



**GARDEN TIME**  
M. E. Gardner  
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The pruning of ornamental shrubs, fruit trees, shade trees and grape vines requires more know-how than most of the other operations around the home and farm. It is the one operation that is most likely to be neglected, overdone, or poorly done. To use the old adage "prune when the knife is sharp" certainly has limitations as we will see.

First I think we should remember that every plant has character represented by growth habit, leaf, stem, bark and flower or fruit color. We should also remember that pruning is a dwarfing process because whenever leaves are removed from a plant the power of the plant to manufacture food is reduced.

An understanding of the fruit or flower bearing habits of the plant is essential before one can prune intelligently. Grapes are borne on shoots of the current season's growth which come from buds on canes one-year old. Peaches are born on wood one-year old, apples on spurs formed on wood two years old and older; and holly (Burford) berries are borne on wood one year old, as was the case with peaches. This brings up the question of when to prune. Fruit trees and grape vines should be pruned now.

The spring, blooming woody plants usually produce their flowers from buds already formed on wood produced the previous season and remaining dormant over winter. This is true of lilac, forsythia, wisteria, weigela and feutzia. The proper time to prune these plants is just after the blooming season because early spring or late fall pruning would remove the bloom.

The summer blooming plants

**Tips on Touring**

By Carol Lane  
Women's Travel Authority

**Advice From A Pro**

"If there's any one secret to safe driving, it's total concentration. The automobile is almost never at fault in an accident; human error is. When I'm racing, I can't even remember my wife's name. All I know is the road in front of me." That's the excellent advice of



Walt Hansen, considered to be one of America's top sports car racing drivers. Here is more advice from Hansen.

"Driving isn't just stepping on the gas and steering. Watch your mirror and the road ahead of you. Be sure you've had enough sleep before getting behind your wheel. And eat sensibly. Stay away from rich foods that can upset your stomach and your disposition. On a long trip, take breaks every 150 miles or so. Don't just sit in the car, either. Get out and walk around."

Walt's parting words with which we at Shell concur most strongly: "Whatever you do, practice what I call 'motorist maturity.' That is, don't get into races with other cars on the highways. Don't take out your frustrations on other drivers. Don't try to get even with careless drivers. In short, be adult."

Fine, hard-headed advice for a safe, happy new year.

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All persons owing the Estate will please make immediate payment.

This 18th day of December, 1953.  
G. B. Maney, Administrator of the Estate of Mrs. Maggie H. Robertson, Deceased.  
Dec 18-25, Jan. 1-8-15-22

**Men In Service**

**HOCHST, GERMANY (AHTNC)**  
Army Specialist Four Ben T. Riddle, whose wife, Dorothy lives on Star Route, Burnsville, N. C., recently received a high school equivalency certificate in Germany where he is a member of the 290th Engineer Battalion.

Specialist Riddle completed his secondary education through the U. S. Armed Forces Institute which offers servicemen an extensive variety of courses at elementary, secondary and college levels.

A tool room manager with the battalion in Hochst, Riddle entered the Army in January 1957 and arrived in Europe the following

December. He received basic training at Fort Benning, Ga.

The 24-year old soldier, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Riddle, Pensacola, attended Burnsville High School. He was employed as a textile worker by Glen Raven, Burnsville, in civilian life.

During winter shipment of coal in open-hopper cars, salt is used to prevent coal freezing and to facilitate its unloading.

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This 26th day of December 1953.  
Edd Edwards, Administrator of the Estate of Wess Edwards, Deceased.

Jan. 1-8-15-22-29, Feb. 5

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