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Now, to more serious things. A new season has begun and we wish to outline a **LAWN MAINTENANCE** program on which we will elaborate from time to time during the season.

First, a few facts:—

1. Bluegrass and fescues are DEEP ROOTING grasses.
2. Bent is a SHALLOW ROOTING grass.
3. The grass blade is one of the most important parts of the plant.
4. The blade contains the mechanism which converts fertilizer, CO-2 and water into the useful materials which enables the plant to grow.
5. There are about 8 million seeds in a pound of colonial bent seed—about 2 1/4 million seeds in a pound of Kentucky blue grass—about 250 to 300 thousand fescue or rye seeds to a pound.
6. Crabgrass seeds may remain dormant for 30 years and then germinate.
7. Frequent shallow watering tends to promote shallow rooted grasses and weeds (crabgrass, chickweed, etc.).
8. Infrequent deep watering tends to promote deep rooted grasses and plants.
9. It is exceedingly difficult and very impracticable to attempt to change the character of a lawn simply by changing the type of seed used in reseeding.
10. Fertilizing, mowing and watering are the more effective methods of maintaining or changing the character of the lawn.

In general there are four principle actions to be considered in the maintaining or improvement of an established lawn:—

1. FERTILIZING
2. MOWING
3. WATERING
4. RESEEDING

Other actions are less important in general but may be vital for success under certain conditions:—

- a. IMPROVEMENT OF SOIL TEXTURE
- b. AERATION
- c. DRAINAGE
- d. WEED CONTROL

At this time FERTILIZING is about the only action that can reasonably be undertaken: **WHAT FERTILIZER?**

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3. The rate at which they would be applied:—  
Grass lawns (as differentiated from rye grass, crabgrass, chickweed, purslane and spotted spurge lawns) require SIX POUNDS of NITROGEN per 1000 SQ. FT. per year—plus some phosphate and potash.
- To accomplish this it is best to use a 10-6-4 fertilizer three times during the year—applying 100 lbs. to 5000 sq. ft. each time.

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**Kappa Kappa Gamma Group Sets Meeting**

The North Woodward Alumnae club, 4137 Arlington, Royal Oak, association of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Mrs. Richard H. Groves and Mrs. ma will meet at 8 p.m. March 11, Charles Soubert, both of Birmingham in the home of Mrs. James Hart.

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**Hites Enthused After Caribbean Air Cruise**

By VIRGINIA COLE  
Staff Correspondent

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hite of Waddington road returned Sunday from a month's air-cruise of the Caribbean.

From Detroit they flew to Miami and then to Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Jamaica, and Haiti. They spent 21 days on the islands and visited friends on Biscayne Bay, Fla. for several days. While with the friends, they enjoyed an intimate association with Hite's own horses which they race there.

On Haiti, as guests of the travel editor of the Miami Sun, they were wined and dined at a progressive dinner party put on by managers of seven hotels for the travel editors of U. S. newspapers.

THE FIRST HOTEL visited that evening was high in the mountains. It was at the time of the evening when the moon rises and they found themselves above the moon. The main course was served at the El Rancho hotel where they were entertained at a fashion show. Last course of the dinner was at the Chocoune hotel where they saw a native floor show. A native band furnished music.

Other hotels on the dinner party list were the Hotele, the Montana and the Creole.

THEY WERE PRESENT for the grand opening of the new San Juan International hotel in Puerto Rico and stayed there that night. Tony Hite, his wife and Mrs. Hite were the opening entertainment and opening night featured a job parade of prominent citizens and their wives in lavish gowns for the occasion. The governor of the island was honor guest.

Although the "biggest one" got away, as usual, they thoroughly enjoyed the day they chartered a deep-sea fishing boat. Mrs. Hite did catch a barracuda but otherwise their fishing luck was against them.

THEY SPENT 10 DAYS at the new Royal Caribbean hotel in Jamaica. Their first day in Jamaica

**Five Pledged At Albion College**

Four Birmingham residents and one from Bloomfield Village were recently pledged to national sororities at Albion College.

From Birmingham were Sally Grisinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnett B. Grisinger, 5425 Shadwell lane, Alpha Xi Delta; Sheila M. Menoch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roderich Menoch of 2156 1/2 Northgate; and Nancy L. Olsen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Olsen, 560 Townsend, Kappa Alpha Theta. Nancy J. Heier, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Heier, 3215 S. Broadway, Bloomfield Township, was pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta.

**Bloomfield Hills Pi Beta Phi Meets**

Mrs. Raymond J. Wright will speak to the Bloomfield Hills Alumnae club of Pi Beta Phi at a luncheon meeting March 11 in the home of Mrs. John J. Werner, 638 Pleasant.

Mrs. Wright is the mother of club member Mrs. Robert Harvic.

The hostesses will be Mrs. Trevor Hall, Mrs. Richard Post and Mrs. D. Gordon Scott.

**Dinner-Dance Set**

The University of Minnesota Women's club will hold a dinner dance for husbands and guests at Huck's Redford Inn, Mar. 7.

Hostesses are Mrs. Wallace Solum, Mrs. John Jagner, Mrs. John Krupp and Mrs. A. J. Kovacs.

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**Sorority Mothers Attend MSU Event**

Mrs. Hugh Lucas of 1150 Glenbury, Bloomfield Village, and Mrs. Landon Lindley, 1179 Maple, Birmingham, were entertained by their daughters, Adele Lucas and Jane Lindley, and other members of Kappa Kappa Gamma at Michigan State University on Mother's Weekend, Feb. 22 and 23.

Mother's of the sorority members were honored at a luncheon and bridge party. They remained overnight at the sorority house.

**Society**

**PTA Meeting Set**

Douglas Salisbury, president of the Michigan Camping association will speak to the Bloomfield village PTA at its meeting Mar. 3.

An election of officers is scheduled and refreshments will be served.

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