



A reader is distressed about her pecans which were "empty, black and worthless."
This is the story in many cases and is due, primarily, to two fungus diseases which attack the shucks - mildew and scab. These diseases, feeding on the shucks soon after the pecans are well formed, prevent development of the kernels and result in "black, empty" condition.
The only method of controlling diseases and insects which attack pecans is by following a spray schedule using approved insecticides and fungicides. This protection requires expensive spray machinery and is not practical under home garden conditions.
If you are one of the lucky ones who has escaped these fungus troubles and have well developed nuts to enjoy this winter keep paying the preacher and maybe your luck will continue.
We have frequent requests from new home owners about suggestions for plantings which will give "quick color effect." One answer is fancy-leaved caladiums.
The caladium is one of the really satisfactory shade plants. The leaves make striking displays against the deep green of evergreens. It is fine for massing in foundation beds.
I would recommend the purchase of tubers about two inches in diameter. The tubers may be planted out-of-doors after the temperature begins to level off in the spring and will not go below 65 degrees at night.
There are literally hundreds of varieties but the following list are the biggest sellers - Mrs. W. B. Haldeman, White Christmas, Spotlight, Thomas Tomlinson, Sunburst, Red Ensign, Red Flame, Exposition, Crimson Wave, Pink Cloud, Texas Beauty and Lord Doby.

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TAKE CARE WITH ELECTRIC CURRENT
Misuse of electrical equipment is credited - or blamed - with causing 20.4 per cent of all known-origin fires in the seven-year period ending with 1959, according to the National Board of Fire Underwriters. The National Fire Protection Association says there were 74,000 electrical fires in 1959, destroying property worth \$133,980,000.
"Electric current is an unseen cause of fire," said Chief Lauren Sharpe of the Kenansville Fire Department, adding "It must be conducted through properly installed cables and wires and used properly with the many electrical appliances."
Chief Sharpe advises that electric wiring be installed only by qualified electricians, warning that the "Do-It-Yourself" amateur electrician can endanger both life and property.

**F. H. A. Farm Operating Loans
Strengthen Nation's Food Supply**

Farmers are borrowing more dollars today so that the families of the nation may be assured of an adequate food supply in the years ahead. B. A. Parker, Jr., Farmers Home Administration County Supervisor, said today.
The average investment per farm has climbed from \$6.00 to \$42,000 since 1940, a seven-fold increase, Parker pointed out. Farmers are using the funds to acquire the machinery, fertilizer, land and other essentials for efficient operations. "Food is a bargain today. Only twenty per cent of the consumers income goes for food. Most of the people in other countries spend half of their income for food."
"However, to maintain the efficient production that makes food such a bargain the farmer needs to pour increasing amounts of capital into his operations," he said. Recent legislation passed by Congress has raised the maximum amount that a farmer can borrow from the Farmers Home Administration from \$20,000 to \$35,000.
"The increase in loan limits reflects the growing need for agricultural capital," Mr. Parker said. "The technological revolution in agriculture has greatly increased the amount of capital farmers have to invest in their operations. Many young farmers who are just getting started, and established farmers who need to make major adjustments in their operations will benefit. Urban families will benefit, too, for every dollar wisely invested in our farms strengthens our ability to produce the food that is so essential to our survival."
During the past year the Farmers Home Administration advanced more than \$11,000,000 in operating capital to North Carolina farmers. In the past fifteen years the agency has provided credit of this type totaling more than \$92,000,000. Losses on these loans have been approximately .7 per cent.
Each loan is accompanied by technical assistance in farm and financial management.
The Farmers Home Administration only makes loans to farmers who are unable to obtain needed credit from other lenders at the time they apply for the loan. As soon as the borrowers progress to a point where they are able to obtain credit from conventional sources they graduate to those sources.
Other improvements brought about by recent legislation include provisions that will enable the

participate with other lenders in Farmers Home Administration to making operating loans, and authority to make emergency loans in areas where a natural disaster has affected only a few farmers. Previously emergency credit was available only in areas where the damage had been widespread. Mr. Parker stated that information on any FHA loan may be obtained at the county office in Kenansville.
Helen Keller Dies
Abstract Bravery
"There is plenty of courage among us for the abstract, but not enough for the concrete, because we allow our daily bits of bravery to evaporate," says Helen Keller in a statement from the New Outlook For The Blind published by the American Foundation for the Blind.

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Carolina Telephone Announces A New Service For Subscribers Available

A new telephone service is on the way for subscribers in communities where there are direct distance dialing facilities, according to G. T. Pate, district traffic manager for Carolina Telephone. The innovation, called universal information service, will enable subscribers to dial the information operator at a distant point without calling the local operator. As it is introduced in Carolina Company exchanges, operators will advise customers seeking telephone numbers at distant points that the distant information service can be dialed direct. There will be no charge for this service. While the service is presently available only to selected points, it will gradually become nationwide.
In describing the new service, Pate said, "By dialing 120 followed by the area code of the distant point and the numbers 555-1212, telephone users will be able to reach the distant information operator more quickly."
"The direct distance dialing section of some of our local directories already contain instructions concerning this service. Exchanges where the information operator may be dialed direct are designated by an asterisk," Pate concluded.

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