



**GARDEN TIME**  
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I have been reading an interesting article by Drs. R. K. Jones and L. F. Grand, N. C. State University plant pathologists, concerning the destructive Dutch Elm disease. I am condensing the article and sharing it with my readers.

Dutch Elm disease was first discovered in Ohio in 1930. Since then, it has spread to New England, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky, Tennessee and areas of the Mid West.

The first confirmed report of the disease in North Carolina came from winged elm trees in Greensboro. It now occurs in most of the western and Piedmont counties and as far east as Hertford, Pitt, Wayne and Sumnerland counties.

All American and European species, the most desirable sorts for landscaping, are highly susceptible to the casual fungus.

The initial external symptoms of the disease may be a rapid wilting of the leaves on one or more branches in the upper reaches of the tree. The leaves first turn yellow, then brown, shrivel and may fall prematurely. Discoloration and wilting of the leaves usually occurs in mid-June and becomes more pronounced in July and August.

The fungus spores are produced in sticky masses in insect galleries under the bark. This stick characteristic prevents dissemination of spores by wind. The disease is spread by the elm bark beetle from diseased to healthy trees. The disease may also be spread by the intertwining of the roots of infected and healthy trees.

Symptoms of the disease are so similar to those of other active diseases of the elm that identification in the field may not be possible. For this reason it is necessary to collect specimens from the trees and isolate the casual organism to be certain.

No chemical is presently known that will cure the disease once the tree has been infected. Elm trees that are known to be infected with the Dutch Elm disease should be cut down and completely destroyed.

To positively identify the disease, send specimens to the Disease and Insect Clinic, Gardner Hall, University Station, Raleigh, N. C. 27607. Select branches about 2 1/2 inches in diameter from dying, not dead branches.

**PECANS**

The prediction for the North Carolina pecan crop this fall is \$2.5 million pounds which would be well above last year's near-failure of only 500,000 pounds, but far short of the record 65 million pounds produced in 1971.

**The Veterans Corner**

Editor's Note: Veterans and their families are asking thousands of questions concerning the benefits, their government provides for them through the Veterans Administration. Below are some representative queries. Additional information may be obtained at any VA office.

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