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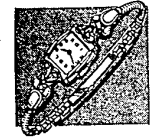
Plan control measures now to avoid many insect problems next spring. That's the advice of Ray Hutson, head of the entomology department at Michigan State University. He says many insect problems actually can be foreseen. Too often, however, control measures are delayed so long that each problem then must be treated as an emergency.

Hutson points out that cleaning up of crop remnants in gardens this fall will reduce chances of serious insect infestations next spring. Removal of all crop residue right after the first frost will deprive the insects of their food and winter protection.

Insect problems that can be treated now include cultivation of land for control of grubs and treatment for the peach tree borer. Hutson says, also, that now is the time to check for heating in stored grain as a sign of insect infestation.

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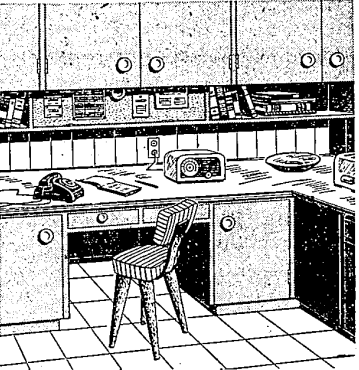
Early fall rains provide moisture needed by the plants in the garden and flower bed to prepare for winter. Why not save this moisture and help check the growth of weeds by mulching? That's the suggestion of John K. Bray, Assistant County Agricultural Agent.

Bray says that peat moss, grass clippings, manure, straw, sawdust, or leaves make good mulching material, and he adds that some florists are using ground corn cobs. A four-inch layer of the ground cobs will keep weeds down and let air and water through.

The home gardener should be careful, however, that the mulch doesn't get mixed with the surface soil. If this happens, there is danger of the fibers robbing plants of nitrogen before the mulch is broken down by bacteria.

He also recommends an application of plant food after mulching, in order to feed soil micro-organisms. About a pound of complete plant food per one hundred square feet of ground area will do the job.

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Fall Lawn Care, Cutting Height Very Important, Says Noted Authority

Cutting height, one of the most important - and most neglected factors in good lawn grooming, is especially vital in the fall season.

The height at which grass is cut can mean a neat-appearing, firm lawn, or it can be its death warrant, according to George A. Hallin, noted landscape architect and lawn maintenance authority in this vicinity.

Hallin, who has done work for such well-known names of nearby Detroit and Grosse Pointe as the Ford, Dodge, Kellers and other famous personalities, pointed the Selfridge Air Force Base landscaper among other major projects of his Mt. Clemens Nursery. His crew, one of the biggest in the Metropolitan area, cuts more than 200 acres of grass a week.

He says the fall of the year is for the future of the lawn. Yet, many people neglect their lawns "shamefully" after Labor Day, apparently not aware of the damage which can be done.

"It's debatable which is worse in the fall," he declares, "failure to cut the grass often enough, or failure to regulate cutting height properly."

"And it's so simple to regulate cutting height, with all the improvements constantly being made in power mowers, such as dialomatic for quick changes of height," he adds.

It also should be remembered that a good "10-6-4" fertilizer - 10 per cent nitrogen, 6 per cent phosphorus and 4 per cent potash - should be applied about this time of year, says the expert who maintains grounds for The Detroit Edison Co. and the City of Mt. Clemens.

For most lawns - Kentucky blue grass mixtures in the north and Bermuda mixtures in the south - Hallin recommends reverting from the summer's two-inch cutting height back to the inch-and-a-half to the inch-and-a-half height.

Fall mowings should be stepped up to at least once a week, preferably twice a week if the lawn is well-established.

And mowing should continue until the grass stops growing - not just until the first frost, as many apparently mistakenly believe.

Tales About State's Snakes Mostly False

Most of the popular tales about Michigan snakes are fallacies, but many of their habits and characteristics are stranger than the fiction we have invented about them. That's the word from a Michigan State University zoologist. Dr. Richard H. Manville has written a publication explaining the many myths about the reptiles.

Extension Bulletin 315, "The Snakes of Michigan," also tells how to identify the 16 species in the Wolverine State. The booklet is free at the county extension office.

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Miss Shipley, instructor in the textiles, clothing and related arts department at Michigan State University, explains that after Napoleon's defeat at Waterloo, interest in furniture shifted to English design. This went back to the classic Greek styles for inspiration.

One of the leading designers of Regency furniture, Thomas Hope, took many of his designs from Greek coins and plaster casts of Greek furniture.

Regency furniture pieces really were functional; this came from its Roman design, points out Miss Shipley. Hope planned furniture to fit the human figure. One of his objections to the furniture of the day was its impracticability. He was a tall man, but even he had to stand on a chair to reach the top drawers of chests.

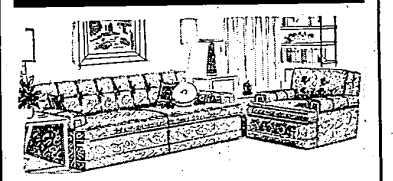
Hope's Regency designs were copied in the United States and were the inspiration for our first noted furniture designer, Duncan Phyfe. The lyre shape, for instance, is seen in many Duncan Phyfe pieces, but was widely used by Hope first.

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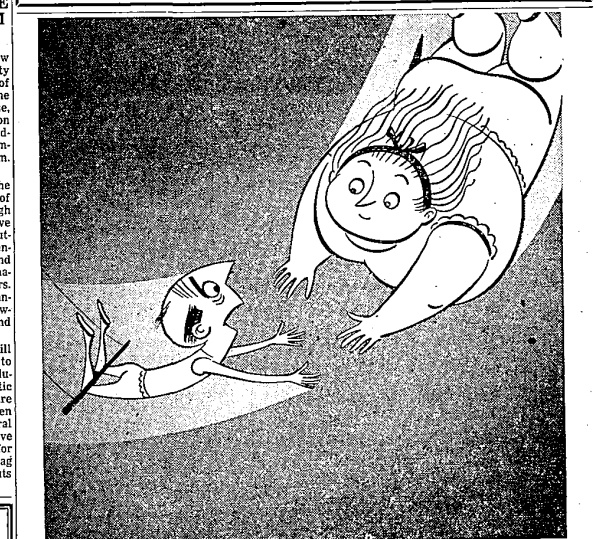


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