



What are the ingredients which cause tornadoes? Do they sometimes occur in clear weather, in a cloudless sky? Does dry or moist air prove more conducive to tornado development?

If the day is clear, especially clear with dry air, you need worry little about tornadoes—as long as this condition holds. Even without the dry air, a clear day indicates the danger of tornadoes is nil.

ABOUT YOUR HOME

Don't butcher your shrubs with pruning shears. A good many well-meaning gardeners do just this.

To prune correctly it's necessary to know something of the growth habits of shrubs. They may be divided roughly into two groups. The larger includes the early spring bloomers. In this group the flower buds were formed last fall and are ready to burst into bloom as warm weather approaches. Thoughtless pruning at this time of year

may remove many of the flower buds.

Since spring flowering shrubs renew themselves from new shoots arising at the base, it's necessary to remove enough old growth each year to assure proper development of new growth.

In the second group are the late bloomers. In this type the flower buds are produced on shoots of the present season's growth. Pruning these shrubs in early spring does not remove flower buds because they have not yet formed.

Clip off the faded flower clusters or French hybrids. The production of seed is an unnecessary drain on the plant.

Has A Point

Inflation has one good point. Your kids can't get sick on a nickel's worth of candy.

—Democrat, Davenport.



USSR Now Ahead

Ten or fifteen years ago the Russians boasted they would overtake the United States in steel production. Nikita Khrushchev made confident predictions both about steel and other production goals in the early sixties. Many Americans said at this time the Communists would never achieve their aim.

But in 1971, late figures show, Russia surpassed the United States, and all the world, in steel production. U.S. production last year, an off year, was approximately 120,000,000 tons. Russian production was an estimated 133,000,000 tons.

The Russians expect to produce more this year; total USSR output has been rising steadily in recent years. Their 1972 goal is 139 million tons. U.S. experts believe 1972's expanding economy will push U.S. production close to or above the all-time U.S. record of 141 million tons, the 1969 total. Thus the United States might produce more steel this year than Russia. But if so, and if Russian production continues to increase, this may be the last year the U.S. outproduces Russia in this vital industrial category.

Accomplishments such as this, in Russia, must be frankly faced by all Americans, including leaders in Washington. The stiff competition should be an inducement to us to improve the free enterprise system.

Connally's Role

There is speculation in Washington Treasury Secretary John Connally will soon take his leave of the Nixon Administration. The report is that Connally has his sights on the Democratic presidential nomination in 1976 and thinks the only way he can get it is to go home soon and work in Texas as a Democrat.

Connally is well liked by the President, who very much desires that he stay on. But as the stock of Vice President Agnew rises—as the likely presidential running mate in 1972—the role of Connally with Republicanism diminishes. And there are some who feel he had his eye on a second-place spot with President Nixon in 1972. Mr. Nixon's recent high praise of Agnew seemed to close the door somewhat to a Nixon-Connally possibility.

Like Senator Edward Kennedy, Connally apparently suspects President Nixon will be reelected this year, and is looking ahead to 1976. Other reports are that he fears the economy later in the year will not be all it's expected to be—and that he doesn't wish to have the responsibility for U.S. economic troubles much longer.

Whatever the truth about Connally's feelings, he is an ambitious politician and a vigorous national figure of potential. He may accept another post in the Nixon Administration, an even more imposing one. But he recently told a questioner he was still a Democrat and if he has his eye on 1976, as reported, he may well head for the Lone Star State before the 1972 political campaign. It just could be Connally versus Kennedy at the Democratic convention in 1976, if a Democrat doesn't unseat President Nixon this year.

HEALTH AND BEAUTY


If you were not fortunate enough to have been born with a love for the outdoors, you must cultivate it. It will bring joy in your life that can be found in no other way. Walking is the very best all-around exercise. It's exhilarating and delightful to swing along with an easy stride and, at the same time, observing the many beautiful growing things. How lovely the sky, the birds and myriads of other interesting and beautiful objects. It makes you glad to be alive. In spring new life comes to all the world. You sense it in your own soul. Sap rises in the plants and trees and nature rejoices that winter is past.

To be useful and successful, you must possess at least a fair degree of vigor. You cannot grow strong without exercise. If you're weak and sickly, go to work and re-make yourself; you can do this unless you are chronically and hopelessly ill.

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TV COMMENTARY
By John Smiley

HAVING SPENT several years commenting on TV, one wonders what the eye would say about viewers if it were not forced from some broadcasting station and had a mouth of its own. Surely, from its point of view, things would take a different slant.

ONE SUSPECTS the TV comments could be something like these: "By jove, lady, do put your knees together! You embarrass me!"

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MIKE, mister, tell me you're not going to watch another bowl game! I've got fatigue and heart burn from the last two. Turn me off and give a set a rest."

"THE TROUBLE WITH this old world is lack of communication. When I've got something worth saying, you turn me off. You hear and see only what you want to hear and see. You don't understand me at all."

"DON'T YOU REALIZE you'll wax fat if you raid the refrigerator every time I show a commercial. There aren't many old fat people, you know."

"I'M REALLY NOT self-centered. If you folks would like to carry on a conversation for a change, I'll be happy to hibernate for an hour or two while you get to know each other."

"YOU KNOW what I see when the late, late show goes off—a reclining chair, soles with holes in them, a mountain of a tummy with a nose peeking over it emitting a roaring snoring."

"THERE JUST aren't many interesting people who watch me any more!"

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Liberalism & Nonsense

Under the pretext of liberalism, abnormalities in U. S. society today are often presented as normal, admirable or equally-desirable traits. Under this heading falls the effort of so many in New York in recent years to normalize homosexuality.

While modern knowledge makes it clear that homos are to be pitied rather than prosecuted, the fact remains that the foundation of society and stable progress today lies in the normal boy-girl relationship.

This society, and individuals, are obligated to do what can be done to discourage homosexuality. Any glamorization, favorable publicity treatment or so-called complete legitimacy, is misplaced because this nation's future depends, to a large degree, on a continuance of the normal, male-female relationship and structure.

Oyster Roast At Elizabeth City Shrine Club

The Elizabeth City Shrine Club will have an oyster roast at the club on Friday, February 18th, beginning at 7:00 P.M. President D.J. White invites all Shriners, ladies and guests. All you can eat for \$3.00. So all you good Shriners from Perquimans County let's show up at the Elizabeth City Shrine Club and show those folks how much we can eat!!!

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