

Barley makes first class hay, but requires fertile soil, good drainage, and a fairly plentiful supply of lime. Always use a beardless variety for hay.

## ARABIA NEWS

(Mrs. D. B. Traywick)  
Mr. and Mrs. Pete Canady and Miss Elva McGougan spent the week end at White Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Maxwell and daughter, Pat, spent Sunday with J. L. McFadyen and family.

The Arabia home demonstration club met in the home of Mrs. Stanley Crawley Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. W. E. Cotton held his regular appointment Sunday night at 8 o'clock at Sandy Grove church.

Frankie Davis of Camp Lejeune spent the week end with home folks.

Bobby and Carol Jean Trawick of Swansboro left for home Sunday after spending two weeks with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Trawick.

USDA announces that its price support program for 1947 crop threshed run dry edible peas will be implemented through purchase agreement with growers. Last year the support program operated through dealers, covering cleaned and graded peas.

Mixtures of several crops are often used for hay to increase the yield; to give variety and thereby improve the hay's palatability.

Cotton still stands supreme in use and in need as the King of fabrics.

## Food Preservation Is Theme Of Week

Home Food Preservation Week will be observed June 22-28, according to an announcement from Miss Ruby Scholz, food conservation specialist for the State College Extension Service.

This week has been set aside to focus the attention of home-makers on the value of home food preservation and to encourage improvement of the nutritive value and variety of meals they serve.

The present outlook points to an abundant supply of home and commercially grown fruits and vegetables for home and community canning centers, Miss Scholz said, adding that the supplies not needed for present consumption should be preserved for use in the winter months when fresh produce will be less plentiful and normally higher in price.

"This should be an important week to thousands of North Carolina homemakers," the specialist declared, "because food supplies become too low in many homes during the winter months to provide well balanced meals. Preserving food during the time it is plentiful will not only supplement supplies for individual families, but will also conserve food which might otherwise go to waste."

Homemakers who do not have adequate canning facilities in their homes should make use of the community food canning centers; however, arrangements for the use of community centers should be made well in advance of actual canning.

A common mistake of beekeepers is starting with more colonies than they can properly care for.

## Answers Timely Farm Questions

QUESTION: What can I do with lard that has become too rancid to use in cooking,  
ANSWER: D. E. Brady, professor of Animal Husbandry at State College, suggests that it be used with some good tallow in making soap for home use.

To prevent lard from reaching this stage, the specialist suggests that if the lard is to be kept for long periods, it should be stored in a freezer locker plant where it can be held in a good container in very good shape for a year at 35 to 38 degrees, and can be kept two or three years at zero degrees.

QUESTION: When is the best time for seeding a lawn,  
ANSWER: The time of seeding the grass will depend on the kind of grass being used, and the kind of grass recommended will vary with different parts of the state and with the different environmental conditions within the same section of the state, according to John H. Harris, Horticultural Extension specialist at State College.

For further information on this subject, Mr. Harris suggests that you write to the Agricultural Editor at State College and request a copy of Extension Circular No. 292.

QUESTION: How can I prevent breast blisters on chickens,  
ANSWER: These usually develop in chickens over 10 weeks of age, especially those raised in batteries, according to Prof. Roy S. Dearstyne, head of the Poultry department at State College.

The condition is due to the skin over the front of the keel becoming calloused and a watery fluid collecting under the area. Providing more head room in batteries tends to reduce the occurrence of breast blisters and in birds not in batteries, providing roosts and teaching them to roost early helps to keep breast blisters down, he said.

## ASHLEY HEIGHTS NEWS

By Mrs. Ralph Cothran  
Mrs. Grady McMinnis and son of Tenn., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Wilson.

Miss Frances King returned home Saturday after spending the past week in Raleigh.

Mrs. Earl Montague of Raleigh and Miss Anne Smoak left Saturday to spend a few days at Myrtle Beach.

Mrs. W. W. Bobbitt has as her guest for a while her mother, Mrs. Bufkin of Pine Bluff.

Aster Wilson and son of Florida are visiting in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Hardister and daughter visited in Carthage Sunday.

Friends of Mrs. James Thompson, who has been confined to her bed for the past two weeks, hope that she will soon be up and out again.

Little Barbara Cothran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Cothran, was honored on her 4th birthday last Saturday at the Ashley Heights community house.

A number of Barbara's friends were guests and enjoyed playing games, after which refreshments of ice cream and cookies were served.

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