

Advice Given About Pruning Of Shrubs

One of Features In Observing Home Demonstration Week

In connection with the observance of National Home Demonstration Week, one feature is stressing the correct way of pruning shrubbery. Miss Rebecca Colwell, home agent, has released the following information on the subject:

Before undertaking to prune a shrub we should understand why it is pruned as it is and also have a clear knowledge of its natural habits of growth. All shrubs should be pruned to conform to their natural shape and not pruned to make a horizontal plant out of a pyramidal one. Some of the more important reasons for pruning shrubs are:

(1) To offset the loss of roots at transplanting time. If few roots are taken up with the plant or if the roots become dry before planting, usually one-third to one-half the top should be removed. The exact amount to remove all depend of course on the amount of roots taken up with the plant and other factors.

(2) To increase the profusion of flowers. This can be accomplished both by top pruning and root pruning. Those plants that grow too vigorously and do not bloom sometimes can

be checked in their growth and made to bloom by severing some of its roots. If the shrubs bloom principally on new growth, it should be "thinned out" to stimulate as much new growth as possible.

(3) To rejuvenate old and unsightly plants. By removing old canes, many shrubs take on a new appearance and blossom freely again.

(4) To remove diseased twigs and insect pests. This is one of the most feasible means of controlling many of our plant diseases.

(5) To make it possible to grow plants in restricted places and to make growing shrubs compact. This type of pruning should be done at frequent intervals so as to do very little cutting at any one time. The shears should be strictly avoided and often the fingers will be all that is needed in pinching off the most vigorous runners. To reduce the plant in size, the hand clippers should be used to reach in and cut out some of the most protruding branches, this not only takes off some of the growth, but thins it from the inside and lets the sunlight penetrate inside the plant.

(6) To keep plants formal in outline for formal gardens. This type of pruning we call topiary work and is commonly practiced on such plants as Carolina cherry laurel, arbutus, hemlocks and other plants when they are used in formal places.

Fundamental Principles of Pruning

Evergreens—If evergreens must be used in restricted places or if they have a tendency to become too open, they should be pruned at frequent intervals during the growing season. Again the shears should be avoided (and all other times except in case of formal hedges) and the hand clippers used to remove some of the faster growing branches. Remember to conform to the natural shape of the plant when pruning and to allow sunlight to reach the inner part of the plant where possible.

Flowering Shrubs—Many of our flowering shrubs and evergreens require very little, if any, pruning especially where they are used in borders and allowed to develop naturally. The only pruning they will require, if any, is perhaps an annual "thinning out." Those shrubs such as Forsythia, Spiraea and Weigela that form their flowering buds the previous year and bloom in the early spring should be pruned immediately after flowering. Those shrubs that form their flowering buds during the current season and bloom during the summer and fall such as crepe myrtle and hydrangea should be pruned in late winter or early spring. All flowering shrubs should be kept rather open by pruning out the older canes at the base of the plant and perhaps removing some of the younger branches when they become too thick. In no case should the plant be "dehorned" or cut across the top, and they should not be pruned too severely at any one time. If some of the top must be removed, it should be done by going slightly inside the shrub and pruning some of the larger branches leaving the small ends unpruned.

Time To Prune
Flowering shrubs should be pruned as just described or a small amount of pruning can be done on them at any time. Evergreens to be pruned should be pruned several times during the summer, removing very little growth at any one time. If the shrub has been neglected for years and needs a severe "cutting back" to put it back in shape, this should be done in late winter or early spring before growth starts. Where the plants must be too severely pruned, it is better to reduce the plant to half the desired size the first year and complete the pruning operation the following year. Most of the flowering shrubs should be pruned, if desired, soon after they bloom.

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Frank Medico
"I can't quite diagnose your case," said the doctor. "I think it's drink."
"All right, doctor," the patient gravely replied, "I'll come back when you're sober."

Pfc. William Hassell Finishes Plane Course

Pfc. William J. Hassell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hassell, graduated this week from the Air Training Command's basic airplane mechanics training course at Keesler Field, Miss. The training Pfc. Hassell received extended over a period of approximately 16 weeks and included instruction in aircraft electrical systems, engine operation, fuel and oil systems, propellers, structures, instruments and basic inspection, qualifying him for additional specialized training in the maintenance of all types of aircraft.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Having qualified as Administrator of the late Henry C. Nixon, deceased, late of Chowan County, I hereby give notice to all persons indebted to his estate to come forward and make immediate settlement, and those holding claims against the same to present them for payment within twelve months from the date of this notice or it will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 19th day of March, 1947. DR. H. E. NIXON, Elizabeth City, N. C. Mar27Apr3,10,17,24may1pd

NOTICE OF EXECUTRIX Having qualified as Executrix of the late Thomas E. Jordan, deceased, late of Chowan County, I hereby give notice to all persons indebted to his estate to come forward and make immediate settlement, and those holding claims against the same to present them for payment within twelve months from the date of this notice or it will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 10th day of April, 1947. ALICE HURDLE HOFER, Executrix. Apr 10,17,24may1,8,15jnp

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If you called Bert a "capitalist" he wouldn't know what you meant, and neither would Spike and Sandy, the hired men. Bert works side by side with both of them; and in the evenings they sit around the fire together—sharing a friendly glass of beer or two.

If anybody has a beef—whether it's about wages or hours or equipment—they talk it over at those friendly evening sessions.

I don't say all labor problems are as simple as Bert's. But from where I sit, the basic principle applies to any farm or factory or business: A principle of confidence and mutual respect, of daily talks together in a friendly and congenial atmosphere.

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