

home & garden

House Plants Ailing? Check The Symptoms

Now, when some outdoor plants are coming inside for the winter and indoor gardening gets more attention, a number of different kinds of plant ailments can appear.

Some of these problems call for professional care, but many of them will be relieved by amateur treatment following a few tips provided by the American Association of Nurserymen.

Some of the most common symptoms of ill health among indoor plantings, according to professionals in the AAN, are yellowing of the foliage, loss of older foliage, and leaf spots. Here

are their comments on those conditions.

Foliage may yellow because of poor light (in which case additional fluorescent or incandescent lighting is called for), soil that is too wet, or excessive applications of fertilizer which have injured the roots.

If none of these conditions appears to be the cause and the plant has a good root system, then additional fertilizer may be needed.

Spots on the leaves may be caused by too much sunlight, soil that is too dry, or by various plant diseases or insects.

Hairy-leaved plants may be spotted by drops of hot or cold water. Water used for these plants should be room temperature.

If the cause is a disease or insect infestation, specific information should be obtained from the county agricultural agent or nursery garden center.

Indoor plants can lose their older foliage as a result of insufficient light, too much or too little water, or high temperatures. Plants can grow indoors with a fairly broad range of temperature; however, the ideal is about 70 degrees F. during the day and slightly lower at night.

'Low Income Not Cause,' U-M Profs

"An increasing number of blacks can afford to live in whatever area of a city or its suburbs they prefer.

"Conditions exist on all sides to achieve a high degree of residential integration and, in turn, school integration without busing," according to University of Michigan sociologists Albert

I. Hermalin and Reynolds Farley.

The old saw, "The absence of blacks from the suburbs is simply a matter of economics," is not true, say the sociologists. Albert I. Hermalin and Reynolds Farley.

"In all 29 metropolitan areas, surveyed the proportion of black families with incomes of \$15,000 to \$25,000 living in the suburbs was less than the proportion of white families with incomes of \$5,000 to \$7,000. Apparently, a low income white family can obtain a suburban home or apartment more readily than a high income black family," the U-M professors say.

Farley and Hermalin computed the proportion of blacks that would live in the suburbs, if they were represented to the same degree as whites of similar economic status.

"In Detroit, for example, 73 per cent of the white families but only 52 per cent of the blacks reside in the suburbs. If the Detroit area, blacks were represented in the suburbs in the same proportion as whites of similar income, their representation would increase to 67 per cent."

A 1968 survey of 15 cities found only 13 per cent of the blacks preferred to live in an all or mostly black neighborhood, and only six per cent said their children should go to all or mostly black schools.

"We conclude, then, that the current level of residential segregation must be attributed largely to actions and attitudes, past and present, which continue to restrict the housing opportu-

nities for black people," Hermalin and Farley report.

"To achieve integrated schools, without busing, neighborhoods must be integrated," they say. "This solution is feasible in the light of the economic potential of blacks and the attitudes of both blacks and whites."

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