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Tragic Accidents Can Mar Peaceful Existence on Farm

RALEIGH—The peace and quiet of farm living can be marred by tragic accidents.

Howard Ellis, in charge of agricultural engineering for the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, says that machinery and equipment, livestock, hand and power operated tools, electricity, firearms and water—important as they are—all are potential hazards if handled carelessly.

Ellis says that the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Farmers Bulletin No. 2101, "Watch Your Step! Avoid Farm Accidents," gives two

basic rules for farm safety. They are:

1. Prevention. Sharpen your eyes and wits to discover all possible hazards on your farm and remove them immediately—tomorrow may

be too late. Get in the habit of doing things the safe way and see that every member of your household and every worker on your farm learns safety habits.

2. Preparedness. Keep a first-aid kit or cabinet handy, keep it well supplied and know how to use it. Enroll in a Red Cross first-aid course. Keep fire-fighting equipment handy, keep it in good working order and know how to use it.



GARDEN TIME
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A friend brought in a shoot from his sasanqua camellia which was infested with leaf or bud gall disease. This disease is caused by mold-like airborne fungi and is quite prevalent on both azaleas and camellias this year.

The leaves become thickened, curled, fleshy and pale green to white, or pink in color. Frequently a white powdery surface will develop on the leaves. The disease is usually worse on the lower leaves but may also appear on any part of the plant, especially under humid conditions and in shady locations. Flower parts may be affected on some species of rhododendron. The trouble seems to be more prevalent on sasanqua than on the japonica camellia.

The disease is more alarming from the standpoint of disfigurement than from actual damage to the plant. However, it may become severe if weather conditions are favorable for the development of the organism.

Around the home, the galls should be removed from the plants and burned just as soon as they are detected. Bordeaux mixture may

be used effectively if removal of the galls by hand is not feasible. Prepared Bordeaux may be purchased from your local seedsman or hardware store and mixed according to instructions on the package. If you only require a small quantity of spray, use one and a half level teaspoons of powdered copper sulfate and one and a half teaspoons of fresh hydrated (builders) lime to one gallon of water. To this solution add about one half cup of skimmed milk which will serve as a spreader and sticker.

Side dress your leafy vegetables with nitrate of soda. Keep all vegetable and ornamental plantings free of weeds. A good mulch will help control moisture, soil temperature and weeds. Stake and mulch tomatoes.

Two letters were received from readers last week about widely different subjects. I believe both are of sufficient general interest to be answered in this column. The first comes from a lady in Caswell county who wants to know how to germinate magnolia seed.

There are many kinds of seed that germinate slowly and should

have pre-treatment. The magnolia is one of the worst offenders in this respect. Perhaps the quickest method to use for magnolia is the acid treatment because it requires little or no special equipment and the acid can be recovered and used several times if necessary.

Place concentrated sulphuric acid (95 per cent pure) in a suitable glass or earthenware container. Make a basket for the seed out of a copper wire. Immerse the seed until covered. Allow the seed to soak for

the required length of time. You will have to do some experimenting on the time because it will depend somewhat on the age of the seed. We have successfully used this method with true sweet potato seed by soaking for 20 minutes to one hour. I suggest 15, 30, 45 and 60 minutes. This means four batches of seed. Remove seed from acid and wash for five or 10 minutes with cool running water. Stir carefully during washing. The seed may

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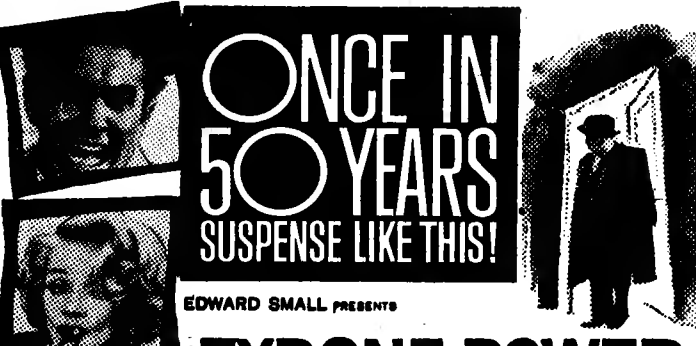
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