

GARDEN TIME

By: M. E. GARDNER

Perhaps some suggestions about jobs that should be accomplished at this season of the year might be helpful.

Spray or dust your roses regularly (once a week is not too often) to control black spot, aphids and other diseases and insects. Spray is best because of better sticking qualities to foliage and stems. If you dust, be sure to apply after each prolonged rain or hard shower.

If you want large flowers, disbud by removing all buds, other than the terminal one, on each shoot — for teas and hybrid teas.

If you have apple and peach trees in your home garden, spray them regularly, too. Would suggest an "all-purpose" spray for apples and also for peaches. Directions for mixing and applying will be found on each container. The fruit tree spray program is the one that is usually neglected.

Prune the early blooming shrubs if they need pruning: spiraeas, flowering almonds, flowering quince and forsythias. Remove the older flowering shoots for next year's bloom.

About the time the major forest trees come into leaf is a pretty good sign that danger of

late spring frosts has passed. This growth index is really more reliable than using the "average dates for the last killing freeze or frost in the spring" supplied by the weather man.

Using this index you can select the time for sowing seeds of annuals out-of-doors. Among the kinds are sweet alyssum, coreopsis, gaillardias, asters, larkspur, poppies and gypsophila.

Also, when the danger of frost has passed, annuals and bedding plants may be set directly in the garden. Among the many are these: amaranthus, aster, celosia, coleus, cosmos, dahlias, marigold, petunias, salvia, verbena and zinnia.

Plant gladioli at two week intervals for continuous bloom. This is one of the most satisfactory cut flowers for you and your friends to enjoy.

The lawn should be fertilized if you have not already accomplished this chore. Mow rye grass twice a week if you overseeded last fall. Right now (4-10-67) we are extremely dry in our area and lawns are not as demanding as they will be when the rains come.

Mulch azaleas, camellias and other plants to conserve moisture and reduce soil temperature. Pine straw is good.

Social Security

News

By: D. C. Nichols

Q. My wife read somewhere that a person should file a Medicare claim in the 3 months before he's 65. Well I'll be 65 in a little over 3 months. But I know almost nothing about Medicare. Please tell me what benefits it provides for us "aging" people.

A. That's a large order for one answer — but we'll try. You know, of course, "aging" is something that everyone has in common with everyone else. True, some are further down the road right now than others. But give the others time!

Medicare substantially pays for inpatient hospital services such as these: Room and board in a semi-private room, operating room use, regular hospital nursing services, diagnostic tests (to find out the nature and severity of an ailment or injury, "therapeutic" or curative treatments by x-rays, radium, etc., blood transfusions — except for the first 3 pints of blood in a "spell of illness"; drugs furnished by the hospital; supplies, appliances and equipment such as splints, casts, crutches, wheelchairs, oxygen tents, etc.; medical social services; and the ser-

vices of medical or dental interns and residents under approved training programs. In addition, it substantially helps pay for hospital out-patient "diagnostic services" — such as diagnostic x-rays, lung and kidney function tests, urinalysis, electrocardiograms, and so forth.

The medical or "doctor bill" insurance part of Medicare substantially helps pay for these and similar medical items and services (if not covered under the hospital insurance part): Diagnostic services such as X-rays and laboratory tests, medical and surgical therapy, radiation treatment; surgical dressings, splints, casts, and similar devices, drugs administered by a doctor; rental of equipment for medically necessary use in the home — hospital beds, oxygen tents, etc.; "prosthetic" devices (except dental) to replace all or part of internal body organs; braces, artificial limbs, artificial eyes; and certain ambulance services when medically necessary.

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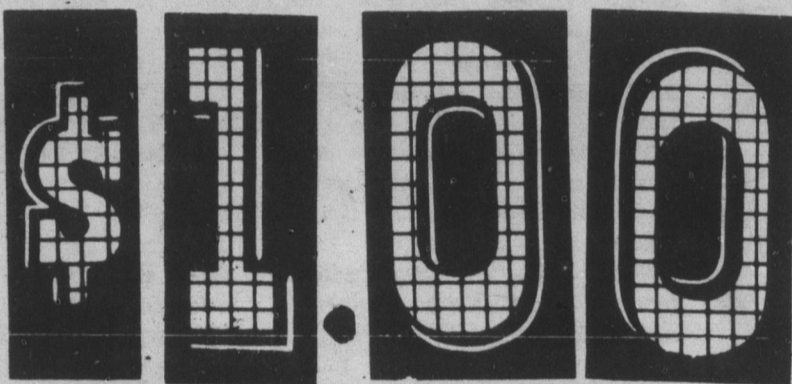
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