

...and when I received a very nice letter from a very nice lady in Rocky Mount, she was concerned about a maple tree in her yard. You have a similar experience in mind so I am glad to come to the aid of the benefit of all readers.

She writes: "Will you please advise me about a maple tree in our yard on which we depend not only for shade but appearance of our lot. It is a large tree, which for the past five or six years has, by the first of July, began to shed its leaves. By the first of August hundreds a day are falling and when other maples are in their vivid glory in autumn, this one is practically bare."

"We had it professionally fertilized in the spring but although the leaves came out thickly and large,

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WILLIAM D. ROBERTS
LACKLAND AFB, Tex. — Airman Basic William D. Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Roberts, Rt. 3, Faison, N. C., is being reassigned to Sheppard AFB, Tex., for technical training as a United States Air Force base utilities specialist.

Airman Roberts, who completed the first phase of his military training here, was selected for the specialized course on the basis of his interests and aptitudes.

He is a 1962 graduate of North Duplin High School, Calypso, N. C.

SHARL W. MAYNOR
AMARILLO AFB, Tex. — Airman Third Class Shari W. Maynor of Rose Hill, N. C., is being reassigned to Donaldson AFB, S. C., following his graduation from the United States Air Force technical training course for supply specialists here.

Airman Maynor was trained in the use of supply publications and mechanized accounting procedures used in organizational supply activities.

His father is Thomas D. Maynor, Rt. 1, Rose Hill. He is a graduate of Clear Run High School, Garland, N. C.

KENNETH S. WHITFIELD
FORT HOOD, TEX. — Kenneth S. Whitfield, 23, son of Mrs. Ben F. Whitfield, Rt. 4, Mount Olive, N. C., recently was promoted to specialist four at Fort Hood, Tex., where he is a member of the 2d Armored Division.

Specialist Whitfield, a truck driver in Service Battery of the division's 16th Artillery, entered the Army in August 1961 & completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S. C.

He attended Mount Olive High School.

Q. Is the soil of reasonably good texture and well drained?
A. "Hardly reasonably but drains okay."

Q. Do you know of any drain pipes, sewer or gas lines that might interfere with normal root function?
A. "The same side walk and electric wires for which the roots were cut."

Q. Examine the trunk at the base (soil line) and determine whether or not the bark appears to be normal.
A. "The bark seems normal."

While I am not ruling out the possibility of root-rot caused by fungi, two answers she gave could cause a steady decline in vigor of her maple-root cutting on one side and over-burden of fill soil around the tree.

Root cutting removes a large number of feeder roots which reduces the power of the tree to absorb water and nutrients. This, in turn, results in loss of vigor.

Fill soil, over the roots of established trees, excludes an adequate supply of oxygen to the roots which is essential for normal growth functions.

"Bulk produce gets picked over. Packaged produce gets picked up." That is what the man told us this morning when he came to demonstrate the use of a large variety of specially designed containers for berries, grapes, apples, peaches, oranges and vegetables. Then he proceeded to convince us that he was right.

All of the packages were designed to be contained in plastic film which also covered the product being packaged. The process is comparatively simple, now that research has worked out the details, and is done with machinery.

One feature of the process was impressive. That of tightly shrinking the plastic film, with heat, which prevents the shifting and bruising of such fruits as peaches, grapes, blueberries, and strawberries. The smaller containers are then packaged in large cartons for shipment.

Time was when many of our food crops were bought from the grower in bulk and packaged in the supermarket and other warehouses. This day is over as the trend is now toward consumer packaging on the grower level for practically all of our fruit and vegetable crops.

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2. Apply 2 1/2 to 5 pounds per acre of Simazine 90W immediately after disking, and before any asparagus spears or weed growth emerges.
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Rhododendrons produced from cuttings produce plants of better quality and guarantee color of flowers because cuttings are taken from selected plants whose color characteristics have been observed.

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Our research indicates that the best time to take cuttings is in the late fall and winter. The cuttings should be made from terminal growth 4 to 6 inches long. Each cutting should be wounded at the base by removing a strip of bark, about one inch long, on one side of the stem. Dipping the cutting in a root promoting hormone solution or powder will hasten rooting.

Equal volumes of peat moss and coarse sand provide a good rooting medium. Heat should be provided with heating cables and a soil temperature of 70-75 degrees should be maintained. Intermittent mist should be provided to prevent drying of the cuttings.

"The ultimate motive of soil conservation is human conservation." Otis Durant Duncan

"Soil erosion is altering the course of world history more radically than any war or revolution." - G. V. Jackson, in "Vanishing Lands"

Herbicides were applied to about 450,000 acres of land in North and South Carolina this year as part of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's effort to control witchweed. A bee is never as busy as it seems; it's just that it can't buzz any slower. Kin Hubbard

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