HOME AND GARDEN

Plant Food Must Be Complete, Say **Expert Gardeners**

In the carpenter's tool chest, two saws will not take the place of a saw and a hammer, nor can a screw driver take the place of a drill. Each has a definite function to perform.

Similarly, a material furnishing a double dose of nitrogen cannot take the place of nitrogen and phosphorous, nor can a material furnishing potash take the place of calcium, magnesium or any of the other essential elements. Each element serves a definite purpose in developing healthy plants with well developed food solves their feeding problems. root systems.

Most soils are deficient in a number of the essential food elements. Therefore the use of incomplete materials which furnish only 1, 2 or 3, of the essential elements such as packing house tankage, cotton seed meal, sewerage disposal, products, structure is weakened, making it manure, bone meal, sulphate ammonia more susceptible to unfavorable and other such incomplete materials do not give the desired results.

Such waste and by-products ma-

Household Hints

When peas are soaked in hard water they act as water softeners and completely remove all hardness from water. This goes into the structure of the peas and toughens them. Quality is lowered as a result. The same is true when beans are soaked or cooked in hard water. Softening the water preserves the natural tenderness and flavor.

Hardness seems to exert some toughening action on corn, especially when the granules are cut so that raw surfaces are exposed to the action of water. Corn cooked in soft water is more tasteful.

Hard water used in the preparation of beets often causes a whitish deposit of calcium and magnesia salts on the surgace of the beets. This may be eliminated by using softened water.

water softeners which assure the household of an adequate supply of soft water for all purposes. To get the best results in cooking, it is ent time the lumber dealers are urgessential to use soft water.

terials are not only incomplete but are unbalanced as the elements in them are not in the correct proportion for normal plant growth. Since these products must decay and be completely broken down by bacteria before the elements in them can be absorbed, the plants may be half starved while this decomposition is taking place.

The gardener of today can eliminate the guess work of feeding plants properly by using a complete plantfood which is scientifically prepared. Such a plant food supplies in the correct proportion all of the essential food elements. Expert gardeners have found that the modern complete plant

Too often the results of plant food is judged by the growth above the soil. Excessive top growth can be produced by incomplete plantfood materials. However, such growth is usually made at the expense of the root system. In time the entire plant more susceptible to unfavorable weather, diseases and insects and premature death

Co-oprative Buying Reduces Lumber Cost

Residents of the north shore communities who plan to remodel or repair their homes this spring and summer will find welcome news in the announcement that north shore lumber dealers have adopted a program of cooperative buying which will enable them to offer their patrons the best of material at prices far below the average.

Lumber dealers taking part in the cooperative buying project are: the Mercer Lumber companies, 2738 Railroad avenue, Evanston, and 85 Glencoe road, Winnetka; Hoffman, Brothers, 1208 Central avenue, Wilmette; Winnetka Coal and Lumber company, 594 Center street, Winnet-ka, and Builders Lumber company, 1001 Sherman avenue, Evanston.

"More for Your Dollar"

By combining their purchases these dealers have secured prices much lower than the average, and these lower prices are being passed on to the customer. "More for your dol-lar" is the slogan the lumber com-panies have adopted. It is a fact as Modern homes are equipped with well as a slogan, officials of the companies point out.

Because of the extremely low prices of material and labor at the presing home owners to "put your house in order now"-in other words, to "Fritz" Crisler to Speak make the improvements about their homes that they have been wanting to make for some time.

Sells Finest Material

Through the cooperative buying plan of the north shore lumber dealers residents are afforded an opportunity to buy the best of material cheaply. "You get the guarantee of your lumber dealer who is your neighbor and friend and who appreciates your business and takes pride in giving you 100 percent quantity and quality. Call the one nearest you today," the lumber dealers urge.

Mrs. George R. Tolen, 1 Crescent place, had as her house guests last Easter breakfast, Sunday morning.

at Sears School Tuesday

H. O. "Fritz" Crisler, head football and basketball coach at Princeton university, who was to have appeared before pupils of the Joseph Sears school in Kenilworth at an assembly Wednesday of this week, will be at the school Thursday, May 4, instead, it has been announced. Mr. Crisler will speak on the subject, "Playing the Game." Before going to Princeton Crisler was athletic director and head football coach at the University of Minnesota. He was an all-American end in his college days.

Mrs. Chester Lessing of St. Joseph, week-end Mr. and Mrs. Carl Thal- Mich., is making an indefinite stay man, Mrs. A Foote and Arthur Van with her sister, Mrs. Arthur W. Dyke, all of Milwaukee. Mrs. Tolen Osborn, 306 Park avenue. Mrs. Lesalso entertained twelve guests at an sing was called here when Mrs. Osborn became ill.

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