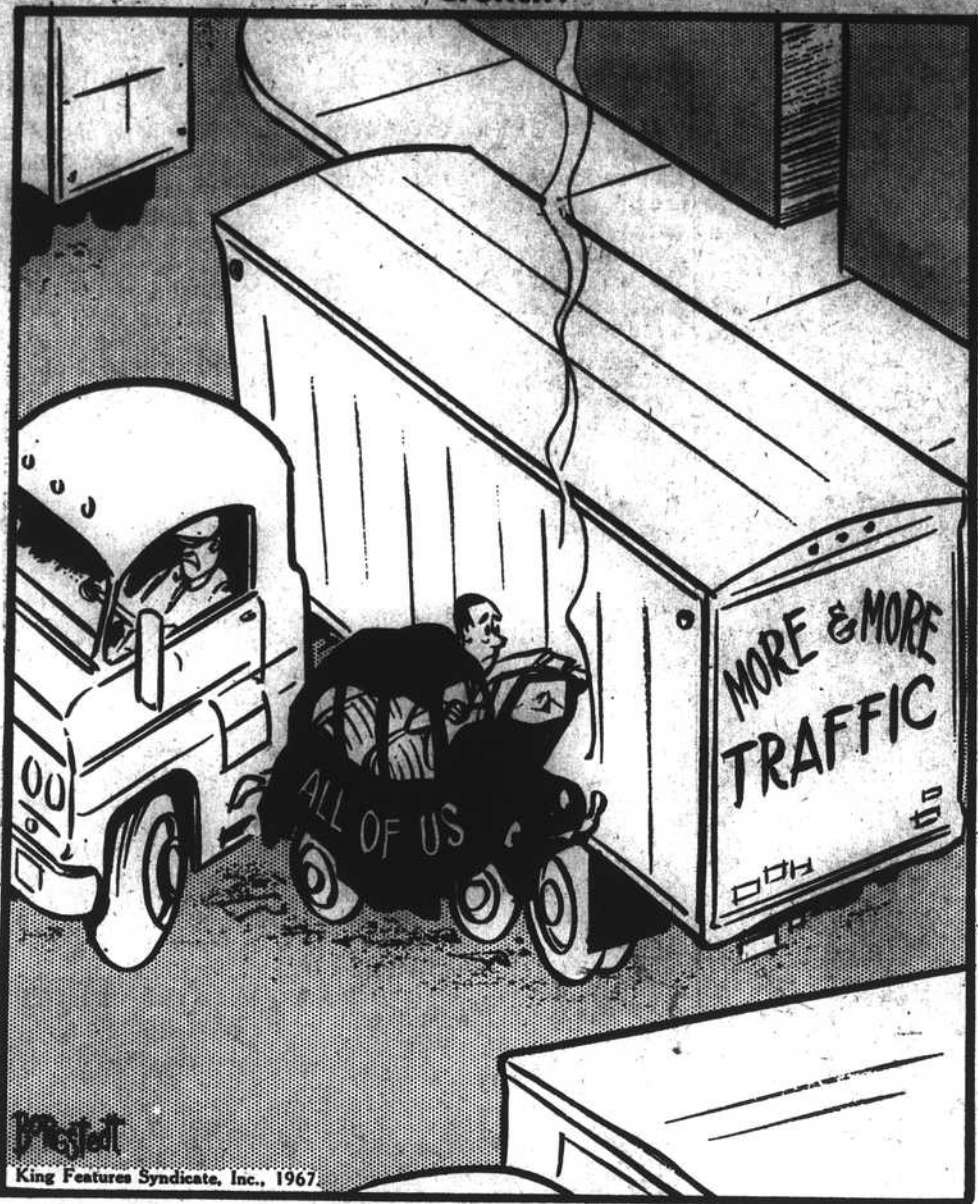


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Home Echoes

? — How long should a mattress be? Your mattress should be six to ten inches longer than you are and 38 inches in width for proper sleep and comfort.

? — What are perennials? These are flowering or foliage plants whose roots live from year to year. Their tops may or may not die back in the winter.

? — Are perennials permanent plants? Do not consider perennials as permanent plants. Re-planting, dividing old plants, and preparing the soil are essential for vigorous, flowering plants. Evergreens make a good background for them.

? — Is there any advantage to

having soil tested for a flower garden? Yes. You will receive recommendations for adding fertilizer and lime. Allow sufficient time between sending your sample to the experiment station and need for the information. State clearly that you are planning to grow flowers in the soil.

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Select a suitable stake about five feet long and about one inch square. Sharpen one end and drive in the ground secure — usually about six inches to one foot. Set the stake about four inches from the plant.

Make the first tie about twelve inches from the base of the plant and then tie at twelve-inch intervals as the plant grows. For tying I like cloth strips torn from an old sheet or similar material. Soft, heavy cotton string may also be used. Place the strip (or string) around the stem of the plant, cross once and tie securely to the stake.

Pruning is simple and should be done to prevent excessive suckering. As the tender shoots appear in the axils of the leaves, pinch them out. This takes very little time and will improve both the appearance and performance of the plant.

To control the more common diseases, spray with Manzate D (Maneb 80 per cent) at regular intervals, following the manufacturers' instructions. For insect control, use either Sevin or Malathion according to the manufacturers' recommendations . . . .

That "sticky stuff" is coming down again. You may find it on your car, picnic table and lawn chairs. Don't blame the trees but rather aphids (plant lice), scale insects and white flies which are sucking juices from the leaves and stems.

As these plant juices are ingested and pass through the bodies of the insects, a "honeydew" is excreted. Aside from the sticky mess which falls from the trees, the gloss on your car may be destroyed. Prolonged

heavy doses may even damage the paint.

What can be done? Picnic tables and lawn chairs may be covered with any simple cover for protection when not in use. Cars should be kept in the garage or covered with plastic.

These sucking insects can be controlled by following a planned spray program. However,

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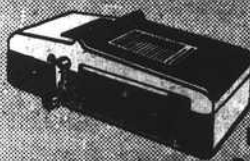
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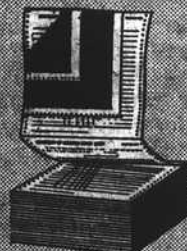


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