

Proper Planting Saves Trouble

Each year insects and diseases hit trees in Michigan for a costly damage bill.

For the most part, forest insects pose bigger problems than diseases. Some of these must be dealt with as they develop, usually by such direct controls as chemical sprays.

However, a good deal can be done ahead of time to prevent damage before that—right at the time plants are being made to establish young tree plantations.

And with hundreds of Michigan landowners getting ready to plant trees this spring, conservation department foresters have some timely tips to offer on how to keep many of these problems from starting.

RATING HIGH priority on any tree planter's check list is the matter of making sure that stock is of adequate size for planting conditions, with balanced tops and roots.

Compared with larger stock, small-sized trees take more time to become established, remain targets to insects for a longer period, and generally are more vulnerable to those things that cause mortality.

Another way to promote minimum pest problems and maximum growth is by selecting the kind of trees best suited for the soil in which they are to be planted.

WHITE PINE is best adapted to moist, sandy loam soils. It will, however, grow on a variety of sites ranging from heavy, moist soils to sand. This species is best suited for planting in the partial shade of hardwood trees where it will be less susceptible to injury by the white pine weevil.

Well-drained lands—sands to sandy loam—are best suited for red pine. This species grows well and is relatively free from disease and insect damage, provided other precautions are taken at the time of planting.

Jack pine will grow better than the other pines on light, dry, sandy soils. It requires plenty of light and should not be planted in the shade of other trees.

WHATEVER the type of soil, landowners should consider removing poor-quality pine trees presently on the area that may invite or already harbor pest populations. These trees often serve as focal points of insect buildups in new

plantations.

Planting trees at the depth they grew in the nursery is a "mistake" at the time of planting. Trees not planted deep enough may, in natural terms, develop a bad habit and eventually fall over. Those planted too deep take longer to become established, grow slower the first few years, and later are more prone to damage by the pine root collar weevil.

GOOD STOCKING of trees—well-stocked plantations. The basic points of good stocking and carefully planned thinning also hold true in combating populations of other forest pests.

If you have special planting problems or need other technical advice, see your local conservation department forester. He will help you get the most from your plantings, and his services are free.

Do's and Don'ts of Tree Planting

HANDLING YOUNG TREES DURING PLANTING.

KEEP ROOTS COVERED WITH WET MOSS THAT COMES WITH SHIPPING CARTON.

DO NOT CARRY IN HAND—ROOTS WILL DRY OUT.

PLACING YOUNG TREES IN HOLE.

RIGHT — SAME DEPTH AS IN NURSERY OR 1/2 DEEPER.

WRONG — TOO DEEP; ROOTS ARE BENT.

WRONG — TOO HIGH; ROOTS EXPOSED.

FINISHING UP.

PACK SOIL AROUND ROOTS—AVOID AIR POCKETS.

FIRM SOIL WITH HEEL.

LEVEL OFF SOIL WITH SOLE OF SHOE.

More Tomatoes Result in Added Product Supply

Have you noticed the lower than usual prices on processed tomato products? There are good reasons for them.

During 1962, the tomato acreage in the United States increased only four per cent but production increased 35 per cent as a result of favorable weather conditions and improved cultural practices. This marketing information agent, Mrs. Josephine Lawyer.

U.S. Department of Agriculture figures show that as of Jan. 1, 1963, the total tomato supply was up 14 per cent from a year earlier. Catsup supplies were up 33 per cent, while chili sauce stocks were 11 per cent greater and tomato juice quantities indicated a 31 per cent increase.

DURING THE PAST 10 years, our use of tomatoes and tomato products has varied. In 1961, per person use of whole tomatoes and tomato products was 17.9 pounds compared with 16.2 pounds in 1951. Over the period, increases occurred in catsup and paste items while others remained relatively the same.

About one-fourth of the tomatoes used in 1961 consisted of whole tomatoes. Another one-fourth was juice. Slightly over one-fifth was catsup and chili sauce. Paste and sauce represented one-fifth and the remainder consisted of pulp and puree.

Extension Groups In Oakland County Take Part in Event

Some 500 women from 116 cooperative extension groups in Oakland County participate in their annual achievement day on Wednesday in Pontiac.

About 40 exhibits were on display depicting the extension lessons which have been taught in the county this past year by Michigan State University extension agents. Lessons included "Knowing What Your Tax Dollar is Used For," "Using Your Sewing Machine Attachments," "Scandinavian-people-foods-Cultures," "Interior Decorating," "Selection and Care of Carpets," "Fitting Commercial Patterns," "Modern Meat Cookery" and many others. Prizes were awarded the best three exhibits and outstanding leaders and 25-year members were honored.

Participating in the day's events were Mrs. Kenneth Butterfield of Bloomfield Hills, publicity, and Mrs. Herman Trost of Troy, program.

Make a list of those "don't needs" today, Dial MI 4-1100 and a Classi Lassi will help you.

Painter's Helper

If you have an unattractive piece of wooden furniture and your budget does not allow you to replace it, you can make it less noticeable if you'll stain it the same color as the wall against which it stands. On the other hand, to accentuate the beauty of a handsome piece, paint the wall behind it a sharply contrasting color.

Time Saver

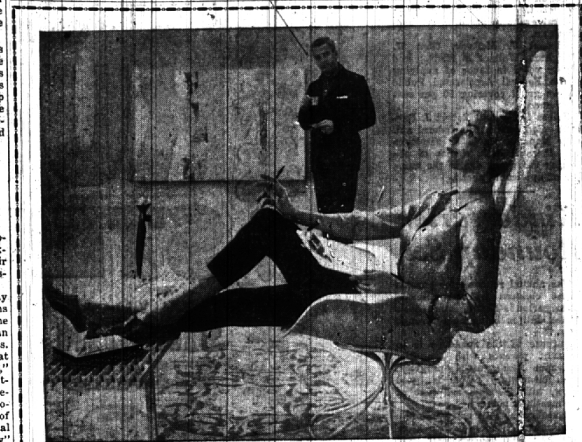
Up to two to three week difference in the flowering time of bulbs can be noticed between the south and north side of the home, says the American Association of Nurserymen. If you want spring bulbs to flower at the earliest possible time plant them on the south side as near to the foundation as practical.

Biophysicists at Michigan State University are doing research aimed at understanding how the molecules which make up the eye and the brain enable men to perceive and to think about what they perceive.

Michigan State University is scheduled to start a two-year, pre-clinical medical program in 1964.

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SOS Club Will Raise Funds for Student Aid

Rochester—Hijacking students in need is an extracurricular activity of Oakland University secretaries.

The group known as the SOS Club will give a card party at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Oakland Center to raise funds for tuition fees, books and other college expenses.

The club has raised \$1,500 in the two years since it was organized and has provided emergency aid enabling seven students to remain in college.

The secretaries make their own decisions on the aid awards, without reference to the university's scholarship program.

"WE HOPE to raise between \$200 and \$300 to continue giving emergency aid," said Mrs. Norman McNeil, president. "We not only have fun working together on projects, but we also have a chance to become better acquainted. The university community is growing fast and with so many new secretaries being hired, it would be impossible to get to know them if we did not have a common cause to draw us together."

They plan and work on their projects during the noon hour. Two of the student they have helped were members of the university's first graduating class April 20.

One, a prospective teacher, was unable to keep her campus job because the required 10 weeks of

practice teaching at a nearby school interfered.

Extra feature of the card party will be guided tours of the campus beginning at 7 p.m. from the Oakland Center Lounge. Floyd Bunt of Bloomfield Hills, organizer, will play during refreshments.

Members from Bloomfield Hills include Mrs. Floyd W. Bunt, 24 Faculty Way, Bloomfield Hills.

Reservists Training at Army Camp

Two Birmingham men are members of the 300th Military Police Command, stationed in Dearborn, which will finish its second week of training at Fort Lee, Va., Friday.

They are First Lt. Stanley Rowland, 1708 S. Balon, and First Lt. Robert Bird, 1661 Glenfield. The 300th Command and 53 other United States Army, Navy and Air Force reserve units arrived at Fort Lee April 20 for two weeks of annual training.

The 7,000 reservists participated in an intensive logistical command post exercise and map maneuver called LOGEX '63.

Airlifted Abroad

Army Pvt. Dale K. Bunge, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Kenneth Bunge, 4744 Auburn Drive, Birmingham, is a member of the 1st battalion on the 2d division's 23d infantry, which was airlifted to Germany from Fort Benning, Ga., recently under the HOTPLAN troop rotation system.

Bunge, an assistant gunner in

the battalion's Company A, entered the Army in June, 1962, and completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky.

The 19-year-old soldier is a 1962 graduate of Wylie E. Groves High School.

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