

Master Gardener Prepares Articles for Novice Worker

Barrington Review Presents Notes on Horticultural Study and Care

By THE MASTER GARDENER

Maybe your lawn looks sort of ragged and down-at-the-heels. Maybe you're an experienced gardener who knows just what to do but have been putting it off and it is just a reminder to get right at it. Or maybe this is the first year you are attempting the care of a lawn, and with this in mind, here are detailed directions on what to do and how to do it.

Improvement and Care of An Established Lawn

Raking—Just as early in the spring as you can walk on the lawn without leaving deep footprints, rake off any duds which may have accumulated during the winter.

Applying Plantfood—As soon as raking is completed, apply an evenly balanced plantfood. Grass with its dense growth is a heavy feeder—needs a lot of plantfood. The use of plantfood is similar to that of a good lawn is to be secured. You can apply by hand or with one of the convenient little sprayers on the market. If you spray the grass has already started, which is probable, soak the lawn thoroughly so as to wash the plantfood of the blades and carry it down into the soil where it will be available to the roots.

Rolling—As soon as the lawn starts to roll, it is to be rolled in the spring, roll it to eliminate any air pockets which may have developed during winter through alternate thawing and freezing. This operation brings the grass roots again into firm contact with the soil. This is a very important feature of lawn care and should be emphasized because it is often neglected as many people do not have a lawn roller. Clay soils require less rolling and should be rolled with a lighter weight roller than used for ordinary soils.

Re-seeding the Lawn—Thin spots in the lawn should be re-seeded, using 3 to 5 pounds of grass seed per 1000 square feet. The soil in bare spots should be enriched with a steel-toothed rake, then seeded to a depth of twice as much seed as is used on thin turf. After seeding, cover "seed lightly with top soil to protect seed and give it a chance to germinate.

Mowing or Clipping Lawns—In grass lawns should not be clipped more than 1 1/2 inches or more; damage may result during summer weather. A good general rule is to cut your lawn mower so it will cut grass to a height of 2 inches and then mow the lawn whenever grass gets about 3 inches tall.

Watering the Lawn—Never sprinkle the lawn lightly. When the grass needs water, soak the lawn thoroughly to a depth of 4 to 5 inches, even if it takes several hours. Then do not water again until the soil gets dry. Now, seeded areas, however, should be kept moist until the seed has germinated and the grass has gotten a fair start.

Feed Your Trees
Many trees are forced to live in very unnatural situations. Many are grown on lawns where the grass is in competition with the tree roots for both food and water; others have to grow with pavement above their roots and cutting off the entrance of food materials into the soil; some do not receive sufficient sunlight, while others have to live in glaring heat; often, air conditions are not good.

Much can be done to improve the growth of trees and overcome these adverse conditions by adding plantfood to the soil. Well-kept trees are much more able to overcome these handicaps than are trees that lack sufficient nourishment.

A thrifty, vigorous tree is less subject to disease and insects, too. Borers and scale insects especially are known to attack those trees that are now growing.

Yellowish, undersized, drooping, sparse, thin foliage, the presence of much dead wood, the dying back of the tips of the branches—all are signs of lack of food to the experienced eye.

For young trees, the addition of plantfood to the soil that is placed about the roots at planting is sufficient for the first season.

For older trees, a different procedure is necessary. The small root hairs, which feed the tree, are located far from the older portion of the root, and plantfood should be placed a considerable distance from the trunk of the tree.

Spring feeding should be done on the buds are swelling. April is an ideal time. A series of holes should be made in a zigzag fashion under the drip of the branches; the most satisfactory instrument to use is an auger about, but an iron bar or other sharp instrument will do, although more laborious. The holes should be about 2 inches in diameter, and 18 inches deep. The amount of plantfood needed is determined by allowing one pound of a complete balanced plantfood per inch of circumference of trunk, measuring the trunk four feet above the ground. Fill the holes with a mixture of one-half plantfood and one-half soil. Then water.

Usually one feeding a year is sufficient, but if trees are in late July or early August may be advisable.

Cuba Township

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Kealey and children of Chicago were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kealey.

Leo Riley, a patient at Hinsdale hospital, spent Saturday and Sunday with his family.

Clarence Ballinger of Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith and son, Anthony were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Pitts.

Mr. and Mrs. August Meyer of Chicago have moved to their Shady Hill home.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kealey motored to Chicago Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Vogel and Jacobson were Friday afternoon callers at the home of Mrs. Frank Kealey.

Mr. Albert Pegg of Shady Hill is on the sick list.

Seven tables of cards and huncos were enjoyed by friends of the Mothers' club Thursday afternoon. Guests were from Elgin and Fox River Grove. Mrs. Oliver Pitts was the hostess.

Next meeting will be May 14 with Mrs. Leo Riley as hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Schutt and family of Algonquin were Sunday callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Gruber.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Christensen and family of Chicago were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Jacobson of Shady Hill.

Mrs. Grace Jacobson and Mrs. Frank Kirby Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kealey spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. John Petrick of Fox River Grove.

Emma Hager called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James McGraw Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Graham were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kealey.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schumacher and family called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Xavier Schmidt Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hager and son, Gordon spent Saturday evening at the Oral Oberlin home in Wauconda.

Viola Hager of Lake Zurich and Emma Hager were Saturday visitors at the home of Mrs. Frank Lageschulte.

Building Increase in Suburban Area Shows Great Gain for March

The most striking increase in suburban building occurred in March which produced permits for new building amounting to the outstanding total of \$2,723,821.

This affords some interesting comparisons—a gain over March 1935, which had a total of \$1,067,550, of 154 per cent; and a gain over February of this year with \$513,290, or 432 per cent.

In Barrington only one permit was issued—40 Edward Schroeder for the moving of the T. Pechham home on Lincoln avenue further west across Dundas avenue. Included in the permit for \$100 was remodeling and repairing work. There was no building in this locality for February and March of last year was greatly in excess of the same month in 1935, \$4500 in permits being issued.

The importance to the building industry of construction in the Chicago suburban region is demonstrated forcibly by the fact that construction in the city of Chicago itself during March amounted to \$1,937,418 while in the suburban region, in 54 towns surveyed, representing a much smaller population, the total was \$2,723,821.

Following is a comparative schedule of activity in towns near Barrington:

March, 1936	Mar. '35
Barrington	\$ 1,000
Crystal Lake	5,450
Highland Park	159,262
Lake Forest	176,490
Libertyville	6,100
St. Prospect	None
Waukegan	50,372
Waukegan	17,499

Public Service Company Expanding Electrical Service in Rural Area

A review of recent rural electrical development in Illinois shows that the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois has been energetically extending its electric system to hundreds of additional farms.

Last year over 1100 farms and rural customers were supplied for the first time with electricity by Public Service company, and this progress is being extended at the rate of approximately 100 additional customers each month.

The policy on which this program of development is based is that of extending electric service to any farm or group of farmers who will use for a period of 80 months an amount of electricity each month equal in cost to 1-10th of the investment made by the company to serve them. The arrangement enables the farmer to obtain electricity without any investment on his part for the extension to his premises, providing he uses the required amount of electricity. This plan has been received very favorably by the farmers as is indicated by the fact

that the company is connecting more than 100 additional farm customers each month.

Attend State Convention
Mrs. K. K. Lillen, president of the local P.T.A., attended the state convention of the Parent-Teacher association at the Stevens hotel, Chicago, Wednesday and Thursday, Mrs. Howard Harnden represented Barrington on Friday. The national convention of the P.T.A. will be held in Milwaukee from May 11 to 15.

Classified Ads Bring Results
Mrs. Arthur Crosby was hostess to the Countryside Garden class for its April meeting. She started a discussion of "horticulture by listing names of "First Blooming Plants, Shrubs, Bulbs, Wild and Cultivated."

Mrs. R. P. Howland then presented a paper she had prepared on "Spraying and Pruning." A glossary of "Bulbs" was given by Mrs. F. Record.

Two pictures current at the Catlow theatre are also themes developed in an annual fashion.

Robert Donat in "The Go-Go West" finishes his run tonight; and "Three Live Girls" with Richard Arlen, Beryl Miller and Dudley Digges, scheduled to play Friday.

This latter show yarn tells story of three devil-may-care young soldiers, who come from the war to find themselves "officially" dead.

Practically all the forgotten music has been rediscovered in "The Bohemian Girl," Lauro and Harry Muihl-composed for Saturday night. It is one of their previous full-length tunes has the notable trend of focus been afforded so many unusual situations.

Sparkling adventure and romance are skillfully blended in "Destiny," which brings Alvin Dietrich and Gary Cooper together again for the first time in "Morocco." The plot has to do with a sensational jewel robbery committed by Miss Dietrich, "Destiny" will be screened Sunday afternoon and evening and Monday night.

The road show production "Max Reinhardt's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be presented on the Catlow screen Tuesday night.

This three-hour extravaganza combines the majesty of Shakespeare, the melody of Mendelssohn and the mastery of Reinhardt, cast of over a thousand players includes such notable names as James Cagney, Dick Powell, E. Brown, Hugh Herbert, F. McHugh and Anita Louise.

Due to the length of this production there will be but one beginning at 8 p. m. sharp.

The Catlow theatre announces that Jeanette MacDonald, Nelson Kelly, playing starring "Naughty Marietta," will appear in their new singing play "Rose Marie," Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights.

Barrington Hill
Mrs. M. C. Boymer, Mrs. He Hansen and Miss Peck, attended the annual picnic and meeting of the Chicago Athletic club.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold J. Smith are the happy parents of baby boy, born early Monday morning. Mrs. Smith is at Luke's hospital and as soon as she is able to leave, the Smiths to come to their Barrington home for the summer.

Col. John Roberts and Mrs. Johnson left Friday night to spend a week with Golden at Sea Island, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Thompson are in Barrington.

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