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We have made many recommendations for improving soil, lawns, gardens, trees, children, water softeners, ditches, weeds, humidity, etc. However, it is amazing how few reports we ever get back.

Strangely enough we hear a few comments from people who are very happy about the actions we suggested to them . . . but very few from those who found our suggestions fruitless.

How can we know we are doing right? We have the advice of Cornell University, Purdue University, Michigan State University, the Oakland and Wayne County Agricultural Agencies, the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the experienced and accredited landscape architects and (unfortunately) the Detroit Free Press, Times and News "garden page" articles and most of all your neighbors' comments.

Don't hesitate to criticize (constructively) as well as compliment us. We cannot possibly have all the problems you have, therefore we learn a great deal by your experiences.

WEEDS seem to be the paramount problem at this time. Part of this problem, in fact a good deal of it, is caused by weed seeds. This may seem strange to most people although a few are convinced that the weed seeds are definitely a part of the fine lawn seed mixtures we sell.

We are convinced that the weed problem can be reduced enormously by good and sensible maintenance practices.

These practices involve:—

1. The application of 6 pounds of NITROGEN per year per each 1,000 square feet. This is accomplished by applying 2 pounds of 10-6-4 or equivalent nitrogen three times during the year (once while you are home and twice while you are cruising and gadding about).
2. The mowing of the lawn should be done so that the remaining stalks are 2 inches high. You should do it (or have it done) frequently enough so that not more than one inch of grass is removed at one time. These short clippings should remain on the lawn and will filter down to the soil to form an invaluable protectant cover for the soil. Remember this! **LAWN GRASSES ARE BENEFITTED BY FREQUENT CUTTINGS.**
3. The watering should be done in direct contrast to your drinking habits . . . one long drink every 6 or 7 days instead of two short drinks every night. In very warm and dry weather the interval (the lawn's interval) between drinks can be decreased to 4 or 5 days. Also remember that each drink should wet the soil to a depth of 6 or 8 inches.

Now that you have not followed these suggestions perhaps you can be helped by these tips on weed killing.

1. 2-4D is about the only weed killer (broad-leaved weeds) that does not have to be accurately applied. Simply wet (do not souse) the foliage.
2. Crabgrass, chickweed, clover, etc., require accurate distribution on the herbicide in order to kill the weed without killing the grass.
3. Don't come in and demand a certain kind of herbicide without revealing the type of equipment you intend to use or admitting that you usually double the strength just to be sure of a kill.
4. If your lawn was started in the fall of 1956 forget weed killing. If crabgrass is taking over come in and talk to us before the purple seeds are dropped.
5. Good night all ye weed free pests! / Herbicide

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Hold Pool-Side Birthday Party for Fred Bigelow

Guests gathered around the edge of the pool of the Fred Bigelows on North Adams road July 22 to join in celebrating of Bigelow's birthday.

Dinner was held at Rotunda Inn. Enjoying the evening were J. G. Steffens, Charles Cameron, Miss Ramona Wright, Edward Maurer and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ryder and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Gant, visiting here from Chatham, Ont.

The Walter Cornelius home on Rouge circle has been a bee hive of activity. An aunt and her mother, Mrs. Genevieve Chobagan of Fullerton, Calif., and Mrs. A. W. Raff of Tulsa, Okla., were guests last week. Mrs. Raff is 82 years old.

Other houseguests were the George Postallians, Jr., and the Harry Postallians, relatives of Mrs. Cornelius, from Cincinnati.

The John Wolffs entertained at a cocktail and picnic party in the garden of their Juniper court home July 27. The 30 guests were residents of Pine Hill subdivision.

A potluck supper at the Pine Hill drive home of the Robert Brandons was held recently. Barbecued spare ribs were served by the Brandons while the Gordon McGowans of Pine Hill drive and the Earl Rohrbachers of Hylane brought their specialties. Also present were the William Barras and children and Omer Brandon, both of Trenton. The group is planning to have one dinner a month.

The Paul Taylors of Lanergan drive are home after a week at Thores house on Rousseau lake in the Muskoka region of Canada. With them were the W. E. Mills family of Livonia.

Blaney park resort was the destination of the Hugh Whites of Charing Cross road. The resort is located 25 miles from Manistee. Joining them were their son and his family, the Gies Whites and Chuck, David and Nancy, of Royal Oak.

The Carl Nelsons of Hickory Heights drive have returned from two weeks near East Tawas. With them were their three children, Carol, Lowell and Laurelle.

The Robert Starkeys of Pine Hill drive spent a weekend at Fort Wayne, Ind., recently.

Gail Mally, daughter of the George Mallys of Upton drive, Thornwood, entertained at a cocktail July 28. Attending were 30 student nurses from Mercy college, Detroit.

The Fred Cruse family from Berkley has been enjoying its new home on Charring way. They have four children, Ricky, 9, Shelley, 8,



Puppeteers' Script Committee

Birmingham Puppeteer script committee members working on new copy for the little stage are (from left) Mrs. Karl Vary, Mrs. Jacob Decker, Mrs. Leonard Kurowski and Mrs. Walter Patton. "Three Little Pigs" and "Jack in the Beanstalk" are the shows to be presented in the homes for birthday parties, schools and hospitals on the little stage. Co-chairmen are Mrs. Richard Kun-

ning and Mrs. Everett Walsh. The large stage will continue to feature "Jamaal and the Golden Dates". Other officers and committee members are Mrs. Donald Howarth, president; Mrs. E. M. Kuehl, secretary; Mrs. Alfred Ryan, treasurer; Mrs. John May, construction; and Mrs. J. S. Decker, 314 Clifton road, Bloomfield Village.

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Lori, 4, Debra, 3. Cruse is a sales engineer with Wall Company Corp., Detroit.

The Cruses recently entertained at an open house, inviting new neighbors as well as friends from Berkley. Fifty attended.

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