

**GARDEN TIME**  
By Robert Schmidt

Most of our first plantings of garden crops have been made. If you made the mistake that I did, you have had to replant your lima beans and some of your snap beans. The recent cold rainy weather retarded the seed in the ground. Don't blame the gardeners for that.

From now on it will be a battle with weeds, insects, diseases, and dry weather. Everyone knows how to take care of weeds. A sharp hoe, a good garden cultivator—perhaps a garden tractor with all attachments—will do a will to work will keep weeds down. Chemical herbicides are still too uncertain to be depended upon. A straw mulch put down around your tomato plants will keep weeds in check as well as conserve moisture. We recommend mulching tomatoes and also stalks of them. They should be used to stakes by tying in soft twine. Pinch out side shoots and allow only one or two stems to develop. This method will give you better quality tomatoes under our climatic conditions. A lot has been said about spraying tomatoes with hormones to get a better set of fruit. Spray the first two or three flowers of blooms with a

**Record Crops For 1951 Expected**

U. S. farmers are likely to set a new production record this year if the weather from now through the crop season is at least average. Acreage on which the main farm crops will be planted or grown is expected to top the 1950 total by about 8 million.

hormone such as "Sureset" or "Fruitone" will give larger yields on those clusters. Sometimes the fruits are seedless. However, there has been no advantage gained by spraying more than the first two or three clusters. Use the hormones strictly according to directions on the package.

Insects and diseases must be controlled in order to have high quality vegetables. Write to the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh for bulletins giving specific controls for insect pests, or ask your county agent for information.

To control pests, you must know what insect or disease you are trying to combat; you must know what materials to use as a spray to control that particular pest and how and where to apply it; you must apply the spray at the proper time; and you must do a thorough job of spraying.

**Celo Laboratories Produces Rare Medicine**

Celo Laboratories, a new pharmaceutical supply house operating in the Celo Health Center building, had its beginning in the birth of a baby.

Two years ago, life to an unborn "Rh baby" was assured because the attending physician, was able to secure Rh Hapten, from its discoverer, Dr. Bettina Carter. The baby was born in a Chicago hospital, without complication of any kind, but with considerable publicity which resulted in an overwhelming number of requests for Rh Hapten. Unfortunately, there was none to be had. The production of the drug, involving the use of human blood cells, was both costly and time-consuming, and still in the experimental stage. The father of the baby, a manufacturing chemist, at the request of Dr. Ruth Darrow of Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, undertook to produce Rh Hapten in the laboratory in Celo, and the current production is now going to the hospital for its growing experimental work. In the course of the past two years vast improvements in production techniques has made Rh Hapten available at a fraction of its original cost, and steadily increasing volume indicates a wider distribution soon.

The pharmaceutical supply house founded on this happy beginning, distributes only drugs of the highest quality, and at the lowest possible prices. The organization believes that responsible doctors, hospitals,

and clinics, able to secure high quality drugs at low cost, will pass the savings along to the patient, and they are determined through careful planning and volume stocks, to steadily narrow the gap between first cost, and the cost to the ultimate user.

Celo Laboratories was incorporated last fall, as a not-for-profit organization under the laws of the State of North Carolina. Announcements, and price catalogues were mailed to every hospital and clinic, as well as most of the doctors, in the state.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

The Yancey County Bookmobile schedule for the coming week has been announced as follows:

Thursday, May 17: Double Island Road, home of Mrs. Cora Ray, 9:45 a. m.; Lowe Thomas' Store, 11:00 a. m.; Double Island School, 11:30 a. m.; Brush Creek, 1:00 p. m.; Tipton's Grocery, 1:30 p. m.; Green Mountain Post Office, 2:00 p. m.; Pig Pen Road, home of

Miss Osma Newton, 2:30 p. m.; Toledo, home of Mrs. C. H. Warrick, 3:00 p. m.; Mine Fork Church, 3:45 p. m.; home of V. L. Edwards 4:15 p. m.

Friday, May 18: Mica ville, home of Mrs. Byrd Gillespie, 10 a. m.; home of Mrs. Leona Mumpower, 11 a. m.; Newdale, home of Mrs. Woodrow Howell, 11:30 a. m.; Parsley's Grocery, 1:30 p. m.; Crabtree Grocery, 2:30 p. m.; Booneford Church, 3 p. m.; Robinson's Dairy, 3:30 p. m.; Windom Post Office 4 p. m.



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