

GARDEN TIME

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In the flower garden this is a good time to plant seed of spring and early summer blooming perennials.

If these seeds are planted now in flats, coldframes, or well-prepared seed beds, and transplanted as soon as large enough to handle, they will bloom next year. If you plant the seeds in the spring most of these plants will not bloom until the following year.

August and September are good months to plant seed of pansies and winter annuals such as annual larkspur, annual phlox, shirley poppies and cornflower. Pansies should be transplanted but the others may be left as seeded. They are all hardy to winter temperatures. All are early spring bloomers.

We have received requests of information about peonies—will they grow here? Should they be divided? When should they be moved? When and how should new plantings be made?

Peonies are more easily grown in the piedmont and mountain sections of North Carolina, but they can also be grown in coastal plain areas with better care.

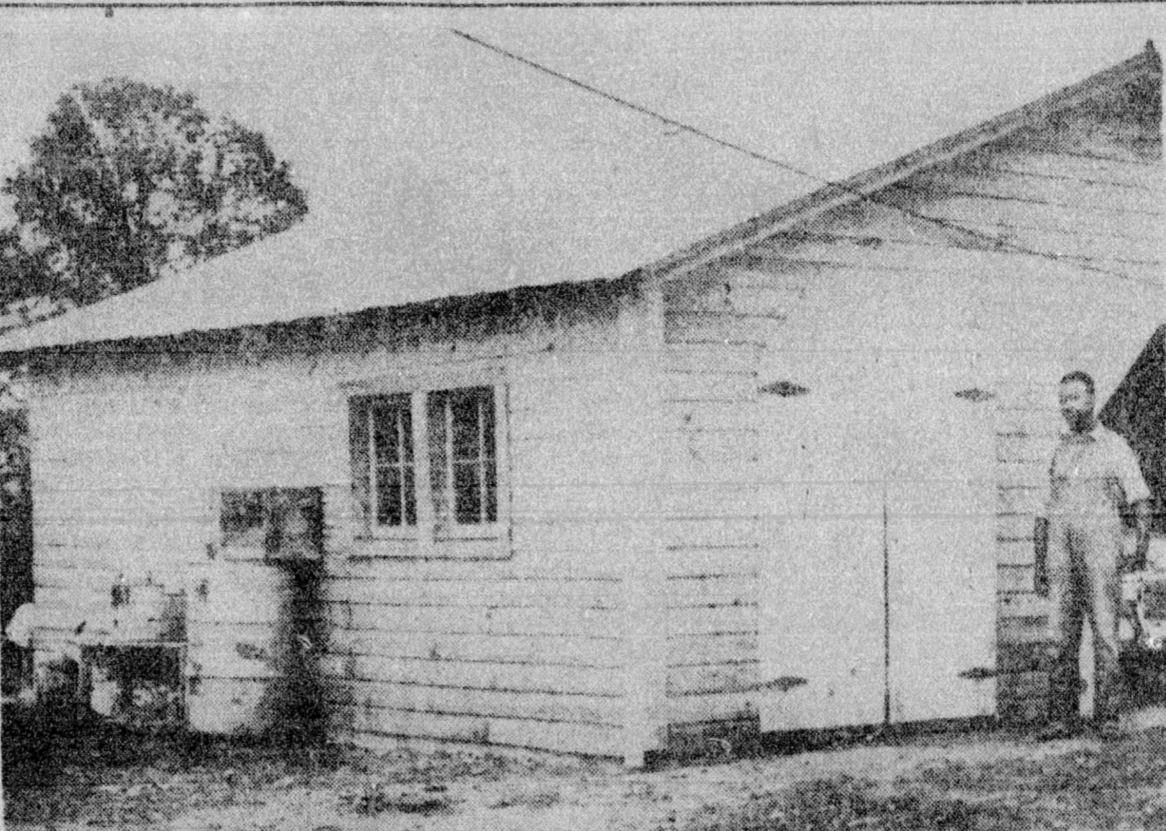
The time for making new plantings or for moving or dividing old plant would be October and November in eastern North Carolina and September and October for the Western and mountain sections of the state. Don't move them unless there is good reason to do so. Peonies do not like to be disturbed. If you have a clump doing well

and producing good blooms let it alone. Loss of roots in digging will be harmful.

It is not necessary to divide and move peonies every two or three years as we do iris and daffodils. If a plant is not blooming satisfactorily then it may be advisable to move it to a better location, or perhaps it has been planted too deep and should be taken up and replanted. In such cases, cut off as few roots as possible. Peonies should be planted shallow. Buds should not be more than one or two inches below the surface of the soil.

Current magazines and newspapers are advertising the "miracle plant" which is guaranteed to bloom without soil or water. It will do that. The plant is the cichorium which resembles a large lavender crocus and will send out or on the kitchen shelf. They may be planted in the yard about two inches deep.

SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE CAROLINIAN



WISE FARM ECONOMY is exemplified by Nathan Cogdell of Newton Grove Rt. 1, who is shown posing beside a well-constructed combination food storage and laundry house which he built at a cash outlay of \$120.

Widow Proves Value Of Garden On Farm

SMITHFIELD, N. C. — A firm believer in the slogan that no farm is complete without a garden, Mrs. Ardella Whitley of Princeton, Rt. 1 offers living proof.

A widow for a number of years, Mrs. Whitley has faced the dual role of housekeeper and breadwinner for herself and several grandchildren.

She is a member of the Princeton Demonstration Club, and puts all the good advice which comes to her through that connection to good use.

She has learned, among other things, that a properly planned, well cultivated and sprayed garden with at least a dozen different vegetables can yield food for the family worth \$400 a year.

She knows that this variety of vegetables can mean the difference between bad and good health.

She knows further that the money she saves by raising her own food can be spent to great

advantage for certain other necessities for comfortable living which she cannot produce on a farm.

Mrs. Whitley produces all the major farm crops that are found on other Johnston County farms, but still finds time, with the help of her grandchildren, to raise the needed variety of vegetables.

State College specialists suggest avoiding heavy dosages of insecticides and fungicides on edible crops. Follow directions carefully and never apply more than is recommended.

Put a coating of wax on painted shelves before covering them with paper or oilcloth. This will prevent the cover from sticking to the wood.

The 1956 sweet potato crop is estimated at about 7 per cent less than the 4,364,000 bushels produced in 1955.

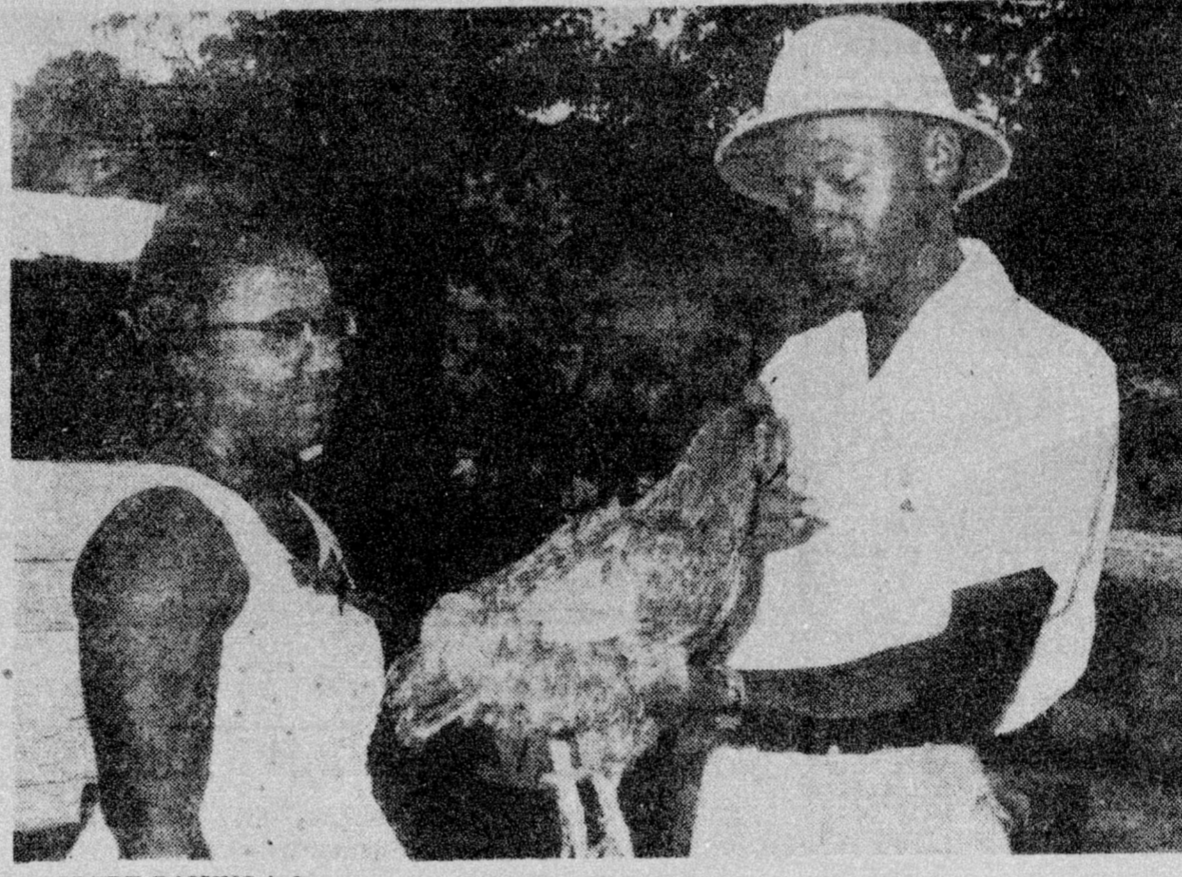
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POULTRY RAISING is becoming an increasingly important part of the farm economy in Johnston County, and is being handled primarily by the women. Inspired by their Home Demonstration Club leadership, Mrs. Dora Sanders (left above), one of the very active volunteer poultry leaders, listens to an explanation of the fine points of culling chickens by Assistant Negro County Agent M. E. Reddick.

Women Make Poultry Pay In Johnston Co.

SMITHFIELD — Farmwomen, inspired by their activities in the Home Demonstration Club, have made poultry raising a significant part of the farm economy in Johnston County.

Mrs. Lucy O. Toole, Negro Home Demonstration Agent, has been the guiding spirit in the development of a remarkably active HDC program throughout the county, and Assistant Negro County Agent M. E. Reddick is providing the technical know-how to increase the success of the poultry project which the women generally have taken over as their role in farming.



VALUE OF A GARDEN on the family farm is emphasized by Mrs. Ardella Whitley of Princeton Rt. 1, as she exhibits a well-balanced variety of home-grown vegetables and fruits with which she keeps her family well fed.

Mrs. Whitley, a widow, cares for several grandchildren and accomplishes a complete farm operation as well as keeping her garden. She is a member of the Princeton Home Demonstration Club.

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Family Of 9 Lives Well On 26 Acres

SMITHFIELD — Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Cogdell of Newton Grove, Rt. 1, provide an excellent example of what can be done on a small farm with a combination of industry and conservative, well-planned living.

Although they have only 26 acres under cultivation, the Cogdells and their seven children live comfortably and well, and the oldest daughter, Miss Dora Cogdell, is being sent to A&T College in Greensboro, where she is a sophomore.

An electric range, refrigerator and home freezer are among the modern appliances with which their home is equipped.

Mrs. Cogdell plays a major role in seeing that the family is well fed throughout the year. From a one-acre vegetable garden and a half acre of sweet potatoes, she cans, freezes and stores enough to last through the winter.

Mr. Cogdell's latest project was a new combination food storage and laundry house which he built at a cash outlay of only \$120. Timber was cut from his own land and he, with the help of other members of his family, did 90 per cent of the construction work.