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This time of July is the "last call" for trimiting your early spring flowering shrubs. If you trim them now you can be assured of a good show for flowers next spring. I am thinking of forsythia, Nanking cherry, spirea, etc.

The correct way to do it is to survey the base of the shrub and cut out the older canes. The results may look thin to you at the moment but it won't take long before new growth will fill in and it is this new growth which will, produce flower canes for next year.

In order for a shrub to fit a location it is sometimes necessary the cell structure in the stems cation it is sometimes necessary to curtail the end growth but unstale on a "fount tale on

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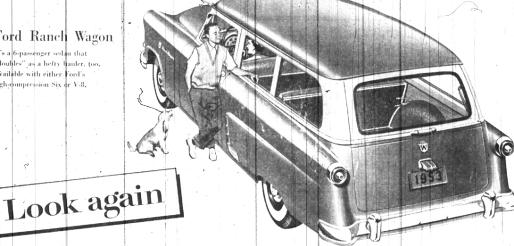
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