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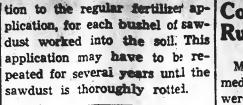
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State College **Answers Timely** Farm Questions

QUESTION: Do you recommend using sawdust as a mulch for shrubs?

ANSWER: John Harris, the "Tar Heel Gardener," says sawdust makes a very good mulch for newly set. deep-rooted shrubs. Use it one or two inches deep. It not only conserves moisture but will help keep down many grasses and weeds. If mixed with the soil sawdust will loosen tight soils and thus make them work better, date: other varieties, \$1 until Noand will help all soils hold more moisture. Sawdust, or other loose date. These prices, based on 80 organic matter, when worked deep per cent of parity, are f. o. b. cars into the soil, will cause more plants to develop a better and and are for sweet potatoes pack- shocks. deeper root system than those ed in standard crates, bushel growing on ordinary soil.

When sawdust is mixed with the soil, it is recommended that extra nitrogen be added to assist in deromposing. Oiled sawdust is preferable to new because it will decompose more rapidly. As a weeks has been very favorable general guide, use one-fourth for the development of boll pound of nitrate of soda, in addi- weevils in North Carolina.



QUESTION: Have support prices been announced for the 1949 sweet potato crop?

ANSWER: Yes. For U. S. No. 1 grade potatoes, washed and packed in new containers, the schedule of support prices is as follows: Puerto Rican and Nancy Hall, \$1.50 per bushel from September 1 to November 15, and \$2 per bushel after November 15; Golden and Jersey, \$1.30 until November 15 and \$1.50 after that vember 15 and \$1.50 after that or trucks in carlots or truck loads hampers, and solid or built-up bottom bushel baskets according

to the type of containers customarily used in each area.



Cool, damp weather in recent





Cost Of Accidents Runs Into Millions

More than 36 million dollars in medical, dental, and hospital bills were paid by farm people during 1948 as a result of accidents. according to H. M. Ellis, in charge of agricultural engineering for the State College Extension Service.

This cost, Ellis states, does not include the cost of accidents to those who were killed, or who suffered permanent total disabilities; or costs other than those resulting directly from the care of njuries.

Among the chief causes of the accidents Ellis listed the following: Falls, machines, animals, auto and truck collisions, handling objects, hand tools, stepping on or

analysis of nearly 2,000 accidents the only California apple found surveys made by the BAE in 1947 kets.

and 1948. Seventy-two percent of all accidents to farm people occurred on the farm- 16 percent in the farm home and 56 percent elsewhere on the farm. Eleven percent occurred on roads or streets

off the farm. The other 17 percent ripe this month. included industrial accidents suffered by farm people who were working in factories and accidents of children in games at school. Fifty-four percent of injuries were sustained while the victim

was engaged in farm work. Farm accidents reached a peak in September, when both farm work accidents and recreational accidents were sharply up. Males had an accident rate over three times as great as females, and males in the age group 25 to 44 years had the highest rate.

check their homes, farm buildings and surroundings and remove all hazards possible. He also suggests taking time instead of chances."

Plentiful Foods Listed For August

Hints To Farm Locally grown fruits and vegetables especially tomatoes and early apples-will be plentiful on Homemakers southern markets in August, the

U. S. Department of Agriculture reported this week. try honey, say food specialists. Shoppers will find a greater

Ways to use honey to advantvariety of fresh vegetables in age in summer meals include the August than in any other sumfollowing suggested by the food mer month, Miss Josephine Hall, home demonstration agent for the specialist:

State College Extension Service. Use honey to sweeten cool fruit drinks. Honey also makes a explains, and quality should be at the season's peak. Tomatoes likeable sweetening for iced tea will be on the market from comand coffeé.

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For variety in sweetings plus

flavors' from the flower world,

Serve honey fruit cup as a first mercial growing areas as well as course or dessert. If fruits in the from nearby farms and market gardens. Early apples will be cup are mild and sweet, mix lemon juice with honey, add to marketed from Carolina and Virstriking against objects, falling ginia, and in addition Miss Hall the fruit and then chill before and flying objects, and burns or said August is also the peak serving. If the fruit includes a month for harvesting California tart kind, such as grapefruit, add These findings are based on an Gravensteins. The Gravenstein is honey alone.

Use honey with fruit salads reported in three enumerative generally throughout eastern mar- ambrosia fruit salad, for example: Peel and slice oranges and dip

the slices in honey, then in shred-Other fruits listed as plentiful ded coconut. Place the slices on for August are peaches, pears, lettuce and top with berries or fresh plums, prunes and cantaloupes. Although the peach crop cherries.

For a quick salad dressing to is small this year in some of the southeastern states, other areas go over fruit combinations, mix have good crops which will be equal parts of honey and lemon juice. Add celery seed, if desired.

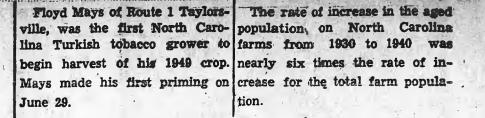
When baking apples, add honey Cabbage, lettuce. and onions r will be the most plentiful fresh and, table fat to each cored apple. vegetables, and in the protein Baste with honey during baking. classification, shoppers will have

To protect mattresses, purchase wide selection, with broilers, fryers, stewing hens, eggs, fresh or make mattress covers. These covers should preferably cover the and frozen fish, peanut butter, entire mattress although many and dairy products all on the August plentiful list. The dairy pro- use the type that covers just the ducts include cheese, evaporated top side. Covers are made of cotton cretonne, plastic coated cotton, milk, butter, nonfat dry milk quilted cottons and plastics. A solids, and cottage cheese. Supcover will protect your mattress plies of these products are heavy from dust, soil and tearing. It can and prices are considerably below levels of a year ago, Miss Hall easily be removed for washing.

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Greens Become An Important Cash Crop

New York, July 26-Two oldime Southern menu favoritesturnip and mustard greens—are winning popularity as a year-



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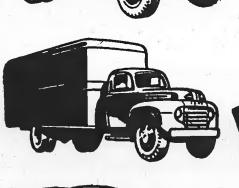
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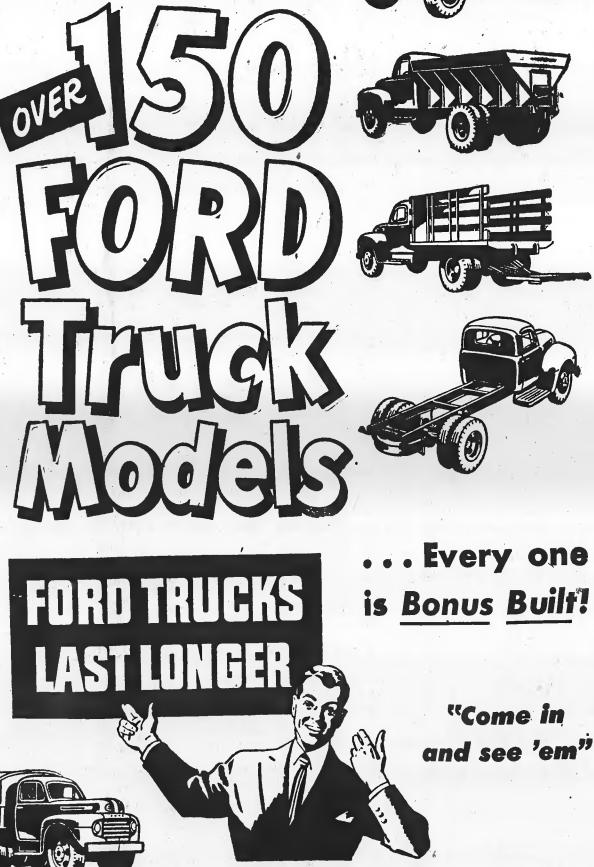
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round table délicacy and are becoming an increasingly important crop for growers and packers of greens.

Tender young leaves of the mustard and turnip plants. cooked in water with salt pork and pepper pods, have long been traditional Southern favorites but have not been widely known in other sections of the country.

However, crop and canning figures now show that these greens are becoming increasingly available in all seasons, and nutrition experts point out that the products offer an interesting taste variant and afford much the same healthful benefits as other leafy vegetables.

Can industry figures show that more than 1,500,000 cases of mustard, turnip and other greens were put up in 1948.

Interest in the cotton classing program is greater in North Carolina this year than ever before. Many Tar Heel farmers could materially supplement their cash farm income and earn wages for work on their farms if they would systematically work a small area of woodlands each year and harvest the products that have matured or are in need of cutting, believes John E. Ford, forestry extension specialist at



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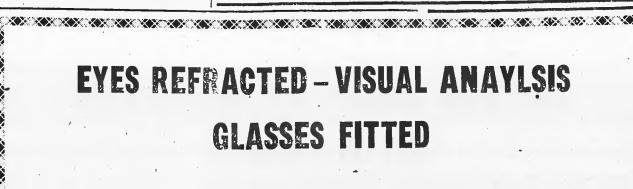
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