

The acreage of strawberries available for harvest in North Carolina in 1953 will be 5 per cent less than the 1952 harvested acreage.

Almost every legume commonly grown for hay in the United States grows well over the greater part of North Carolina.

Sewing Offers Chance To Use Original Ideas

Do you like to sew and create? Most women and girls do, says Miss Mary Em Lee, State college extension specialist in clothing.

And if you do enjoy being original and using your creative streak, you can make many of your own clothing accessories. Accessories that show good taste are often way out of line as far as price is concerned, and by making your own, you can have a lot of fun and at the same time save yourself a great deal of expense, she suggests.

Patterns for attractive neck-

wear, bags, hats, and gloves are found in almost all popular pattern books at your local department stores.

Accessories are very expressive of certain moods and personalities, explains Miss Lee. They can be dressy, tailored, feminine, exotic and very dramatic, according to the wishes of the wearer. Accessories can completely change the character of the suit or dress—"dressing it up" or "dressing it down" so to speak. Of course, here again, the occasion, as well as the costume and personality, will enter into the decision.

The use of artificial flowers as an accessory comes and goes with the seasons. They can strike a small colorful note as can no other small accessory. For winter, Miss Lee suggests velvet, satin and heavier flowers in deep, rich colors—for

Jack and Jill went up the hill
To fetch a pail of water,
But Jack got hungry on the way,
Went, instead, to Strong's Cafe
And Jill came tumbling after.

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New Tomato Is Resistant To Fusarium Wilt

Seed of Homestead, a new highly productive, fusarium wilt-resistant tomato, is available to North Carolina farmers and gardeners for spring planting, according to W. S. Barham, vegetable breeder for the N. C. State college horticulture department.

The Homestead tomato has been tested for five years by the North Carolina Experiment station and has proved satisfactory; however it is not resistant to bacterial wilt. No bacterial wilt tomato has yet been developed, Mr. Barham says.

The Homestead was developed at the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) laboratory at Charleston, S. C. and has been tested in Florida. The tomato is named for the town of Homestead, Fla. location of the Sub-Tropical Experiment station of the University of Florida, where the principal trials of its commercial possibilities were conducted.

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Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Wood and two sons, Danny and Bruce, of Washington, D. C., spent Thursday and Friday here with Mrs. Wood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Starrette.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Moore returned Monday, after a two-week vacation at Commerce, Ga.

W. C. Burrell, Wiley Brown, and Walter Gibson have been at Crystal River, Fla., this week on a fishing trip.

Miss Patricia Childers spent the week-end in Charlotte with her sister, Miss Barbara Childers.

Mrs. Ellen Franks, of Hendersonville, formerly of Franklin, spent the week-end here.

Mrs. Sam Alexander and son, David, of Swannanoa, spent the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Gus Leach.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Winkleblack are visiting their daughter, Miss Pat Winkleblack, in Tampa, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Conley have returned home from Cleveland, Ohio, where they spent several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Overton are on a vacation trip in Florida.



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September, Once Noted For Deaths, Now Seems To Be Healthiest Month

September is the healthiest month of the year, judging from the way life insurance death claims are distributed across the calendar.

But it used to be one of the worst months, according to the Institute of Life Insurance.

A century ago, September registered nearly the greatest death toll of the year. The best available statistics for 1850 showed September to be one of the two highest mortality months of the year in this country, with a death rate nearly twice that of winter months.

Today September shows the smallest death toll of any month. This is shown in U.S. mortality statistics for the population as a whole and is borne out by the experience among the nation's 38,000,000 life insurance policyholders. Analyzing the monthly distribution of death benefits over the past decade, adjusted to the different number of days per month, the Institute found that September death payments average 10 per cent below the yearly figure and 20 per cent under the peak March figure.

The September improvement over the past 100 years has been doubly impressive. Not only has the month's relative position changed, but the death rate has dropped materially from that of 1850.

In 1850, the death rate in the United States was estimated to be nearly 20 per 1,000. The population death rate today is less than 10 per 1,000. The death rate among life insurance policyholders is only 6 per 1,000.

love costume jewelry, not to wear too much of it at a time. Use costume jewelry sparingly and use only those pieces that show good taste and fulfill a definite need to achieve the best results, she advises.

There have been major changes in the principal causes of death over the century. A large share of the 1850 death causes have been almost entirely eliminated. For instance, about a tenth of all deaths in 1850 were reported due to cholera, a disease now eliminated in the United States as a cause of death.

Tuberculosis, then labeled consumption, was the leading cause of 1850 deaths. It accounted for more than a tenth of all deaths then but has since become a minor cause, totaling only 2 per cent of all deaths today.

More than 40 per cent of the 1850 deaths resulted from contagious diseases, including cholera, dysentery, diarrhea, general fever, typhoid fever and scarlet fever. Today these same diseases represent only about 1 per cent of total deaths in this country.

On the contrary, some of the present chief causes of death were relatively unimportant in 1850. Heart diseases, now the No. 1 killer in the United States, causing more than half of all deaths, was a minor listing in 1850. Cancer, today the second ranking cause of death, was not recognized as among the leading causes a century ago. The relatively low death rates in 1850 for both heart disease and cancer were due, among other things, to lack of knowledge concerning these diseases and to the higher death rates at younger ages.

While September appears to be the healthiest month of the year, the months following it are less healthy, the Institute warns, pointing to the need for health conservation efforts wherever possible. The index of life policy death benefits shows a steady rise after September, until the year's peak is reached in March.

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