

Early Care Assures A Good Summer Lawn

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This winter when we are having deep snow you will find our happy category of folks, and they are the dyed-in-the-wool gardeners. They know that winter snows not only provide the best winter mulch but replenish the water table.

Nitrogen is one of the most important elements we seek in fertilizer. It is very important for leaf growth. Nitrogen forms three-quarters of the bulk of the atmosphere, readily available to spring push. When we pull up a plant these fine hairs are left in the soil. If the soil is too dry these hairs will dry up and the plant will experience a set back.

Plenty of nitrogen tends to make the flower color richer. EARLY SPRING feeding of a lawn with fertilizer is important so the roots can secure an early spring push. Some plantmen advocate feeding on top of the snow but I am always afraid that a portion of the whole will go down a drain so I wait until the snow is melted. Remember your topsoil is the storage place for the plant food. Four inches of top soil is ideal. When you are buying lawn seed you get exactly what you pay for. It will pay you to read the fine print on the package and notice many square feet can be covered per pound of seed.

One pound of grass seed will contain approximately 2,000,000 seeds. The seedsmen themselves will say: "You only have to use half as much as you think you need."

It is well drained soil, plus a soil rich in the essential elements which spells success for seed foundation. Remember grass seed needs light for germination but order for the seed coat to soften it has to be compacted into the moist soil which can be done with a roller immediately after sowing the seed.

AN APPEARANCE of moss in your lawn means that it needs feeding, not that the soil is acid. Michigan State college has a free bulletin called "Growing Beautiful Lawns," which is very helpful for the beginner. You may secure it by writing to the extension service. They also have a good bulletin "Management of Bent Grass Lawns," which will please the bent grass specialist. If you have an established lawn you might be interested in the three R's—"Raking, Rolling, Rejuvenating."

From now on we will be having a lot of heaving of the grass plants due to frost action. Cracks and air spaces mean fast drying soil and dry roots later. Therefore you can turn cracks to your advantage by applying plant food in March. It will dissolve and trickle down cracks to roots where it is needed. Later you will roll the surface to firm the crowns back into the soil and close the cracks and air spaces. Top dressing added at this time will prevent the roots from drying out.

Now there is your March story in a nutshell. AN IDEAL top dressing is one half humus and one half peat moss. If you want to work toward your explorer's badge during the month of March you may like to try starting some calcium tubers. They have massive, colorful leaves which are a real asset to any indoor plant box or used as an accent with their 12 to 18 inches of height for a semi-shaded flower bed. They are a tropical plant so in your home you will want a room with 70° plus temperature and lots of moisture as far as watering them is concerned. These roots can be started in shallow boxes filled with a mixture of one part leaf mold or peat moss and three parts sand. Place them with the smooth side downward and barely cover them. Give them very little water at this stage. After a couple weeks, when they are two to four inches high, transplant them carefully (just as though you are moving a saffron) in five or six inch pots. Give them plenty of sunlight and water.

IF YOU incorporate superphosphate at this time in the soil the vivid colors of the leaves will be intensified. If you plant them outdoors they should have at least 20 inches between plants, in a semi-shady area and where they are protected from the wind and children playing tag. Some of us were troubled by hornets last year. Catch across this suggestion for a way to send them "dreamland." Attach the suction duster to the vacuum cleaner, insert the nozzle in the entrance hole and turn on the motor. After about five minutes of this technique fit the nozzle over the exhaust pipe of the car, start the engine of the car, and carbon monoxide will complete the assignment.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Snyder, 1901 Kenwood court, returned home after a three months vacation on the West coast. They were accompanied by their daughters, Carolyn and Andrea, who returned to their respective colleges at the University of Michigan and the University of Wisconsin, after the Rose Bowl game. Vacationing with them also was Mrs. Snyder's mother, Mrs. James Dant, of Willow Lane. They attended the Festival of the Roses in Pasadena, visited in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Santa Barbara, and spent the last six weeks in Palm Springs.

Persons planning to attend are asked to contact Mrs. George Heifinger.

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News About GIRL SCOUTS

Oakland Branch, Smith College Club Plans Meet
The Oakland county branch of the Smith College club will meet at 2 p.m. March 15, at the home of Mrs. Howard Robinson, 425 Waddington.

Republican Brunch Has Area Committee Members
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Mary Cross Entertains Young Music Students
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GFS Discusses Holiday House Camp Activities
Birmingham members of the Girls' Friendly Society's Holiday House Committee went into Detroit last Friday for the committee's meeting at which plans were made for the vacation season. The GFS nonprofit camp at Pine Lake. Mrs. Sheldon E. Noble, chairman, presided at the session held in the Women's City Club. The Holiday House Committee administers the 100-acre campsite and its three vacation houses. Important was the decision reached to organize two recreational directors who will have charge of planning and directing a new recreational program at the GFS camp. The senior group's vacation house, Best Cottage, will have the early opening of April 1 to enable

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Grobs Entertain An Informal Party
Dr. and Mrs. Otto Groh, 7385 Parkstone drive, have planned an informal gathering to "get acquainted" with their neighbors. The cocktail and dinner party is planned for Sunday, March 14. Guests will include Mr. and Mrs. Archie B. McCall, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jacob, Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Hedley, Mr. and Mrs. Donald D. McCall, Mr. and Mrs. James A. Plankel, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Traas, Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Yost, Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Pielgas and Mr. and Mrs. Theo O. Schwarz.
Society deadline is 3 p.m. each Tuesday.

ADULT CLASSES
A Lecture Series on "LANDSCAPE GARDENING"
Dates—March 25, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.
Place—Study Hall—Birmingham High School
Time—8:00 p.m.—10:00 p.m.
Topics—Design & Budgeting; Landscape Construction and Planting; Lawns and Lawn Care; Plant Material; Maintenance and Care.
Cost—\$1.00 per person.
Registration—Register at Torry School week days between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or mail registrations to Torry School, Torry & Lincoln, Birmingham, Michigan. Check or money order must accompany registration. There will be no refunds. REGISTRATION CLOSURES MARCH 22, 1954. If you have any questions, call MI 4-0902.
Lecturer—Mr. Hrand Hampikian, Director of the Landscape Gardening School of Michigan. Mr. Hampikian has had over 15 years of successful teaching experience. In addition, he has been active in the field of landscape architecture for over 25 years.

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