

# State Senator Reports Leaf Family Works Together

"North Carolina's tobacco family is working together in the most positive and responsible way ever," according to Sen. James D. Speed, outgoing president of the North Carolina Tobacco Foundation, "and, as a result, Tobacco Foundation income for research and other tobacco projects at North Carolina State University has more than doubled from \$263,442 in 1980 to a record \$528,897 this past year."

McKimmon Center in Raleigh. Other University foundations are also making their year-end reports this week. The Tobacco Foundation supports over 30 tobacco research and extension projects at NCSU. Those projects include exploration in genetic change of the chemical composition in tobacco leaf to accommodate future market demands and advances in current modes of harvesting, processing and marketing. Speed cited the exceptional cooperation between tobacco producers, manufacturers,

exporters and processors and warehousemen as the basic reason for optimism in North Carolina's tobacco economy. "Tobacco is still a major link in the chain of the North Carolina economy and is providing vital strength to the United States' balance of trade as well as adding billions of dollars in revenue to the states and the Federal government," he said. "Tobacco farmers are, of course, contributing significantly to this optimism through Tobacco Associates, the grower's self-help promotional program to enhance available foreign and domestic markets," Speed said.

In his final report in the second year of his mandatory rotating presidency, Speed expressed confidence in the partnership of the Tobacco Foundation and the NCSU School of Agriculture and Life Sciences "to move forward to better serve our tobacco farmers in growing a quality leaf for our domestic and export markets; to react more quickly for our domestic and export markets; to react more quickly to emergency situations; and to try new and innovative research and extension programs."

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## GARDEN

### Azaleas Are Always Most Welcome Bloomer

The azalea is one of the most colorful of all flowers that may bloom in late winter or spring. In many areas of the South, blooming azaleas, rather than the calendar, herald the fact that winter has virtually run its course.

Several cities are known for an annual azalea festival and, without fail, the festival occurs when the azaleas are at their loveliest. The plant normally blooms in winter and early spring but may be forced or retarded to bloom at selected times.

The azalea is a popular indoor plant because of its long blooming character and the wide range of colors presented by the clustered heads of the bell-shaped flowers—crimson, white, pink, orange, and various shades in between.

The lovely plants we see outdoors early in the year were probably started the previous summer when immature cuttings were placed in a compost of sand and peat. In frost-



prone areas, these plants are kept indoors in a light, but not full-sun environment, until it is safe to plunge the pots into a shady outdoor location.

Azaleas are sometimes difficult to get started, often need the addition of hormone rooting aids and the help of mist propagators. Frequent watering and spraying of the foliage is necessary.

## Ridgeway Club Observes Black History Month

The Ridgeway Cavaliers 4-H Club observed black history week during its regular meeting on Monday, February 8.

Mrs. Barbara Rowlett, club leader, presented the educational program on the life of the famous American poet and short-story writer, Langston Hughes. The 4-H'ers learned that Hughes used his particular style of poetry to express the despair he felt with the social and economic conditions of blacks. Cavaliers listened eagerly as Mrs. Rowlett read one of Hughes' Poems, "I, Too." Each 4-H'er was given the opportunity to interpret the poem.

Club president, Deborah Kersey, called the meeting to order with seven members and four leaders present. The group sang, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" followed by the pledges. Carlton Andrews led the Lord's Prayer. Devotions closed with "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Final plans were made for a disco to be held February 27 at the Lions Den.

During the new business session, Cavaliers decided to make a presentation of appreciation to the Ridgeway Baptist Church for use of the education building as a meeting place.

Christina Isreal and Mrs. Mary Justice reported on the County Council meeting they attended in January.

Special thanks was extended to Mrs. Gladys Williams for the Betsy-Ross cookies she furnished for refreshments.

Recreation was led by Mrs. Justice who led tickled 4-H'ers in tearing Valentine hearts behind their backs. It was tough, but Yvonne Dortch easily won the prize.

The Cavaliers next meeting will be held on February 22 at 7 p. m.

The meeting closed with the 4-H motto: "To make the best better."

## Follow Good Plan For Best Garden

It isn't too far into 1982 to make a resolution for the new gardening season. Consider something like, "I resolve to map out my entire garden and make a complete plan before putting a seed into the ground."

In other words, make a plan before you start this year. You may be surprised by how much better things work out.

The cold days of February are the best time for planning and flipping through seed catalogues. The main thing you want to plan is what you're going to plant and where you're going to plant it.

Here are some suggestions from the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service that may help:

—Plan on about a tenth of an acre of garden per person in the family or

others who will be eating out of the garden.

—If possible, rotate the garden site to cut down on disease and other problems. If this isn't possible, at least rotate crops within the garden. For example, plant the row of tomatoes where you grew corn last year. Corn isn't a host for the organisms that cause wilt on tomatoes.

—Plan perennial crops such as asparagus, rhubarb and berries along one side of the garden. This way they will be out of the way when you prepare the garden in the spring for the annual crops.

—Plan for continuous harvest by making successive plantings. In other words, don't plant everything at the same time.

—Follow early vegetables such as peas, beets, kale, mustard, lettuce and so forth with crops such as tomatoes, corn, beans and okra.

—Keep grape vines, rose bushes and other plants that will be sprayed with pesticides not labeled for vegetables a safe distance from the garden.



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Learning to look after himself is part of your child's natural development, and you can help him learn this independence.

It might be frustrating to wait while your child slowly snaps up coats or pulls on slacks. But remind yourself of the trade-off. You're giving your child a chance to practice taking care of himself.

Here are some other things you might try to encourage your child to become more independent.

Trace shoes on pieces of cardboard. Make holes in the cardboard for shoe laces and let your child practice lacing and tying his "shoes."

Have your child make play dishes by drawing the outlines of a plate, cup and flatware on construction paper. Then enclose paper dishes between two layers of self-adhesive plastic. Your child can use these play dishes to practice setting the table for himself and others.

Try putting photographs or drawings of toys on the outside of your child's toy boxes. This might encourage him to put his toys back into the boxes and bins after he finishes playing.

One caution: Don't be in too much of a hurry for your child to become self-sufficient in all things. If a task is too hard, a feeling of failure could keep him from wanting to try again.

That means you as a parent need to make some important judgments of what's possible for your child to do and what's not.

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Share the ideas you have for launching a program of activity sure to bring recognition to your organization.

**TAURUS**  
Apr. 20-May 20

Stick to the facts. Your conduct and speech will have far reaching effects on your career.

**GEMINI**  
May 21-June 20

At long last, word comes from one who has been absent from your circle for quite some time.

**CANCER**  
June 21-July 22

Relaxation is a priority. Reading an adventure tale with romantic overtones provides you with a much needed period of relaxation.

**LEO**  
July 23-Aug. 22

Favorable vibrations to other people helps you to remedy a difficult situation for a grateful associate.

**VIRGO**  
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Keep your mind attuned to the needs of the moment rather than scattering your mental energies.

**LIBRA**  
Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Use care in planning and executing a speculative venture. Chances are good for accomplishing your goal.

**SCORPIO**  
Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Take sanitary precautions in caring for one who is ill, before the whole family comes down with the affliction.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Some close calls in day to day driving should tell you to be extra alert to hazardous situations.

**CAPRICORN**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Take a good look at your financial standing, find where the outgo is concentrated, and plug the drain.

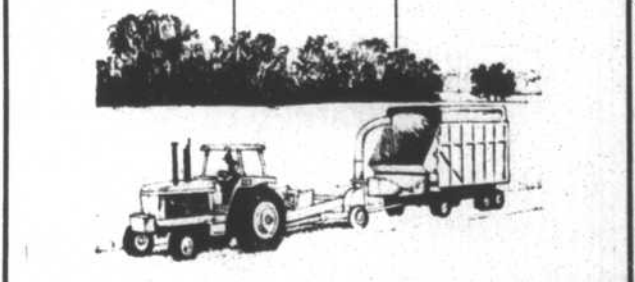
**AQUARIUS**  
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Mercury in your sign should stimulate the mind, and motivate you to greater achievement and expression.

**PISCES**  
Feb. 19-Mar. 20

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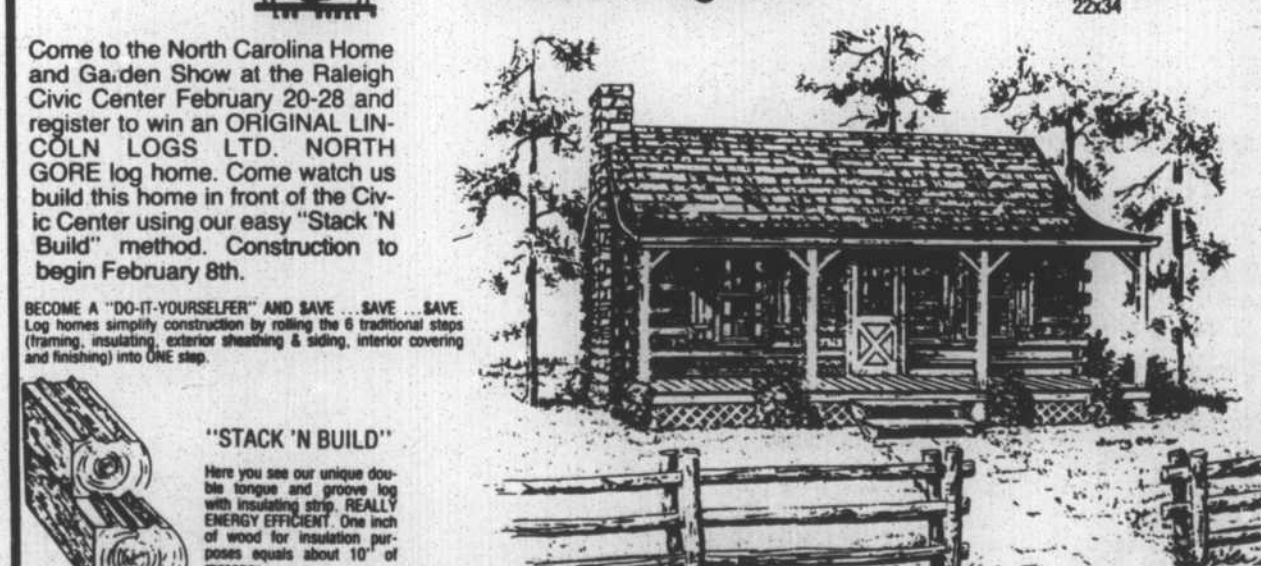
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