

Garden Time

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Last summer a lady called and wanted to know what was causing the berries on her pyracantha plant to "turn black and shrivel."

This condition is caused by a fungus disease, which absorbs food from the berries and causes the black spots to form and the berries to shrivel.

This disease is not too common on pyracantha but when it strikes, it can be severe. It is most prevalent during prolonged rainy periods.

The disease may be controlled by using a spray containing two tablespoons of Fomate in one gallon of water. This spray should be applied as the berries are forming and repeated at 10 day intervals until four sprays have been applied. Thorough spraying is necessary.

"The other day I was reading a story about the kitchen gardens at Tryon Palace and 'vegetable oyster' was mentioned. What is vegetable oyster?"

The proper name for this vegetable is Salsify. It is commonly called vegetable oyster because of its flavor. Salsify requires a

long growing season for full development. It is classed as a root crop and the culture is practically the same as for the parsnip.

"If I remember correctly leek was also mentioned." The leek is similar to the onion. It is believed to be native to the Mediterranean area where it has been in cultivation since prehistoric times. It is not grown extensively in this country but is produced by market gardeners in some areas and is sold largely to the foreign population.

The general culture of the leek is similar to the onion except that leek plants are blanched by banking with soil. The soil is gradually worked up to the plants as they grow, care being taken not to begin banking too early as the young plants decay easily.

Leeks are marketed in bunches like green onions. They are eaten raw, in salads and used for flavoring soups and stews.

You may remember that I urged my readers to visit Tryon Palace this summer. Then on to Manteo to see Paul Green's "The Lost Colony." For you folks in the mountains, the "darn skeeters" aren't as bad as they once were.

Snake Stories Begin To Circulate

By: Luther Partin

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA—We are now approaching the time of year when snake stories begin to circulate. It's hard to find anything under the sun that is the object of as many exaggerations and superstitions as the snake. As an object of lowly comparison, it has no equal. You can daily bear expressions such as, "dirty as a snake," "crooked as a snake," "lower than a snake's belly," and so on.

It's no wonder these members of the reptile family hang out under logs and stones, or retreat to the seclusion of thickets and swamps. They're ashamed to be seen in public.

Every few years you hear the old story about someone who jumped into a pond or stream and was bitten to death by dozens, and sometimes hundreds of "water moccasins." But if you want to go to the funeral, or express your sympathy to the family, you can't find the name of the victim. It usually is somebody in a neighboring community or town, and no one is quite sure of the name. This story was invented maybe a couple of hundred years ago, or so the newspapers inform us, by parents concerned over their children swimming in dangerous waters without supervision.

Even today, in some areas where hollow stumps reputedly produce an intoxicating "juice," you are apt to hear stories about a dangerous, giant bear in the woods that escaped from a circus train passing through. The stories are different, but both use a form of wildlife as the scapegoat. The idea is to keep children out of the water, in one case, and everyone out of the woods in the other.

The snake as a cause of human death is greatly over-rated. Insect bites cause as many fatalities on the average as snakes. Sunstroke and heat exhaustion fall in the same category. Lighting is usually 4 to 5 times as destructive to human life as the dreaded snake; one bolt sometimes takes

several lives; particularly in farm harvest operations. The statistics for 1962, the most recent year available, credit poisonous snakes with 2 lives, venomous insects—2, sunstroke—2, and lightning—8.

Generally speaking, snakes can strike about one-half of their length. The speed of the strike, often used in comparison as the ultimate in quickness, proves to be fairly slow when subjected to scientific instruments. One researcher found the speed of a striking snake to be only 10 miles per hour.

Probably less than 10% of our snakes are poisonous. This, coupled with their secretive nature and usual choice of habitat, greatly reduces our chances of seeing a snake, and even further shrinks the possibility of contact with a venomous variety. The bite of a poisonous snake is not necessarily fatal even without medical treatment. But it can be very painful and can make you very sick. Small children and older people are most susceptible.

In cases you should be bitten by a venomous snake, and there is not much chance that you will kill the snake for positive identification and to prevent being bitten again. You should immediately apply a tourniquet just above the bite to slow the spread of the venom. Remember to loosen it for a few seconds every 15 minutes.

If the situation permits, the fang punctures should be cross-cut with a sterile blade, and several other small cuts made immediately around the bite to encourage bleeding. Apply suction by mouth, if there are no cuts or breaks in the lining of the mouth or lips, or with a suction cup if one is available. Avoid exertion and stimulants. That old remedy, whiskey, is very dangerous for snake-bite victims. Get to a doctor as calmly and quickly as possible, but at a safe speed.

There are only four venomous snakes found in Tarheelia. The cottonmouth likes the eastern swamps. (It is seldom found west

of the fall line). The copperhead and rattler are found in all parts of the state, but usually in limited numbers. The three snakes listed above are members of the Pit Viper Group. They have triangular heads, slim necks, and a pit or hollow between the eye and nostril.

The fourth villain, the coral snake, is generally limited to the southeastern corner of the state and the sandhills area of the Coastal Plain. It is a member of the Cebra Group. Its venom attacks the nervous system, while that of the vipers affects the circulatory system. The coral snake is the best identified by a black snout, slim head with a broad yellow band, and wide, alternating bands of red and black around the body separated by narrow bands of yellow. Few people will ever see this snake, although the scarlet king snake may erroneously be labeled as such.

As soon as you read this, you'll probably recall that one more of these species have been seen or killed far from the range described here. But we should bear in mind that snakes may hitch rides on cars, loaded trucks, boats, etc., and travel far from their normal surroundings. Consider, also, the lack of information regarding snakes and the very few people who can positively identify more than two or three of the forty-odd species of snakes that are known to be in the state. These factors can lead to exceptions and exaggerations.

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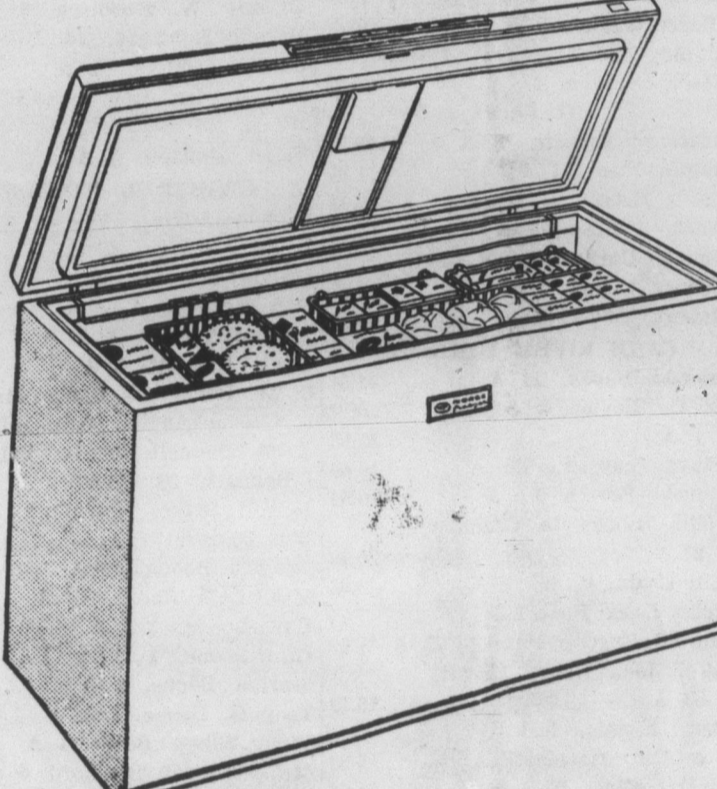
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