You and Your LAWN

From now until late fall your lawn may be on your mind or in your hair or it may first look like the dickens. It should be none of these! It can be a very pleasant area to lie on, to play on, to lie about or just to look at. It will hold down the temperature in your yard several degrees. It will require some work, some money and a willingness to consider seriously the following fundamentals of LAWN MAINTENANCE and IMPROVEMENT.

Assume that we are concerned with a typical lawn comprised primarily of just the deep rooted Kentucky blue grass or blue grass mixed with Fescue.

FOUR PRIMARY ACTIONS
1. Fertilization
2. Mowing
3. Watering
4. Re-seeding

1. Current studies indicate that grass plants require 6 to 7 lbs. of NITROGEN per 1,000 sq. ft. per year. This is obtained by distributing 20 lbs. of a 10-6-4 lawn fertilizer on each 1000 sq. ft. (or 2 lbs. to 100 sq. ft.) at least three times during the year—now, in June and again in September. Note: —If you select a fertilizer with a lower NITROGEN content, say 5-10-5, then you should use twice as much. The result is you have to handle twice as much weight, paid more and put on too much phosphate and potash. Incidentally, a well-fed lawn stretches a limited supply of water amazingly.

2. Mowing seems to be geared to the lawn owners taste and they don't all taste alike. Some like it long, some like it short, some leave the clippings, some remove the clippings.

Things to be remembered about grass are:—

A. The taller it is the more shade it provides for young grass seedlings (of course beyond 2 or 2½ inches it might begin to look like a meadow) 2 inches is the best height.

B. It keeps the ground cool and moist which is ideal for helping seedlings and growing stronger roots.

C. It keeps the sun off the weed seeds thus retarding and even preventing their germination.

D. The clippings if less than one inch long will work down and help in shading and holding moisture. They also provide a fine seed bed for new seeds and return nourishment to the soil.

E. Grass is peculiar in that it grows from the bottom and not the tips. Cutting off the tips which may be faded restores the fresh bright color. It has been said that a bald man has his hair trimmed just as often as a guy with a real mop. The time required to cut the hair or lawn depends not on the amount cut off but on the area to be covered by the cutter.

3. Watering should be deep (6 to 8 inches) and infrequent (once a week, except perhaps in drought periods when every 4th or 5th day might be required. Deep watering encourages deep rooted grasses—such as we are talking about. Shallow, frequent watering encourages shallow rooted plants such as bent grass, chickweed, crabgrass, quack grass, etc.

Test your sprinklers by setting out 2 or 3 one-pound coffee cans. For average soils, when there is one inch of water in the can, you have done the job.

4. Re-seeding is for replacing grass plants which have been lost by death, eaten, pulled out by children, lawn mowers, rakes, etc.

It should be done carefully with special attention being given to thin areas, bare areas, etc.

It should be done in the spring or fall when temperatures are lower as these are the periods when the seeds germinate quicker and produce more stalks.

The rate of re-seeding most generally recommended is:—

Bare ground—1 pound to 200 sq. ft.
Fair lawn—1 pound to 400 sq. ft.
Thick turf—1 pound to 500 to 600 sq. ft.

Let us now be informal and drop a few odds and ends such as:—

Hard raking now will remove the well-rotted protective cover of dead clippings as well as thousands of struggling plants. This is bad! Once over LIGHTLY with broom rake is the better procedure.

Burning the grass with a good 10-6-4 fertilizer is bad! But is isn't necessary! After the grass begins to grow a little care is required. After applying a couple of spreader loads hose the fertilizer off the blades.

We loan spreaders to those who buy fertilizer from us. But, heavens! at least a hundred people bought fertilizer Friday and Saturday and YOU KNOW we don't have a hundred spreaders to loan. RESERVE YOURS well in advance or, better yet . . . OWN A LAWN BEAUTY!

DO NOT ROLL the lawn while the soil is wet. It will simply compact the surface so the much needed air cannot get to the roots. Remember this: Rolling is simply to press the grass plants back in place after the heaving from alternate thawing and freezing; it will not change the contour of your lawn.

DON'T FALL for the black muck racket. Baled PEAT MOSS is better and cheaper for top dressing if a dressing is needed. If you don't believe us ask some who have fallen for the black muck or peat humus racket.

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BIRTHS

A daughter, Darlene Marie, was born March 12 to MR. AND MRS. DONALD L. CHESHURE of 239 High street, Pontiac. Mrs. Cheshure is the former Joanne Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew C. Jackson of Biltmore street, Troy.

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A son, Richard John, was born February 16 to MR. AND MRS. W. R. O'NEILL of 2246 Manchester.

Couple to Join Parents in Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Perry of Alice avenue, Bloomfield Highlands, left Tuesday by plane for Tampa, Fla.

They will be joined by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Darill W. Perry of Hilt, Mich., during spring vacation from Michigan State university. He is a junior architectural engineering student.

After sightseeing and deep sea fishing the foursome will return home together in April.

Visits Parents

Dr. Charles A. Murray of 29 Palms, Calif., is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Murray, 388 Tilbury road. A lieutenant in the dental corps, Dr. and Mrs. Murray plan to return to Birmingham in July after the completion of his service.

Bosworth in Texas

Second Lt. George H. Bosworth, a 1956 graduate of Harvard university, recently graduated from the Army's anti-aircraft artillery and guided missile school at Fort Bliss, Texas. He's the son of the George H. Bosworths of 2841 Pembroke, Birmingham.

LEGAL NOTICES

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STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 13th day of March, A. D. 1957.

Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of OLIVER K. HELWIG, Deceased.

Elizabeth M. Helwig, having filed a petition praying that an instrument filed in said Court be admitted to Probate as the last will and testament of said deceased, and that administration of said estate be granted to the petitioner, the executrix named in said Will, or to some other suitable person.

It is Ordered, That the 22nd day of April A. D. 1957, at 9 o'clock, in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy hereof, once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and that proponent cause a copy of this notice to be served personally or by registered mail, return receipt demanded, to each of the known heirs at law, legatees and devisees at their last known place of address at least ten days prior to said day of hearing.

ARTHUR E. MOORE,
Judge of Probate.
(2-14)

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STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.

In the Matter of the Estate of CASSAM ALLMAN WILSON, Deceased.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 11th day of March, A. D. 1957.

Present: Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

Order appointing time for hearing Claims.

Notice is hereby given and it is hereby ordered that the time and place for hearing on claims against the above estate shall be the 3rd day of June, 1957, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate Court in the Court House at the City of Pontiac, Michigan.

All creditors or claimants against the above estate are further notified and ordered to prove their claims at said hearing and prior to said hearing to file written claim therefor, with this Court and with the fiduciary of this estate, stating such, containing sufficient detail reasonably to inform the fiduciary of the nature and amount of the claim.

Arthur E. Moore,
Judge of Probate
(2-3-4)

Gertrude Greer, Choral Ensemble Director Resigns

Announcement of the resignation of Gertrude Heinze Greer as director of the Choral Ensemble of the Birmingham Musicale was made last week. After 18 years of faithful service her resignation will become effective at the end of the season in May.

To give up working with the girls will be like "cutting off my right arm" remarked Mrs. Greer, whose choice was made for health reasons. She is the wife of Elwin C. Greer, 1735 Golfview drive, Dearborn.

Mrs. Wilson Home From Florida Trip

Mrs. Cassam Wilson of Hanna street, and her daughter, Linda, a fifth grade student at Baldwin school, have returned home from a vacation trip to Clearwater, Fla.

Mrs. Wilson's son, Richard, has reported for recruit training with the United States Marine Corps at San Diego, Calif. A graduate of Birmingham high school, he was a sophomore at the University of Michigan before enlisting.

Meet for Dinner

Members of Oakland County Osteopathic auxiliary will meet with their doctor-husbands for dinner tonight at Northwood Inn. In place of a program, annual reports will be given and officers nominated.

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