

Agriculture

For best results cut flowers during early morning hours

•Tending flower gardens in this heat—what a drag! It's easy to forget the sweat, though, once you've made a room brighter with the fruits of your labor.

For best results cut flowers early in the morning. Dr. Roy Larson at State explains that this is usually the time moisture content is highest and flowers are more turgid. Not only that, the cutter will be as comfortable as the cuttee at that time of day.

Plunge cut flowers in a bucket of lukewarm water and recut the stems under water just before arranging.

Make sure vases are clean, as dirt and bacteria will greatly shorten the life of an arrangement.

•Keep flowers free from pests and diseases with the proper sprays and powders. Most gardeners have



neither the time nor the inclination to sift through materials explaining varmint and viruses, but because today's general-purpose sprays are so effective and readily available, most of the work is already done for us.

Most sprays or dusts are formulations containing two or more insecticides and a miticide as well. Catan, a fungicide, malathion and

methochlor (both insecticides) are safe chemicals to count on when you are reading labels.

These are established, reliable performers. The use of malathion is particularly advantageous in that it may be used fairly close to harvest date.

Always apply insecticides in early morning or late afternoon.

•When spraying figs for dried fruit beetle and vinegar flies, add 8 to 16 teaspoons molasses to each gallon malathion mixture for more effectiveness. Wait three days before harvesting.

•Remember that watermelons need a steady supply of water — an inch a week at least. Water stress, either too much or too little, will cause blossom-end rot as quickly as calcium deficiency.

•Use an old rubber tire for hose storage. Lay the tire flat, coil hose inside, and just roll it out of the way!

•Buy or order these seeds and plants for August 15 planting (per person): 25 cabbage plants. (That's what the charts advise, but I sometimes wonder what a family of four would do with 100 head of cabbage come October...)

Other suggestions include ¼ packet leaf lettuce, ¼ ounce mustard, ¼ packet spinach, and ¼ ounce turnip.

•Look around the garden. There are plenty of "different" things all over your yard for inclusion in tonight's fresh salad. Pick some bright nasturtium blossoms, add to that a few leaves from beets and turnips.

Strip the red stem of Swiss chard

away from its leaf and slice thinly like radishes. Tear the greenleaf in bite-size pieces to augment lettuce and spinach.

How much is in the bowl now? Ah, enough room for a little mint, chopped parsley, some fennel and dillweed greens. Some rose petals. Calendulas. Daylily root.

What! Bottled dressing? Tak, tak. Even if you're short on time whip out

some oil, like safflower, sunflower, soy or olive. Add a little cider vinegar, or maybe just some lemon juice. Throw in some herbs and let it sit for a while if you have time.

And there you have it, fresh flavor at half the cost. Pass the hot sourdough bread, please. And go ahead and open that new batch of strawberry preserves. You didn't churn the butter yourself? Slack.

More on the peanut growers referendum

There will be a North Carolina Peanut Growers Association Referendum conducted on Tuesday, August 16, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The object of this referendum will be to determine whether or not peanut growers in North Carolina will assess themselves \$2.00 per ton from 1983 to 1988.

This represents an increase of \$1.00 per ton over the present assessment. I have been assured that the additional funds collected will go for the promotion of North Carolina peanuts in our U.S. Markets.

Peanut promotional activities are conducted by Betsy Owens of the Peanut Growers Association.

These extra funds help her expand her promotional efforts which could include greater participation in trade shows and development of new retail merchandising aids to attract the attention of consumers to North Carolina and Virginia Peanuts.

All other peanut producing states have approved a \$2.00 per ton assessment except North Carolina.

Let's face it, we are competing with Georgia in the peanut market place and they have been beating our pants off. Expansion and maintenance of our markets will be im-

portant if we expect to produce peanuts in the future.

This takes money and hopefully the increased assessment of \$1.00 per ton will aid in the efforts to preserve our markets.

Farming The Flatlands



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By Bill Joster Extension Chairman

I can not tell you what way to vote on the 16th, but certainly there is some real positive reasons to vote yes.....The real question you have to ask is "Who is going to help you if you don't try to help yourself?!"

As many of you know, I have been in Summer School. The training I have been receiving has been on the operations and programming of microcomputers in agriculture.

What is the value of microcomputers to farmers? Several reputable

experts in the field of agriculture estimate that by the year 2000, 75 percent of our farmers will own a computer.

Computer uses for the farmer will center around record keeping decision making in communications-data. Agriculture Record Keeping programs are available now.

These include such things as receipts, expense records, balance sheets, income statements and other financial records.

They would also include such physical records as livestock performance and health records, land records and other durable and non-durable inventories.

Decision-making uses would include break even analysis on various enterprises (especially livestock), income tax management, investment analysis and equipment sizing.

Communication-Data uses would include comuter access to marketing data, future prices, weather advisory plus many others. In this discussion, we have just skimmed the surface of possible agriculture uses of a computer.

In the next 5-6 months, we plan to have a microcomputer in the Perquimans County Extension Of-

fice. I am inviting you then to stop by and let me familiarize you with some of these uses.

The next 100 years will be the computer age, and we must strive to understand and use this tool to better our lives to make a better world.

IT'S A FACT!



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Consider more than style when shopping

Be a smart shopper when buying clothes by reading labels and examining workmanship before purchasing. Check fiber content. Fabrics are made of different fibers and blends with a wide variety of looks and textures.

Read care instruction labels. Some garments must be drycleaned. However, most children's wear, casual clothing and some outerwear are washable. Many fabrics, including woollens, may be washable.

The label indicates the method for washing and drying that assures good results.

Instructions tell whether to machine wash or hand wash; to use a regular, permanent press or gentle wash cycle; to tumble, line dry or dry flat.

Included are water and dryer temperatures. Use of bleach, recommendations to wash separately and iron temperatures are other points that instructions cover where applicable.

Many garments require little or no ironing particularly those made of synthetics, blends and cottons with special finishes.

The need for ironing can be lessened by avoiding over-drying and removing items from the dryer promptly at the end of the cycle. For line drying, smooth seams, collars, cuffs plackets as clothing is being hung up.

If fabric content and type of care is suitable, then check workmanship. For good and long-lasting fit, the

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By Paige Underwood

grain or yarn in the fabric should be straight up and down or across as it is worn.

Examine patterned garments, especially plaids and stripes, to be sure that they match at center and side seams, pockets, sleeves and collars. Look at seams and hems. Are they smooth, wide enough and finished to prevent unraveling or splitting? Is stitching uniform and straight with thread that matches the garment?

Reinforcement at points of strain is important particularly for garments that will get hard wear, such as active sportswear and children's clothing. Be sure closures and trim are firmly sewn on.

Quality clothing has buttonholes that are stitched firmly and evenly with reinforced ends. Note if buttonholes are the right length for buttons — neither too long nor too short. Zippers should be flat, smoothly sewn and inconspicuous, except for novelty types meant for trim as well as function.

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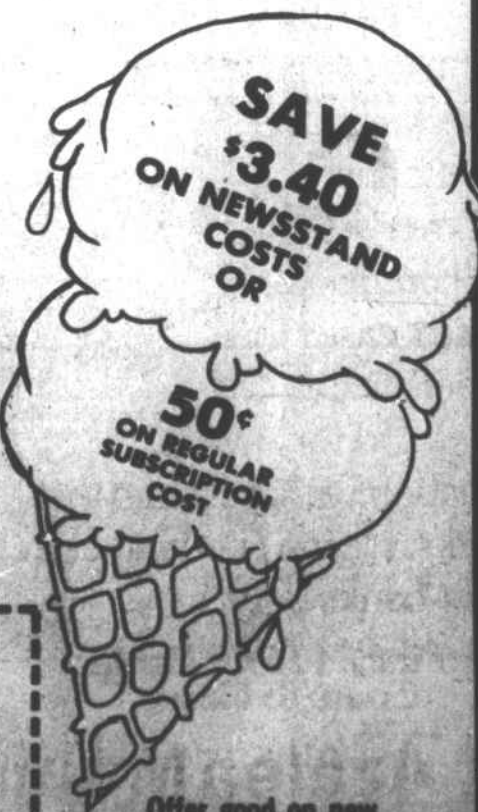
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