

Elm On Honor Roll

Many years ago a young Detroit couple bought some property in the Rosedale Gardens area of what is now Livonia. The finest feature of the W.H. Rolens' "piece of land" was a great elm tree. They used to travel out from the city to have picnics in the shade of their tree. Thirty-eight years ago Harold and Laura Rolens built a house on the property. They and their three young daughters took up residence at 9615 Melrose.



MR. AND MRS. W. H. ROLENS of Livonia display the plaque that designates their more than 200-year-old tree as an historic elm. (Observer photo)

Autumn Seeding For A Carpet Of Green

By far the best time of year to seed cool-season lawngresses — the Kentucky bluegrasses, fine fescues, bentgrasses, and perennial ryegrasses — is autumn. Good weather, a promising season ahead, and a more relaxed job schedule, then, combine to make autumn ideal for both new lawn seedings or for bolstering thin turfs.

That was back in the days when residents of Rosedale Gardens sent their children to Plymouth High School. The two older girls, Caroline and Mary, graduated from PHS. Julie, the youngest, graduated from Bentley High in Livonia. The children grew up, moved away and Mr. and Mrs. Rolens, their gardens and the elm tree stayed on. And they took good care of the old tree. For the past 20 years they have had it sprayed twice a year.

The circumference, six feet from the ground, was 11 feet.

The Rolens sent the statistics to the Elm Research Institute, a volunteer non-profit organization with the special object of saving the American elm from extinction.

In time the plaque was carefully attached to the tree by a representative from the Greenidge Nursery, the company which had sprayed the tree over the years.

An official from the institute estimated the age of the elm at more than 200 years and the height at between 65 and 70 feet.

"There are white and-red elms," Mrs. Rolens said. "Ours is a red. When they examined the bark it was red, — just like mahogany."

ally 10-20 pounds/100 square feet. Acid soils may need liming. A mechanical spreader distributes seed neatly. It will be useful later for maintenance fertilization and spreading of pesticides.

A surface mulch to prevent drying rounds out the new seeding. Only time (and enough watering to keep the soilbed moist) then stands between you and a cheerful carpet of green.

If soil cultivation is not feasible, perhaps your tired turf can be renovated merely by seuffing its surface ahead of overseeding. Powered turf thinners or scarifiers make rather light of this task. They can be rented in many urban areas.

In some states knock-down chemicals are procurable. Best are types that leave no toxic residues in the soil. Killing unwanted vegetation before seeding ups the odds on survival of new sprouts. Just as with a new lawn, renovation requires regular watering to bring up the seedlings.

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Planter boxes full of flowers, shrubs or overgreens bring form and color to a deck or patio, and are easily built of western wood in sizes scaled to the area of use.

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