

Agriculture

Farm Show set

RALEIGH—Keeping up with agriculture means keeping up with the issues and trends as well as with technological developments.

Therefore, the SOUTHERN FARM SHOW, a three-day agricultural exposition running Jan. 30 through Feb. 1, at the State Fair Grounds in Raleigh, will present a series of programs focusing on the direction agriculture will be taking in the 1980's and how it will affect the people involved.

The programs will begin each day at 10:45 a.m. in the Holshouser Building and will be followed at noon by dutch treat barbecue luncheons.

Wednesday, Jan. 30, is Agribusiness Day. The program will center on what is ahead for southeastern farmers and agribusiness people and how to plan for that future. U. S. Rep. Charles Rose is keynote speaker. A Fayetteville native, the Democratic representative is chairman of the Subcommittee on Livestock and Grains, House Committee on Agriculture. He is also a member of the Subcommittee on Dairy and Poultry as well as the Subcommittee on Tobacco.

Farm Bureau Day is Thursday, Jan. 31. North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture, James A. Graham, will discuss the effect of environmental issues on agriculture.

Also, there will be a slide show presentation of the Clean Water Act. Passed by the U. S. Congress in 1972, the Act calls for plans and actions necessary to have streams and waters free of pollutants by 1985. Following the slide show, Commissioner Graham, North Carolina Farm Bureau president John Sledge and Ray Forrest, director of resources, planning and development, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, will discuss how plans for improving water quality in rural areas will affect farmers and farming operations.

Young people get top billing Friday, Feb. 1, when the North Carolina Future Farmers Association presents its "Youth in Agriculture" conference. Keynote speaker, Norfleet Sugg, executive vice president, North Carolina Agribusiness Council, will discuss opportunities in agriculture for today's youth. Various state FFA officers will talk about challenges,

opportunities and programs in today's FFA.

In addition to the special programs, there will be lots of other things happening at the SOUTHERN FARM SHOW. Seminars will be held daily in the Scott and Jim Graham Buildings. Daily homemaker seminars will be held in the Red Cross Building, and farm credit forums will run each day in the Jim Graham Building.

Plus, the 8th annual North Carolina Holstein Association's Classic Sale will be at 1:30 p.m., Jan. 31, in the Kelley Building, and an All Breed Bull Sale will be held at 1:30 p.m., Feb. 1, also in the Kelley Building.

More than 300 local, regional and national companies will be at the show featuring the latest in agricultural equipment, supplies and services. The Parade of Power, located in front of Dorton Arena, will have the largest tractors of the major manufacturers.

Show hours are 9:30 to 5:30 daily. Free tickets can be obtained at the Perquimans County Extension Office or contact: SOUTHERN FARM SHOW, 1945 Randolph Road, Charlotte, N. C. Telephone: 704-376-6594.

Perquimans Gardening
By
Jean Winslow



The practice of espaliering began long ago in northern Europe and England. Because it was necessary to utilize every foot of precious soil on those tiny islands, English gardeners learned to attach fruit trees to flat walls of their castles and cottages and garner every ray of sunshine.

While space is not as critical here, homeowners appreciate the beauty of design, and color imparted to an otherwise dull wall or fence.

There are so many complicated forms that can be accomplished by the experienced gardener, but a beginner can start with a simple shape, such as a fan-like form, or a triangle.

Our pyracantha is espaliered in a free-form around a window on a brick wall. North Carolina State University horticulturists do not particularly recommend pyracantha for espaliering because it is such a free grower in this area, but the extra work is worth it when the vine is absolutely loaded with bright berries during the winter.

Plant the pyracantha at exactly the same depth it came in the pot from the nursery in good sunlight. As the vine grows, select desired stems and continually prune away unwanted ones. Attach to brick walls with mason nails and a strong wire that will not cut into the stem.

The most important thing to remember is that blooms in the spring bring the berries in the fall. Obviously you can't prune those. During the summer I periodically prune the new berryless shoots to maintain neatness of form. It's not all that hard.

Now I do not have room for another espalier, but why don't you try a fruit tree? Start with a two-year old dwarf tree, partly branched, which nurserymen call "whips." These will bear fruit quicker than standard forms, and they are easier to manage, so I understand.

If you have only the one plant, try something that is self-pollinating, such as "Clapp's Favorite", or "Bosc" pear, "Wealthy" or "Delicious" apple. (These are recommended by Hearst's Encyclopedia of Gardening.) Apples, pears and



Pyracantha 'a la espalier

An espaliered pyracantha fans out free-style Front Street. Pyracantha is a good example on a brick wall of Jean Winslow's house on of a suitable plant for espaliering.

cherries will live about 35 years, peaches, plums, and apricots about 15 to 20.

Western exposure is essential, but plain ordinary soil is fine. Overfertilizing will produce lots of leaves and no fruit. Again, do not plant too deeply, as dwarf trees are the result of grafting. The graft mark should be two inches above the ground, so the graft part will not put out roots of its own.

Make your list for spring gardens now, and order what you can't get locally, which is pretty much, I've found out in shopping around the area.

Try the Sugar Snaps—they were a successful crop for us last year. Also spinach, and a couple of kinds of lettuce. Add a row of onion sets—salad supreme!

Prune Scuppernong and muscadine grapes.

For indoor gardeners: put clay pots into larger ones, and fill the space with peatmoss. This really works when stoves and furnaces dry out the air.

Newsline

Hear the latest crop, livestock, and farm economic information from Washington.

FARMERS' NEWSLINE reports change each weekday at 4 p.m. Washington, D.C. time. The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Jan. 10—Crop Prospects Jan. 11,12,13 — Livestock Situation

Jan. 14—Retail Meat Prices Jan. 15—1979 Crop Summary Jan. 16—Fruits and Nuts

Enough oil to last

The U.S. faces this winter with a full tank of heating oil.

That's the report from Ed Morgan, vice president of the National Oil Jobbers Council, who adds:

"There are over 240 million barrels of home heating oil in storage. This practically guarantees there will be no shortage of necessary oil this winter."

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The annual meeting of Perquimans Credit Union

Shareholders will be held at the office building, 200 South Edenton Road Street, Hertford, N.C., on January 15, 1980

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