

EMCEES REA HOME TALENT CONTEST



Pictured here are Billy White and Charley Skinner, who will act as masters of ceremony for the local talent contest to be conducted in connection with the annual meeting of the Albemarle Electric Membership Corporation, to be staged in the auditorium at Perquimans High School, Saturday afternoon, beginning at two o'clock.

Garden Time

By ROBERT SCHMIDT

The strawberry is a small fruit crop which fits nicely in the vegetable garden. Plants may be set now in all parts of the State for next year's crop. Varieties recommended for Eastern North Carolina are generally Blakemore, Massey and Missionary, except in Columbus County, where Klommore is popular. In the Piedmont, Massey, Midland and Fairfax are best and in the mountains, Massey, Midland or Tennessee Beauty should be grown. It is usually desirable to plant two varieties so that if one variety fails because of weather conditions, the other might still produce a crop. Everbearing varieties are recommended only for the mountain area.

If the matted row system of culture is desired—that is, if all the runner plants are allowed to root, forming a solid bed of plants—set the plants 18 to 24 inches apart in rows 3 feet apart. Limit the width of the bed to 15 inches. If the hill system of culture is used—that is, if all the runners are removed as soon as formed—plants are set 12 inches apart in double rows which are 12 inches apart. The pairs of rows should be at least 12 feet apart. Weed control is much easier if you use the hill system.

Give a light application of any good garden fertilizer before planting or use stable manure. In late August drill a 6-8-6 fertilizer into the soil along each side of the row or bed at the rate of one gallon per 100 feet of row. About January 1, make a similar application over the tops of the plants, except in the mountain area. Apply when the leaves are dry and brush any fertilizer off the leaves.

Health and Beauty

By Dr. Sophia Brunson

HASHISH OR MARIHUANA

When I was a youngster, "The Hashish Eater," a book by Dr. Quincy, fell into my hands. I read it far into the night though my childish mind could not comprehend it. The author described the effects of the drug upon its victims.

Hashish has had a bloody and destructive history. It has many names. It is called "hashish," "Indian hemp," "cannabis indica," and "Marihuana."

Its baleful effects go back as far as history. Some of the ancient Greeks used it. Homer wrote that it made men forget their homes and turned them into swine. A thousand years ago there was a band of men addicted to its use. They were distinguished for their cruelty and wickedness. The leader of the group lived in pomp, and terrorized the country. If a prince displeased him, he had him murdered by members of the company. Thus they kept the country in subjection.

Throughout oriental lands marihuana cursed the people even in very ancient times. It is mentioned in the Arabian nights. Sanscrit literature describes it. Many artisans, physicians and literary men have used it in order

to describe its effects. Some of them have become its victims. Musicians have been induced to use it. At first it stimulates them to put forth a superior quality of work.

It is said that many of the soldiers of Pancho Villa's army were addicts of marihuana. It is used extensively in Mexico and from there has spread to the United States. Peddlers are persuading high school boys and girls to buy the marihuana cigarettes from them, by telling them that the smokes are delightful and harmless. This country has awakened to the fact that murders, suicides and sex crimes are increasing among the youth of the land. Many of them have been directly traced to this drug. Others can only be suspected.

When a girl jumped from a high building in New York and was crushed on the sidewalk, the evidence pointed to marihuana as the killer. Many crimes are perpetrated by addicts who have no recollections of their criminal deeds. A boy, when under its influence, butchered his father, mother and sisters. When questioned by the authorities, he admitted that he was a marihuana fiend and could not remember committing the crime.

Marihuana destroys the brain. At first it stimulates. There are illusions and hallucinations. The mind becomes over-excited, often to the point of madness. This deadly drug disintegrates character and ruins the intellect. When under its influence, the vilest forces of evil take possession of and control the individual. There is no crime that he will not commit.

The public should be warned against the encroachments of this deadly enemy. You do not know when your own children may be persuaded to smoke this new cigarette with a kick in it. Peddlers are selling them. In large cities they may be obtained at certain hot dog stands and other places. There are 100,000 users in the United States, most of them of high

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FIRE FACTS

school age. The United States government has put a tax upon the sale of marihuana and brought it under the narcotic law, but the public is not sufficiently aroused.

Warn your children against men who loiter and peddle cigarettes. Marihuana-users are helpless when in the grip of this demon drug. It brings disgrace, insanity and often murder. It is creeping in stealthily like a venomous twisting, slithering serpent. Protect your children against it by timely instruction.

About Your Home

By FRANCES BELL

Some garden color schemes are much more attractive than others mainly because many people forget that the color of a single flower is quite different from the color of the plant as a whole.

For example, take zinnia and cosmos. The blossoms can be almost exactly the same color, but the zinnia plant is very compact and the cosmos feathery. Zinnias have a large full bloom, with many petals. Cosmos flowers are partly hidden by leaves and the bloom has few petals.

When planning the color scheme of a garden take into consideration what he plants to be used look like as well as their color. Work in large sweeps of color—not little spots.

Do not go in for too many different

colors and too many types of plants. Plan colors in steps from dark values at the outcurves to light values at the incurves.

There is a trick of getting the maximum color beauty from a garden. It is the building of a sequence of warm colors, using some dark wine-crimson to deep rose-pink to light pale-pink to white. From pale cream to lemon-yellow to orange-bronze to orange-red.

Accept warm colors with good colors, but keep them related in intensity—Consider leaf color, also.

WHO KNOWS?

1. Name the present Secretary of Labor?
2. When did Americans pay their first Federal income tax?
3. What state ranks first in the production of milk?
4. What is wolfram?
5. Under what Administration was the R. F. C. organized?
6. What amendment to the constitution authorized the collection of Federal income taxes?
7. What explorer was the first to reach the South Pole?
8. What Western European country has the largest Communist Party membership?
9. What was the highest price ever recorded for a single art work?
10. Where does the U. S. get most

THE ANSWERS

1. Maurice J. Tobin.
2. In 1862.
3. Wisconsin.
4. An extremely hard metal used in the toughening of steel.
5. President Herbert Hoover's.
6. The Sixteenth.
7. Ronald Amundsen.
8. Italy.
9. \$1,666,400 paid by the late Andrew W. Mellon, in 1931, for Raphael's "Alba Madonna."
10. Southern Rhodesia and the Belgian Congo.

Results Of Crop Tests Published

Publication of "Measured Crop Performance, 1950," a bulletin giving complete results of official crop variety tests conducted in the State during the past season, is announced by the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station.

The tests are conducted annually in different sections of the State chosen to represent variations in climate, soils, and prevalence of insects. The purposes are to determine which of the commercially available varieties and hybrids are most satisfactory for

use in various parts of North Carolina; which recent developments of agricultural experiment stations or commercial plant breeders may satisfactorily replace varieties or hybrids now in commercial production; and the relative merits of commercially available corn hybrids.

Corn hybrids, cotton, wheat, oats, and barley were the crops covered in the tests, which were conducted by H. L. Cooke, research instructor, State College; C. D. Peedlin, research assistant, N. C. Crop Improvement Association; and R. P. Moore, director in charge of the Crop Improvement Association.

Single copies of "Measured Crop Performance" may be obtained from the local county agent or by writing the Agricultural Editor, State College Station, Raleigh. The publication is issued as Bulletin No. 373 of the Experiment Station.

Look and Listen

She (gushingly)—Will you love me when I am old?
He—Love you? I shall idolize you. I shall worship the ground under your little feet. I shall—um—er—You are not going to look like your mother, are you?

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