

# GARDEN TIME

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This is the third in a series on house plants.

There are many types of containers that may be used for growing house plants - clay, plastic and metal. Perhaps the clay containers are best because they are porous and permit some air exchange which supplies oxygen for the roots. Due to the porous nature of the clay, more frequent watering is necessary as compared with either plastic or metal pots.

Regardless of the type container used, it is essential that bottom drainage be provided. This can be done by placing a piece of broken clay pot over the entire bottom area. I would not recommend the use of any type container that does not have an opening for bottom drainage.

There is no set schedule that can be recommended for watering plants. The amount and frequency of watering will depend upon size and kind of plant, type of container used, and stage of growth.

When watering, soak the soil well and then let the soil become dry-to-touch before watering again. As a general rule, most soils will become lighter in color as they dry but a soil high in organic matter may be deceptive in this respect. Never let your plants wilt for lack of water.

Various types of self-watering devices may be used - wicks in the bottom of a pot, etc. If you have used self-watering devices, successfully, I would not suggest that you change. However, I expect, that, for most

## Fall Feeder Calf Sale Time Nearing

It's almost time for the 1970 fall state graded feeder calf sales. These sales provided an excellent market for calves produced in this area. This type of marketing arrangement gives the producer the advantage of having his cattle grouped with others in uniform lots according to grade, weight and sex.

The sale most convenient to this area producers is the Goldsboro Regional Feeder calf sale to be held at Goldsboro on Wednesday, September 16. Sale time will be at 5 p.m. However, all cattle must be delivered to the Wayne County Fairgrounds between 6:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 15 to allow time for grading and sorting.

Consignments to the sale should be sent in by September 2. All calves must be vaccinated for Blackleg and Malignant Edema prior to September 2.

Consignment blanks and further information can be obtained by contacting Ronald Hawkins, Asst. Agricultural Extension Agent, at the Federal Building in Kinston or calling 527-2191.

## MASSENGILL GRADUATES

Navy Airman Norman L. Massengill, son of Mrs. Luke T. Massengill of 1102 W. Lenoir Ave., Kinston, recently graduated from the Navy's Aviation Electrician's Mate School at the Naval Air Technical Training Command, Jacksonville, Fla.

people surface watering is the better plan. When watering such plants as African violets, cyclamen and gloxinia avoid getting water in the crowns of the plant as it may cause rotting.

The temperature of the water is important. Water used should be at room temperature and preferably, applied in the morning. If you want to catch and store rainwater for your plants this may be done. However, we have no evidence that chlorine and fluorine treated water is injurious to plants.

Humidity in the home is always a problem and is difficult to control. Any means used to control humidity will be helpful. One means of compensating for low humidity would be to spray the foliage of your plants once or twice a week, with soft tepid water. For this, rainwater would be fine.

## HOME BUYER



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### Hazard Insurance Adequate?

One of the details that often needs buyer attention in the purchase of a home is hazard insurance coverage - such as fire or owner's public liability protection.

When the closing of a real estate purchase takes place, the William J. McNeill, Jr. Home Buyer typically has the opportunity to pay the seller for the remaining unexpired term of such insurance coverage and the policy then is endorsed over to the buyer. Payment is for the number of months of coverage left, multiplied by one-twelfth of the annual premium paid by the seller (referred to as a pro-rated adjustment).

As you go to closing, you should make sure there is adequate hazard insurance protection on the property. And you should see that arrangements are made for you to remit payment and immediately have the policy or policies endorsed over to you. In some cases, it is possible to arrange for the insurance company to issue a policy endorsement, making the transfer effective at time of closing.

For added protection, you may wish to consider placing a "binder" covering your interest into effect when the agreement of sale is executed. This step will protect you between the date of your purchase and the date of your closing.

It is important for you to be satisfied that the insurance to be transferred to you is sufficient to protect your interests. You or your agent should review the insurance in force as soon as possible.

Usually, the hazard insurance transferred is for fire and includes extended coverage. You may apply for additional coverage immediately if desired. If you make a pro-rated adjustment, you have the option of renewal or replacement when the existing policy expires.

Besides insuring against physical hazards, it also is wise for you to guard against financial loss from land title defects. This can best be accomplished by an up-to-date land title search and owner's title insurance.

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## Eliminate DDT In Fish Before Cooking

The Federal Food and Drug Administration has set 5 parts per million (ppm) of DDT as the maximum allowable in fish sold commercially. The average human has some 12 ppm in his body. Some coho salmon in the Great Lakes have been found to contain residues of the poison in amounts up to 19 ppm. Much of the DDT in fish can be eliminated during preparation by trimming the fat, where most of the pesticide is stored. Fatty sections that could be trimmed include the narrow strip running the full length of the belly, a strip just under the dorsal fin, and the patch just under the dorsal fin, and the patch just posterior to each gill. In general, predaceous fish contain higher DDT levels than those that feed on plankton or other small organisms.

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## Bobbie Staton Gets Air Medal

Army Specialist Four Bobbie Staton son of Eddie Collins, 505 Harvey Street, Kinston, recently received the Air Medal near An Khe, Vietnam.

Spec-4 Staton earned the award for meritorious service while participating in aerial flight in support of ground operations in Vietnam.

The specialist is a rifleman with Company C, 3rd Battalion of the 4th Infantry Division's 8th Infantry. He entered the Army in April 1968 and was last stationed in Germany.

## HAYMAKING

FOR CENTURIES THE SCYTHS AND PITCHFORKS WERE THE MAIN IMPLEMENTS FOR HAYMAKING. BUT DURING THE COLONIAL PERIOD, SOME ENTERPRISING VANDALS DEvised A "SCISSOR PRESS" FOR PUTTING HAY INTO BALES.



BOTH TWINE AND WIRE WERE USED TO TIE THESE BALES, AND BALING WIRE BEGAN TO FIND ITS WAY INTO A VARIETY OF OTHER USES ON THE FARM. MACHINES AND IMPLEMENTS WERE "REPAIRED" WITH BALING WIRE, AND GRADUALLY MANY OLD MACHINES, AUTOMOBILES AND EVEN AIRPLANES WHICH WERE IN A SAD STATE OF MAINTENANCE, WERE REFERRED TO AS BEING HELD TOGETHER WITH BALING WIRE. THIS WIRE, ALSO KNOWN AS HAY WIRE, WAS SO COMMONLY USED FOR REPAIR WORK THAT THINGS WHICH WERE NO LONGER FUNCTIONING PROPERLY WERE SAID TO HAVE GONE "HAYWIRE," A TERM WHICH IS STILL USED WHEN THINGS GO WRONG.



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