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## Style and Design of Landscape Art

By Franken Bros., Inc.

### THE LAWN

The lawn has the same relation to the grounds as a whole as a rug or carpet has to the main room in the home. In purchasing a rug, or floor covering, it is usually conceded that it is the foundation of beauty for the whole room. Likewise, in developing a lawn, it should be considered the foundation of beauty for the whole outdoors area around the house. The lawn is the basic factor in the development of correct landscape. Regardless of how much money is spent, or how beautiful and vigorous the specimen plants in the landscape planting may be, one cannot have a perfect landscape picture without a perfect lawn.

In the development of a lawn, the greatest factor to be considered is its water-absorbing ability. The moisture absorbed by the lawn comes back to the roots laden with plant food, and promotes continual healthy and vigorous growth. Next in importance, or perhaps, of equal importance, is to create a condition that encourages deep root development. Deep roots have a larger area over which to feed, and by encouraging deep root development they do not become so crowded, and consequently there is less competition between individual plants for moisture and plant food present.

The perfect lawn surface is absolutely uniform. There should be no humps or high places that the wind may strike with greater force and cause them to dry out quickly, thus making a barren spot in the lawn. While blue grass and red top have been the base of most lawns of the past, we are now in a period where the Bent lawns are conceded to be of great merit and beauty.

Where the Bent lawn really predominates over the old-fashioned

seeded lawn is that each variety of Bent is propagated from stolons coming from one original mother plant. As a result every blade of grass in the entire lawn is exactly the same shade of green and the same texture. This gives a carpet-like appearance not possible to obtain with the seeded type of lawn.

Another advantage of Bent for a lawn is that it will grow on a comparatively acid soil. However, this is not necessary. If Bent is started on sweet soil, probably more difficulty will be found in keeping out some weeds and clover, than if it was seeded on an acid soil.

### Feeding of Trees Important in City

By Thomas J. Lynch

(North Shore Tree Surgeon)

Too much stress cannot be laid upon the importance of the fertilization or feeding of trees; trees like humans, when well nourished, throw off many diseases, overcome injuries, and are more apt to be in a good healthy condition than those poorly nourished, for we must realize that trees are living beings, and in order to keep up their vitality and restore undernourished and starving trees, we must replace in the soil, food which the tree requires and which otherwise soon becomes exhausted. You may ask the question, why should shade trees need fertilization, when forest trees continue to grow and thrive without artificial feeding.

There is a vast difference in the environment of our shade and ornamental trees and our native forest trees.

Especially city trees, which are growing under unnatural soil and air conditions. All of the natural food supply and moisture retaining humus, such as leaves and decomposed vegetable matter, are raked and burned, a lawn is established, the soil becomes packed, or paving and walks are installed shutting off the air and water supply, or making it entirely inadequate.

#### Symptoms of Starving Trees

A tree cannot talk, but nevertheless it does give distress signals when the food supply becomes insufficient.

The leaves are undersized and generally become lighter in color, oftentimes becoming yellow; tips of branches and sometimes larger branches die. The tree makes little, or no growth, and unless immediate aid is given, the tree must succumb.

Experiments have produced a tree food. The proper amount of nitrogen taken from various sources becomes

available for a length of time, instead of being consumed immediately; hence the period of application is not confined to a few weeks in spring, but can be applied at any favorable time with equally good results.

#### Method of Application

There are various methods used in applying the fertilizer, the one most commonly used is the "perforation method." Holes are spaced around the tree, from two or three feet from the trunk, to the outer drip of the branches, and deep enough to reach the feed roots.

To prepare for feeding, we first remove a circular piece of sod, after which the holes are made with a bar driven by a pneumatic compressor. From 1/4 to 1/2 lb. of food is placed in each hole, as a small amount in each hole, with a sufficient number of holes, is far better than placing a quantity in a few holes, thus insuring better distribution, coming in contact with a greater number of feed roots, resulting in better fertilization, without danger of injury. Next the remaining space is filled with soil and sod replaced. For quick results during dry weather, run the sprinkler until soil becomes well soaked, and not merely the surface; this will hasten dissolution making it available to the tree.

Quite often trees need more drastic treatment, requiring cultivation, and the addition of humus and more lasting fertilizer in connection with the tree food.

### North Shore Line Starts Summer Sunday Trips

The first of this season's Sunday excursions to Kenosha, Racine and Milwaukee, Wis., will be operated by the North Shore line Easter Sunday. It was announced this week by R. S. Amis, general passenger agent. Arrangements have been made whereby residents in Shore Line communities will be afforded the advantages of these Sunday excursions at greatly reduced rates for the round trip, said Mr. Amis.

Under the excursion schedule, Shore Line residents board the train leaving Church Street, Evanston, at 8:32 a. m., Central Street at 8:35 a. m., Linden Avenue, Wilmette, at 8:37 a. m., Wilmette Station at 8:39 a. m., Kenilworth, 8:44 a. m.; Indian Hill, 8:47 a. m.; Winnetka, 8:49 a. m., Hubbard Woods, 8:52 a. m.; Glencoe, 8:56 a. m.; Ravinia, 9:00 a. m.; Highland Park, 9:04 a. m.; Highwood, 9:06 a. m.; Fort Sheridan, 9:09 a. m.; Lake Forest, 9:14 a. m.; Lake Bluff, 9:18 a. m.; and Great Lakes at 9:23 a. m.

Direct connections are made at North Chicago Junction with the excursion special operating from the Chicago Loop over the Skokie Valley Route, and arriving in Kenosha at 9:52 a. m.; Racine at 10:04 a. m., and Milwaukee Terminal at 10:40 a. m. On the return trip tickets will be honored on any train arriving at the starting point not later than 3 a. m. Monday. The excursion will be operated each Sunday during the Spring and Summer months.

#### GARDEN CLUB MEETING

The Kenilworth Home and Garden club will meet next Monday, afternoon, April 6, at the home of Miss Barbara Erwin, 621 Warwick road, Kenilworth. There will be short talks by members of the club on the recent garden and flower show at the Merchandise Mart.

Mrs. Nellie C. Mitchell returned early this week to her home at 814 Linden avenue, after visiting relatives in Lapeer and Ann Arbor, Mich., last week.

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