

Plants Get Hungry, Just Like Humans

If your shrubs, flower plants or trees look sickly, it is highly probable that they are hungry, says John H. Harris, extension landscape specialist of State College. Plants eat much as humans, but instead of meats and vegetables, they feast largely on nitrogen, phosphorous and potash, he explained.

Harris recommends that either complete commercial fertilizers or manure be applied to plants and trees in the early spring, just before growth starts. For non-flowering shrubs a fertilizer analyzing 10 per cent nitrogen, 6 per cent phosphorous, and 4 per cent potash is considered best. But nitrogen produces an abundance of foliage and not much bloom, so flowering plants should have a 4-12-4 fertilizer; in other words, reduce the nitrogen, which promotes growth, and increase the phosphorous, which promotes the bloom.

The usual method of applying fertilizer to shrubs and flower plants is to broadcast it over the ground and work lightly into the soil.

For trees, the extension specialist advises a slightly different procedure. In the first place, some of the symptoms of an undernourished tree are thin foliage, small yellowish leaves, lack of growth, dead branches, branches dying back at the tips and undersize buds.

If manure is used, it may be applied at any time of the year. If commercial fertilizer is used, it should be applied from February 15 to July 15 to do the most good. A good fertilizer such as 6-8-6, 5-10-5, or 4-8-4 may be applied at the rate of one-half to one pound of fertilizer to each one inch diameter of the tree.

A good way to apply this is to punch holes with a crowbar to a depth of 12 to 15 inches around the tree, applying the proportionate amount in each hole. The holes should start near the base of the tree and extend well past the spread of the branches.

Chevrolet Includes New Booster Unit

Detroit—Benefits of vital importance to truckers, and particularly to those specializing in heavy-duty long-distance hauling—as well as highway safety advantages of a most important nature—are claimed for a new booster unit, which the Clark Equipment company, of Buchanan, Mich., has been developing over the past two years, and which has now reached the point where experimental jobs are said to be giving excellent account of themselves on the road. The Commercial Car Department of Chevrolet is cooperating in the development, from a sales distribution standpoint, it was announced here today.

The heart of the unit consists of an auxiliary engine which automatically starts when greater power is needed for a grade, and which delivers its output to the rear axle of a 1 1/2-ton Chevrolet truck or tractor through a simple and sturdy over-running clutch. Automatic starting, speed governing and stopping are provided, the entire cycle of operation being independent of the driver.

The unit is said not only to give the medium-duty vehicle performance characteristics of units costing considerably more, but to do this without entailing the high initial outlay and high operating and maintenance cost involved with heavy-duty units. Forty-five horsepower, providing approximately 55 per cent additional torque is made available, automatically, for quicker starts, and economical high-speed performance on hills.

Demonstrates Home Water Systems Before Wilson Unit

A demonstration on simple home water systems given by H. M. Ellis, of State College, before a Wilson County home demonstration group is expected to result in the installation of several systems.

How To Relieve Bronchitis

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Farm Offers No Hope For Republican Party

Farmers Endorse Farm Plan Before Republican Group

Committee Fails in Its Effort To Stir Farmers Against Farm Program

Representative Clifford Hope, of Kansas and his congressional committee of Republican farm troopers who have been touring the country in an effort to stir up discontent against the New Deal farm program have recently run into stormy weather.

Their last meeting at Des Moines, Iowa, got off to rather a bad start when a grizzled and sunburned farmer named Fred Herschel, one of the witnesses before the committee, took all the starch out of the members by remarking that the purpose of the meeting was for "this group to find out how to get re-elected in 1940."

Dan Turner, former governor of Iowa, said there should be no attempt to replace the AAA, but that it should be modified if necessary. Earl Elijah, of Clarence, a livestock association official, testified: "It would be a mistake for any Republican to come into Iowa and try to upset all the things that Henry Wallace, a native son of Iowa, has been trying to do." He added: "One of the dumbest things we did in the last election was to make so much fuss about importations from the Argentine. The farmer understands that we can't sell without buying, particularly when we are a creditor nation." Elijah confessed, despite these enlightened views, that he had voted for Hoover twice. He learned much since then.

In the final session of the committee at Des Moines, five out of the six speakers urged that the principles of the New Deal farm program be retained. Francis Johnson, of Terril, President of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, said that the compliance of 85 to 90 per cent of Iowa farmers in the 1939 program clearly indicated the way they felt about it. The small attendance at the committee hearings he said was a sign that the farmers were satisfied, for if they had a kick they would have come in to register it. He pointed out that Governor George Wilson and Secretary of Agriculture Thornburg had both said that "we could build on the present program." Mr. Johnson condemned the drive against the reciprocal trade agreements saying: "I have never seen the time when the farmers did not get whipped in a tariff fight. It would be the same thing over again."

Oscar Helme, of Marcus, President of the Farmers' Grain Dealers Association, testified: "Don't scuttle the present farm program. Let's refine and build from here." William F. Yunglas, of Webster, said: "It would be folly for any thinking farmer to want to drop the present program." A. C. Lewis, of Macedonia, said: "We should not scrap anything that's good, no matter what party started it." Lyle Embree, of Red Oak, told the committee: "Unless Republicans adopt the AAA program they'll be sinking the party ship just as effectively as the Nazis sunk the Graf Spee."

Almost at the same time the Republican committee was sitting the Polk County Farm Bureau was holding its annual convention and adopting resolutions which read: "We approve the work of Secretary Cordell Hull in his trade treaties except as to Argentina. Conservation work in its various forms should be enlarged and we should seek a permanent source of funds for the AAA. We believe the so-called 'American free enterprise' is in part the cause of our depression."

Chairman Hope and his hopists heard similar remarks when his committee met in Illinois at Springfield. Earl C. Smith, of Detroit, said that the present farm plan was the best that could be brought out in Congress and he was "unalterably opposed to wrecking what has thus far been accomplished for agriculture." When John Butterfield, of Penn., who had said soil conservation was better as a national defense than armies or navies, was told his time had expired, several farmers called out, "Let him speak! Let him speak!"

Continue Interest In Breeding On Farms In Harnett County

Farmers of Harnett County continue to maintain a lively interest in the breeding and raising of work on their own farms, says J. B. Gourley, assistant farm agent.



'Uncle Jim' Says:
Surveys conducted by the State College Extension Service show that good times for farmers mean a lot to city folks because for every \$100 rise in farm income, there's been a \$75 rise in rural retail sales.

Future Farmers In Meet At Jamesville

By ROSCOE STALLINGS

Jamesville, Jan. 29 — The local chapter of the Future Farmers of America held its annual father-son banquet here recently. The event, recognized as one of the most enjoyable in the chapter's annual program, attracted about 60 people, including the youths, their fathers and special guests.

Albert Vann, top-ranking agriculture teacher in the State and who is now located in the Northampton schools at Rich Square, addressed the group. His talk, much enjoyed by all, was centered around a closer relationship between father and sons.

The program was carried out in the usual formal way with all the officers at their respective stations. The officers of the chapter are: Leonard Holliday, president; Macon Holliday, vice president; Carlyle Stallings, treasurer; Ray Stallings, secretary; Professor S. J. Andrews, advisor; and Roscoe Stallings, reporter.

The Home Economics Department served a splendid meal consisting of chicken, ham, peas, potatoes, apple sauce and coffee with ice cream and cookies for dessert.

Special guests were J. C. Manning, county superintendent of schools; J. C. Eubanks, representative of the Farm Security Administration and a former teacher in the local schools; T. B. Brandon, county farm agent; J. T. Uzzle and Woodrow Sugg, members of the local school faculty.

Things To Watch For In The Future

A doorbell with a special timing device so that it sounds a soprano chime, and then follows, a few seconds later with a harmonizing contralto note... a new movie camera lens, extremely sensitive, that will permit dawn and dusk photography, and save on flood-lighting requirements... a thing to "listen" for—passenger carphones on Transcontinental and Western Airlines, so the passengers can listen in on the pilot's conversations with the airport radio operators... a device designed to let you apply dental floss skillfully without putting your fingers in your mouth.

Says Jails Are A Venereal Disease Infection Source

The approximately 80,000 persons, not excluding duplications, locked up in North Carolina county jails in the course of a year's time were characterized by W. C. Ezell, director of the State welfare department's institutions division, this week as a possible greater source of syphilitic infection than the inmates of the State prison system.

"In 1936 only 16 out of the 100 county jails were following the legal requirements of having all incarcerated persons given a medical examination within 48 hours after commitment," Ezell said.

It may be assumed, he stated, that the percentage of venereal infection is closely comparable to the 23.3 per cent carrying the disease out of 9,533 sentenced-prisoners recently examined in the State prison system.

Director Ezell said that by not examining and treating the necessary cases in the county jails, North Carolina is missing the focal point of a vast source of possible infections. He termed lack of observance of the jail health requirement "a worse practice because in all too many cases children under 16 years of age are lodged in the jails and brought into contact with venereal sources."

"No real control of the disease can be effected until it is attacked at the roots of infection."

NOTICE OF SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in Deed of Trust executed to the undersigned trustee by Abe Spruill, dated December 24, 1936, and recorded in the Register of Deeds office of Martin County in Book P-3 at page 197 default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured and due demands having been made upon me by the holder of said indebtedness, I will on Monday, February 19, 1940, at 12 o'clock noon offer for sale for cash at auction, the following described property:

One (1) house and lot, being lot No. Seven in Block E of the Brown Field, map of said field is recorded in the Public Registry of Martin County in Land Division Book No. 1 page 274, and is referred to for a

Eagle Scout's Heroic Action Saves Life Of Girl Skater



Life saving methods, learned as a Boy Scout, have enabled George W. Tice, Jr., of Lebanon, Pa., to make one of the unusual drowning rescues of the skating season.

Tice, an Eagle Scout, maneuvered over the thin ice to where the girl struggled alone in the darkness. With a flashlight, he lighted up the whole ice area, calmed the girl's panic, pulled her out of the water, administered first aid, and then took her to her home.

When he first heard the girl's cries, Tice was standing on the bank. The night was very dark, with no moon, and the cries came from a spot well off shore. However, with the help of his flashlight, Tice quickly located her and made his way toward her over the thinning ice.

"It was very cold," Tice said, "and there were only a few other people on the ice. I had just started

to put on my skates when I heard the girl's screams.

"There wasn't much time to think what to do. I just grabbed up the flashlight and started. Fortunately, the batteries in the light were fresh, and the beam was so strong that I could locate her easily from shore. She was struggling and I knew I'd have to work fast.

"As soon as I got near enough, I called to her to kick her feet and move her arms slowly. That was all I could do till I got closer, but I kept talking the whole time to reassure her. The light showed that the ice was pretty thin, but by watching it and moving carefully I managed to edge near enough to grab the girl and pull her out."

When Tice got the girl to shore she fainted, but he revived her quickly, helped her to his car, and made a dash for her home. Although she suffered from exposure, she was soon little the worse for her experience.

more definite description. This the 12th day of January, 1940. B. A. CRITCHER, Trustee.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Under and by virtue of the power and authority conferred upon the undersigned by that certain deed of trust made by E. H. Jefferson and Wife, Amanda R. Jefferson, dated April 14, 1939, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Martin County, North Carolina, in Book T-3, page 638, on account of default in the payment of the same,

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