



## Report From Washington Garden Time

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Last week the Congress was observing an Easter recess, therefore, there is no Congressional action to report.

Everyone in the First District is interested in payrolls which contribute to the economic well-being of all. I am not sure that social security payments can be clas-

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sified as additional payroll, but no one can question the fact that the circulation of these funds contributes heavily to our economy. Recently, I was supplied a breakdown of payments within the First District and the figures I hope will be of interest to you. For the entire 19 counties, according to the 1969 figures, there were 65,017 people drawing social security checks. The total figure for the district during the year 1969 was \$42.8 million annually, while under the new law, this will increase to \$49.3 million each year.

We list below the breakdown of each county—the first figure being the total number of recipients as of December 31, 1969, and a comparison for each county's annual total under the old law and the new.

Recipients (thousands)	Benefits (millions)	
	Prior Law	New Law
Beaufort 5,475	\$4.2	\$4.8
Bertie 3,371	2.4	2.8
Camden 791	.6	.7
Chowan 1,748	1.4	1.6
Craven 5,970	4.7	5.4
Currituck 1,157	1.0	1.2
Dare 1,185	1.0	1.2
Gates 1,326	1.0	1.2
Hertford 2,868	2.2	2.5
Hyde 1,007	.7	.8
Jones 1,330	.9	1.0
Lenoir 7,062	5.5	6.3
Martin 3,450	2.6	3.0
Pamlico 1,429	1.1	1.3
Pasquotank 3,565	3.1	3.6

Perquimans 1,402 -- 1.1 1.2  
Pitt 9,299 ----- 7.4 8.5  
Tyrrell 736 ----- .5 .6  
Washington 1,846 -- 1.5 1.7

Further research revealed the following figures: for fiscal year 1969, employees and employers of this nation contributed \$33 billion 908 million dollars. For fiscal 1970 it is projected that this figure will rise to \$38 billion, 645 million dollars; while for fiscal 1971 it will increase to \$42 billion, 253 million dollars.

The number of people participating in the social security program were 92.2 million in 1969; a projected figure for 1970 of 93.7 million and 95.5 million in 1971.

With respect to the benefits paid out by social security annually, that is, old age survivors insurance and disability, the figure for 1969 was \$26 billion, 175 million dollars. The projected figure of 1970 is \$29 billion, 154 million dollars, and for 1971, \$32 billion, 897 million dollars.

I have been asked many times about the actuary soundness of the social security program. I believe the figures listed above show an intake of some 25 per cent in receipts over disbursements.

### Mrs. Martha Belch Taken In Death

Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Belch, 903 North Broad Street, died last Wednesday in Chowan Hospital following an extended illness. She was 83.

Mrs. Belch was the widow of Lewis P. Belch and the daughter of the late Terry and Betty White Mitchell. She was born in this county on March 12, 1877.

Surviving are four daughters: Mrs. Minnie Spruill of Edenton, Mrs. Celia Stillman and Mrs. Myrtle Mizzelle, both of Chesapeake, Va., and Mrs. Katie Layton of Norfolk, Va., and 17 grandchildren.

She was a member of Edenton Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held at 2 P. M. Saturday in Williford Memorial Chapel with Rev. R. N. Carroll in charge. Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Williford Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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 apart 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.

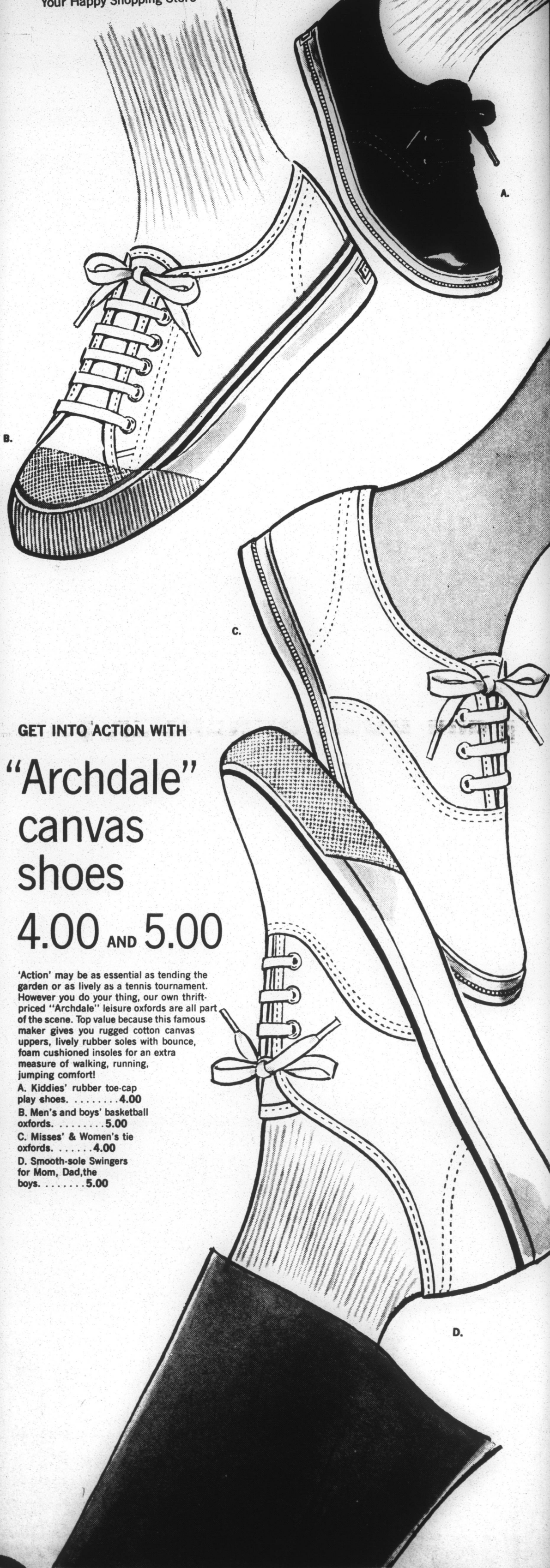
The time of planting will vary considerably, depending upon where you are located. In Eastern Carolina the commercial growers plant in late January or early February, depending upon soil conditions. In the upper and lower Piedmont, planting may be done the latter part of March, and in the mountains from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

For control of the gladiolus thrip, begin dusting the plants when 6-8 inches high. Repeat every ten days until three or four applications have been made. Use 5 per cent malathion dust. For safe use, follow instructions printed on the container.

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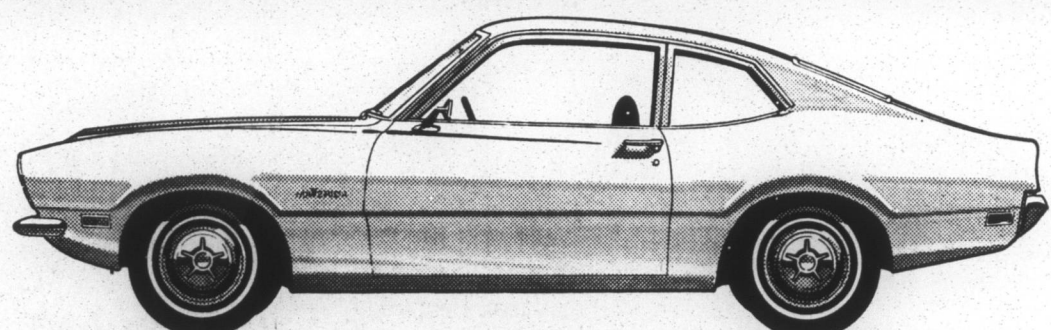
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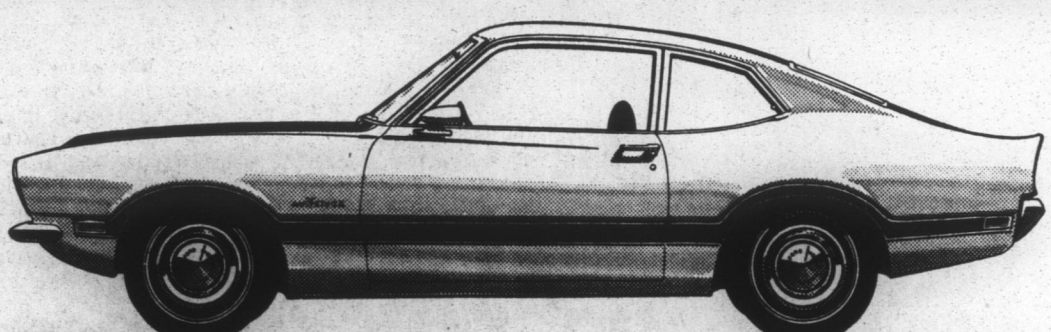
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