

Cotton In Good Shape But Still Needs Care

North Carolina cotton farmers are having to pinch themselves to be sure they aren't dreaming. The condition of the cotton crop is excellent, and a good yield is definitely in prospect.

This is in contrast to experiences with the crop during the last two or three years. Glenn Toomey, extension cotton specialist at North Carolina State University, describes the condition of the crop as "excellent."

"Cotton is fruiting heavily at the present time," he said. "We've got a good crop at this stage. Farmers need to take every precaution to maintain this condition."

The specialist noted that farmers should watch the insect situation carefully from here on. Weevils are migrating. Regular spraying is needed to

prevent a build-up of boll weevils. R.L. Robertson, N.C. State extension entomologist, comments that "A build-up of boll weevils now could be disastrous to many producers."

He added that a few fields that were infested with spider mites earlier still have infestations. These should be cleaned up before regular insecticide applications are resumed.

Toomey warned against over-the-top applications of herbicides. "This can be extremely dangerous," he said. "Spraying on arsonates and other materials after squaring and blooming will cut yields drastically," he added. It also could prohibit the selling of seed due to a possible arsenic build-up.

The specialist said farmers should not be concerned about

what may appear to be excessive shedding of squares. "Generally, plants are squaring so heavily that they are unable to hold all of them and must shed. This is natural shedding and shouldn't be regarded as anything unusual," Toomey said.

He added that the application of boron directly to the plant helps the square-holding capacity of the plant.

Another Toomey suggestion regards cultivation. Rains have caused roots to develop rapidly. Cultivations should be very shallow in order to guard against root damage.

GARDEN TIME
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Last week we discussed a selected list of Dr. Joe Love's

petunia and snapdragon varieties which have been planted in his bedding plant tests on the Horticultural Farm at North Carolina State University. As promised, we continue this week with a selected list of marigold, zinnia, ageratum, salvia, verbena, celosia and vinca varieties.

Before we start on the list I would like to suggest that you try some of the snapdragon varieties. Many of you will remember that, time was, when the snapdragon was strictly a greenhouse plant for forcing; it still is. However, through intensive breeding, many good garden type varieties are now available for the home gardener.

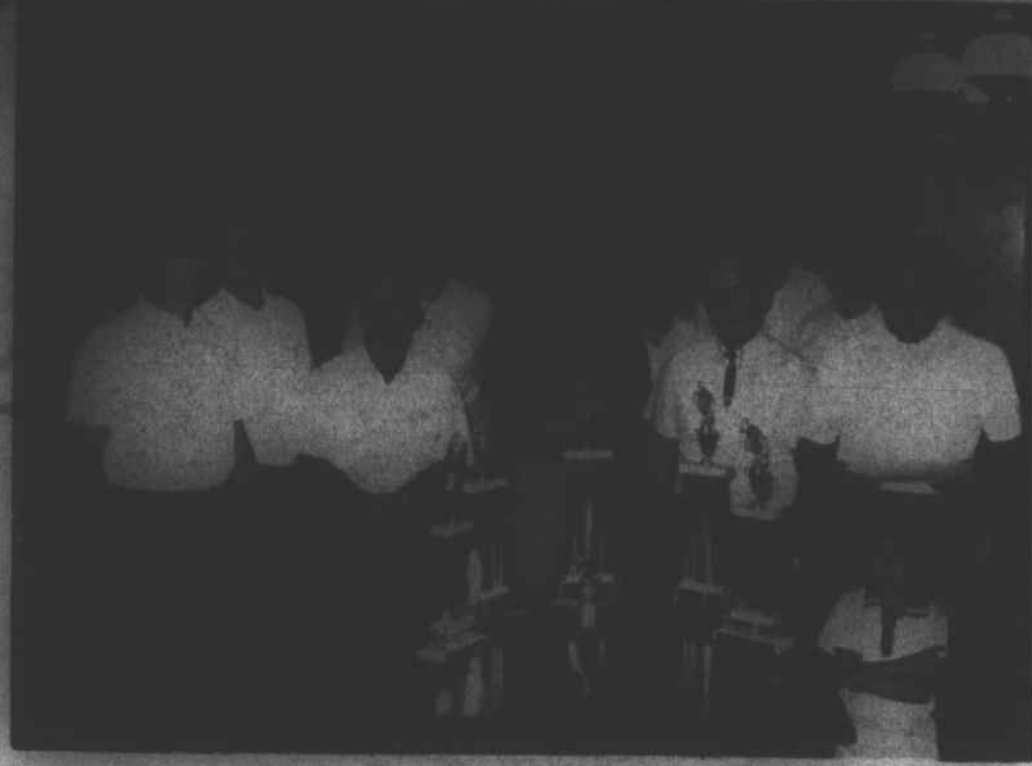
Marigold: Sparky - dwarf, gold and red; Spin Yellow - dwarf, compact with large flowers; Dolly - a dwarf yellow with large four-inch flowers; Gold Coin - this is a large variety reaching a height of about two and one-half feet under good growing conditions. The flowers are large, sometimes three and one-half

to four inches across. Zinnia: State Fair - tall with large five to six-inch flowers, variety of colors; Pink Buttons - bushy dwarf type, about 12 inches; Yellow Zenith - this is another tall variety with five to six-inch flowers.

Ageratum: Blue Mist - a good, uniform dwarf type with light blue flowers; Blue Jacket - a dwarf, uniform blue. Salvia (sage, scarlet and others): Blaze of Fire - a dwarf early red; America - good medium even red; Bonfire - a tall growing good red; St. John's Fire - a good dwarf 12-inch type with attractive bright red flowers.

Verbena: Cardinal - a dwarf, eight-inch, brilliant red; Miss Susie - good light pink with white center; Torrid - an excellent, uniform spreading type which has dark red flowers with white centers.

Vinca (periwinkle): Little Pinkie - a very even plant with pink flowers.



On Thursday night, August 15, team representatives met in Mt. Olive to draw for

pairings. This picture shows the team representatives surrounding the trophies which will be presented at the close of the tournament. Trophies will be given to the winning team, the runner-up, the best team's sport, the most valuable player and the best hitter. Individual player trophies will be given to each member of the winning team. Shown in the picture, left to right are, Road Runners - Clinton; Paul Robinson, Rowen Baptist - Clinton; Charles Lockamy, Warsaw; Wayne Carlyle, State Highway Commission, Kinston; Tommy Hare, Wayne Plumbing, Goldsboro; Joe Smith, The Moose Lodge, Goldsboro; Vinson Russell, LaGrange; Ken Edwards, The Shoe Show, Rick Farfour, Ed's son.

Chosen For Bryan Scholars

Mount Olive--Twenty-one students have received appointments as Bryan Scholars at Mount Olive College, Mt. Olive, for the 1968-69 school year according to an announcement from Dr. Raymond P. Carson, Dean of the College, who serves as adviser in directing and encouraging the Scholars.

The group of students is selected by a faculty committee in recognition of their academic potential, leadership ability, character, and personality. Sophomores are selected on the basis of their first-year records and activities at Mt. Olive College.

Bryan Scholars take a special one-hour seminar in subject of their choosing and they meet periodically for discussions.

The James E. and Mary Zely Bryan Foundation underwrites the Scholars program at Mt. Olive College. Scholarships are awarded to some while others hold honorary positions. Students receiving appointments from Duplin are:

Calypso-Juanita Brock, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie F. Brock; Vicki Carolyn Davis, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Davis; Janet Marie Flowers, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Flowers; and Anna Kathryn Sutton, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E.B. Sutton, Jr.

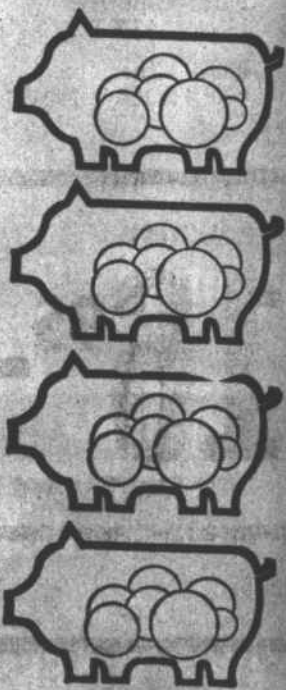
Deep Run--Jeannie Elizabeth Smith, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William C. Smith.

Mount Olive--Martha Kay Goodman, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Good-

man; Cecil Wayne Joyner, sophomore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie M. Joyner; Donna Kay Potts, freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George R. Potts; Charles Michael Sapp, sophomore, son of Rev. and Mrs. Charles L. Sapp; and Jacquelyn Tillman, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Tillman.

Warsaw--Ruby Marina Blakmore, sophomore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Blakmore.

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Accent On Homes
By Marjorie Marsh

We're spending humpers of money to conquer outer space and happily some of the results are helping to improve our "inner space" at home. The technical advances developed by the up, up and away boys in the laboratories have produced a favorable "fall-out" of new products and given glamour to the familiar ones.

New Products for Home
For example there's that cookware that can be shoved into the oven right from the freezer. And there's a huge family of "high impact" plastics that look just like wood but won't break even if dropped from the moon!

Amplly-endowed products have also been given further virtues by the men in the big white coats. Wool carpets, for one, have always been the last word in luxury. Now the blue-sky thinking of scientists has added down-to-earth characteristics.

If you live in an area where the humidity is very low or have very cold winters, you'll know all about the annoying shocks from carpet. Even though wool is very low in generating static electricity, carpet manufacturers are mixing in very fine strands of stainless steel to make shock-free wool. This additional comfort in carpeting doesn't affect its softness or "hand". You won't know that the carpet has this added comfort factor unless you read the label carefully.

Wool Carpets Cost Less
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