

Seeds with hard shells generally have been regarded as a nuisance, whether the plant was a crop or a weed. But nowadays soil conservation specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture are actually searching for harder shelled strains in several plant families. Harder shells would be useful in plant growth, for winter ground covers.

New Film Now Is Available On Land Use

One or more copies of "Land and Life," a new educational motion picture portraying the relationship between land and people in the Southeast, will be made available to county farm and home agents for local showings throughout the state, according to L. S. Bennett, visual aids specialist for the State college extension service.

The film, a 25-minute natural color, sound picture, is sponsored by the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Agricultural Extension Services of Alabama, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Tennessee, Virginia, and North Carolina. Its main purpose is to show how farmers of the South are learning that proper land use is the basis for creating new wealth.

The story is told through an old-fashioned family reunion. A school superintendent from North Carolina, a preacher from Virginia, a farmer from Alabama, men of many professions from all parts of the South, come with their families back to the old homeplace—

Explosive Wedge Takes Sweat Out Of Log Splitting

It won't be long before North Carolina farmers start splitting logs for fencing, home use and other purposes, and John L. Gray, State college extension service forester, has just the tool to take the sweat out of the job.

Mr. Gray says that a small number of farmers in North Carolina have been using the explosive wedge for a number of years, but its use is not common.

The wedge is especially helpful in splitting tough hickory, gum, oak, other hardwoods, and pine, according to Mr. Gray.

The wedge looks like a short length of truck axle with one end hollowed out and tapered down. There are several different types on the market. All types make use of a small

charge of powder to split the log.

Farmers who are interested in getting more information on the explosive wedge should contact the district forestry extension specialist.

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Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Dillinger and family, of Charlotte, and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Morrison and son, of Gastonia, are spending a week here.

Mrs. Charlie Moore, Sr., and Mrs. Leonard Evitt, both of Gastonia, are spending a few days here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Rogers.

Harry Beale, of Fairfax, Va., spent the week-end visiting his wife and son at the home of Mrs. Beale's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Ammons.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hulbert and sons, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen Henry and daughter, all of Detroit, Mich., are visiting Mr. Henry's and Mrs. Hulbert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Henry, and Mrs. Leslie Young.

John C. Henry and daughter, Diane, and Jimmie Horn, of Macon, Ga., have been visiting Mr. Henry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry.

Several friends and relatives have visited Grady Henry at the Asheville Orthopedic home. Mr. Henry is reported to be gradually improving.

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A Davidson County 4-H Club member, Mack Shoaf of Route 5, Winston-Salem, made 223 bushels of oats on a two-acre field this season. There are about 45,000 Negro 4-H club members in North Carolina.

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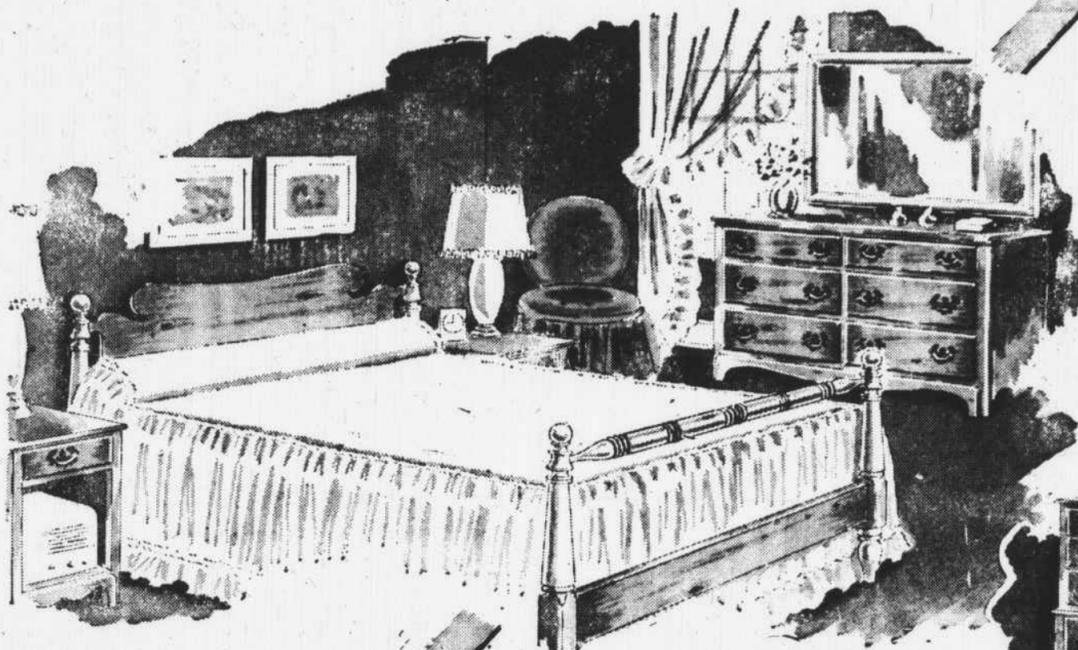
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