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Garden Time

By M. E. GARDNER, N. C. State University

I have had at least four recent requests for information about moss in the lawn grass.

In some lawns, particularly those growing in shade, there is often invasion of mosses which cause the grass to be usually found growing at the base of a large shade tree. This usually covers a small area and is not serious. However, when the invasion covers large areas of the lawn, there are steps you can take to eradicate the trouble.

There are two methods to be used: (1) comb or scuff out the moss by sipping a shovel under it and use the moss as a base for holding the soil in a wire mesh hanging basket. Regardless of the method used, remove, completely, all of the moss and the soil to a depth of about three inches. Fill the area with the best soil you have, mixed with dolomitic limestone. The amount to use should be about one-sixth the bulk of the soil necessary to fill the area (one bushel of soil, one sixth bushel of lime, etc.). If you have some well decomposed compost you might add it to the top soil before mixing the lime.

After filling the area with the soil-lime mixture, firm it by tamping with a garden rake. Then smooth, seed heavily and cover the seed about one-fourth inch deep. Mulch with clean grain straw and water.

If good soil is used, no fertilizer should be necessary until the grass is well established. Then follow your regular lawn fertilizer program.

Do not attempt to remove the moss. It will gradually disappear after one or two mowings. Give the renovated spots some extra attention by supplying moisture, as needed, until the grass is well established.

While the moss does not enhance the appearance of the lawn, the true mosses do have some uses. They are flowerless plants which are rarely cultivated except in wild garden. They are fine for use in hanging baskets, for covering old logs, wet rocks and moist shady slopes.

The Veterans Corner

Editor's note: Veterans and their families are asking thousands of questions concerning the benefits their Government provides for them through the Veterans Administration. Below are some representative queries. Additional information may be obtained at any VA office.

Q.—Is the Veterans Administration cutting back the number of people operating its hospitals?

A.—On the contrary, by the end of fiscal year 1973 (June 30), VA will have increased personnel in its hospital and medical care program to a record 154,000—nearly 10,000 more than last fiscal year, and 20,000 above the fiscal year 1971 level.

Q.—Can a veteran get VA help in dealing with his family and job problems even though he isn't

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At the present time, in much of the nation, a union may boycott farmers' products in an effort to get them to sign up their workers in a union—even if the workers don't want to join. Farmers are not in a similar position because other businessmen have protection against secondary boycotts.

Not only is this unfair to farmers and farm workers, but consumers now find their right to an open market impaired by secondary boycotts. Those who wish to buy products. Those who wish to buy products. Those who wish to buy products. Those who wish to buy products.

Some of the things that the Agricultural Relations Act of 1973 would do:

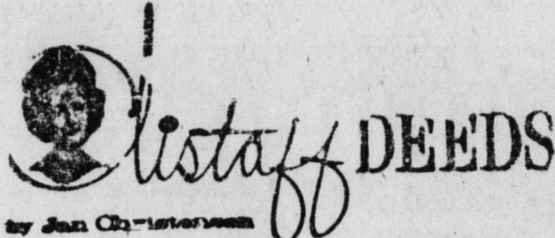
- (1) Provide a secret ballot election procedure for workers, (2) Ban secondary boycotts in the same way the National Labor Relations Act does, (3) By administered by an Agricultural Labor Relations Board with its own general counsel and personnel, (4) Require a 20-day notice of intent to strike on the part of a union, (5) Cover all farms with more than 500 man-days of farm labor, (6) Preserve state "right-to-work" laws, but authorize negotiation of union shop agreements in states which do not have these laws, (7) Provide for essentially the same "unfair labor practice" as in the NLRA (which governs industrial labor relations).

It should be remembered that practically no area of the country is immune from the tactics of militant farm labor organizers like Cesar Chavez (the would-be czar of farm workers across the nation). The bill now before Congress would provide protection for all concerned.

A.—Yes. Some of VA's veterans assistance centers are staffed with social workers (now called community service specialists) to help meet the veteran's total counseling needs. Specialists are on duty in Boston, New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit and other principal cities, and VA plans eventually to place them in all centers.

Q.—Are husbands of female veterans eligible for the same Veterans Administration benefits as widows of male veterans?

A.—Yes. Under PL 254 (Oct. 24, 1972), the term "wife", for purposes of benefits, includes the husband of a female veteran and "widow" includes the widower of a female veteran.



By JANICE CHRISTENSEN

Hobbies for hobby and self-recently got a lot of attention during the meeting of the Town and County Extension Homemakers. One woman's husband had become interested in weaving after reading about it in a magazine. So he carried the loom to his home, made a large loom and began to "do his thing". So far the man has woven six afghans; each one approximately 40 by 60 inches and made from nylon yarn.

He has sold all six and is so intrigued with his new hobby I can't get him to do anything else, the homemaker told Mrs. Gaddy.

Half a meeting is better than none, according to a retired gentleman from Beaufort county. The man and his wife were attending a special interest meeting on retirement when the man's name and went dead. By that time, however, he had received helpful information on budgeting, investing and fighting inflation.

"It was a real good meeting," the man told Mrs. Floy Garner, home economics extension agent, "although I wish I could have heard the last part."

If you and your child are stuck in the house together on a rainy day...

CATTLE SICKNESS: Grass tetany is illness of cattle which sometimes results from grazing lush spring grass. North Carolina State University extension specialists explain that the condition is brought about by an abnormally low magnesium and calcium level in the blood serum. The illness can be fatal to the animal. The most common treatment is the intravenous injection of calcium gluconate with magnesium.

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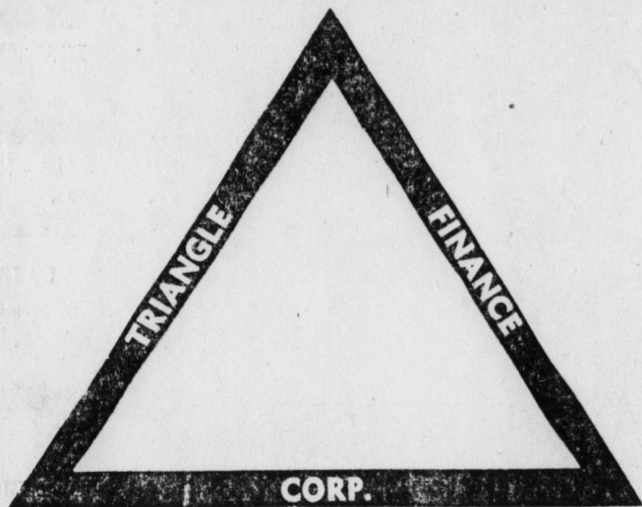
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