



GARDEN TIME
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The gladiolus is a very popular and satisfactory cut flower and is not too difficult to grow in the home flower garden. They come in a great variety of colors and are most satisfactory after cutting because they last so long when cut and placed in the home, church, school or given to friends. They are not too choosy about soil types either as long as they are reasonably good, and well drained. The plants should have full sunshine all day for best results.

Another very fine feature about this crop is that you can have flowers practically all through the growing season by succession planting—a new planting every two or three weeks.

Select corms ("bulbs") of good size which have been treated for diseases and insects. Plant the corms about four inches deep in rows about three feet apart. The corms should be spaced about four inches in the rows.

The larger corms have good reserve food storage making heavy

applications of fertilizer unnecessary. I would suggest the use of one pint of an 8-8-8 mixture (granular form, not pellets) for each 50 feet of row. The fertilizer should be applied a week or so before planting the corms and should be well incorporated with the soil. Close contact with fertilizer may result in damage to tender roots so thorough mixing with the soil is important.

The time of planting will vary considerably, depending upon where you are located. In eastern Carolina the commercial growers plant in late January or early February depending upon soil conditions. In the upper and lower Piedmont, planting may be done from the middle to the latter part of March, and in the mountains, from the middle to the latter part of April.

There are many good varieties of glads from which you may choose. You may purchase mixtures, which may be cheaper, but most gardeners get more satisfaction from knowing varieties

Ellison On Duty At Cherry Point

Marine Sergeant Alvin L. Ellison, son of Mrs. Bertha Ellison of 206 Dilling St., Kings Mountain, N. C., has reported to the Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N. C. for duty with Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Two.

His squadron is a unit of Marine Wing Headquarters Group Two, Second Marine Aircraft Wing.

His squadron provides personnel administration and air wing-level supply support for all air wing units, as well as providing supply support for units attached to the wing.

by name and purchase on this basis.

Here are a few good varieties, grouped in color classes: white or cream—June Bells, Margaret Beaton, Snow Princess and Mother Fischer; pink—Picardy, Spic and Span, Citation and Fay; red—Beacon, Sans Couci, Valeria and New York; lavender—Minuet, Tyrone and Elizabeth the Queen; Yellow—Gold, Van Maegren, Nugget and Yellow Herald; orange—Araujuez.

New Melon Seed Is Available

The first large plantings of the new watermelon Sweet Princess are expected to be made this year. Seed are available in good supply.

Dr. Warren R. Henderson, North Carolina State University scientist who developed the variety, said growers have shown considerable interest in Sweet Princess, indicating that it will become an accepted commercial melon.

The variety was released in 1966 and seed were increased last year. "Now that seed are available, we believe growers will want to try Sweet Princess and compare it to Charleston Gray and some of the other established commercial varieties," Dr. Henderson observed.

The variety is well adapted to the South and Southeast.

Tests indicate that Sweet Princess has a superior eating quality. It is sweeter than Charleston Gray and has a deep red, solid, crisp flesh. It is oblong, medium size and small-seeded.

Marketable yield of Sweet Princess is not significantly different from that of Charleston Gray, according to state and regional test results. The average yield was 28,500 pounds per acre in North Carolina tests.

Sweet Princess is resistant to fusarium wilt and anthracnose races 1 and 3, although it is susceptible to race 2 as are all other watermelons. It is also resistant to hollow heart, white heart, explosiveness and sunburn.

Another strong characteristic of the new variety which should appeal to commercial growers is its shipping quality. Although its rind is thin, it is strong and should hold up well in shipment.

Are Americans talkative? You bet. Last year, there were some 101 billion conversations carried over Bell System facilities, up 3.5 billion over the previous year. On an average day, there were 306 million conversations.

More living Americans suffer from some form of heart and blood vessel disease than any other disease, says the North Carolina Heart Association. At present, figures indicate that about 22,000,000 are affected by one of the cardiovascular disorders.

Long, Hard Winter



Wanted: Women For WAF

Can a young woman with a high school education learn a valuable job skill and draw a good salary at the same time? Can she manage all this while wearing a Hollywood-designed wardrobe which is furnished free of charge?

The surprising answer came today from local Air Force Recruiting Sergeant Lowdermilk. It's an emphatic "Yes." Amazing as it seems, almost 10,000 young women are doing just that in today's Air Force WAF.

WAF are found in over 100 different job skills in the Air Force that were learned entirely while on active duty. Each skill is also found in civilian life, ensuring the ladies an excellent position after their Air Force service is completed. In addition, the ladies earn exactly the same pay as do the men from their first day of active duty. There is no double standard.

Sgt. Lowdermilk had news too for those who still harbor old-fashioned ideas about women in service. Gone forever are the World War I vintage baggy clothes and funny hats that titillated the public fancy in President Wilson's day. Today's modern Air Force women wear smartly tailored uniforms that were designed in Hollywood exclusively for the WAF. This design is being constantly updated too in order to keep pace with changing fashion trends.

But the Air Force needs WAF for much more important reasons than simply looking pretty. WAF serve in positions of ever increasing responsibility right alongside their male counterparts, thereby earning the respect that is their due.

True, there once was a time when the Air Force regarded the WAF as little more than an experiment. But, Sgt. Lowdermilk points out, jet propulsion and rockets were also regarded in the past as being mere futuristic fantasies. Today's WAF, like the jet and the rocket, have become full-fledged members of the Air Force team.

Sgt. Lowdermilk urged young women high school graduates seeking an exciting and rewarding career to investigate the opportunities available to them in the WAF. Applications are now being accepted from single women under 28 who are in good health. More detailed information, without obligation, may be obtained by contacting Sgt. Lowdermilk at the Air Force Recruiting Office, 105 N. South St., Gastonia, N. C., telephone 867-7892.

Stubblefield Wins Honor

LANDSTUHL, Germany—Staff Sergeant Willie F. Stubblefield, son of Mrs. Estelle Stubblefield of Rt. 4, Tylertown, Miss., has been recognized for helping his unit earn the U.S. Air Force Outstanding Unit Award.

Sergeant Stubblefield, a flight engineer in a detachment of the Atlantic Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Center of the Military Airlift Command at an Air Force support unit at Cigli AB, Turkey, will wear a distinctive service "ribbon as a permanent decoration.

The unit was cited for maintaining a sustained search and rescue commitment with a perfect flying safety record.

In addition to the normal planned precautionary support of Air Force operations, the center provides extensive coverage to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) space program, and flies numerous humanitarian assistance missions for civilian agencies of the United States and foreign nations.

The center's area of responsibility encompasses four continents.

The sergeant, who served with the U.S. Navy during World War II, attended McComb (Miss.) High School and completed requirements for his diploma after entering the service.

His wife, Nadine, is the daughter of Mrs. Jesse Broome of 516 E. Lee St., Bessemer City, N. C.

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KM Recorder's Court

The following actions were taken during the week of February 19-26 in the Kings Mountain Recorder's Court.

These persons pleaded guilty before court began and paid their fines: Samuel F. Freeman, 104 Center St., driving wrong side of road; Robert D. Parker, 814 First St., speeding 50 in 35 zone.

Paul C. Glenn, 210 Dilling St., fail to yield right of way; John A. ngland, Route 2, Box 102, Aelberbe, N. C., fail to yield right of way.

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