



Hurricane Hazel took a heavy toll of trees and shrubs in eastern North Carolina. Many of our trees are beyond help but many can be saved. Most of the shrubs can be given first aid and can be saved.

Soon after the storm a neighbor called me in to look at two pecan trees that had blown over in his yard and to advise him what to do about them. They were bearing trees about eight inches in diameter. One of them had all its main roots and top root broken and was beyond help. The other had only a few roots broken and the top root was still in good condition. This tree can probably be saved by heavily pruning the top of the tree and then raising it to an upright position, carefully packing the earth around the roots, watering it well and supporting it with at least three guy wires to prevent further blowing around by strong winds. The bark of the tree should be protected from injury by using heavy cloth or rubber hose under the wires.

At our horticultural farm many of our peach trees were blown over. In

most cases the roots do not appear to have been broken. We are raising these trees and attaching guy wires to hold them upright. We will prune these trees quite heavily to give the roots a chance to recover.

Broken branches should be removed flush with the trunk of the tree or down to a side branch. No stubs should be left because they will not heal. Small cuts need not be treated, but cuts of two inches or more in diameter should be painted with asphalt tree dressing which can be obtained at most seed stores.

Most of the shrubs that have been blown over can be saved if the roots have not been badly broken. The important thing is to pull the shrub back to an upright position, tamp the soil well around the roots and prune the top in proportion to the amount of damage to the roots. Water well, and a light application of fertilizer might help since there is still some growing weather left. However, the principal fertilization should be given when growth starts in the spring.

### Imported Fire Ant Can Be Controlled

The imported fire ant, an annoying and destructive pest prevalent in Southeastern United States, can be controlled successfully with aldrin, dieldrin, or chlordane, according to directions outlined in a new leaflet prepared by U. S. Department of Agriculture entomologists.

This imported pest, not to be confused with native fire ants, attacks both plants and animals. Its ability to feed both above and below ground allows it to seriously damage many vegetable crops. It also attacks young calves, pigs, and poultry, often chasing hens from their nests and attacking their newly hatched chicks. The fire ant both bites and stings people, and great numbers of them can retard or prevent field work.

Mounds of imported fire ants, usually about 15 inches in diameter and 10 inches high, are built of soil almost anywhere in the Southeastern States. They mar lawns and recreation areas and interfere with equipment used in harvesting crop fields.

A relative newcomer in this country, the imported fire ant is believed to have first appeared in Mobile, Ala., after traveling here by ship from South America. Since its first identification in 1930, it has spread into 10 Southeastern States.

Complete directions for treating

nests and infested areas with the insecticides which effectively control the fire ant are included in the USDA leaflet. The methods of control are based on information obtained in cooperation with State agencies in Mississippi and Alabama. A single free copy may be obtained by writing to the Office of Information, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington 25, D. C. Ask for Leaflet 350, "The Imported Fire Ant—How to Control It."

### Pre-Cut Draperies Ease Sewing Job

"Do it yourself" has become a byword of the American household. Throughout the country both men and women are enthusiastically taking over many of the jobs that formerly had to be done by professionals.

Manufacturers are coming to the aid of the "do it yourself" home-owners. All sorts of new pre-cut and packaged products are going on the market to make things easier for the

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Drunk driving and speeding caused the greatest number of revocations for the month according to Motor Vehicles Department figures.

Speeding convictions totaled 587 the agency said. Other violations resulting in the temporary loss of driving privileges were: two offenses of reckless driving 28; driving after license revoked or suspended (further penalties) 100; transporting intoxicants 39; habitual violator 48; and unsatisfied judgment 47.

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