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GARDEN TIME
ROBERT SCHMIDT
N. C. STATE COLLEGE

When we have completed the garden planting for the season, we usually have a quantity of seed left over. Will they be any good next spring or should they be discarded now? The longevity, or length-of-life of seeds depends on two main factors: the kind of seed and the conditions under which the seed are stored.

Under the hot, humid conditions in the South, seeds do not retain their vitality as long as they do in cooler climates. Different kinds of seeds vary greatly in their longevity. For example, onion, sweet corn and parsnip seeds retain their vitality for only one to two years, beans and peas for two to three years, cabbage, collards, kale, turnips and mustard for four to five years, okra, parsley and salsify about two years, cucumbers, melons, squash and tomatoes about five years (all of these under favorable storage conditions which means a cool temperature and relatively low humidity).

The difficulty in determining of seeds are likely to be good next spring is that we don't know how long the seed merchant has had the seeds before he sold them to us. In many instances I have found bean seed to be good only for the year that I purchased them. That might mean that the

seedsman has had the seed for at least one year before he sold them. If you do keep seed over until the next year, you should have a germination test made before you plant them.

If you are saving any of your own seed this year from your garden, dry them thoroughly and then keep them as cool as possible during the hot weather. In saving vegetable seed it is very important that the plant itself be used as the unit of measure in selecting and not the individual pod or fruit. In other words, save seed only from the best plants having the most uniform and highest quality crop. For example, it is a common practice to save the seed from the largest watermelon in the patch. But perhaps that melon was the only one on the vine. It would have been better to find a vine with three or four good sized melons and save seed from one of those.

Seed should not be saved from hybrid tomatoes, cucumbers or corn because these are first generation crosses and will not come true to the seed that you save.

Twenty-five years ago some 600 varieties of cotton were grown in the United States; today about 30 improved varieties account for the entire crop.

Life Span Longer Than In 1900

Any number of elderly persons are glad to tell you just how they happened to live so long — "I eat only vegetables," or "I never had a cup of coffee in my life" are just some of the explanations you may hear. But perhaps the man who had the best explanation was the one who when asked why he'd lived so long, quipped, "Dunno. . . I guess it must have been because I didn't die young."

Corinne Justice Grimsley, State College Extension specialist in family relations, says that doctors are helping us to live longer today. In 1900 the average person in the United States lived to celebrate 45 birthdays. Today the average person lives 22 years longer.

But even though medical science is prolonging life, many people who don't die until they reach their 70's or 80's actually aren't living longer. They don't enjoy being alive, that is, they continually find fault with their families, friends, and relatives. They criticize the young and withdraw from activities. Such an existence really isn't living, Mrs. Grimsley says.

Growing old is a complicated process, says Mrs. Grimsley, and no one likes to think that he is getting old. Naturally you will change as the years go by, but there is no one day on which you will suddenly become old. Your body doesn't begin to age all at once — it's a single organ or tissue that starts. Your eyes actually begin to age during your teens, your hearing becomes less acute during your twenties; your muscular strength decreases in the thirties.

And it's hard to admit it, explains Mrs. Grimsley, but there comes a time in your forties or fifties when you can't do as much work as you once could. Staying young, Mrs. Grimsley concludes, isn't dependant upon pep pills, but upon keeping your mind alert, and interested in the activities going on around you.

Yields of corn, pasture, hay and small grains in North Carolina can almost be doubled by proper fertilization, and yields of all crops can be boosted by using better seed, cultural practices and doing a better job of controlling diseases, insects and weeds.



Donal T. Forsythe

Newspaperman New President Of Kiwanians

CHICAGO. — Delegates attending the 38th annual convention of Kiwanis International at New York, New York elected a prominent editor and publisher from Carthage, Illinois, to head the organization in the year ahead.

Officers of the Kiwanis Club of Kings Mountain were informed this week that Donal T. Forsythe, who publishes The Carthage Journal, Carthage, Illinois, would succeed Walter J. L. Ray, Detroit, Michigan, as president of Kiwanis International, which is now comprised of over 3,600 clubs throughout the United States, Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, and the Yukon Territory.

President-elect Forsythe is a past president of the Illinois Press Association and a life member of the Northwestern University Chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalistic fraternity, in May 1949, he was elected first president of the Greater Weeklies Associates, Inc., an organization comprised of more than 250 weekly newspapers. He was re-elected to that office in 1950 and chairman of the board of directors in 1951. He is now a member of the board, elected at the April convention in New York City.

He is a director of the Marine Trust Company of Carthage, a member of the Board of Carthage College, and was active in organizing a department of journalism at the school.

A Kiwanian for 27 years, the new president will assume office August 1. During the past year he served as treasurer of Kiwanis International. He had previously been an International trustee and governor of the Illinois - Easter Iowa District.

Delegates to the New York convention, which drew an adult attendance exceeding 11,000 men and women from all sections of Canada and the United States, also elected two vice presidents, a treasurer, and six trustees.

Vice presidents are Ralph D. Steele, of Chatham, Ontario, an attorney, and John R. Wright of Lakeland, Florida, a realtor.

Don E. Engdahl of Spokane,

Washington, a manufacturer, was elected treasurer of the organization.

Trustees elected for two years include Luman W. Holman of Jacksonville, Texas, a lumberman; Everett F. Peshon of Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, a roofing contractor; Simon H. (Sy) Reynolds of Rochester, New York, an advertising executive; Albert J. Tully of Mobile, Alabama, a lawyer; Reed C. Culp of Salt Lake City, Utah, a broker; W. Donald Dubail of West St. Louis, Missouri, an attorney. The latter two men are re-elected trustees.

In 1940 Americans ate nearly 17 pounds of butter each; now they consume a little under nine pounds per person annually.

The annual production in the United States of such items as nylon and rayon is equal to 3,300,000 bales of cotton.

The United States has the capacity to produce man-made fibers equal to 4,300,000 bales of cotton.

North Carolina's total cash farm income last year was \$929,948,000, down \$17,338,000 from the \$947,286,000 of 1951.

HINTS TO HOMEMAKERS

QUESTION: Are grazing crops really important for my chickens?

ANSWER: Succulent green feed is one of natural and best feeds for poultry. Providing an ample supply for as great a portion of the year as possible is an important phase of poultry production. Some good green grazing crops: Ladino clover, alfalfa, lespedeza, soybeans (especially good for turkeys), ryegrass and crimson clover. Others include ludzu, Bermuda grass, and other permanent pasture plants in the summer, and small grains in the fall and spring.

QUESTION: Is rotational grazing on native range practical?

ANSWER: As long as ranges are moderately grazed, farmers should feel free to use them in the most convenient way. If, however, extra labor, fencing, and watering places are required for rotational grazing, then continuous grazing would be more practical.

QUESTION: Just how should I

place artificial lights in my chicken house?

ANSWER: Lights stimulate egg laying. They have some influence on yearly production and will help increase the number of eggs during fall and winter. Morning lights are the most popular of the many systems used. Place bulbs six feet above floors over feeders and waterers. Use a 40-watt bulb for every 200 square feet floor space. Reflectors should be 16 inches wide and four inches deep. Do not increase or decrease length of day by more than 15 minutes. Lights on poultry and turkey breeders are profitable. Place lights on breeders three weeks before hatching eggs are desired; on turkey breeders two weeks before placing in breeding pen.

North Carolina was second only to Louisiana in the production of sweet potatoes in 1952. Nationally, yam production has dropped from 61,000,000 bushels in 1946 to 28,000,000 bushels in 1952.

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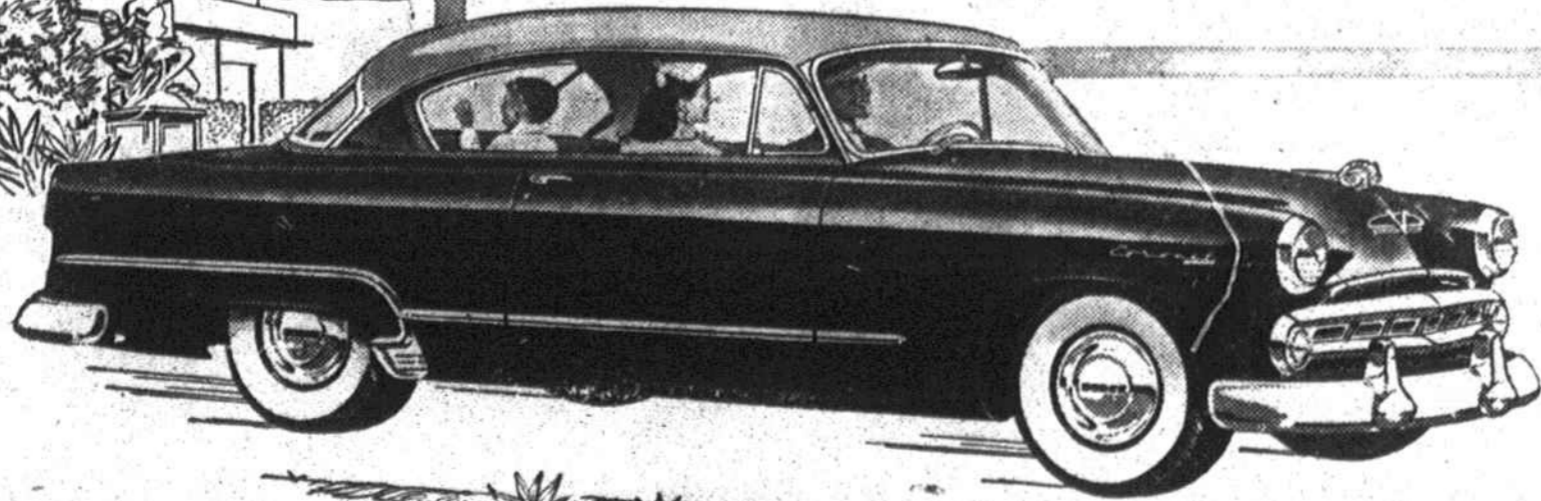
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Of Valuable Kings Mountain

Real Estate

Saturday July 11, 1953

THE THOMAS N. HARMON PROPERTIES

at the several sites, in the order listed, beginning at 10 a. m.

1. Valuable rental Future business property at the corner of Battleground and Falls street. Corner lot fronts on three streets, is 100 x 230 x 105. Two-apartment frame dwelling, underpinned, roof only three years old. Property now in residential zone. Bidding will begin at \$7,381.50.

TERMS: CASH

For Full Information See Martin L. Harmon, Jr. Commissioner or J. R. Davis Attorney KINGS MOUNTAIN, N. C. 7-2-9

City of Kings Mountain Tentative Budget 1953 - 1954

ANTICIPATED REVENUE:	
Regular Utilities	250,000.00
Penalty on Taxes	500.00
Street Assessments	5,000.00
Back Taxes	2,000.00
Privilege License	6,000.00
Auto Tags	1,100.00
Court Cost	6,500.00
Permits	750.00
Sewer Rental	125.00
Sale of Supplies	300.00
Water and Sewer Connections	1,700.00
Digging Graves	850.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots	2,800.00
Miscellaneous	400.00
Intangible tax from State	4,200.00
Meter Collections	7,500.00
Meter Violations	600.00
Fishing Permits	900.00
Taxi Franchise	1,200.00
Franchise tax from State	2,350.00
Stadium Lamps	250.00
Pole Rent Southern Bell	700.00
Jail Cost Cleveland County	600.00
Powell Street Aid	26,000.00
Fire Protection (Outside)	500.00
Discount Earned	350.00
Miscellaneous sale of water & Lights	1,500.00
Sale of Services	700.00
Water for Sprinkler Systems	158.00
Parking Space Rent	75.00
Interest on Cemetery Fund	300.00
Equipment Rental	250.00
Sale of Scrap	500.00
Street Assessments	3,000.00
TOTAL	\$427,302.50

ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS:	
Administrative Dept.	15,891.00
Cemetery Dept.	7,525.00
Public Works:	
Street	51,400.00
Sanitary	17,770.00
Light and Power	102,880.00
Water	17,715.00
Filter Plant	24,590.00
Sewer Maintenance	5,225.00
Police Department	36,050.00
Recorders Court	3,600.00
Fire Department	15,560.00
General Department	45,265.00
Bonded Indebtedness	30,000.00
Bond Interest	10,332.50
Bank Commission	100.00
Sub Total	383,903.50

CAPITAL OUTLAY	
Street	
Construction in Progress	17,700.00
Water	
5,000 2" Galv. pipe with fittings	2,569.00
Sewer	
Construction in Progress	750.00
Capital Equipment	
Pipe Locator	250.00
Motor Grader	13,500.00
Air Compressor	1,300.00
Paving Breaker	375.00
Pick-up Truck	1,700.00
Refrigerator for Filter Plant	150.00
Stove for Filter Plant	150.00
Chlorinator	1,800.00
Garage Equipment	1,000.00
Adding Machine	325.00
Light Department	
Voltage Regulator	2,530.00
Sub Total	43,399.00
TOTAL ANTICIPATED DISBURSEMENTS	\$427,302.50

The foregoing budget for the City of Kings Mountain was tentatively adopted at a special meeting of the board of commissioners on June 24, 1953.

Glee Bridger MAYOR
J. R. Hundick CLERK