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Take a Breather, Back to Nature

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There is a treat in store for all of you if you heed the knock of opportunity on your door. Leave the bustle and bustle of suburban existence and, on a sunny morning, direct your tracks towards a spot in the country to get back to nature. If you are at a loss as to where to go do not overlook the state park, Haven Hill, which is out West in Pontiac. It is about 16 miles from Birmingham and is an area dedicated to those who love the outdoors. There are developed nature paths and many labels to acquaint you with the ferns, shrubs, trees, and so on, you see there. If you go now the birds will provide a hi-fi program. Be sure and pick up a bird and wild flower book to mark your exploration complete. Buy books which will fit in your pocket

so as to give you free-swinging arms. RECENTLY I had my annual "hah" session with the columnist in gardening for The Eccentric who pays for his space—my colleague, Jack Ball. There is one conclusion we always reach: "if gardeners would provide good culture for their lawns, shrubs and trees they wouldn't have to buy endless dollars worth of mixtures for their health and growth." The answer is FERTILIZER for lawns three times a season, plus

lawn seed where needed. The foremost packager of grasses already says we use twice as much as ever needed of seed. Weed killers have been many times strengthened since they were introduced on the market. Jack Ball says spot spraying is wasteful due to the weed seedlings which might just be emerging generally. He advocates weeding with a spray in mid-May, and mid-September. If you have spread enough fertilizer earlier there won't be spots for the weeds to germinate. All laws need spring patching due to snow, mould, etc. PLACE everything you plant in the right location and it will develop into ideal maturity. Watch your shadows when all the leaves are out, turning sun is the most important. Keep the extent of your

garden in line "with your years." Secure a copy of the May 12 Life magazine and chuckle over their version of matching your garden space to your energy. The next time you go to Grosse Pointe be sure and allow yourself a few extra minutes to visit the gardens at the Grosse Pointe memorial center (their community house) on Jefferson and see the extensive gardens designed by the famous Ellen Shipman for the Alger family. It is on the Detroit River and affords the garden lover a superb example of Italian design in gardens with wisteria trees, roses, and boxwood gardens. For your own garden be sure and make the notation to secure some orange tulips for next fall as the effect in the garden will be to make the yellows more vivid. Place them near forsythia or daffodils.

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This is a serious "ad"—yet we feel inclined to introduce a new item called "the indeterminate". These will appear from time to time—and here is an example...

"Please send me some fertilizer for the garden."

"Thank you, how much do you need?"

"Oh, about enough for the ordinary garden."

Let us turn to a different sort of lawn menace (nuisance) (objection) (bother) (etc.)... the BROAD LEAVED WEEDS.

They come in droves, the dandelion, plantain, chickweed, buckthorn, ground ivy, mallow, etc. To some extent the SEVERE presence of these weeds reflects a moderately poor MAINTENANCE program for your lawn.

However, the problem exists and the modern chemicals can help you if only you have the brains to READ THE INSTRUCTIONS on the labels. If you haven't... just sit back and enjoy the exquisite tiny flowers some of these weeds produce.

The chemical known as 2-4-D is most widely used for control of these weeds. It is most successful when used twice a year... NOW, and again about SEPTEMBER 15th.

The apparent failures come when people go around the yard every week and squirt individual weeds here and there. Between the ones they squirt there may be twenty tiny ones... happy that you passed them by.

The best system is to SPRAY THE ENTIRE INFESTED AREA and put the darn stuff away until September.

We mean you should use good materials, good equipment and a good applicator (the latter may be the husband or the wife) who CAN and WILL READ THE DIRECTIONS ON THE PACKAGE.

Articles in magazines are apt to represent a very concentrated effort to promote an item. It is a sort of "brainwashing" program and catches the public off balance. A great deal of it is, in our opinion, promotional and invaluable. Arthur Godfrey has caused more heartaches than laughs in the area of weed and insect control. Why not be realistic about your yard and garden problems? Your county Agricultural Agents, State Colleges, Federal Dept. of Agriculture, manufacturers and dealers know a little more about this subject than does Arthur. It's just killing—how gullible many people are.

This is the time to enjoy your yard... to benefit the mental planning and physical effort you have put into it. Success, failure and what-not are incidental to the real benefits derived from TRYING. Let NATURE help by your trying to understand nature. In this area perhaps we too can help you.

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Mrs. McClellan To Head WNFGA

VALLEY WOODS — Mrs. Wil. McClellan was re-elected president of the Valley Woods WNFGA at the annual meeting in the home of Mrs. Raymond Gorman of Valley court.

Also elected to the board were Mrs. Emil Tomi, vice president; Mrs. Robert Foley, recording secretary; Mrs. James Severy, corresponding secretary and Mrs. Gordon Andrus, treasurer.

Mrs. Arthur K. Hyde, Michigan division extension chairman, assisted by Mrs. John Calhoun, Michigan division horticulture chairman, installed the officers.

One of the projects completed was the planting of six dogwood trees around Valley Woods school. Mrs. McClellan is planning a Lansing trip for the 32nd annual meeting of the Michigan division on June 5 and 6 at Kellogg center, East Lansing, Mich.

Chemical weed control is not a gamble—it's a sound, economical practice, believe Michigan State university crops specialist. Chemicals recommended for selective weed control will best when weed seeds are germinating or when plants are young and growing.

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Garden Club Sets May 26 Meeting

WESTCHESTER — The Westchester branch of the WNFGA will meet May 26 at the home of Mrs. Edward Collins, 2757 Heathfield at 8 p.m. Assisting will be Mrs. Robert Bogarius, Mrs. Tommy Shannon and Mrs. Earl J. Potter.

Following the business meeting and annual reports, members will exchange cuttings and slips brought from their gardens. A white flowering crab tree will be given as a prize.

Welcome as new members will be Mrs. John Waterman, Mrs. J. Robert Mease, Mrs. John A. McColl, Mrs. Glen Powanda, Mrs. Tommy Shannon, Mrs. John Spomer, Mrs. Archie Smith, Mrs. William Stanley, Mrs. Sam Topoun, Mrs. Byron Trerice and Mrs. W. Salter.

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