

Agriculture

Tips for reviving plants

Give houseplants a good shower of warm water to clean off winter dust and wood smoke.

Clean birdbaths periodically to control dirt and remove leaves, bird droppings and feathers. Use a solution of one part household bleach to nine parts soapy water. Scrub with a stiff brush and rinse thoroughly.

Never put glycerine in birdbath water to prevent freezing. Glycerine is very harmful to the bird's digestive tract.

Prune apple, peach, and plum trees.

Apply dormant sprays to fruit trees. Use oil sprays or the time-tested lime-sulfur sprays.

Thoroughly soak trees and plants with water to prevent freeze damage, especially if hard frosts are predicted. Make sure shallow rooted plants such as azaleas are well mulched.

People do not grow their own vegetables just to save money, says the National Gardening Association. The respondents in a survey of 3000 households in 1985-86 could choose more than one answer to the question of why they had a garden. Thirty percent answered that their main reason was to have fresh vegetables. Twenty-five percent said they gardened to have better-quality food. Twenty-two percent said they gardened for enjoyment. Nineteen percent gardened to have produce for canning or freezing. Only 4 percent answered that they gardened to save money.

Speaking of saving money, Larry Bass at NCSU says don't worry about the cost of vegetable seeds, which is a relative small part of the total cost of gardening when compared to fertilizer, insect control, labor and equipment. He says one of your best investments is clean, disease-free seeds of selected varieties. He also reminds us that saving seeds often does not work, because some vegetable varieties are hybrids, and plants

Financial management series scheduled

**By STANLEY J. WINSLOW
CO. EXT. DIRECTOR**
The young farmers committee and I have planned an important and educational series of meetings for you during the next several weeks. Our emphasis this year will be entirely on Financial Management and Marketing. There will be five sessions and each will be taught by Jack Ward, Farm Management Agent, now serving Gates, Chowan and Perquimans Counties.

The first meeting will be entitled "An In-Depth Look at Government Programs". It will be held at the Agricultural Extension Office on Thursday, January 29th. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. There will be a sponsored meal for this meeting, so please call our office by noon on Tuesday, January 27th to let us know if you can attend.

Bring your ASCS worksheets with you and after the meeting, Jack and I can work individual examples for you using Jack's portable computer and our office computer.

Your other meetings will be as follows:
February 3rd—"Managing Your Farm Business as an Investment, Part I"—7:00 p.m.—Extension Office.

February 10th—Family Financial Planning—7:00 p.m.—Extension.
February 17th—"Managing Your Farm Business as an Investment, Part II"—7:00 p.m.—Extension.

March 3rd—"Developing a Marketing Plan"—7:00 p.m.—Extension Office.

The February 5th, 10th and 17th meetings will not have a meal with them. We will use extra time to go into depth with the subject matter. These meetings were planned by the Young Farmers Committee, but they are open to anyone. With the current financial situation you need to be the best manager you can possibly be. Take advantage of these opportunities to learn.

The 1987 Perquimans County Agricultural Extension Winter Meeting Series is as follows:

January 22nd—Cotton Production Meeting—7:00 p.m. at the Perquimans County Ext. Office.

January 29th—Young Farmers Meeting—7:00 p.m. at the Perquimans County Ext. Office.

February 3rd—Young Farmers Meeting; "Managing Your Farm Business as an Investment, Part I"—7:00 p.m.—Perquimans County Ext. Office.

February 5th—Soybean Production Meeting—7:00 p.m.—Hertford Volunteer Fire Dept.

February 10th—Family Financial Planning—7:00 p.m.—Perquimans County Ext. Office.

February 11th—Peanut Production Meeting—7:00 p.m.—Albemarle Commission Bldg.

February 12th—Regional Pork Conference—10:00-2:00 p.m. a.m.—American Legion Building, Edenton, NC.

February 17th—Young Farmers Meeting; "Managing Your Farm Business as an Investment, Part II"—7:00 p.m.—Perquimans Co. Ext. Office.
March 3rd—Young Farmers Meet-



grown from the seeds of hybrids can be quite different from their parents. So order your new vegetable seeds now. With a nice break in the weather you may plant, per person:

Onion seed, ¼ packet, Yellow Danvers, San Joaquin; peas, edible-podded, ½ pound, Sugar Snap, Mammoth Melting Sugar; peas, garden, ½ pound, Wando, Green Arrow, Twiggy; Salsify, ¼ packet, Sandwich Island, Mammoth.

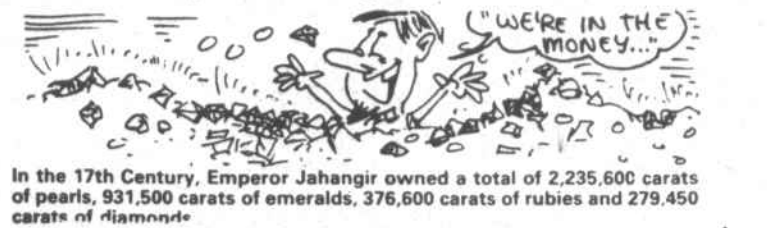
Sapsucker Injury
Neatly drilled holes on a tree trunk or limb indicates the presence of a sapsucker. Sapsuckers' feathers are mottled black and white. The male has a red crown and throat, while the female has only the red crown. Both sexes have a conspicuous white wing stripe which is visible both at rest and in flight.

Unlike its cousin, the insect-eating woodpecker, a sapsucker prefers a diet of tree sap, with an occasional lunch of whatever insects are lured to the tree. It drills holes deep into the trunk and extracts sap with a tongue equipped with hairs on the end that pick up the liquid.

Usually trees are not damaged enough to worry about them, but if tree limbs are beginning to die, it may be time to take precautionary steps. Flower and Garden Magazine suggests wrapping burlap or sheet metal around the injured limb, or smear a sticky bird repellent on the area. This should encourage this striking-looking bird to divide his mealtimes with several tree hosts instead of just one.



Left to right - Bert Eure, Stan Winslow, Karl Eure. The Eures, owners of White Hat Seed Farms and Stan Winslow, County Extension Director, are shown accepting first place awards for both the district and state level in the 1986 Wheat yield contest. The Eures' award winning yield was 97.6 bushels acre from the variety Florida 302. The awards were presented at the annual meeting of the N.C. Plant Food Association on January 6th in Raleigh.



In the 17th Century, Emperor Jahangir owned a total of 2,235,600 carats of pearls, 931,500 carats of emeralds, 376,600 carats of rubies and 279,450 carats of diamonds.

Checking out fabric

**By PAIGE UNDERWOOD
HOME ECONOMICS EXT. AGENT**
If you have a sofa that's beginning to look very tattered, you're probably thinking about reupholstering or replacing it.

Either way you'll be looking at upholstery fabric. So here are some upholstery shopping suggestions:

Ask to see a swatch of the fabrics. And then put that swatch through several tests.
For example hold the swatch of fabric to a light. You shouldn't be able to see any of the light, or at most, only tiny pin-points of light. And you shouldn't see any backing material between the threads. If you can see the latex backing from the front side, select another fabric.

Next, grip the two edges of the swatch, holding your thumbs about one or two inches apart. Press down on the fabric as hard as you can. If you see the yarns slipping or separating, the construction is weak.

Then scratch the fabric with your nails to see if the threads stretch or pull easily. And take a pencil eraser and rub briskly. If bits of fabric come off, the fabric will pill or form tiny fiber balls.

Check to see if the design is printed or woven. Look at the back. If the

back is a solid color and the design isn't evident, it's printed. You can also test the design's stayability by rubbing it with a white handkerchief. If the color rubs off, don't consider the fabric.

Cooking by crockpot

**By JUANITA T. BAILEY
HOME ECONOMICS EXT. AGENT**
You have some shopping to do. It makes good sense to run by the store on your way home from work. But what about dinner?

The answer might be crockpot cooking. With a crockpot, you'll find the main course ready to serve when you get home. And the crockpot offers some other benefits. It tenderizes those less tender cuts of meat. And it does it without a lot of shrinkage.

But the crockpot isn't utopia. There can be a slight risk of food poisoning, if you're not careful about how you handle the ingredients you put into

that pot.
The reason: crockpot cooking is slow cooking. This means the food is cooked at a relatively low temperature for a long period of time. As a result, it may be two hours before the pot gets hot enough to kill most common food bacteria. This is especially true for meat and poultry.

The best solution is to make sure no bacteria are allowed to grow in the food before it goes into the pot.

So if you plan to save time by preparing raw ingredients the night before, put those that call for refrigeration back into the fridge until you're ready to start the crockpot.

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ASSETS	
1. Mortgage loans & contracts	\$5020,000
2. Nonmortgage loans	143,000
4. Cash & Investments	2,748,000
5. Fixed assets (net)	21,000
8. Other assets	63,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$7,995,000
LIABILITIES & NET WORTH	
9. Deposits	\$7,296,000
12. Other liabilities	31,000
16. Unappropriated retained earnings	668,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET WORTH	\$7,995,000
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PUBLIC NOTICE


Perquimans County Water Department

The following tap-on fees for water meters will become effective February 1, 1987:

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