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## DISCUSSES LAWN AND POISON IVY

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on to produce a clean, healthy crop of grass that will stand mowing several times, a lot of tramping over, hundreds of worms and pests burrowing into it, and the worst enemy to a lawn, dry hot weather.

At this time the grass should be fed. Certainly we cannot expect a lawn to continually produce a crop of fine grass without food. There are a number of preparations on the market under an assortment of names, which are fine for lawns. There are two things that a lawn must have—and they are food and water.

As for food for an established lawn, Nitrogen is one of the most important elements. This can be applied as Nitrate of Soda, but should only be applied on the advice of one who knows how to handle it. The best all-round food for lawns will be found in a commercial fertilizer of a 10-6-4 formula. Here we have 10 per cent Nitrogen, 6 per cent Phosphate and 4 per cent Potash. This should be applied to the lawn after a mowing if the grass is very tall, or applied directly on the grass and raked with a broom rake or brush until all of the fertilizer has been shaken down to the ground and then watered thoroughly. If you have a large area to cover it can be gone over a section at a time and watered down, or feed the whole lawn and rake just before a rain.

This food should be applied at

the rate of ten pounds to the 1000 square feet. Another application should be given in June and another in August. Use dry and broadcast directly onto the lawn.

### Watering Lawns

The best way to water a lawn is —DON'T WATER IT—unless you can soak it to a depth of five or six inches. Dig down and see that you are getting it wet that deep or you will do the lawn a favor by not watering it at all. Why? It is this way: the roots of grass will invariably grow towards their food supply. The food they take in must be dissolved. So, if you just sprinkle a little water on the top of the ground you are training the roots to grow UP to the top of the ground instead of DOWN where all the food has been carried during heavy rains and long wet spells. Grass trained this way will perish in dry weather unless you water continually, and that is out of the question. Water costs money. Again, DON'T WATER unless you can soak and soak deep.

### Mowing Lawns

Anybody knows that the way to mow a lawn is to push a lawn mower across it. That is true. But there is more than one way to push a lawn mower. A lawn must have HUMUS, that is, rotted vegetable matter. Nature itself, in the wild grass fields, takes care of that, and the nearest we can approach the nature of wild grass growing, the better it will be for our grass.

Wild grass, or any grass, if left alone, will grow, die down, and in so doing, provide a thick carpet of dead and rotted grass over the ground through which the new grass can grow and thrive, because this blanket holds the moisture in the earth, and the continual rotting of the dead grass sends a supply of natural plant food down to the roots with every rain.

Now, the best we can do and still have a lawn that is good to look at, at the same time doing all it can for itself, is to mow our grass oftener, set your mower so that it will cut the grass higher and not "skin" your lawn. Mow north and south one mowing and rake the lawn with a brush or broom rake east and west, raking the short clippings down around the roots of the grass. Next time mow east and west and rake north and south. Never sweep and rake the clippings off, for there goes the food that the grass is crying for.

The above procedure will feed the grass on your lawn and starve the weeds. Weeds and grass do not thrive on the same diet. Any soil that is loose, and workable, slightly acid and kept that way can be made to produce fine grass and not weeds. Never put lime on your lawn unless you are sure that the soil is too sour, and that

soil does not exist in many places in this territory.

Summing it all up it reads like this: Allow the lawn to make use of the food it prepares for itself, and some to make up for what it lacks in doing this; look out for this watering business and mow correctly. If weeds get in, or are already in your lawn, pull them up by the roots when the ground is wet.

Manures of all kinds common to this country are generally unsuited for use on lawns. Their value is questioned, and the fact that they carry weeds is one not to be overlooked.

If you do not have a lawn and you are going to build one, this will be well to remember and put into effect. This will also apply to rebuilding a lawn which has been allowed to run out.

Start now by plowing up the old lawn or the plot for the new one. Keep it free from weeds for the whole season, it is best to cultivate it or sow a cover crop that will choke out weeds and grass. I cannot advise the use of manure, that is, stable manure, prepared manures are fine. They are weed seed free and contain no harmful grass seed. Fall is the best time to seed a lawn.

There will be an article on seeding lawns and the preparation of the seed bed in late summer.

Next issue we will try our hand on garden insects and pests. Also how to control them.



### Talley-Layell

Mrs. Fannie Talley announces the marriage of her daughter, Fannie, to Mr. Carlisle Layell, of Elkin, on April 20, 1935, Hillsville, Virginia. The wedding was solemnized in the presence of a few close friends.

Mrs. Layell is the daughter of Mrs. Fannie Talley and the late Mr. Jim Talley, of Elkin, and is employed in the Spooling department of the Elkin mill.

Mr. Layell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Layell, also of Elkin and is employed in the Spooling department.

### Lucy Hanes Chatham Club Holds Annual Employer-Employee Banquet

The Employer-Employee Banquet for the Chatham Manufacturing company, of Winston, was held Thursday night, April 18th, at the Reynolds Cafeteria. This annual affair is sponsored by the Lucy Hanes Chatham Club.

The dining room was very attractively decorated. The tables were placed in a U-shape, with lovely bowls of snapdragon, roses and spirea interspersed with pastel shades of candles. The center piece was an exquisite bowl

of American beauty roses resting on a mirror with two tall candelabras on either side. The pastel shades of crepe paper ribbons intertwined from light to light and balloons hanging from the ceiling made a very attractive setting for the occasion. Tall floor baskets filled with iris, roses and spirea were used about the room. Attractive favors made in the shape of a gold pot filled with gum drops, with a tiny rainbow extending out of the cup, marked the places of the guests. The programs were dainty folders, made of pastel shades, with hand-painted gold letters.

The toastmistress, Mrs. Margaret Taylor, graciously presided. The invocation was offered by Rev. G. Ray Jordan. The address of welcome was made by Mrs. Addie Pope, to which Mr. Chatham, president of the company, responded. A toast to Mrs. Chatham was given by Miss Vera Austin, to which Mrs. Chatham responded in a very gracious manner. The toast to the officials and visitors was given by Miss Linda Fishel, and Mr. A. L. Butler, secretary-treasurer of the company, responded.

A duet, "Hands Across the Table", was sung by Misses Versie Whitlock and Hallie Ball. Mrs. Crystal Bell gave an historic sketch of the club since its organization five years ago. A solo by John Lowery, accompanied by B. C. Dunford, Jr., was rendered. Little Sara Ann Slawter did a number, "The French Doll". She was accompanied by Mrs. Aubrey LeGrand. The high light of the program was the introduction of Frank Lane, noted magician, who gave an hour of entertainment of magic tricks and music.

At the conclusion of the program dancing was enjoyed from 10 til 1 o'clock. Music was furnished by the Southern syncopaters.

The receiving committee was composed of Misses Vera Austin, Linda Fishel, Earline Mayberry and Margaret Taylor.

Committee on Decoration included Misses Elizabeth Flynt, Madie Austin, Claudia Austin and Lillian Myers.

Approximately one hundred and twenty-five were present.

Among those attending from Elkin were the following club members: Leona Darnell, Roette Cockerham, Pauline Masten, Estelle Powers, Pauline Morrison, Mary Etta Laffoon, Mrs. Kathryn Brannon and Mrs. Collie Young.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robah Durham, of Winston-Salem, a daughter, Mary Ann, April 11 1935.

Mrs. Mack: "I'm bothered with a little wart that I'd like to have removed."

Dr. Jones: "The divorce lawyer is three doors to the right."