

April 1st Is Deadline For Sowing Lespedeza

A good slogan for North Carolina growers to adopt this year is "Save the Soil with Lespedeza," says W. D. Lee, extension soil conservationist of N. C. State College.

Lespedeza, he pointed out, is more nearly adapted to this purpose than any other Southern crop. In addition, there are other reasons why this excellent legume could very well be grown on every farm:

1. Lespedeza enriches the land as it prevents erosion. (A good crop of annual lespedeza plowed under helps increase the yields of cotton and corn.)

2. Lespedeza makes a good hay. (A good stand, 10 inches high, will yield as much as average peavines. Kobe, Korean, and Tennessee 76, are good hay varieties.)

3. Lespedeza yields heavy amounts of seed and the seed are easily saved. Korean and sericea are cut and the seed threshed. Seed of most other lespedezas are caught in pans attached to mowing machines. Seed that shatter from hay can be gathered in the barn.

North Carolina farmers began seeding the legume around the middle of February and will continue until the first of April, Lee said, in warning farmers that it will soon be too late to sow lespedeza. Seedings after the first of April may be destroyed by dry weather.

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Copeland 4-H Club Best

Honors go to the Copeland 4-H club of Surry county for being selected the most outstanding 4-H club in North Carolina for the past year. The club was awarded \$100.00 in cash by the Barrett company, distributors of Arcadian, the American Nitrate of Soda. In addition to numerous activities in the community during 1940, the club members completed 72 projects, helped beautify the school grounds, and raised money to pay for the construction of the club house on the school property.

A. P. Cobbs, assistant county agent, and Mrs. Grace Brown, home demonstration agent of the agricultural Extension service, supervised the work of the club.

Cotton Stamp Program

Hoke county cotton farmers can get cotton stamps at the rate of 10c per pound times the normal yield per acre for reducing cotton below the 1940 acreage allotment or the 1940 planted acreage, whichever is smaller, reports A. S. Knowles, county agent.

Farmers should decide whether to take part in this program. Operators with two or more tenants can get up to \$50 in stamps. All other landlords or tenants can get \$25.00 in stamps. A notice of intention to participate must be filed at the office before June 15th. The cotton stamps will be given on same basis as share in cotton.

The State College man explained that lespedeza affords an abundance of highest quality grazing from July to November, during which time many other pasture plants are dormant. A good stand will carry one animal unit per acre during the period, and often more if seasons are favorable. It is used alone and also in permanent pasture mixtures.

After seeding crotalaria for three years, R. S. Kelly, Erwin, says the legume is the greatest soil builder he has ever tried, reports J. B. Gourlay, assistant farm agent of Harnett county.

"Scattergood" and a Boy Hero



Guy Kibbee during his recent attendance at the world premiere of "Scattergood Baines," at Montpelier, Vt., was host to this 11-year-old lad, Roland Boucher, who distinguished himself by rescuing four other children from a hole in the ice of Lake Champlain where they had been skating.

-Of Interest To- GARDENERS

LAST CALL TO TRANSPLANT PERENNIALS

All the clump perennials such as shasta daisies, chrysanthemums, etc., do best when divided and transplanted to newly enriched beds in spring. The clump can be taken up when the new leaves are an inch or two long. Pull it apart so that each plant will have some good roots. If these are very long, cut them back to about six inches. Give each little plant eight or ten inches space.

Have the bed dug eighteen inches deep with old rotted manure turned well under to induce long roots that will go deep down. This helps the plant to bloom abundantly and to go through droughts without artificial watering.

All perennials can be moved in early spring, but all cannot be divided then. Those that bloom early can be moved in a clump with a large ball of dirt and will go right on blooming. Those which bloom in mid-summer and fall, such as phlox, perennial asters, and the two named above, chrysanthemums and shasta daisies, should be divided about the first week of April.

Oriental poppies, lilies, platycodons, bleeding hearts, peonies and bulbs should not be moved now, but can be divided and reset after their foliage begins to yellow in late spring. During the blooming season and just after, while the foliage is still green, they are storing food in their bulbs or tubers before they take their summer rest. They can be moved as soon as they have finished this task, which is indicated by the yellowing foliage.

Spring blooming bulbs grow in winter and rest in summer, while summer bloomers rest in winter and grow in summer. The summer-flowering ones, such as gladiolus, montbresia, immene, tigridia, tuberosa, canna, dahlia, caladium, etc., should be planted as soon as danger of a heavy frost is past—about the first of April. Neither summer nor spring bloomers should be moved until they are ready to rest when their foliage has yellowed.

German iris can be moved in the early spring and will bloom as usual, but must not be divided now, if bloom is desired this spring. They can be divided after bloom is over and the rhizomes have stored the food and formed buds for next spring. This will be in late summer.

Siberian and Japanese iris should be divided in the spring when the leaves or shoots first show. Dutch and Spanish iris, come from bulbs, should be treated as other bulbs and not moved until the foliage begins to die down after blooming.

Again in the fall, perennials can be moved after they have finished blooming. Any time from September 15 to November 15 is good for moving them in clumps. From September 15 to October 15 is a good time to separate or divide the clumps, and for transplanting seedlings from the coldframe. They can be moved in clumps even after cold weather. Always put the plant at the same

Sweet Potatoes In Demand

The sweet potato crop was smaller in this section last year and buyers and dealers handled the crop earlier than usual. Farmers who have facilities for curing potatoes should plant an acreage of "spuds" says A. S. Knowles, county agent.

The Porto Rico variety is the best for this section. The seed should be treated with a solution of mercuric chloride (1 oz. to 8 gallons water) for fifteen minutes and bed after drying without washing. A fertilizer mixture of an 3-8-8 analysis is best for potatoes. Use an application of 600 to 800 pounds per acre. Those desiring further information may get N. C. Bulletin No. 263 "Approved Practices for Sweet Potato Growers," from the county agent's office.

Turkeys

Turkey producers intend to hatch and buy about three per cent fewer poults this year than last, according to February 1 reports to the U. S. Agricultural Marketing Service from key farmers.

depth that it was before, unless overcrowding has pushed the whole clump up, in which case plant each portion a little deeper than it was in the crowded clump. Pack with the foot and water well if there has been rain.

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Associate entomologist in taxonomy, \$3,200 a year, Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, Department of Agriculture. A 4-year college course with major study in entomology is required. Applicants must also have completed 3 years of research experience or of graduate study in the taxonomy of the aculeate Hymenoptera. Applications must be on file not later than April 10, 1941.

Student nurse, \$288 a year, including quarters, subsistence, laundry and medical attention. Approximately 50 students will be enrolled on September 1, 1941 in the training course at the St. Elizabeths Hospital School of Nursing, Washington, D. C. Graduation from an accredited high school giving a 4-year course which included certain subjects is required. Applicants must have reached their eighteenth but must not have passed their thirtieth birthday. Applications must be filed not later than April 7, 1941.

Full information as to the requirements for these examinations, and application forms, may be obtained from the Secretary of the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, at any first or second-class post office.

1941 Farm Plans Must Be Filed Before April 15th

Farm plans are now ready at the county agent's office, and farmers are urged to fill them out before April 15th, as that is the closing date announces County Agent A. S. Knowles.

The full soil building goal must be earned this year in order to get all of the special payments on cotton and tobacco. At the time the farm plan is signed farmers will indicate the practices that will be carried out to earn the soil building goal.

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