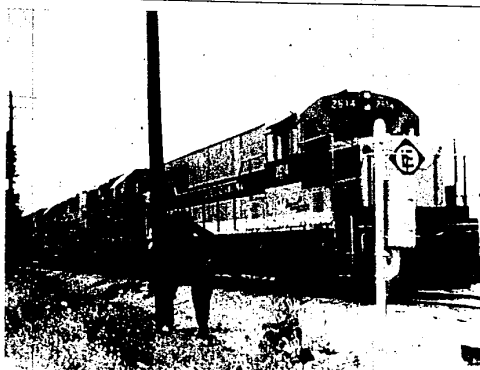


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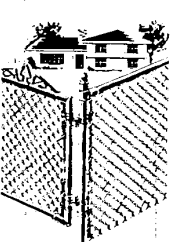
home, the salespeople have an opportunity to collectively gather ideas which they feel will best merchandise the properties. The company plans to include home tours for prospective buyers prior to Sunday open houses as well as a number of other services. The bus will be made available to church, civic organizations or private groups during any unscheduled period.



LOST?? It appears as if the engineer is asking instructions for this Erie-Lakawanna freight train which appeared on the C&O rails Saturday near Joy and Haggerty Roads in Plymouth Township. A check revealed the trains were being routed over the C&O because of the tremendous storm damage near Cleveland, O.

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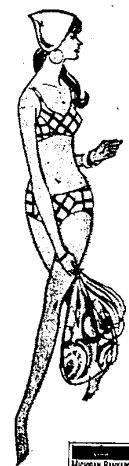


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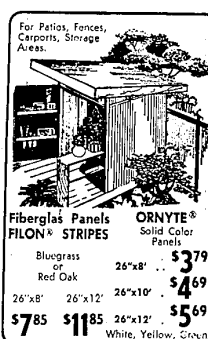
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The Green Thumb

By GEORGE ABRAHAM

Watch out for weedicides! Last week we received four letters from gardeners who injured their ornamentals by using weedicides. As we've mentioned time and again, some of the weed and feed preparations used for weed control can be harmful, especially if applied on a slightly windy day.

Injury from use of 2,4-D weed killers can come about by drift and by vapors. Ornamentals, such as petal hedges, etc., show twisting of foliage, drying of growth and even when tiny amounts of weedicides are released. Around ornamentals, your best weedicider is a sharp hoe and hand-pulling.

CONTROLLING DISEASES: Now's a good time to be on the lookout for powdery mildew on roses, crab apple trees, plums and other ornamentals. Control by using Phaltan, or Karathane 1 1/2 tablespoons per gallon of water, at seven-day intervals. Cover both top and bottom sides of foliage.

For black spot (also powdery mildew) you can use Phaltan or Maneb at the rate of 1 1/2 tablespoons per gallon of water. Aphids (plant lice) are troublesome now and you can check them by spraying with malathion, lindane or Diazinon, at the rate of one-half teaspoon per gallon of water.

RUBBER PLANTS: The so-called "rubber plant" is actually a fig (Ficus elastica and others). These plants are heavy feeders so give them a feeding of liquid plant food (such as 20-10-10) every four or five weeks. If the bottom leaves of your plants turn black or yellow and drop, it's probably due to overwatering or poor drainage. Repot the plant using a soil mixture of 1/3 each sand, peat and loam. Keep the foliage washed off by spraying the plant from time to time. Tall rubber plants can have the top cut out and rooted in a jug of tap water. Rooting takes place within two or three months and you have a new plant.

GREEN THUMB CLING: A reader writes: "I planted some shrubs this spring and so far they haven't started to show growth... Do you think they are dead?"

Answer: Cut the tops back and also apply the fingernail test - skin back some bark and see if live tissue (green) is underneath. If so, they'll come along. If not, they're beyond dead. Sometimes it takes as

much as six months for some plants to break dormancy and show growth.

Green Thumb Bonus: If you're interested in knowing

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