FARM REVIEW AND FORECAST

Garden Time . . .

By ROBERT SCHMIDT

Should daffodils and tulips be taken up each year and when should this be done? This is a perennial question after the blooming season of spring-flowering bulbs is over. Daffodils need not be taken up each year but should be taken up, divided, and replanted every three or four years in order to give them more room to grow and reproduce.

It is best to take them up when the foliage has turned yellow and begun to die. While the foliage is green, the plant is storing food materials in the bulb for next year's bloom. After the foliage has turned yellow the bulbs may be dug, divided and replanted at once, or may be dried and stored in a cool dry place over summer and planted in the fall.

Tulips should be taken up and replanted at least every second year. In our climate, the bulbs deteriorate quite rapidly and should be replaced by new ones if large flowers are desired. As in the case of daffodils, tulips should not be taken up until the tops turn yellow and begin to die.

Bearded iris (German iris) are blooming now and will be ready to divide and replant in about a month after the blooming period is over. However, they may be divided any time during the summer or early fall. A good division consists of a new rhizome or thickened underground stem with a cluster or fan of leaves. The true roots originate from the bottom of this rhizome. In replanting the division the rhizome should be planted so that the top of it will be about even with the top of the soil. Deep planting is not desirable. Bearded iris do best in well-drained soils that dry out quickly.

Prospective plantings as of March 1, indicate that there will be over two million acres of Tar Heel land planted to corn in 1956.

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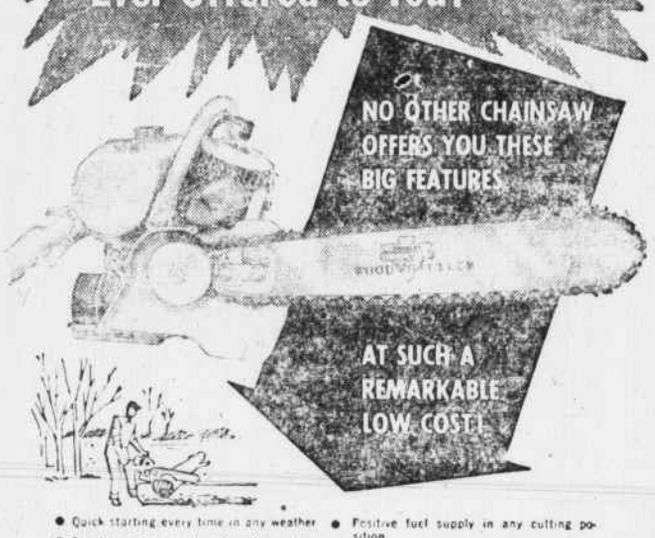

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PANKAKE TIME, ANYTIME — Pancake time is anytime, whatever the season. Everybody loves pancakes from the good old stack of wheats to the very elegant crepes suzette. Pancakes make a hearty dessert and are lots of fun for a mid-morning brunch party. You won't recognize the party pancake that turns up as the luncheon's main course. Hot off the griddle and ready for fame, serve sausage roll-ups and cinnamon apples — a wonderful mid-morning brunch idea. Roll pancakes around plump pork sausage and serve with cinnamon apples. It's a wonderful combination. See if you don't agree.

For cinnamon apples, combine 1½ cups water, ½ cup sugar, and ¼ cup of cinnamon candies. Bring to boil. When candies have melted, add apples. Continue cooking over low heat, turning apples frequently. Cook until apples are tender when pricked with a fork. Remove from hot liquid.

Pan fry pork sausage links. Place two cooked sausages across each pancake; roll up. Arrange on platter with cinnamon apples. Serve hot liquid from apples to pour over pancakes.

• State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. Can you control weeds in cotton with chemicals?

A. "Proper" use of a chemical can reduce cultivations and hoe labor. According to North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station research, both "Karmex" DL and Chloro IPC have done an acceptable weeding job each season for the past three years.

Q. How deeply should you plant pine seedlings?

A. Pine seedlings should be set in the ground at the same depth they were in the nursery. It's better to plant them a little too deep than not deep enough, however.

Q. What are some general rules to follow in breeding superior line of beef cattle?

A. Topnotch foundation stock and a program of continuous and careful culling of animals that fail to equal or improve upon their parents are necessary in building a superior line.

Demonstration

Club Meetings For Week Are Announced

Meeting of home demonstration clubs in this county for the coming week have been announced by Mrs. Florence S. Sherrill, county home demonstration agent. They are as follows:

Today (Thursday): Holly Springs club at 1:30 p. m. with Mrs. W. W. Landrum and Miss Callie Deal as hostesses; Watauga club with Mrs. Sam Saunders at 1:30 p. m.

Friday: Mulberry club at 1:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Willa K. McDowell.

Monday: Scaly club at the Methodist church at 2 p. m.

Wednesday: Cartoogechaye club with Mrs. R. D. Fannon at 2 p. m.

Thursday: Higdonville club at the home of Mrs. Harry Moses at 1:30 p. m.

This Week With Macon County Agents

By JOHN WRINN
(Assistant Agent)

The Teague brothers, Wilbur and Elmon, own and operate Macon County's only commercial cannery, under the name of Prestiss Food Products Company.

They are in the process of contracting a few acres of snap beans for the operation of the cannery this summer and at the time of writing a few more acres are available for contract.

Brand names are Nantahala and Mountain Grown and each has its colorful label for the cans.

There may be an opportunity to produce a few acres of snap beans on contract with prices from $80 to $100 per ton or $1.20 to $1.50 per bushel. With 200 bushels of top quality beans one might expect $300 from an acre of beans.

Spacing beans three inches apart in two and one half to three feet rows would require about 50 to 60 pounds of seed per acre for a cost of about $15; 800 to 1000 pounds of 6-12-6 or 5-10-10 should cost $20 to $25; 100 pounds 16% nitrogen $4 (caution — too much nitrogen means all vines and very little beans. Many good producers leave this off) and one hundred pounds Rotenone Dust, $15, for the control of Mexican bean beetles, should cover costs, except for labor. Picking will probably be 50 or more cents per bushel for another $100, and land preparation and cultivation $25 to $50, bringing the total cost for an acre to $175 to $230 with a possible profit of $70 to $125 per acre of beans.

In addition to operation of the cannery, the Teague brothers also do some farming and are two of the families (the legislator [illegible] carries on the roll of Farm and Home Development families in Macon County. Both families live in attractive well-kept homes that are landscaped.

[illegible] plans have been made for the Teague brothers' farm in cooperation with the Macon S. & C. Conservation District, headed by Joe Hampton Sullivan, [illegible] land during 1955.

Steep land behind [illegible] the Teague [illegible] they plan to [illegible]

The Wilbur Teague [illegible] two sons, Bill, who is assistant county agent in Swain County, and Bob, a [illegible] of Franklin High School, are graduating this [illegible]

Two daughters, Doris and Frances, are [illegible] Doris is graduating from the local high school with honors.

Better Check Seed Tags

Tar Heel farmers and dealers should check the seed tags of bean seed carefully to make sure that they are getting good seed with good germination, warns A. A. Banadyga, extension horticultural specialist at N. C. State College.

Mr. Banadyga says that last February, some Wade seed shipped into the state were not tagged properly. The seed were visibly injured and the Seed Testing Laboratory found a germination of only 62 per cent. Germination should be above 75 per cent with good seed.

Seed with many cracked seedcoats have usually been handled roughly and should be avoided. Damaged seed will have a low germination count.

And even if injured seed do germinate, they usually produce weak, slow growing, and low-yielding plants, Mr. Banadyga adds.

Smaller acreage allotments are expected to reduce the total acreage planted to all tobacco in North Carolina 72,000 acres, or 11 per cent.

The rate of domestic mill cotton consumption has increased more than seasonally since August, and the total for the marketing year is expected to be about 9.2 million bales.

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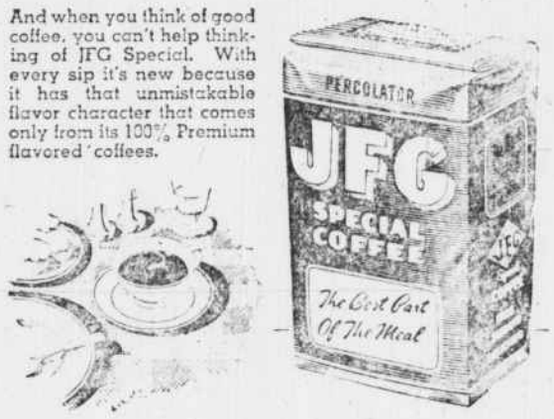

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