

# Windbreaks Can Reduce Those Dust Storm Effects

Now is the time to think about those blinding dust storms that will be sweeping across many sections of North Carolina in the spring. Besides being annoying, the winds blow away the most valuable part of the soil.

One of the best ways to remedy the situation, according to R. S.

Douglass, forestry specialist for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, is to plant windbreakers of pine.

Windbreaks of pine have shown remarkable effect in reducing dust within six to eight years after planting, Douglass said. For best results, three rows of pines should be set 8 to 10 feet apart. The trees should be placed 8 to 10 feet apart in the row. Windbreaks should be placed 500 feet apart and crosswise to the wind direction.

For tighter windbreak, a row of cedar can be planted on the windward side. Cedars have green limbs near the ground, while pines drop their lower limbs as they grow.

Loblolly is considered the best pine for a windbreak, even on light soils, because it has more needles than the slash or longleaf pine.

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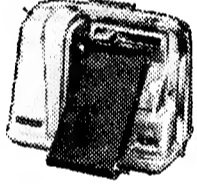
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It is always interesting to try something new. Here are some of the new vegetables you should know about for 1959:

**Nemagreen Lima Bean**—This new variety is resistant to nematodes. In type, it resembles Clark's Bush or Early Thorogreen.

**Thaxter**—A downy-mildew resistant baby lima variety.

**Long Emperor II Carrot**—A selection from Emperor with long, smooth, well-colored roots.

**Deep Gold Sweet Corn**—Developed primarily for commercial processing, but good for home use and roadside stand sales.

**Nappa 61 Cucumber**—A mosaic-resistant national pickling type, but is not scab resistant. Nappa 63 is also a national type which was developed for scab resistance.

**Edisto Cantaloupe**—This variety is best adapted for local use and trucker's market. It has good flesh texture and flavor and is tolerant to both downy and powdery mildew.

**Dixie Market Spinach**—A savory leafed-type resistant to mosaic and downy mildew. It is reported to be more productive than the standard Bloomersdale types.

**Cozella Squash**—This variety pro-

duced a heavy early yield of attractive fruits. The fruits have better color and are straighter than Long Cocozelle which it resembles; packs well for both shipping and display on grocery shelf.

**Hope Diamond Watermelon**—A fusarium wilt and anthracnose-resistant variety of the Black Diamond and Florida Giant type. The fruits average slightly smaller than Black Diamond but have brighter red flesh and are sweeter; reported to be free from white and hollow heart.

And here are some new roses: **Kordes Perfecta**—An ivory and Cerise hybrid tea.

**Allgold**—A golden floribunda. **Pink Peace**—Similar to Peace except for color.

**Tapestry**—Another hybrid tea with variegated petals.

**Torch Song**—A smoky-flame color.

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## Volunteers Helping VA Mental Cases

Men who have lost the ability to speak or understand language are learning to talk again with the aid of volunteers at Veterans Administration hospitals, VA said.

These are veteran-patients whose brain injury from wounds, strokes, or other disease has made them unable to coordinate their thinking or associate words with the objects for which the words stand. Slowly and patiently they must be taught to associate words with things and form sentences to express meaning.

After receiving special training at VA hospitals, housewives, retired military and businessmen, and other volunteers from the community help the disabled veterans, whose condition is known as aphasia, practice speech each day.

Working under the guidance of specialists in speech, along with the physician and psychologist, the volunteer holds a card with a word printed on it in front of the patient.

"This is something you find in the winter," the volunteer may say. "What is it?"

"S-s-s," the veteran replies, trying to form a word. "S-snow."

At some VA hospitals, a special machine that plays a sound tape on cards is used in speech therapy for patients with aphasia. It shows a picture of an object, speaks its name, and shows the word to the patient on a card simultaneously. The patient repeats the individual word as clearly as he can and the volunteer listens to his pronunciation and helps him correct it as needed.

Thus through practice and repetition, many VA aphasia patients are helped to overcome their disability.

VA doctors feel volunteers make a valuable contribution in such speech therapy, not only through the actual mechanics of practicing speech but through their personalities which help patients relax and bring out their best efforts.

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