Side-dress 3 times, at 2 to 3-week intervals, with 10 to 15 pounds of Nitrogen per side dressing (such as 65 to 100 pounds of nitrate of soda, 33 to 50 pounds of ammonium nitrate, etc.). (Apply the first side-dressing 3 to 4 weeks after setting in the field.)

6. Set plants in late afternoon or on cloudy days to prevent wilting. Use a transplanting solution that contains a complete fertilizer plus Terrachlor to help the plants get an early start and to control Southern Stem Rot.

If you need additional information, contact experienced growers and agricultural workers.

Plains, James Rivers of Warren Plain, and Melvin Abbott of Vicksboro. The parallel terrace systems are replacing the old type terraces in fields where they are practical. The advantage of the parallel terraces is that they eliminate short rows between the terraces.

Several farmers are planning to leave large fields out so as to install land smoothing, grassed waterways, and parallel terraces during the summer and early fall. During

this season the farmer can get heavy equipment to move in and do the job when they are not having to rush to get land ready for row crops. Robert Turner, Fredrick Williams, Sidney Fleming, and Malvin Hartin are planning to do land smoothing work this summer or fall. "I know we don't have time to fix that field this spring" said Robert Turner. Turner is moving all row crops to other fields and planning on land smoothing work this summer.

### Henderson Policeman Acts As Babysitter

HENDERSON — A rookie Henderson patrolman offered to watch a woman's car Wednesday and wound up a baby sitter.

Policeman R. G. Mathews, directing traffic at a busy intersection agreed to look after the car while the woman went shopping.

By the way, she told the officer, her baby was asleep

on the seat. And then she added, "If he wakes up, there's a bottle in there."

Before Mathews could decide whether such service was in the province of his duties, the woman had returned.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Broom and Miss Ruth Sheets of Raleigh were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Allen and Mr. Edward Allen, Jr., on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Daniel spent the weekend with relatives in Holly Hill, S. C.

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Mr. Charles Davis of New York was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Pridden in Inez and was an overnight guest of Mrs. Arthur Petar in Warrenton. He was en route to visit relatives in Miami, Florida.

Mrs. Dean DeMaist of Raleigh was a recent guest of her mother, Mrs. Annie Bell Egerton, in Inez.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Paslee of Washington, D. C., were recent guests of Mrs. Blanche Hayes in Wise.

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