

### HOME DEMONSTRATION CORNER

EMILY BALLINGER, County Home Economics Agent

The home agent announces the following schedule:

Monday, Dec. 17: Arcola Home Demonstration Club and the Arcola Community Club will have a supper meeting at 6 p. m. at the clubhouse.

Afton - Elberon - Vicksboro Community 4-H Club will meet at 7:30 p. m. at the Afton-Elberon Clubhouse.

Tuesday, Dec. 18: Zion Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. J. W. Arnold.

Wednesday, Dec. 19: Wise Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. M. C. Hicks.

Thursday, Dec. 20: Norlina Senior 4-H Club will meet at 8:50 a. m. at the school.

Norlina 5th and 6th Grades 4-H Club will meet at 9:50 a. m. at the school.

Norlina 7th and 8th Grades 4-H Club will meet at 10:50 a. m. at the school.

Afton Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. O. M. Limer.

Friday, Dec. 21: Embro Home Demonstration Club will meet at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Guy Overby.

#### ORNAMENTALS

By JOHN H. HARRIS, Extension Horticulturist

Do you have a green thumb? If not, maybe this information on how to plant trees and shrubs will help you develop one.

If you buy ball and burlap plants, handle them with the ball only—not with the top. If your plants cannot be planted immediately when they arrive, keep them cool and moist until they can be put back into the soil.

Before doing any planting, remove all Bermuda grass, if it is present. You can remove it by hand or you can do it much easier by waiting until next spring and use chemicals such as Dalapon, Atlacide or TCA. Once the grass is removed it can be kept from reentering the bed by spraying around the edges with one of the above chemicals.

If you are spacing your plants less than six feet apart it will probably pay you to prepare the entire bed rather than individual holes. This is especially true with plants like azaleas and roses. In preparing my beds for azaleas, roses and other shallow-rooted plants, I work into the soil three to four inches of peat moss, leafmold, well-rotted sawdust, manure or other forms of organic matter. At the same time I'm working this in, I work about three pints of 8-8-8 fertilizer to each 100 square feet. This means the entire bed is prepared so digging holes is no problem.

If you do not prepare the entire bed, dig each hole at least 12 inches wider on all sides and six inches deeper than necessary to accommodate the ball or soil or root system. Set the plant so it will stand the same depth that it grew originally. In case of camellias, dogwoods, azaleas, and boxwoods, set them slightly higher to allow for settling. These plants will not grow if planted even one or two inches too deep. Leave the burlap on plants that have been wrapped this way. Place bare-rooted plants in the soil so the roots are

in their normal position. Fill in under plant with good soil and pack thoroughly to prevent the plant from settling. If you do not have good top soil, mix with your soil some form of organic matter such as peatmoss. Fill in around the plant and pack thoroughly. Fill the hole nearly full and then water thoroughly. Make a ring of soil two or three inches high around the plant to retain water when it is added in the future. When the plant starts growing in the spring fertilize with an 8-8-8 fertilizer at the rate of about three pints to each 10 by 10 feet (100 sq. ft.). Mulch with three to four inches of pine straw or other coarse material.

The last and most important thing is prune the plant back. Unless you are using a container-grown plant, remove one-third to one-half of the top to balance it with loss of roots.

### Negro FARM AGENT NEWS

LEONARD C. COOPER

Negro County Agent

I. W. MURFREE

Asst. Negro County Agent

#### GUNS... FRIENDS OR FOES?

Many people have an inherent fear of guns. Yet by knowing and following a few simple criteria, this fear can be translated to a feeling of respect and understanding.

Since its invention, the gun has been a specialized tool and an aid to man and his growth through subsequent civilizations. It has provided him with food and clothing, protection and security—even conquest and defeat. Yet society rebels at the wanton use of guns by its undesirable members. And because of this mis-use of firearms, the gun today is looked upon with distrust by some.

At this season of the year guns are brought out into the open by the vast army of hunters who take to our fields, forests, and marshes. Fortunately though, only a comparative few of these hunters fail to recognize that in their sport they are participating in the only sport in which the "contestant" is using equipment that is designed to kill. These we need to reach.

Think Safety? Safety with firearms while hunting—is basically an attitude; a personal problem that only the individual can

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solve. We do not permit a person to fly an airplane without the necessary instruction, nor do we condone a person getting into an automobile for the first time and driving it on the highways. If we are so strict about these, why at Christmas time give a gun with its destructive potential but fail to provide instruction in its proper use?

There are numerous places where help may be obtained when more knowledge of gun safety is needed. First the Hunter Safety Training Program of your Wildlife Resources Commission; then there are local pistol and rifle clubs, wildlife clubs, sporting goods stores, police and sheriff's departments,

and the local wildlife protector.

We are striving in many ways to help make North Carolina the safest state in which to hunt, but only one person can do this and that person is you.—Taken from the December issue of "Wildlife in North Carolina."

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Watch That Blink Scientists say that it takes a fifth of a second to blink an eye and that a person blinks 25 times a minute.

Thus, it could be said that a driver who averages 55 miles an hour on a ten-hour trip drives 55 miles with his eyes

shut. And then, there are those who drive with their eyes closed all the time.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie New

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