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The Home Sphere

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Plant Garden Seed Now:
 Many garden vegetable seeds should be planted in boxes in the house and transplanted when the second pair of leaves are formed into other boxes or cold frames in the garden. Plant in soil made by mixing one third sand, one third garden soil and one third woods soil.

There will be less rotting of seeds and dampening off of young plants if the soil is sterilized by heating in the oven. If the soil has been used before, wash with soapy water and scald it.

Mr. Howard Garrison, Extension Plant Pathologist, says for you to sterilize the soil in the following manner. Dampen soil enough so that it clings together when pressed in the hand. Place one half of the soil in the box. Place one Irish potato one inch one half inches in diameter, in the middle of the box and then fill the box with soil in a low temperature oven from 250 degrees F. to 300 degrees F. until the potato is cooked. Allow the soil to cool thoroughly before planting the seed. Do not let any unsterilized soil or container come in contact with the sterilized soil. When the seeds are planted, water the soil sufficiently to moisten. Do not soak it with water. Place planted boxes in the house as often as possible but if the house is very hot the box needs partial shade. Plants grown by this method will mature much sooner than when the seeds are sown directly in the garden.

Are You Short on Sugar?

If you have a hard time making the family sugar ration last from bucket to bucket try cooking with molasses, either home made or bought. Use molasses not sirup in the old time recipes. Our great grandmothers used molasses in many of their favorite dishes. See if you cannot find some of the old time recipes. If you cannot do a little experimenting of your own. Try a hot sauce for puddings made with molasses, mixed with lemon juice, salt and butter. Molasses pie made with a custard filling and sweetened with molasses and seasoned with spices will surprise you in deliciousness. Do not forget the old fashioned molasses pudding that appears today under the name of ginger bread. A better way to use molasses is in bread than in Boston baked beans and Boston Brown Bread.

Two things to remember about molasses in cooking is that molasses containing it scorch or burn very easily and that molasses has acid in it. Therefore most recipes using it need a little soda.

Cleaning Gloves And Furs-

The U. S. Department of Agriculture suggests that you should take care of leather gloves and furs. If they were not originally cleaned, washing will manage them. Clean instead with good cleaning fluid which has in it dissolved ordinary household kaffee at the rate of 3-tablespoons of paraffin to one quart of fluid. Sponge fur or soiled leather with the mixture. Gloves may be immersed in the mixture and washed lightly then rinsed in water. Dry off by folding in towel, pull into shape and finish drying after which polish with soft cloth. This develops a nice texture.

Is May Be Too Late-

Engineers say that the home body man should thaw a frozen water pipe by starting the faucet working back, but on all drains work exactly in the reverse order. Keep the faucet open to allow drainage of unmelted ice. A soft way to thaw out pipes is to wrap with cloths, and soak cloths with boiling water. Use some kind of container underneath to catch the drippings. We hope that you will not need this information until next winter.

Rev. L. B. Pattishall

The Rev. L. B. Pattishall, 60, Pinetops, died early Wednesday afternoon after an illness of several weeks. He was a member of the North Carolina Methodist Conference and had served several churches throughout the State, including Greensboro and Littleton.

Persons Required To File State Income Tax Returns

All single persons and married women receiving income of 1000.00 or more, and all married men living with wives on December 31, 1943, receiving \$2000.00 or more, are required to file an income tax return for the above year even though there may be no tax due on same. The personal exemption allowed single persons and married women with separate income is \$1000.00. The personal exemption allowed a married man living with wife on the last day of the year is \$2000.00. Personal exemption of \$200.00 is allowed for each dependent under 18 years of age, or if over 18 years of age, physically or mentally unable to earn a living. Partial support of a dependent is not deductible.

Allowable Deductions

The following deductions may be taken credit for in arriving at net income:

1. All the ordinary and necessary expenses paid during the income year in carrying on a trade or business, such as salaries and wages of employees for services rendered in producing such income.
2. Rents or other payments required to be made as a condition of the continued use or possession for the purpose of the trade of property to which the taxpayer has not taken or is not taking title, or in which he has no equity, but this does not include rents paid for a home.
3. All interest paid during the year except interest paid on money borrowed to purchase non-taxable securities and interest paid to finance companies since this interest is considered a part of the purchase price of the article acquired and is, therefore, not deductible.
4. Taxes paid except income taxes, gift taxes, inheritance and estate taxes, and taxes assessed for a local benefit of a kind tending to increase the property assessed. No deduction shall be allowed for gasoline tax, sales tax, automobile license or registration fee by individuals unless their automobile is used in producing their income.

5. Dividends from stock in any corporation, the income of which shall have been assessed, and the tax on such income paid by the corporation.
6. Losses from the sale of property used in trade or business or if property not connected with trade or business, if arising from fire, storm, shipwreck, or other casualties or theft and if not compensated by insurance or otherwise. No deduction is allowed for loss from the sale of home or sale of personal property. No deduction shall be allowed for losses arising from personal loans or endorsements or other transactions of a personal nature not entered into for profit.

7. Debts asserted to be worthless and actually charged off within the income year, if connected with business and, if the amount has previously been included in gross income in a return to this Department.
8. A reasonable allowance for depreciation of property used in trade or business.
9. Contributions or gifts made by individuals, firms, partnerships and corporations within the income to corporations, trusts, community chests, funds, foundations, or associations organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, literary, scientific, or educational purposes or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private stockholder or individual. Contributions made to an individual are not deductible. The maximum amount of contributions allowed to corporations and partnerships is 5 per cent of the corporation's or partnership's net income, while the maximum amount allowed individuals is 10 per cent of the individual's net income.

Quarterly Payments With Interest

The taxpayer is permitted to pay his tax in four quarterly installments regardless of the amount of his tax. However, interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum must be added to the deferred payments. He is required to pay at least one fourth of the total tax due on his return when same is filed on or before March 15, 1944. The next payment with interest as indicated above must be paid on or before June 15, 1944. The third payment of one-

fourth is due on or before September 15, 1944, with interest, while the last payment must be paid on or before December 15, 1944, with interest. Returns should be filed with the various Deputy Commissioners located throughout the State or they may be mailed direct to the North Carolina Department of Revenue, Raleigh, N. Carolina. In making out checks and money orders they should be made out to the North Carolina Department of Revenue or to Edw. Gill, Commissioner of Revenue. The check or money order should be attached to the income tax return since if these become separated from the return it causes a good deal of confusion in giving the taxpayer proper credit for his payment.

Requests for Extensions, Penalties, Etc.

In case of sickness or absence or other disability or whenever in his judgment a good cause exists, the Commissioner may grant an extension to a taxpayer for filing his return. Request for extension must be made in writing or by telegram since no extension will be granted if the request is made by telephone. In case no extension is obtained and the return is not filed on or before March 15, penalty of 5 per cent together with interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum must be added to the tax when the return is filed if filed voluntarily within sixty days from March 15. If the return is not filed within sixty days from March 15 penalty of 25 per cent, which in no case shall be less than \$5.00, must be added to the tax together with interest at 6 per cent annum.

Assistance by Deputies - Location

Notice will be given through local newspapers and by notices in public places when the Deputy Collectors will be available in these places to assist the taxpayers in preparing their returns for the year 1943. Any person needing assistance in preparing his return should contact the Deputy Collector in his vicinity and should have available the income tax blanks which have previously been mailed him. It will not be necessary for the return to be signed before a notary public, however, same should be signed before a competent witness.

Mrs. Anna D. Stephenson

Mrs. Anna Davis Stephenson, 61, died Saturday afternoon in Johnston County Hospital in Smithfield after an illness of ten days. Funeral services were conducted from Overby Funeral Chapel in Smithfield Sunday. Other services were conducted from the Jackson Baptist Church Monday afternoon by the Rev. Richard Lloyd and burial followed in the Jackson cemetery.

Mrs. Stephenson was a former resident of Jackson and moved to Smithfield two years ago to make her home with her son. She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Davis and the widow of the late H. L. Stephenson, Sr. Surviving are one son Henry L. Stephenson of Smithfield, three sisters, Mrs. J. H. Rowell of Weldon, Mrs. J. M. Boone and Miss Vergie Davis of Jackson, two brothers, J. T. Davis of Newark, N. J. and R. B. Davis of Springfield, N. J. and one grandson.

Mrs. Rodwell Entertains

Mrs. B. G. Rodwell delightfully entertained the members of her bridge club and several guests on Friday afternoon at her home.

When scores were totaled Mrs. R. C. Cornwall was winner of the club prize and Mrs. Hugh Mozeley the guest prize.

The hostess assisted by her mother Mrs. Dora Purnell, served sandwiches, salted nuts, lemon tarts and coffee.

The players included Mrs. Hugh Mozeley, Mrs. M. H. Mitchell, Mrs. J. M. Mohorn, Mrs. R. C. Cornwall, Mrs. C. F. Gore, Mrs. C. E. King, Mrs. T. H. Holmes, Mrs. G. H. Nash, Mrs. J. S. Sel-den, Mrs. R. T. Daniel, Mrs. C. R. Daniel and Mrs. N. J. Shepherd, Mrs. C. S. Vinson joined the players at refreshment time.

SUPERIOR COURT JANUARY TERM

Johnnie Whitley, white of Scotland Neck, charged with larceny of automobile not pros with leave.

William Griffin, white of Roanoke Rapids, plead guilty to forcible trespass and was given 12 months on the roads.

Frank Harris, charged with larceny not pros with leave.

Eddie Lee Hobbs, colored of Roanoke Rapids was found guilty of larceny and was given 6 months on the roads.

Herbert Winfree and Monroe Long, white of Roanoke Rapids were found guilty of breaking and entering and Long was given 12 months on the roads. Winfree 8 months on the roads.

Arthur Fleming, colored of Roanoke Rapids plead guilty of murder in the second degree which plea was accepted by the State and the defendant was given 30 years in State's Prison at hard labor.

Arthur Fleming and Sam Jones, colored of Roanoke Rapids charged with conspiracy to kill and rob case continued.

H. L. Martin, white of Roanoke Rapids was found guilty of driving while drunk and was fined \$50 and costs, license revoked for 12 months.

Former Weldon Pastor Dies In Raleigh, N. C.

The Rev. Euclid H. McWhorter retired Methodist minister, died early Wednesday morning at his home in Raleigh. He was 75 years of age.

The Rev. Mr. McWhorter was born in Galesville, Ala., in 1869. His work in the North Carolina conference included pastorate at Aberdeen, Enfield, Tarboro, Weldon, Lambertown, Chapel Hill, New Bern, and Wilson. He retired from the active ministry in 1936, and in 1937 he moved to Raleigh to live.

Funeral services were held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Edenton Street Methodist Church. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery.

The funeral services were conducted by Dr. H. I. Glass, district superintendent of Methodist churches, assisted by the Rev. A. J. Hobbs, pastor of the Edenton Street Methodist Church; the Rev. Robert L. Jerome, pastor of the Hayes Barton Methodist Church; the Rev. O. I. Hinson, pastor of the Jenkins Memorial Methodist Church; the Rev. J. H. Shore of Roxboro; the Rev. John C. Glenn of Durham; and the Rev. Leon Russell of New Bern.

Surviving are his wife, the former Brent Hodges of Gadsden, Ala., now of Raleigh; two daughters, Mrs. John Holland of New Bern and Mrs. L. Dow Pender of Raleigh; a son, Euclid H. McWhorter, Jr., of Chico, Calif.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Collector Roberson Will Assist People In Making Out Forms

Howard Roberson of Roanoke Rapids, who is Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue for U. S. Treasury Department, has announced this week he will be available to assist taxpayers in filling out their 1943 Income Tax returns.

- Mr. Roberson, has announced he will be at the following places from February 15th through the final filing time March 15th on the dates below:
- February 15, 16--Post Office, Enfield, N. C.
- February 17, 28--Post Office, Scotland Neck, N. C.
- February 19, 21--Post Office, Littleton, N. C.
- February 22 thru 25, Post Office, Ahoskie, N. C.
- February 26, Post Office, Murfreesboro, N. C.
- February 28, 29--Post Office, Weldon, N. C.
- March 1, 2--Post Office, Rich Square, N. C.
- March 3--Post Office, Halifax, N. C.
- March 4, 6--Jackson Drug Co., Jackson, N. C.
- March 7 thru Midnight 15, Post Office, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.

PROMOTED

Camp San Luis Obispo, California--Sgt. Lewis C. Myrick "E" Company 321st Infantry, has been promoted to the grade of Staff Sergeant while serving in the Army of the United States.

Buy Hybrid Seed Corn On Records

Farmers should be very careful in their purchases of hybrid seed corn and buy only on performance records made under North Carolina conditions, said researchers of the State College Experiment Station and directors of the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association at a recent meeting at Raleigh.

They pointed out that some hybrids which did well in the Mountain and Piedmont sections were wholly unsuited for production in the Coastal Plain areas. On the other hand, a certain hybrid gave good yields in the Coastal Plain and was relatively resistant to weevil damage and logging or wind damage, but was not suited to production in other areas.

Experiment Station tests showed that the yields of some hybrids were no better, or even less, than the yields of some of the standard varieties of corn already being grown. In other cases, certain hybrids gave outstanding yields which were considerably above the best yields of the purebred varieties now being grown.

Hybrid corns do not carry names such as "Jarvis" but are specified by numbers such as U. S. 282 or N. C. 1932. A "W" following the numbers means that it is a white corn and a "Y" shows that it is a yellow corn.

The Crop Improvement Association urges growers to consult Circular 134 before making purchases of hybrid seed corn. This publication gives the official performance records of the hybrids for 1942 and 1943. A free copy of these results may be obtained by writing the North Carolina Improvement Association, State College, Raleigh.

Mason's Install Officers

At a regular meeting of Roanoke Lodge No. 203, A.F. and A.M., the following officers were installed by W. B. Josephson Past Master for the ensuing year:

T. A. Chappell, Worshipful Master; L. C. Draper, Senior Warden; W. B. Joyner, Junior Warden; A. W. Oakes, Jr., Secretary; Henry Farber, Treasurer.

The following were appointed for the coming year:

Colie Clark, Senior Deacon; S. D. Knight, Junior Deacon; J. A. Hartsoe, Tyler; J. T. Rawlings, W. B. Josephson, Orphanage Committee.

Roanoke Lodge meets the first Tuesday of each month, and a cordial invitation is extended to all members and visiting brethren to attend.

Sam Gregory Stationed Now At Florida Air Base

Miami Beach, Fla., February 1--Capt. Samuel T. Gregory of Halifax, North Carolina, recently returned from service outside the continental United States, now is being processed through the Army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2 in Miami Beach, where his next assignment will be recommended.

This is one of the Redistribution Stations where the command of the AAF Redistribution Center, at an AAF Redistribution Station, AAF returnees from theaters of operation are examined by specially selected medical and classification officers whose joint findings are used in determining new assignments. Theme of the AAF Redistribution program is designation of each man to duty for which he is best fitted and, if possible, to duty for which he desires. Returnees live at a Redistribution Station under conditions that encourage natural response to processing, a majority of their two week stay being devoted to rest and recreation.

AAF personnel, including enlisted men and officers alike, are assigned to a Redistribution Station upon their return to the United States, but do not report to the Station until completing a furlough or leave of approximately three weeks.

Captain Gregory, 23, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher H. Gregory of Halifax.

A B-24 Liberator pilot he flew 26 search missions during three months in Hawaii, flew 27 missions and served as operations officer for nine months in the Southwest Pacific, and as acting squadron commander during an additional month and a half in the same area.

C. E. King Foreman Of Halifax Grand Jury

George Hux Issues Explosives License

Mr. George A. Hux of Halifax, N. C. has been appointed Explosives Licensing Agent, with power to issue Vendor's, Purchaser's and Foreman's. Those who wish to secure license for purchasing and selling fertilizers or dynamite may contact Mr. Hux.

Newspaper Cases To Be Tried Next Week

A civil term of Halifax County Superior Court will begin Monday, February 7th, with Judge Walter J. Bone, of Nashville, presiding.

The first case to be heard on Monday will be Carroll L. Wilson vs. The Roanoke News Co., in which action Wilson is suing for the sum of \$10,000 for alleged libel contained in an editorial run in this newspaper in July 1942. Also to be tried Monday is the case in which Wilson is suing for \$25,000 cash from Dr. B. M. Nicholson of Enfield and B. P. Turner of Weldon. These cases concern an editorial appearing in this newspaper August 26th, 1943.

Weldon Boys Win; Girls Lose At Murfreesboro

The Weldon High School boys basketball team continued its winning ways last night by winning from the strong Murfreesboro school team by the score of 18 to 5. The tight zone defense of Coach P. R. Kitchen's boys paid dividends as they smothered the Murfreesboro team's scoring threats and when the locals had the ball they hit the basket very well.

This was the second defeat for the Murfreesboro team in two years and the first this year.

The Weldon girls lost their game with the Murfreesboro girls by the score of 24 to 17.

There will be a doubleheader here Friday night, February 5th, with the boys and girls' teams from Roanoke Rapids High School at the local gym with the girls game starting at 7:30 o'clock.

People In County Are Backing 4th War Loan Drive

The people of Halifax County are again proving their patriotism by buying Bonds in the Fourth War Loan. Estimates today have placed the total sales for the county at about \$800,000. This leaves a balance on the county quota yet to be sold about \$534,000 worth of Bonds.

Weldon people have bought about \$110,000 worth of Bonds during this drive and sales today indicate plenty of interest is being maintained each day.

The contest at the local schools will end Friday, February 3rd. All of the teachers and children have done a wonderful job and much of the success in this 4th War Loan Drive here can be attributed to their efforts.

Tuesday, February 15th, a picture "Dubarry Was A Lady" will be featured on the screen of the Levon Theatre here and admission will be by the purchase of a war bond only. Buy a bond and attend the Levon Theatre on War Bond Day.

Negro Woman Dies From Severe Burns

Minnie Mills, 50 year old Negro woman, died in Roanoke Rapids Hospital yesterday afternoon about 6 o'clock from severe burns sustained at noon yesterday when she stood too close to a wood heater and her clothes caught fire.

The woman was at her home on the Weldon-Aurelian Springs road when the accident occurred.

C. E. King of Weldon, was appointed Foreman of the Halifax County Grand Jury this week by Judge Walter J. Bone who is presiding over the two week's mixed term of Court at Halifax. The following report was made to the Superior Court by the Grand Jury at close of the criminal term on Wednesday.

Halifax, N. C. January 31, 1944.

To the Honorable Walter J. Bone, Judge Presiding:

We, the Grand Jury for the January Term, 1944 of Halifax County, beg to submit the following report:

We have passed upon all bills presented to us to the best of our ability.

We have inspected the County Home and farm, County Jail and Sanatorium and found same in good condition.

We have had before us Mr. Hall of the Welfare Department, and he reports no increase in juvenile delinquency, and knows of nothing that this body can do at this time.

The Clerk of the Superior Court advises us that reports of guardianships are in satisfactory condition.

Good Seed Stock For Yams Needed

Sweet potato growers from 12 counties in Eastern Carolina declared at a recent meeting with representatives of the Extension Service, the State Department of Agriculture, and the Agricultural Experiment Station that practices for growing the crop should be improved.

They recommended better sources of selected seed; also seed and plant treatment. They emphasized proper fertilizers, the right type of soil, and proper spacing of the plants in the row. They called special attention to protecting the crop from diseases in the field and in the curing barn. They especially stressed better grading and packing, pointing out that it was most important to give the consuming public just what it wants.

B. B. Holder of Lillington, Route 2, at a recent meeting of farmers and county agents, explained that good seed stock was of prime importance in successfully growing sweet potatoes, according to J. Y. Lassiter, Extension horticulturist at State College.

"Seven years ago J. B. Gourley, then an assistant county agent but now marketing specialist of the State Department of Agriculture, suggested that I feed my potatoes to the hogs and buy good seed. I fed half of them to the hogs and bedded the other half. Three years later I waked up to the fact that Gourley was right and bought some good seed stock" Holder said.

"Since that time I have been selling out \$1,000 worth of plants each year to neighbors. I handle my sweet potatoes just like they were eggs and it pays. Last year I set 3.1 acres on June 20 and produced 993 bushels of No. 1's. How does that compare with tobacco?" he asked.

Machinery For Increased Food

The food production goal announced for 1944 is the highest on record. It calls for the largest planting program in the nation's history -- the planting of 380,000,000 acres, an increase of 16,000,000 acres over 1943.

"This vast production program will require the efficient utilization of machinery in planting, cultivating, and harvesting the farm products needed," says J. D. Blickle, Extension agricultural engineer at State College.

Although more new machinery will be made in 1944 than in 1943, it may not be available in large quantities when it is needed. Also the quantity of new machinery probably will not be sufficient to meet the increased acreage and for replacement of worn equipment. This means that it is highly essential to have every usable machine now on the farms properly repaired and maintained for use in 1944.

CATGUT
 Catgut is needed in all hospitals. Many veterinarians are using sutures of specially prepared cotton and plastic materials.