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PREFER CANNING TO FREEZING FOR TOMATOES

Canning, rather than freezing, still seems to be the best way of preserving tomatoes.

According to research recently completed by the foods and nutrition department at Michigan State University, frozen tomatoes are hard to handle and not very attractive. While thawing they leak and after being cut for serving, fall apart quite quickly.

Dr. Pauline Paul, formerly on the M. S. U. staff and now with the University of California at Davis, conducted the experimental work. She found it better to rely on canning for keeping tomatoes and to put individually wrapped tomato tomatoes in cool storage in the fall to lengthen the season a month or two.

In the tests three varieties of tomatoes were used — Marglobe, Rutgers and Big Boy. They were blanched in boiling water, cooled, wrapped individually and stored in a freezer for one, two and one-half, four and six months. All varieties of tomatoes gave about the same overall results. Although none of the tests showed good texture or appearance, they did not deteriorate in flavor, odor or color with length of storage.

In testing, the tomatoes were thawed at room temperature for 2 to 2½ hours, unwrapped, cut into sixths and served at once to a taste panel.

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Homes and Gardening

PLAN CAREFULLY BEFORE DECORATING HOME INTERIORS

A well laid plan is recommended by the Small Homes Guide in choosing home interior color schemes.

The Guide lists four main points of procedure to follow in decorating the interior of your home: (1) Start with a color scheme plan and stick to it; (2) Make a simple floor plan, establish basic traffic patterns and arrange your furniture — on paper; (3) Select window treatments; (4) Select your accessories.

For your basic colors, the Small Homes Guide emphasizes that you should pick a pattern you like and which complements you and your personality.

Whether you choose period, contemporary, or a combination of both for a decorating scheme, the Guide suggests wood paneling as a soft background.

For a truly contemporary setting, the Guide recommends reds and pinks in the living room, fading into soft pinks in the kitchen and bedroom. Orange-yellow accent color could become gold for a background in another room.

"A transitional grouping combining blue-green and green-blue with vivid accent of tangerine is exciting," the Guide says, "and these colors may be united and shaded for integrated color blending throughout the home."

Still another color arrangement, deemed warm and comfortable by SHG is sharp blue and deep violet for major upholstery and large area colors, with bright pink as an accent.

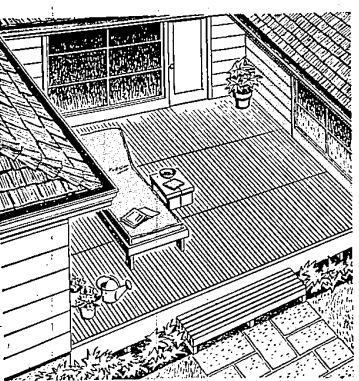
Minor Home Repairs Now Saves Major Work Later

Smart home owners know the old adage — a stitch in time saves nine — certainly applies to home maintenance and repair. The little job today, if not taken care of, becomes the major repair job in a few short years.

In every community we see older homes, some 100 years old, still well preserved and livable because they have been well cared for through the years. Out in Oregon and Washington, homes built of native Douglas fir from long and siding lumber by pioneers are still in excellent condition although in use since the 1880s or earlier.

Sign on the house of a Justice of the Peace — "Are You Fit To Be Tied?"

Lawn Of Wood Serves As Patio



On rocky ground or in a shady area where lawns refuse to grow, a wooden lawn can be installed with interesting results. Made of fir 2x4's on edge on a solid foundation of 2x8 or 2x10 fir joists, the wooden lawn becomes a popular patio and lounging area. Best of all, it's easy to keep clean if the 2x4's are placed a quarter of an inch apart to allow water to run through when the area is washed with a hose. Support posts for the joists should be set on heavy rocks or cement piers and ample space provided for water to drain off. The 2x4's need no finishing, as they will weather to a natural gray and last indefinitely.

Lawns Need Food As Well As Water To Survive Blast Of Midsummer Sun

All lawn owners will be interested in the findings of turf researchers that lack of nitrogen is as much to blame as lack of water for lawns turning brown in mid-summer.

The amount of nitrogen required by lawn grass has been underestimated in the past. Most owners have been satisfied to fertilize in the early spring, using 3 or 4 pounds of a balanced plant food mixture to 100 square feet. It now appears that all the nitrogen in a feeding of this size has been exhausted by early summer, and grass has entered the most trying period of the year in a half-starved condition.

Golf club experts have always fed greens at frequent intervals all summer, using high analysis soluble forms of nitrogen which require skill to handle safely. But amateurs have been handicapped by a lack of long-lasting forms of this essential food which could be used without danger of burning. Even organic plant foods made from animal wastes and sewage sludge exhaust their nitrogen too soon for the lawn's need.

This year, new plant foods will be available which contain forms of nitrogen far more lasting than even the organic. Already on the market is one mixture which, when applied to a test plot in March, was still supplying nitrogen to plants in September. Another new product, to be introduced soon, is based on urea, nitrogen extracted from the air, production of which has been greatly increased in this country. By combining urea with formaldehyde, a plastic, the release of nitrogen for the lawn's use can be controlled so that one application in the early spring will feed the lawn at a regular rate until winter.

While the total amount of nitrogen fed to the lawn must be increased to keep it green all season, and the grass will have to be mowed more often through the summer, the new fertilizer program will not produce such vigorous growth in the early summer.

At this time weather conditions favor vigorous growth and extra nitrogen is not so necessary, yet the plants have used all that was available in the older forms, exhausting it in a spurt of growth which kept the lawn mowers busy but was followed by a let-down as the food gave out. Continuous growth at a slower pace all summer long will be to the advantage of both lawns and their owners.

How much nitrogen lawn grass requires is a subject which turf experiment stations have investigated for the last two years. Merion blue grass, which has extreme vigor and needs abundant food to sustain it, held at top condition on a diet of 6 pounds of nitrogen per 1,000 square feet for the entire growing season. The maximum feeding given in the experiments was 12 pounds to 1,000 square feet, and while this maintained top quality with no signs of harmful effects, half as much proved sufficient.

Six pounds per 1,000 square feet is about twice as much as even well kept lawns have received in the past. The formula on labels which show the net food content of fertilizer mixtures consists of three figures, such as 5-10-5. First is the percentage of nitrogen contained, second phosphorus, and third potash. Most amateurs have considered that 10 pounds of 5-10-5 or its equivalent for the entire season was high feeding for the lawn. But the nitrogen in this 60 pounds was only 5%, or 3 pounds, half enough to insure top growing condition.

The extra nitrogen required need not be applied in a mixture, however, since phosphorus and potash are not consumed by growing grass to the extent that nitrogen is. It is probable that the new forms of nitrogen will soon be available without mixture so that the necessary ratio of this food can be applied alone.

Safer Bumper Jack Now On Market

Changed a tire lately? If you have, you probably used a bumper jack — about the only tool you get with a car these days. Cars have grown bigger and heavier with soft and flexible springs. This bumper jack literally must suspend the frame of the automobile about a yard off the ground to raise the tire an inch or so. Are you safe when you have a ton or two of shiny metal teetering on a red-like wobble while you yank off a wheel? Maybe. If you're on absolutely level ground. But you can be in trouble on a slope or uneven road. The car can fall on the axle. But worse, it can fall on you.

A comparatively new jack, now available in most accessory stores, will do the correct job. It's a three-legged bumper jack. One sturdy leg goes next to the bumper, and the two others stand to the sides and back a little to keep the car from wavering. A revolving screw, operated by a crank, does the lifting. The AAA says this kind of jack is safe.

Begin Dutch Elm Disease Survey

In an effort to check the spread of Dutch elm disease, which has taken such a heavy toll of shade trees in the East and is making gains in this state, 25 trained men from the Michigan Department of Agriculture's bureau of plant industry are conducting surveys for diseased trees.

Last year 5,794 elms were found infected and removed. All were in southeastern Michigan except one, which was in Berrien County. So far this year diseased trees have been found as far north as Saginaw and as far west as Coldwater. No cure is known.

Spraying is in progress in several areas through cooperation of municipalities and the Michigan and U. S. departments of agriculture. Sprays will not save a tree once it has the disease, but they will destroy a small bark beetle suspected of carrying the disease from sick trees to healthy ones.

Dutch elm disease first shows up in a wilting and yellowing of the leaves. The tree is soon dead after symptoms are detected.

A laboratory has been set up at East Lansing through cooperation with Michigan State University. Samples sent in by inspectors as well as the public are tested. A piece of infected branch, half inch in diameter and six or eight inches long, is sufficient. The sample must be from a branch that is still alive, according to C. A. Boyer, chief of the Department's bureau of plant industry. The laboratory may be addressed as the Dutch Elm Disease Laboratory, East Lansing.

Communities in southeastern Michigan, where the disease was discovered in 1950, are active in spraying healthy trees to destroy the beetle and in removing trees that are already infected.

Cooperation of communities with the Department means control of Dutch elm disease, which has taken such a toll of beautiful shade trees and are to be found in so many parks.

Wood-paneled walls will reduce noise in your home, says the West Coast Lumbermen's Association. To absorb sound in the huge UN auditorium, the association says, two walls were constructed of heretofore site wooden louvers.

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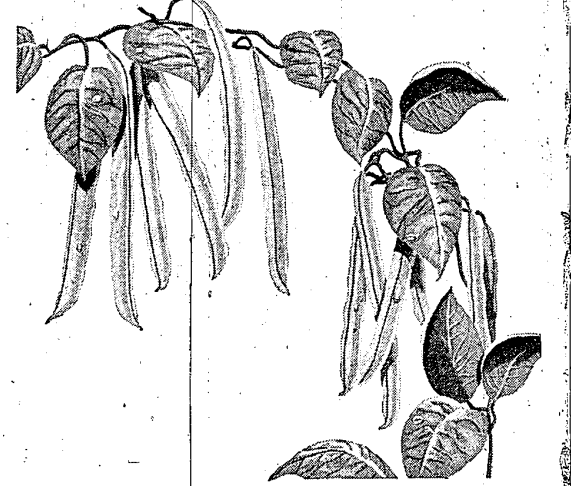
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