FARM AND GARDEN

Treating Shady Spot in Your Yard

You have often noticed a perfectly landscaped yard or estate that has been marred by a very unsightly shady spot. These places are usually found under trees and between walls and houses. Many folks deny themselves the comfort of shade trees; a grand protection from the Summer sun, because of the difficulty of raising plants in the shade. This seems rather foolish when you stop to think that there are over 110 plants that will thrive in the shade. Planting these shady places can be a very interesting problem, according to Clyde E. Probst. He adds:

"The use of ferns does not seem to be common; however their value is overlooked by many people. Varieties, such as the hay scented fern, interrupted fern, or the Christmas fern, do well in the shade. Should your spot of shade be moist, try the lady fern or the crested wood fern. The ebony spleen wood fern also hus much to offer.

"Do not forget that in the use of ferns, rocks and stones also play a large role. Not only do they add to the appearance of the garden, but their value in holding moisture is not to be overlooked. Remember, all plants have their favorite food, the same as we people. Most shade plants desire rich leaf mold. If used abundantly, this should produce the desired effect. The two most commonly used ground covers, Vinca Minor and Pacca Sandra, are unsurpassed for this job.

"However, there are many plants that can be used successfully, such as the violet, which has a variety of color to offer, including purple, white, blue, or even yellow. What plant can be more lovely than the lily of the valley? To my way of thinking, this flower does not get its just credit in what it has to offer for the shade garden. We must not forget the hepatica, creeping dogwood, and I have known people who have done great things with marsh marigold.

"The shrubbery possibility should not be overlooked. The rhododendron offers us much in the line of shade stock, as likewise the mountain laurel and hemlock."

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Improving Grass By Manure Application

Weak or thin seedings of grass, clover or alfalfa made last year may be improved by the application of manure or fertilizer in early Spring. There is no more suitable place to put manure than on this kind of a field, if applied by means of a spreader at a light rate of application. If manure is not available, from 300 to 500 pounds per acre of a fertilizer mixture, such as 3-12-6, would be a good substitute, says H. R. Cox, extension agronomist.

It seldom pays to attempt to thicken the stand of a Spring seeding by scattering more seed a year later. Seedings to alfalfa made last August, however, which are weak or thin at this date could very probably be improved by broadcasting some alfalfa seed at once. This is assuming that soil conditions are favorable to the crop, including a sufficient supply of lime and fertilizer applied before seeding, and that there is not too thick a mat of chickweed or other weeds on the surface of the field. Some clover seed, including one or two pounds per acre of Ladino clover, might be included with the alfalfa seed.

Plan Field Day

The Guernsey Field Day will be held May 6 at the Locust Grove Dairies, Westfield. Those attending will have an opportunity to inspect the 250 head of Guernsey cattle on the farm. The host will provide luncheon. The New Jersey Guernsey Breeders' Association, Inc., is arranging details.

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Your Garden This Week

The wide and comparatively unrestricted selection of tulip bulbs American gardeners have been used to choosing from is a thing of the past, and any gardener who values his tulips will take good care of whatever bulbs he is fortunate enough to have these days, says A. C. McLean, Mercer agricultural agent. He adds:

"An early spraying with Bordeaux followed by regular applications to control botrytis, gives the plants a chance to hold their foliage and aids in the development of sound bulbs that can be carried over for next year's bloom. Although all of the bulbs will not die if they lose their foliage as a result of early botrytis, a considerable number of them will rot over the Summer. Those that do persist will probably not be strong enough to flower well next year.

"Botrytis can be brought under control successfully on lilies and tulips if the necessary steps are taken early and with due regularity, but if you wait until you see signs of the disease it will be too late to check it. The thing to do, then, is to keep the foliage covered with Bordeaux at intervals of a week or 10 days, starting when the plants are only two or three inches high. Bordeaux mixture as a spray is the preferred form, but a good Bordeaux dust is also effective.

"Watch carefully for plant lice on viburnums, roses, and other shrubs. Some of these lice, or aphids, put in their appearance early and should be combatted as soon as they are discovered. Use a nicotine spray or some other contact insecticide. Plant lice are much more difficult to control once they have become numerous. Incidentally, this same principle applies to all insect spraying programs. Aphids usually appear late in April or early in May.

"There is little or no time to lose now if you have perennials that need to be divided, or roses and other shrubs to be set out. Other chores the gardener will want to finish up during this busy month of April include sowing hardy seeds, and preparing flower beds and borders."

Community Spirit Is Shown by 4-H Club

Fine club and community spirit characteristics a rural group of boys and girls known as the Travel Troubles 4-H Club. Members live in the vicinity of Bear Tavern and Hart's Corner and are carrying on projects in both agriculture and homemaking, says Joseph B Turpin, county club agent.

At a recent meeting held at the home of Katherine Hoch, everyone who has been connected with the club during the last year attended.

Billy Hill, news reporter, states that out of a treasury of a little more than $17 the club voted unanimously to make a donation of $10 to the Red Cross. One of the members have been very active in collecting waste fat and selling it. The proceeds are turned over to the treasurer. Seven members recently helped to plant trees in Washington Crossing State Park. During the period from April until canning time, the girls will carry on one of the homemaking projects offered by the County Extension Service.

Present at the meeting at Hoch's were: Ruth Joiner, Naomi Stires, Margaret Dye, Margaret Thompson, Doris Dye, Lois Hill, Billy Hill, Claire Allen, Katherine Hoch, Billy Delay, Kenneth Wilson, Robert Allen and also Mrs. Charles Hill and Mrs. William Allen.

Various Problems In Dairy Industry

Dairy farmers are confronted with a lot of problems this coming year. Probably the greatest one is the labor situation but there is not a whole lot that can be done about it except to get along the best that you can and use what labor is available the most efficiently, says A. C. McLean, county agricultural agent. He adds:

"Another problem is that of feed and those who are dependent upon purchased seeds are going to have a hard time so the individual dairyman should grow as much on his own farm as he can, particularly roughage. Remember this fact—if you grow good roughage you can cut down on your grain requirements considerably.

"To talk over the problems of the dairymen, we will hold a meeting at Simpkins Brothers, Yardville, Thursday evening. It is expected that Dr. George Taylor, of New Brunswick, will lead the discussion.

"The milk problem is getting to be one that is really serious and we need milk to feed our population. Supplies of canned and evaporated milk are getting shorter all the time for they are consumed by the armed forces. As milk is one of the essential foods, it is up to our dairymen to make the best efforts they can to keep up the supply."

Heights Girls Form Club, Name Officers

Prospect Heights girls are enthusiastic about a new 4-H Club which has been organized and under the supervision of Mrs. F. C. Sherratt. Seventeen attended the organization meeting held at her home last week and four more have expressed interest, says Joseph B. Turpin, county club agent.

The girls are interested in all phases of food preparation but will start with the "Pack a Lunch" project which is designed to teach what ought to go into a school lunch and a lunch for a working person. As Summer approaches, canning will be stressed.

The name chosen for this organization is "The Prospect Heights Home Front 4-H Club." The officers are: Lillian Hendrickson, president; Anna Ernst, vice president; Glenora Fisher, secretary; Thelma Reid, treasurer, and Lily Smith, news reporter.

Meetings of the club are to be held every Tuesday at the home of the leader, Mrs. Sherratt. Miss Helen Sherratt and Jackie Hallinger will be assistant leader and junior leader.

Mt. Rose 4-H Club Adopts Projects

Jeanette Sutphen, reporting for the Mt. Rose Community 4-H Club, states that 17 members attended the organization's fourth monthly meeting recently at her home. This is a good size club for a small community, says Joseph B. Turpin, county club agent. At this meeting seven members volunteered to go to Washington Crossing Park to help plant trees. They were: Elsie Wargo, Louella Jones, Ethel Sutphen, Claude Sutphen, Joseph Castora, Charles Jones and Theodore Goeke.

This club definitely decided to carry out a 4-H activity project in good citizenship during May and June. Next month the members will invite the Rosedale 4-H Club to join them in a discussion of a citizenship project and of a community show to be conducted in August.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Elsie Wargo, near Centerville, May 5.

Observe Caution In Pasturing Practice

Nothing will put that good June flavor in milk more successfully than tender, green Spring grass. But, in order to avoid the undesirable odor and flavor which we nearly always get when first turning the cows on pasture, it is necessary to observe caution in pasturing practice, according to E. J. Perry, extension dairyman.

Research has shown that if cows are kept away from roughages, especially green roughages, at least five hours before milking, very little of the feedy flavor will be evident in the milk. This same principle applies to pasture. The cows can be turned immediately on pasture after the morning milking, but they should be removed to a dry lot or barn at least five hours before the next milking. If this practice is followed for the first two or three weeks in the Spring, there will be very little of the undesirable grass odor and flavor in the milk.

U. S. General in Italy Traffic Cop at Heart

WASHINGTON (U.P.)—U. S. Army military police in Italy are fond of one brigadier general, who apparently likes to direct traffic.

Here is the latest report from 5th Army headquarters about this one-starred traffic cop whose activities have been described before. Unfortunately, because of security rules he must remain anonymous.

Private Joe McNary, Philadelphia, was directing traffic at a by-pass when the general's jeep rolled up.

"Been here long?" the general asked.

McNary said not too long.

"Getting a bit tired, though, aaren't you?"

McNary said not too tired.

"Tell you what," said the persistent general. "You take a 10-minute break under the tree over there. Take 15 or 20 minutes and have a few smokes. I'll direct traffic."

McNary did.

Ritasse To Speak For Camera Club

William Ritasse, photographer and lecturer, will give an informal talk before the Trenton Camera Club tomorrow at 8:30 P. M. in the club's quarters in the Stacy-Trent Hotel. The public is invited.

The meeting will also feature a double print competition by the members. The pictures receiving top honors will also be analyzed by Mr. Ritasse.

Edward S. Van Note, the club president, will preside at the meeting. Mr. Ritasse will be introduced by Mrs. Seibel. The gallery of prints submitted will be arranged by Jack Biehl, Lew Rader, Edward Suverkrop and Thomas Sisler.

Garden Care Easy If Planned Right

After the ground has been spaded and raked smooth, no harder work should be required in caring for a victory garden than is demanded of a good housekeeper indoors.

By using head work, muscular exertion can be kept down to a minimum. Once the plants are up, the principal task is to keep down weeds, and this can be easily done by destroying them in infancy.

Weeds will never grow in a garden if the soil is kept stirred with a hoe or cultivator. In loose, sandy soil, a rake or toothed cultivator will do the stirring; in heavier soil, a hoe may be necessary.

Sharp tools do the work better with less exertion. A file should be part of the equipment of every gardener, and the cutting edge of the hoe, or wheel hoe should be cleaned and sharpened frequently.

Wheel hoes have practically disappeared from the market since war began, but many old ones are in use. They are of many types and designed to perform many garden tasks. A small wheel hoe can be pushed down the aisle between two rows as quickly and with as little exertion as a carpet sweeper; it will destroy tiny weeds and break the soil crust with a single quick trip.

Modern practice requires that cultivation shall be shallow; stir the soil only deep enough to kill weeds and break the soil crust, avoiding any injury to the roots of your crops. Regular and prompt attention is the secret of easy cultivation. If weeds are never allowed to grow, their destruction gives no trouble, but let them get a start and your work in the garden will be doubled.

Horses Called Back To Aid Mail Delivery

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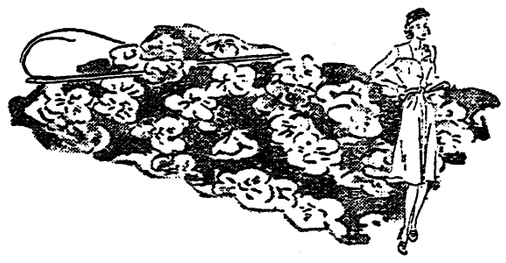
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