

# Nature Will Heal Most Tree Damage

Tree stands may look a mess following the ice storms that invariably hit some sections of North Carolina each winter, but the damage won't appear nearly as great once the growing season returns. Nature will provide the healing touch.

This is the word of comfort to Tar Heel tree lovers from Fred Whitfield, N.C. State University extension forester.

The extension specialist said Nature will heal all but the most serious damage. "Trees have a remarkable ability to recover from damage such as that inflicted by ice. They will look much better when spring arrives and they begin to grow again," Whitfield said.

Some of the most serious damage from ice comes in the form of trees severely bent over from the extra weight, trees that don't bend but give way at the roots and topple over, and those which have their tops broken out. "Small saplings or young pole-size trees may or may not erect themselves," Whitfield said. "It may be necessary to help them a little. If so, they should be pulled back up gradually. Don't try to straighten them too quickly."

Even root-sprung trees can be salvaged. It probably will be necessary to remove dirt from under the sprung roots before pulling the tree erect.

As for topped trees, Whitfield commented, "Some people apparently are under the impression that trees that have lost their tops, particularly pine trees, are done for and may as well be cut down. This isn't necessarily so. We have plenty of trees that lost their tops during Hazel (1954 hurricane) that are still growing."

He added that, if the tree is large and severely damaged, the services of a reputable tree surgeon may be required.

He suggested that, if the tree is small - 15 to 20 feet high or three or four inches in diameter -

perhaps "it should be left alone." Another suggestion: "Cut broken limbs of hardwoods back to the nearest larger limb or trunk and treat with a tree paint or wound compound. Don't cut off ends of limbs. Cut them off flush with the larger limb or trunk."

Whitfield also warned of the danger of falling broken limbs. "They should be removed," he said.

And one blanket suggestion: All damaged trees will recover more rapidly if they are fertilized. Whitfield suggested using a high nitrogen fertilizer - a 16-8-8 analysis or equivalent - at the rate of two pounds per inch of diameter. A 10 inch tree would receive 20 pounds of 16-8-8, for example.

The fertilizer should be placed in small holes 12 to 14 inches deep, beginning several feet from the trunk and extending to just beyond the drip line (just beyond limb spread).

## One Minute Sports Quiz

1. Who was the National League's Most Valuable Player (baseball) in 1970?
2. What teams met in the recent Super Bowl?
3. What player led the American League in homers in 1970?
4. What Major Leaguer begins the 1971 season with more homers than any other active player?
5. What U.S. tennis player recently was ranked number one by the USLTA?

## The Answers

1. Johnny Bench of Cincinnati.
2. The Dallas Cowboys and Baltimore Colts.
3. Frank Howard of Washington with 44.
4. Hank Aaron of Atlanta, with 59.
5. Cliff Richey.

## WEEKLY RECIPE

**By Sarah Anne Sheridan**

In a restaurant in Brussels several years ago, I ordered fresh strawberries and cream for dessert. These were prepared right at the table and the cream that the waiter added to the cream gave this simple dessert such an elegant touch that I serve the same to guests.

Strawberries  
Whipping cream  
Sugar  
Cognac

Wash, stem, and slice berries in half lengthwise in whatever quantity you need. With a fork or wire whisk stir the cream and sugar together until sugar is dissolved and the cream is foamy. Add cognac to taste and pour over berries. Serve at once.

## 1970 DRUG SEIZURES

The Customs Department has reported seizures of drugs and narcotics doubled during 1970 over 1969. Confiscation of cocaine and other narcotics also showed a large increase.

# Questions Answered On New Farm Program

(Editor's Note: Many questions are being raised about the operation of the new farm program recently passed by Congress. Dr. Charles R. Pugh, extension economist at North Carolina State University, answers some of the more important questions below.)

Q. What is the authority for the new programs for feed grains (corn and grain sorghum) wheat and cotton?

A. The Agricultural Act of 1970 as passed by Congress on Nov. 30, 1970.

Q. What is at stake for farmers in deciding on participation in the program in 1971?

A. To qualify for payments and commodity loans on their 1971 crops of feed grains, wheat and cotton.

Q. What is involved in participating in the 1971 program?

1. Sign-up to participate.
2. Set aside an amount of cropland equal to a designated percentage times the base or allotment.
3. Maintain the soil conserving base on the farm.

Q. Does this mean that participation is related to the size of allotments or bases?

A. Yes, farmers will be notified by ASCS in early 1971 on the size of their base allotments for wheat and cotton and their feed grain base. While the figures shown for wheat and cotton will be substantially below the allotments for given farms in the previous year, it should be noted that the allotments are essentially the same as the so-called domestic allotments of previous years.

Q. The new law uses the term "set-aside." What does this mean?

A. An acreage of cropland devoted to approved conservation uses, that is related to the size of base allotments. This land would be in addition to the normal conserving base on the farm.

Q. How much set-aside will be required if one chooses to participate in the program?

A. This determination has not been finally made as of this writing. However, tentative indications are an acreage equal to 20 per cent times feed grain base, 20 per cent times cotton allotment and between 60 and 75 per cent times wheat allotments must be set aside.

Q. Does a person have to stay within his allotment?

A. No. If a person wishes to exceed his allotment, he can reduce the acreage of other commodities to account for set-aside acreage in a quality equal, for example, to 20 per cent of his cotton allotment. In short, he may grow more cotton and less of other commodities in order to set aside the appropriate acreage.

Q. Is it necessary to plant cotton, feed grain or wheat in order to preserve the farm's base or allotment history?

A. Yes, the law specifies the minimum percentage that must be planted to preserve history.

The percentage is 90 per cent of wheat and cotton allotments and 45 per cent of the feed grain base.

Q. Suppose a farmer plants a lesser percentage of the given base or allotment?

A. If less is planted, up to 20 per cent of an allotment or base will be lost the first year, up to 20 per cent in the second year and, after three consecutive years of zero planting, all history will be lost in the third year. However, some substitution among crops is allowed to protect history. On farms meeting certain qualifying requirements, feed grains in excess of one-half of the base may be used to prevent loss of wheat allotment.

Or wheat in excess of the wheat allotment may be used to prevent loss of feed grain base. Or such excess acreages of feed grains or wheat may be used to prevent loss of cotton allotment.

However, cotton planted in excess of the cotton base allotment can not be used to prevent loss of feed grain base or wheat allotment.

Q. Doesn't this mean that many farmers may want to be cautious about losing their history?

A. Yes. Another method of preserving history on wheat and feed grain farms if the minimum percentage is not planted is to participate in the set-aside and forfeit program payments. So unless one is willing to forfeit these payments, planting the minimum percentage of the crop may be important where allotments or base have value to the farmer.

Q. Can barley or soybeans be substituted for corn and grain sorghum to preserve one's feed grain base?

A. No. Barley will not be considered in the feed grain program for 1971. Present indications are that the Secretary of Agriculture will not permit substitution of soybeans for feed grain in preserving history.

## In Fashion

The designers of new clothes seem to feature casual clothes in their spring showings. Fabrics are washable or wrinkle free.

Double knits are quite popular, particularly for travel, due to its wrinkle free feature.

# Perq. Co. ASCS News

Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin has announced a new program, formerly known as the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP), permitting resumption of the federal cost-sharing of various beneficial conservation practices with farmers, but under a restructured program in line with modern day needs to better both the on and off-farm environment.

Emphasis on the farm side will be on those practices contributing the most to the improvement of conditions for both the general public and farmers. A major thrust will be to reduce water pollution which results in large part from agricultural, industrial, and municipal wastes. Water retaining and retarding measures on farms, such as dams and ponds, permanent grass cover, waterways, buffer strips, and tree plantings, will be stressed.

Under the program, the Federal Government will pay about 50% of the cost of practices that achieve permanent benefits. Practices that provide temporary benefits will be available only under certain circumstances and at a reduced level of Federal cost-sharing. Practices that are good farming techniques that should be performed routinely and practices that are income-producing to the farmer will be de-emphasized in favor of those having benefits for all citizens.

It recognizes that privately-owned land is a major source of pollution, but that good management of this land can also be a major factor in improving living conditions for all citizens. By sharing the cost, the program will enable farmers to undertake measures that their

## New Office Hours For E.I.C. Inc. Program

The Economic Improvement Council, Inc., according to Roy L. Lowe, Executive Director, will undergo several procedural and program emphasis changes beginning, January 18, 1971.

The office hours for the Economic Resource Center in each of the ten counties will remain open until 8:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.

This plan is designed to better serve all segments of our population. It is evident that this will provide an opportunity for working family members to visit the Resource Centers without conflicting with their work schedule.

limited resources would not otherwise permit.

The details of this program will be announced as soon as they are received in the County Office.

## LEASE AND TRANSFER OF PEANUT ALLOTMENTS

Congress has recently approved Public Law 91-566 which provides for the lease and sale of peanut allotments within the same county. Allotments may be leased from one to five years. The number of acres that can be transferred is dependent on the average yield for the past five years for the two farms involved. Farm operators interested in leasing or selling peanuts should contact the County ASCS Office.

1970 Peanut Yield - There were 3,269.9 acres harvested in Perquimans County in 1970 with a production of 9,401,927 pounds which makes an average yield per acre of 2876 pounds.

The Latin derivation of the word Fascism was from "fascis" (in Roman history, a bundle of rods with an axe in the center, carried by a lictor as a sign of magisterial authority).

# TV COMMENTARY

By John Smiley

ON JANUARY 2 cigarette commercials took their last gasp. If antismoking messages continue to be aired, one may soon hear even greater howls from cigarette makers, charging unfairness. Fairness is, after all, a two-edged sword. Horace Kornegay, president of the Tobacco Institute, has already accused health agencies of neglecting research in favor of unfair statements linking cigarette smoking with lung cancer and other diseases.

IRENE RYAN has been playing Granny on "Beverly Hillsbillies" since 1961. She was born in El Paso, Texas in 1910. She worked hard both in vaudeville and on radio. During World War II she traveled over the world entertaining troops.

ON THURSDAY, February 11, "The Merv Griffin Show" will do a 90-minute feature on John Wayne, his family, and his 22,300-acre ranch in Arizona. Viewers will see Wayne's computerized feed-mixing installation, his prize cattle, and his home.

The Golden Age of Pericles is an era in Greek history famous for its achievements in science and the arts.

ANDY GRIFFITH is back on "The New Andy Griffith Show." Andy portrays the mayor of a small North Carolina town. This is the type of role which has led to Griffith's success.

WHAT WITH the generation gap syndrome, youth demanding control of universities and other institutions traditionally held by adults, and this lately arrived-at reverence for the voice of the inexperienced, a new kid show which is now in the works does not come as a surprise. It's to be called "Kid Talk," and will feature a panel of children... from 4 to 11... commenting on adult problems.

MOVIE TIME USA now comes to the television tube. In some areas viewers may see up to 10 movies a week in prime time.

ON OVERPRICING DEFENSE: Government auditors have found overpricing by defense contractors in more than half of the military contracts examined in a spot check. The findings reported to Congress showed that 18 procurements totaling \$47 million, were \$1.5 million higher than the cost indicated by data available to the contractors at the time of negotiation.

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