

**Buy Bulbs Early To Get Your Pick**

The early buyer gets his pick of the best bulbs, says Dr. Francis R. Gouna, horticulture specialist at the University of Maryland.

If you want your tulips, narcissus, crocus and hyacinth flowers to be the pride of your garden next spring, buy your bulbs as soon as possible and pick only "the cream of the crop", he advises. By being early you get to select only those nice, fat, plump bulbs that are just full of the necessary food materials to produce flowers next spring.

"A good bulb should be plump

and hard with only a light covering of thin skin. Dr. Gouna explains:

Tulip bulbs should be almost flat at the bottom and pointed at the top while narcissus or daffodil bulbs should be shaped like a light bulb. Crocus bulbs should be white and fleshy, broader than tall, and with just a thin yellow skin. The hyacinth bulb should be almost as broad as it is tall with just a few layers of skin.

As soon as you bring bulbs home, store them in a cool place shaded from direct sunlight until you are ready to plant them in late September or early October.



**County Council By Mary Engle**

The 4-H County Council met Thursday, Sept. 4. The total profits from the sub sale in August was \$541.77.

October 4-11 is national 4-H week. Two committees were set up to work with radio and TV programs for that week.

A barn dance and hay ride will be held Saturday, October 11 for all 4-Hers. Volunteers are working and planning for this event.

September 22 to November 12 a home economist from Spain will be visiting and touring Lancaster County. The council discussed a possible exchange trip

For further information contact your county Extension agent or Dr. Gouna in the Horticulture Department, University of Maryland. Your Extension agent is listed in the telephone book under County Government.

to Colorado next summer. When in DC to attend the citizen-business meeting was a 5-day short course. Eugene Bollinger showed slides of his trip to Washington. The next county council meeting will be September 18.



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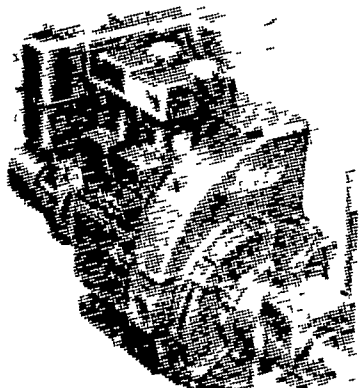


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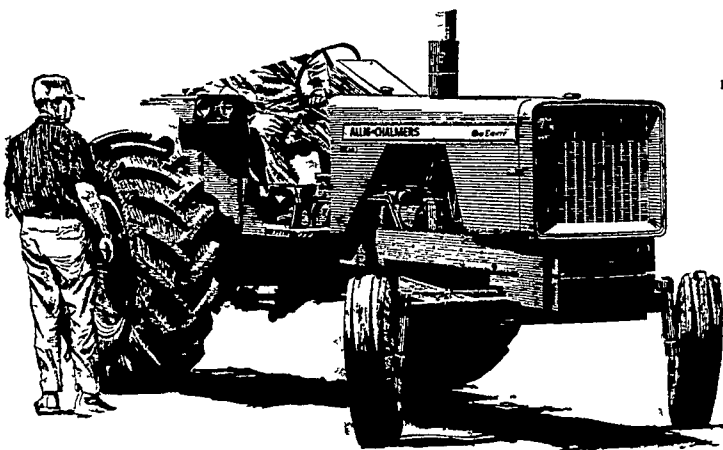
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