

In Birmingham It's ANNUAL LAWNS and Landscaping Time

Now is the time when everyone of us can know the thrill of making something grow! It may be a flower pot geranium. It may be a sloping little rock garden at the side of the house. It may be a big, rambling garden of an acre or more. To guide you in your Spring gardening plans—we've planned this Special Page... chock full of news, facts and figures about growing gardens most successfully.



Spray Fruit Trees Now, Bailey Says

Fruit spray notice No. 2 has been sent to 400 growers in Oakland County by Karl D. Bailey, county farm agent. Its details follow:
APPLES—With continued warm weather apples and pears will soon reach the delayed dormant stage.
Apply your first lime sulphur spray in the well developed, green up stage. Use 2 1/2 gallons of liquid lime sulphur in water to make 100 gallons of solution. Use one pint of nicotine, if necessary, for the control of aphids. Omit the nicotine, if dormant application of D-N or tar oils has been made. Add 1 lb. of lead arsenate, if necessary, for the control of bud moth. (See section 35, page 18, and section 47, page 27, of the 1940 Spraying Calendar.)
PEARS—If necessary, to control pear psylla, scale, insects and

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mites, use 3% heavy oil emulsion put on in the dormant stage. (Refer to section 46, page 31, of the Spraying Calendar.)
For the delayed dormant and pre-bloom application, use 3-8-100 Bordeaux, or two to two and one-half gallons of liquid lime sulphur in water to make 100 gallons of solution. This spray is for the control of scale and leaf blight. Varieties most advanced should be sprayed first.
Arrange for bees for pollination. Use tanglefoot or deadline and poison bran bait for the control of cutworms. Put paper under tanglefoot on young trees. Drain spray tank at night.
PEACHES—Start cultivation to break up the soil and get the grass away from the base of the trees. Rubbish and grass under peaches harbor curculios, tarnish plant bug and oriental fruit moth.
If you have time, this is an excellent season for pruning peaches. Make close cuts. Cut out peach canker areas and treat with wettable sulphur paste.

More Mosquito-Control Data Released by B'ham Farm and Garden Committee

If we were all as foresighted as the members of the Education and Conservation Committee of the Birmingham National Farm and Garden, we could all look forward to supper on the terrace and gardening and sprinkling the lawn at twilight without a quail. Why? Because there wouldn't be any mosquitoes in Birmingham this summer. There isn't a great deal to do about Mosquito Control, but what must be done must be done by 100% of the population. Certain cities have achieved this almost impossible sounding goal and are now proud, comfortable and mosquito-free. Can't we at least take the first steps toward this heavenly state since the Garden Committee under the leadership of Mrs. Harold Clined has headed the

Feed Your Plants on Transplanting

The value of feeding plants at time of transplanting is discussed in Farm Research, a quarterly bulletin issued by the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, in which it is stated:
"At transplanting, plants are low in minerals and short of most of their root system. Consequently, the application of a correctly balanced, readily available nutrient solution revives and stimulates the plant, thus enabling it to withstand better the shock of transplanting and to become established quickly in its new home."
Vegetables: Where large plants such as cabbage and tomatoes are being transplanted, use a tablespoonful of a complete balanced plant food thoroughly with the soil in the bottom of the hole before transplanting. Then proceed as usual, being sure that the plants are watered well.

potash. Other indications of potash starvation on corn are chaffy ears that are not filled out to the tip, and weak stalks and roots, causing the plants to lean or go down. If the leaf fires along the mid-vein, it does not have enough nitrogen. In general, if the plant is yellowish green in color, it is an indication that nitrogen is lacking. When the plant lacks phosphates, the signs are not so clear, but sometimes there is a purplish cast to the leaf.

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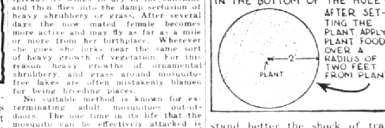
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Gardeners' Corner

(This column is conducted for The Eccentric's readers by Mrs. Marc T. Patton, Box 146, Bloomfield Hills. Questions on gardening matters may be addressed to Mrs. Patton and they will be answered in the Gardeners' Corner or directly by mail.)
CHILDREN'S GARDENS
Seed packages seem to be just as alluring to the youngsters as to their parents. More than a few carefully-saved pennies go toward the hope of growing flowers and vegetables by the shop full.
Parents should guide the selection whenever possible. Seeds in stores are, alas, not graded by ease or difficulty of culture. Annuals and perennials are sitting in the racks, one next to the other. Should the young man grab a package of pansies (biennials that won't bloom until next year) a little parental foresight will change the package to marigolds or alliums. In other words, let the children stick to sure-footed annuals. Give a child his own plot, not a too large one, for his age and strength, but his very own. Choose it for him where the ground is good, and any where there is no shade or any underground roots. Give him his own tools if possible, and require that he keep them in order.
Help with the first digging, especially if it is a new garden. Add as much fertilizer as necessary. Once the garden is this far, let his plant as he wishes. It is not



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Flowers: For flowers, which are set much more closely in the bed, and are usually transplanted when smaller than vegetable plants, it is best to thoroughly prepare the soil for planting, then apply a tablespoonful of complete balanced plant food per 100 square feet (equivalent for one pound of table-spoonful of plant food per square foot) and work this lightly into the top soil. Level, and set out the plants in the usual manner. When buds appear, feed again at the rate of one heaping teaspoonful of plant food to the square foot, work lightly into the soil, and water in well.
In feeding, keep plant food away from stalk and foliage.

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Plant Appearance Show Deficiency Of Proper Nutrients
The appearance of plants, the same as the appearance of people, gives an idea as to their health. Recently, it has been found that the appearance of the leaves, stalks, and other parts of plants gives a clue to the health of the plant.
Many of the sicknesses of plants are not due to blight, rust, or other organisms, but are caused by a lack of proper nutrients. The plants are really saying that they are starving for certain foods. When corn leaves fire along the edges, turning yellow at sometimes reddish and then brown, the plant is suffering from a lack of

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