

Get Garden Going In Early March

At least twelve popular vegetables may be started in the spring garden and these will aid in cutting down the food bills. The garden this year should be considered the most important acre on the farm because it is good health insurance as well as safe economy.

"The urge to get the garden going can hardly be withstood now that signs of spring are apparent," says E. B. Morrow, extension horticulturist at State College. "We have three valuable publications which may be used by those needing information on establishing a garden and will send these to any one making application, as long as the present supply lasts. These three publications give suggestions about starting the early plants, a manual of garden planting and cultivation, and a vegetable seeding guide. Citizens of North Carolina may have them on request to the agricultural editor at State College."

However, in beginning the garden now, Mr. Morrow recommends the planting of asparagus, beets, cabbage, carrots, lettuce, garden peas, Irish potatoes, pepper, radish, sweet potato, tomato and turnips. Large one-year-old roots of the Mary Washington variety will give a start with asparagus. The Early Wonder and Detroit Dark Red are good varieties of beets for the early planting. If the first seeding is caught by a frost, another planting should be made immediately. Early March is not too late to make plantings of the second early cabbages such as the Copenhagen Market and the Charleston Wakefield varieties. The seedlings should have plenty of room and the young plants transferred to the garden as soon as possible.

Carrots are as yet not generally popular but more could be used for health. The best varieties, according to Mr. Morrow, are Chantenay and Danvers Half Long. The other plants mentioned are well known and are standbys in most gardens. Early plantings should be made at once.

Gives Poison Mixture For Tobacco Pests

The tobacco flea beetle may be controlled by dusting the young plants with a mixture of paris green and arsenate of lead where the tight trap beds were not used and there is a heavy infestation.

C. H. Brannon, extension entomologist at State College, reports wide prevalence of the flea bugs this spring due to heavy infestations in the fields last fall and the unusually mild winter. The insects are appearing in large numbers over a wide area of the State, he says, and some growers report heavy damage even at this early date. The flea beetles are at least a month earlier in their attacks.

"Those growers who are using the tight trap beds are pleased with the excellent protection afforded by such beds," says Mr. Brannon. "We have established a number of these as demonstrations in various parts of the State and if possible, nearby growers should visit such a bed and be prepared to build one like it next season. Those who do not have such beds and are troubled with the flea bugs should prepare now to poison them."

Mr. Brannon recommends the use of one pound of paris green and five pounds of arsenate of lead mixed together thoroughly and dusted on the young plants dry. He recommends using the mixture at the rate of one-half pound to each 100 square yards of plant bed. Remove the cover to make applications and so dust the poison that each plant is covered uniformly. To dust in lumps or spots will cause burning of the tender leaves. A good hand duster is the safest machine to use.

The number of dustings will of course depend on the severity of the infestation. However, Mr. Brannon suggests making the applications once each week as long as the beetles are noticed on the beds.

Terracing to prevent or control soil erosion in Person county received considerable impetus last week when the farm agent held a two-day terracing school. Twelve men were instructed in how to run terraces correctly.

Tyrrell county farmers are curing hams this winter for the purpose of developing a trade in this product for the future.

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Four Years to Their Next Birthday



These twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Parkas of Pittsburgh were born on February 29, 1932.

REPAIR FARM EQUIPMENT BEFORE TIME FOR USE

Having to wait for parts before being able to repair farm machinery is a bothersome annoyance especially when spring work is rushing. For that reason it is wise to check the machinery now and proceed to get it in shape for the rush of work later. "No implement dealer can foresee exactly what parts will be needed or ordered by farmers in his territory and he may be out of the very repair part needed when a rush order comes to him from some person who has had to delay his work because of a broken implement," says David S. Weaver, agricultural engineer at State College. "Having to wait until this part is ordered will hold up work in the field and sometimes will be costly. For that reason it is important that a thorough check be made of all the machinery and parts secured if needed."

Mr. Weaver does not look for much new machinery to be ordered this year. More repairs will be made to save expense. Therefore he urges a systematic check-up of every implement and a list of repairs made so that the parts may be secured on the next trip to town. In checking over these tools, it is also a good practice to list those pieces which are bent and twisted and give some indication of breaking later. A great deal of time and worry may be saved if this is done.

Plow points should be replaced or resharpened, plow handles repaired and all braces tightened. The parts at the end of the beam should fit properly and the whole plow be put in good shape. Mr. Weaver also recommends sharpening the harrow disks and replacing worn bushings. The frame will need to be tightened, the grease cups filled and other repair items attended to. Clean the corn and cotton planters and oil them well. New plates are often needed in these and occasionally a gear tooth is missing or a chain link gone, he says.

MAY HAVE OUTBREAK OF DOWNY MILDEW

Tobacco growers who recall the severe outbreak of downy mildew or blue mold in their tobacco plant beds last spring would be wise in keeping a sharp outlook for the trouble again this year.

Dr. S. G. Lehman, plant disease specialist for the North Carolina Experiment Station, reports a bed in Robeson County affected and because of the prevalence of the trouble last season, he looks for another epidemic this season. This disease spreads rapidly when weather conditions are favorable and its early appearance this year as compared with last season gives cause for some worry.

Downy mildew was found in the Robeson County plant bed on February 22. Last year the first trouble was reported during the third week in April. This shows the disease is appearing some two months earlier than last year and means that growers should begin to inspect their beds regularly now, says Dr. Lehman.

The mild weather prevailing through most of the late winter and the abundant occurrence of the disease in so many plant beds in 1931 means that there may be a large quantity of over-wintering diseased material from which the disease may get a new start this season. The forward development of the trouble in Georgia and the early re-appearance in this State also indicate the opportunities for an early start.

Dr. Lehman advises good ventilation and thorough drainage for the plant beds so that the surface of the bed may be kept dry. Where the disease appears, he suggests that the affected plants be destroyed and the others sprayed with Bordeaux mix-

ture. Some insecticide may be used with the Bordeaux to keep down the flea beetles and other insects. Definite instructions about how to spray the beds and control the disease will be given to any one who will write to Dr. Lehman for the information.

FRANKLIN COUNTY MAKES FARM SURVEY IN APRIL

Of the 4205 farm operators in this county, how many are actual owners? Any way, each land owner is due to report to his tax lister the number of acres of each crop that he will probably grow in 1932. No, this is nothing new. It has been being done since 1918. Most counties are reporting these surveys for practically all of their farms. This is probably news to non-farm owners. The Federal Farm Census was secured from farm operators (mostly tenants). Our county farm survey is asked of the owners. Which of these probably affords the best information?

More than 200,000 farm owners made reports for each of 1929, 1930 and 1931. These showed acreages that are amazingly good. The cost of these surveys is extremely little due to the Commissioners using the tax listing machinery. While considerable inconvenience is experienced by those "waiting" to list their taxables, yet the need and value of this farm "inventory" is too great to the farming interests to be overlooked.

Farmers should observe the following: (1) List your taxes early. (2) Be prepared to report each crop-acreage and numbers of mature livestock. (3) Go prepared to "wait" your turn, if you go late in the day or on Saturdays. (4) Read our next week's issue for the reasons why these surveys are made.

FLAT ROCK B. Y. P. U.

Flat Rock B. Y. P. U. program for Sunday, March 20.

1. President in charge.
1. Song service.
2. Prayers.
3. Records.
4. Assignment of next program.
5. Bible drill.
6. Song—"My Hope is Built".
7. Secretary's report.
- II. Discussion period—Group captain in charge.
 - Topic: "The Deity of Christ".
 - 1. Scripture reading—Col. 1:9-20, by Edna Catlette and Lucille Perry.
 - 2. Introduction, by Mildred Little.
 - 3. His Divine Titles—Myrtle Lee Hendrix.
 - 4. His Divine Claims—Edna Roberts.
 - 5. His Divine Life—Effie Tharrington.
 - 6. The proof of Christian History—Richard Hill.
 - 7. The proof of Christian Experience—Lillian Layton.
 - 8. Special music.
- III. Closing period—President in charge.
 - 1. Closing hymn—"He Lifted Me".
 - 2. Closing prayer.
 - Be there—bring a friend—3:30 P. M.

Forty-three boys and girls joined the first 4-H club ever to be organized in the Suit community of Cherokee County last week.

The 4-H club short course will be held at State College this year during the week of July 25 to 30. Between 700 and 1,000 selected delegates are expected to attend.

A diet is not something you eat, but something you don't eat.

Scene of the Kidnapping of the Lindbergh Baby



Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr., 20 months old, was stolen from the new home of his parents at Hopewell, N. J. A rough ladder was placed at the window of the baby's sleeping room, marked "A" in the picture, and the infant taken from his crib. The ladder was later found at "B" while footprints were discovered at the point "C."

Had "Little Tin Box"



Thomas M. Farley, Sheriff of New York County, could not explain to investigators where he got \$350,000 which he said came out of "a little tin box," so Governor Roosevelt removed him.

MEDALS OF HONOR

Chicago, Ill., March 16.—Medals of honor for county prizes, watches for state winners, educational trips to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago and three college scholarships are the attractive awards for 4-H Club girls being offered in a newly inaugurated National 4-H Club Canning Achievement Contest announced by the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club work. Bonafide 4-H Club girls enrolled in canning clubs under the supervision of the state extension service during 1932 are eligible to compete for these awards. The project records and the general records of contestants will be the basis on which awards will be made.

A gold filled medal of honor will be awarded to the highest scoring canning club member in each county of the United States represented in this contest. From the records of county winners, state club leaders will select the state winner. A 17-jewel wrist watch will be the state winner's prize.

A committee of three or more state club leaders will judge the records of the state winners and will select eight sectional winners, two girls from each of the four extension sections of the United States, who will receive educational trips to the Eleventh National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago during the same week as the International Live Stock Exposition. Three national winners will be selected from these trip winners and will be awarded \$300, \$200 and \$100 college scholarships in the order of their rank.

More than 160,000 farm girls who are members of 4-H Canning Clubs are eligible to compete for the Awards being offered in this contest. Full details of the contest may be secured from the office of county extension agents or the state club leader.

Farm and Home Week will be held at State College this year during the week of August 29 to September 3. The State Farmers' Convention and the State Federation Clubs will meet during that week.

Lespedeza is going to the mountains as indicated by large cooperative orders made by farmers of Macon and Madison counties recently.

Leading a double life doesn't promote longevity.

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	Train 192	Train 6
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Southern Pines	6:46 PM	11:45 PM
		MARCH 20
		Train 6
Sanford	7:20 PM	12:33 AM
Raleigh	8:35 PM	1:50 AM
Wake Forest		2:36 AM
Franklinton		2:58 AM
Henderson	9:48 PM	3:28 AM
Norlina		4:05 AM

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