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Farmers Face Seed Shortage

Tar Heel farmers have been urged to get their 1971 supply of soybean seed as quickly as possible.

Foil McLaughlin, director of the Crop Improvement Association at North Carolina State University, said the supply of good soybean seed is limited.

"I would urge farmers to locate a source of seed now, even for those soybeans which will be planted after small grain."

McLaughlin said that a shortage of good seed has developed for two reasons. First, there is a "big push" on soybeans this year. Some people are predicting that the crop in North Carolina could increase by as much as 150,000 acres.

Secondly, some areas produced good seed in 1970 and some did not. On the average the seed quality is lower.

Most states, including North Carolina, have lowered the standards for certified and registered seed for this year by 10 percent. This means that seed testing 70 to 79 percent germination will carry the blue certification tag. Seed testing 75 to 84

percent germination will be sold as registered seed. "We don't like to see these substandard seed sold," McLaughlin commented, "but some of them will be needed if the crop is to be planted this year. And it is only natural that the better seed will be sold first, so I would urge a farmer to get his seed source lined up."

Seedsmen are being urged to treat all seed supplies this year with a fungicide. "Since we have lower quality seed, we should give them as much chance as possible," McLaughlin said.

Seed of the newest soybean variety, Ransom, are reported to be extremely limited.

"I don't recommend that a farmer try to save his own seed," McLaughlin said, "but if he does he should have them tested by all means. You can't always look at a crop and judge the seed quality, especially the soybean crop that we had last year."

While McLaughlin had essentially bad news for soybean growers, he had good news for peanut and cotton growers.

Cotton seed are described by him "as some of the best in years." Both the quantity and quality are good, and seed are available of two new varieties,

Sewing Space Can Be Made

RALEIGH — Every woman dreams of a place to keep all the necessary equipment for sewing or mending, but few are lucky enough to have it.

Space in the house may not permit an entire room for sewing, but a corner closet or space for a cabinet can often be found, Harriet Tutterow, extension clothing specialist, North Carolina State University, says.

"To have a place for everything, careful planning needs to be done," the specialist points out.

If a closet is to be turned into a sewing area, the existing space will have to be divided according

Coker 310 and McNair 210.

"However, I would suggest that cotton farmers go ahead and get their seed," he said. "It could be that some of our cotton seed will move out of the state."

Peanut seed quality was described "as not quite as good as last year but still very good." The peanut farmer shouldn't have to worry, and the supply of the new variety, NC-17, should be sufficient.

to the articles to be stored. If space permits, a portable sewing machine can be fitted into a counter so that the sewing surface is flat. Shelf space can be provided about the counter to store patterns, fabrics, trimmings, thread and other notions and equipment.

"Before deciding on the depth and height of the shelves, measure the articles that need to be stored," Miss Tutterow advises. "These may include patterns, fabrics, thread, trimmings, and similar notions as well as pressing equipment," she indicates.

Line the closet walls with peg board, Miss Tutterow suggests, to hang shears, tape measure or yard sticks. If you wish, attach a full length mirror to the closet door.

Good lighting is essential, so some provision must be made for it if the sewing machine is to be used in the closet area. Fluorescent lighting could be installed under the first shelf.

"If one side of a room is to be taken for the sewing area, more elaborate plans can be made," says the clothing specialist. "Perch a cutting area and pressing center can be included. The ideal space is one that can be closed off from view. Folding doors can

make it disappear." For that small amount of space, a sewing cabinet can serve to hold all supplies in one place, advises Miss Tutterow. A special one could be built, or an unfinished chest of drawers or old wash stand could prove to be very useful with the help of drawer dividers. If wooden or metal dividers aren't available, different sized boxes could be used.

The backyard gossip fence was the first area to be hit by air pollution.

SP/4 Sprouse Wins Promotion

SAIGON, VIETNAM (AHTNC) March 9 — Danny L. Sprouse, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Sprouse, 908 N. Piedmont Ave., Kings Mountain, N. C., recently was promoted to Army Specialist Four near Saigon, Vietnam, while serving as a courier in the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, Communications Center Company.

Christmas comes on Saturday this year.

There is a new ornamental pear variety which has created a good deal of interest. The name of the variety is Bradford and it was selected by USDA scientists. This relatively new ornamental tree has: prolific and beautiful white flowers; silvery, glossy green foliage in summer changing to crimson to dark red in the fall; the fruits are few, russet colored and inconspicuous. They hold on well into the winter (in the South) and are said to be attractive to birds; growth habit is upright, compact and non-thorny; it is hardy and resistant to fire blight and other common pear diseases.

When mature, Bradford reaches a height of about 50 feet. It appears that this tree would be desirable as a specimen plant in a large yard. It might also be attractive planted on both sides of a road leading into an estate.

Hear ye! Hear ye! It's that time again — man's never ending battle against insect and disease pests. Aphid eggs are ready to crack and insects of all kinds are poised to wake up from their deep winter sleep and hop you one.

And that isn't all. The diseases are also ready to break out of winter quarters and shoot more disease spores at you than you

could get from a battery of 10 gauge shotguns loaded with number nine shot. They are even waited lazily on the breezes that come our way from Florida — stopping off at all stations. The jet age is old hack to these spores because they were around long before the Wright brothers discovered Kitty Hawk.

And so, you be prepared: spray or dust regularly; use the right materials at the proper time; spray thoroughly covering both sides of the leaves. Read the label; and observe the usual precautions when handling and applying pesticides.

Your house plants may need attention, some will need repotting while all should be fertilized. When applying fertilizer, use these quantities as guidelines: one level teaspoonful of an 8-8-8 for a 6-inch pot; one level tablespoonful for an 8-inch pot; and about one-half teaspoonful for a 4-inch pot.

The granular form is best but the pelletized form may also be used by crushing the pellets. Dissolve the required amount for each plant in water overnight. Stir and apply the next day.

Beaches surround the island of Barbados in the Caribbean.

WRIND YOUR OWN CHECK advertisement for Rexall Super Plenamins, featuring a check and a bottle of the product.

KINGS MOUNTAIN THE REXALL STORE DRUG COMPANY advertisement.

"MARTINIZING" THE MOST IN DRY CLEANING advertisement with various clothing specials and prices.

PORK SALE advertisement for Winn-Dixie, featuring a large '58¢' price tag for a full quarter sliced pork loin.

U.S. Choice W-D brand beef advertisement listing prices for Sirloin Steaks, Cube Steaks, T-Bone Steaks, N.Y. Strip Steaks, Top Round Steaks, and Round Tip Roast.

Advertisement for various grocery items including bread, eggs, drinks, coffee, milk, gleeem II, shortening, margarine, strawberries, Florida oranges, and potatoes.

Advertisement for sliced bacon, whole pork loins, pork sausage, pork loin roast, and rib end roast.

Advertisement for turkey hindquarters, sugar, and frozen foods like shortcake, perch dinner, flounder dinner, seafood platter, shrimp dinner, fish sticks, perch fillets, and flounder fillets.

Advertisement for California tomatoes, cream pies, ice milk, and soup, including a 'Dinner Knife' promotion.