

Notes Gathered From Here and There



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Probably the greatest factor in good fruit production in the home orchard is a planned spray schedule for control of insects and diseases. Most home fruit growers fail to realize the value of insect control or fear that equipment and material costs would be prohibitive. Elaborate equipment is not necessary. The home fruit grower can use a bucket pump; a compressed air sprayer; a knapsack sprayer; or for a large number of trees, a barrel type sprayer. The compressed air sprayer and the knapsack sprayer may be used from the top of a ladder, or brass rods may be used to reach taller trees. Most spray materials can be purchased locally in small lots if desired. Be sure to follow directions carefully.

Diseases of fruits that are most common are rots, leaf and fruit spot, and scab. Bordeaux mixture and wettable sulphur are used to control these.

Insects of fruits are those which chew or eat foliage and fruit and sucking insects. Chewing insects are controlled by the use of a stomach poison such as lead arsenate. Sucking insects are controlled by the use of miscible oil or lime sulphur.

The spray program usually begins before the leaves appear. This early spray is for control of scale or sucking insects. Second spraying occurs in the bloom period (apples—when buds are pink) followed by subsequent spraying at two to four week intervals. These later sprayings are for control of chewing insects, scab, rot, and spot.

Pick up and destroy dropped

Bingo is quite a game.

As most Ecustans know, the game is played with a card filled with numbers which are sometimes called, but never in the right combination. Grains of corn or little bright-colored wood buttons are used to cover those numbers, when and if they are called. Invariably, though, you have several times as many grains of corn or wooden buttons impatiently resting in your sweaty hands as you have on the card. It's doubtful if any player in Bingo history ever ran out of corn or buttons.

You get yourself settled and ready to start. You glance hopefully at the beautiful prize table, filled with many nice prizes that the "other fellow" always wins. As a come-on, you find in the center of your card a Free space. What trickery! But you hopefully fill in the space, with the sneaking feeling that you are one number ahead of everyone else at the very start! You don't stop to think that everyone else also has a free space on his card, too.

"Here we go," the Master of Ceremonies says and your thoughts are about ham, ducks, cheese, candy, or whatever else might be on the prize table that night.

"B-2," the M. C. begins.

fruit every four or five days beginning as soon as the first drop is noticed in order to check later infection by worms and rots.

CAUTION: Spray materials should be kept away from the mouth, nose, and eyes, for some are both irritating and poisonous. They should be kept away from children and animals!

Write to N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, Raleigh, and ask for Extension Folder No. 62 on "Spraying Home Fruits."

BINGO!

"Gosh, I have B-1 and B-3," you say. And on and on it goes. Many, many times you lacked just one number, but that "other fellow" always yells "Bingo" before that last number is called.

An idea hits you. Change cards! You'll show them that you can win. But, alas! That card won't win either.

But, no luck. Finally there's the grand prize and for this handsome present you go "around the board" as the term is known to veteran Bingo fanatics like yourself. Surely Lady Luck will somehow be with you on this last roundup.

After five or six numbers are called, some fair maiden loses her feminine composure for the moment and shrieks the Magic Word. You think thoughts that cannot be printed here. "How can a blankety-blankety gal go all around the card in five or six numbers?" you ask your equally disturbed neighbors.

It turns out that the young, excited maiden has never played "around the board" before, and she thought the regular rules were still in effect.

Doggedly, you dig back in. Your luck begins to change. You fill the outside of your card with amazing speed—at least, most of it. Finally you lack only one. You can taste that ham already. Then some "other fellow" across the room who has already won two of the best prizes of the night, yells out a five letter word beginning with B and ending with O.

As you trudge out—it's about 11 o'clock now—you think how much better you could have spent the evening, that you must pay the baby-sitter when you get home, and all for nothing. Everybody, it seems, has their arms loaded with prizes but you. "Never again, will I . . ."

But you will. See you at the next Bingo party!