Shade Trees Need Added Attention Because of Drouth

Dry weather in many sections of Michigan should cause home owners and farmers to give special attention to the health of shade trees on lawns or along roadsides, according to Dr. Paul A. Herbert, head of the forestry department at Michigan State college.

A tree that is dying or leafing sparsely at the top or ends of the limbs needs special attention to restore its good health. To do this he suggests (1) a protective mulch over the ground at the base of the tree; (2) fertilizer to provide needed nourishment; (3) extra water for the roots during the growing season.

He explains that trees growing under natural conditions in the forests are protected by a thick mat of dead leaves and twigs which conserves moisture and provides food. Trees on lawns and along roadsides are without this protection and as a result are generally undernourished and thirsty.

Restore Mulch

Therefore, the first move to save a tree that looks sickly is to restore the natural mulch by covering the ground around the tree with leaves or other decomposed matter. It should be several inches deep and cover an area at least two-thirds the branch spread of the tree. The longer the mulch is left under the tree the more good it will do for the tree.

To give a tree extra nourishment, Professor Herbert says to apply a pound of ammonium sulphate for each 800 square feet of ground space beneath the tree. Have the ground well soaked with water before the fertilizer is applied and afterwards gently "water" it in.

Most feeble or sickly trees need extra water as well as food. Allow a stream of water to run on a wide area beneath the tree, Herbert suggests.

Lathrup Townsite News

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Flemming of Glenwood boulevard announce the birth of a 7-pound, 15-ounce son, John Stevens, born July 22 at New Grace Hospital, Detroit.

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Cliff Porter, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Porter, of Delores avenue, was stricken with pneumonia last week and is now convalescing at home.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. Neil Brannan of San Quentin drive, with their daughter, Lou, returned last week from a motor vacation spent in the East. They spent 10 days in New Hampshire and one week in the White mountains. They climbed Mount Washington by cog wheel. It was a thrilling experience, Mrs. Brannan said. Their return journey was over the Mohawk Trail.

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Conway Adams, AMM 3/c, US Navy Air Corps, has arrived home from Panama where he served for 18 months. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Adams.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Pechauer and daughter Sally left Friday for the Upper Peninsula to visit the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Supanic of Lanse, Mich. They will then visit Mr. and Mrs. John Pechauer of Milwaukee.

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"Grandad" Peppiatt, father of Guy Peppiatt of Saratoga boulevard, will leave in September for Los Angeles to visit relatives on a date ranch in the California valley. He will make the trip by motor accompanied by Mrs. Al Fries who will return after visiting the Peppiatts. Mrs. Fries, the Los Angeles guest, is Mrs. Peppiatt's sister-in-law.

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The John Diederichs, Jr., of Plymouth, left Monday for Long Lake, Alpena, where they have rented a cabin for two weeks. Frank Diederich returned Monday from Lakeview. A family picnic was held in the Saratoga boulevard garden on Sunday. Sixteen members were present.

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Southfield Township News includes these items:

At the August 6th meeting of the Southfield Township Board, a request for a beer tavern at Eight Mile road and Lahser was denied Oliver Mackey who owns and operates a grocery and filling station there.

Three residents on Nine Mile road made a complaint against a dog kennel adjacent to their properties, stating the barking and whining kept them awake at night and that an electric saw which was operated at night interferred with sleep and also interrupted radio reception.

Mr. Stevens explained the complaint would come before the zoning Board of Appeals.

A representative of Peoples Outfitting Co asked permission to erect a sign 12 feet by 42 feet on their property at Lahser road. This too should come before the Board of Appeals, Mr. Stevens recommended.

The Rev. J. Deeg, pastor of the Methodist church, is recovering from a prolonged attack of typhoid fever contracted in June at a wedding supper where a carrier prepared and served food.

The new parsonage at 23561 Millard avenue is about ready for occupancy.

Mrs. C. E. Stevens, wife of director Stevens of Southfield Township Board, will open her home on Elizabeth Lake August 15 to the members of WSCS. A picnic lunch is planned and swimming if the weather permits.

A midwest oil company plans direct company operation of as many as 100 service stations in 15 states as part of a long-range program to train veterans for superior station operation.

What Your City Commission Is Doing . . .

August 5, 1946

Bills approved totaling $20,536.51 including two week payroll.

Public hearing held to consider an amendment to Ordinance No. 221, known as the Zoning Ordinance, by repealing a portion of Ordinance No. 247, repealing all of Ordinance 254, 255, and 307, and re-writing Section 1001 of said Ordinance No. 221 so that the existing amendments will be clarified and combined.

Public hearing held to consider Mr. Otto Beier's petition to amend Ordinance No. 221 (Zoning Ordinance) changing the present classification of property on the North side of Bowers Street between Adams and Elm, also described as Lots 4, 5, and 6, Block 9, Campbell Subdivision and Lots 74 to 89 Incl. Snow Subdivision No. 1, from its present classification of Single Family Residence District, to Multiple Family Residence District. Petition Denied.

The Birmingham Veterans Organization, represented by Mr. Dean Beier, requested assistance in finding needed building property or building. Referred to City Manager.

A group representing the Northeast property owners' association appeared before the commission requesting information relative to the quonset huts to be erected in Poppleton Park, and requesting that the huts be moved to a location closer to Hunter Blvd. Huts to be moved 120 feet to the West.

Project Development Program providing for the erection of thirteen Quonset Huts approved.

Authorization given to proper officers to execute a quit claim deed to Lot 10 Grove Addition, except the easterly six feet, to clear title.

Communication received from the Birmingham Cab Company, Star Cab Company, and the Veteran's Cab Company requesting an adjustment in the present rate charge for taxicab service.

City manager authorized to take bids on the purchase of a bulldozor and roller.

Plat of Industrial Sites, presented by Mr. Dwelley, tentatively approved.

Mr. Harold Gasser appointed to fill the unexpired term of Miss Faye Jasmann on the Recreation Board.

Evelyn M. Brittain,
Deputy Clerk.

Removing the Existing Structure and Constructing a New Reinforced Concrete and Steel Structure Over the Clinton River; Also, 1.039 Miles of Grading and Drainage Structures and 2.2 Concrete Pavement on M-59 From M-24 East to Auburn Heights, Oakland County

Projects: F B1 of 63-17-4 C2 (216 (5))
F 63-37 C4 (216 (6))

Net classification required for these projects is Fa and 12 B; or 12 B with subcontract Fa; subcontractor named in the proposal; or joint bid of 4½ Fa and 7½ B.

Sealed proposals for the construction of these projects located in Pontiac Township, Oakland County, will be received from contractors having 1946 Michican State Highway Department prequalifications, in the House of Representatives Chamber, State Capitol Building, Lansing, Michigan until 11:00 A.M., Eastern Standard Time, on Thursday, August 22, 1946, and will then and there be publicly opened and read. Proposals may be mailed to Room 424, State Office Building, Lansing, Michigan.

The work will consist of removing existing structures and constructing a new reinforced concrete and steel structure; grading and drainage structures and 22' concrete pavement.

Complete the entire project September 1, 1947.

The Department's Standard Specifications (1942 edition), its current Soils Manual, the plans for these projects, the special provisions governing subletting and assigning the contract and the employment and use of labor, and the proposal blanks (all of which are essential parts of the contract) may be examined at the district office of the Department at Redford, Michigan, and at the Michigan Road Builders Association, Lansing, Michigan, but may be obtained only at the office of the Contract-Estimate Engineer, Room 424, State Office Building, Lansing, Michigan, up to 5 P.M., of the day preceding the opening of bids. A fee of three dollars will be charged for furnishing plans or proposal blanks.

Full cooperation in carrying out the special provisions will be required. Minimum wage paid to labor employed on this contract shall be as follows for Zone 1: Skilled labor $1.50 per hour, Intermediate labor $1.25 per hour, Unskilled labor $1.15 per hour. Other rates as listed in the proposal.

A certified check in the sum of $6,000.00, payable to Charles M. Ziegler, as State Highway Commissioner, must accompany each proposal. All such checks will be returned promptly after bidding, except that those of the three lowest bidders will not be returned until execution and delivery of the contract are complete.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals.

CHARLES M. ZIEGLER,
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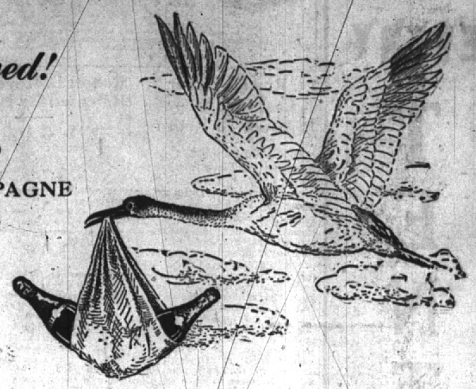

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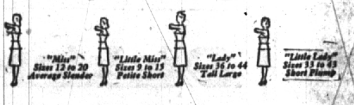
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