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## HOME AND GARDEN

### Garden Hints

By Dr. J. F. Fonder

Editor's note: Dr. J. F. Fonder, of Evanston, recognized expert on gardening subjects, brings to these columns for the second successive year his highly instructive and practical suggestions to north shore amateur gardeners. These articles, appearing each week, include information on the general subject of garden planning and care, soil and plant physiology and related subjects. Dr. Fonder is associated with the Caldwell Seed company at 1502 Sherman avenue, Evanston, where he makes his headquarters.

#### Are You Using Your North Shore Garden Center?

The beauty of a town is measured not alone by the excellence of its architecture. Wide, well arranged streets, impressive dwellings, massive churches, and perhaps a water front, mean little unless these are supported and beautified with properly cared for plantings. The real beauty of a town comes from well cared for trees, beautiful parks and home grounds that reflect a civic pride on the part of the home owner.

No one person nor group of persons working alone can really produce a beautiful town. The park board can accomplish wonders in a park system provided it is also given civic support and cooperation. But much effort in the parks may be lost if the private plantings are neglected and shabby. Therefore, each individual has a definite responsibility in town beautification, not only in aiding and abetting the park board, but in seeing to it that his own grounds are planted and cared for in such a manner that they will add to, and not detract from, the beauty of the town as a whole.

In every community there are a

number of residents interested in garden problems. Generally there are enough to make possible the organization of a garden club and it is in the garden club that the individual efforts of each member can count for most.

The real worth of a garden club will depend largely upon its sphere of influence. Some clubs purposely limit their interest to problems definitely affecting only their own members. As a result they are of little assistance to their park board or the much greater number of home owners who, for various reasons, cannot become members of a garden club.

#### Center Excellent Medium

The north shore is especially fortunate in the extent and influence of its garden clubs. The spirit of co-operation between the individual clubs is very marked, reaching its fullest expression in the North Shore Garden Center, with headquarters in Winnetka Community House. Here the various clubs hold common meetings every Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. The feature of each meeting is an address by an authority on some timely topic of mutual interest. Specimens of current shrubs and flowers are always exhibited. Lists of surplus plant material from north shore gardens are posted on the bulletin board from which one may choose something to fill in a vacant spot in the garden. Current magazines are there to be consulted, and a small library of garden books. A librarian is always on hand to answer questions on horticulture and help with the garden problems.

#### Free to Public

These meetings are free to the public and every garden lover is welcome and cordially invited to come. This seems a wonderful opportunity for everyone to gather information upon garden questions such as is seldom available in other communities. Such a democratic spirit as is offered by the North Shore Garden Center warrants the support and cooperation of every home owner and garden lover along the north shore.

## Here Are Several Hints on Care of Cedar, Hawthorne

BY ELIZABETH L. MCCAULLEY

If you see on your red cedars hard, brownish galls, and, if after a rain these galls exude a yellow, gelatinous mass, you will know that your cedars are diseased.

Here is only one cause and that is, that in close proximity, native hawthornes or native crabapple trees are growing.

On the hawthornes and crabs the rust attacks the leaves and when abundant will make a very miserable looking tree even to complete deterioration.

#### Start Free

These galls are perennial on the cedars and will live for years if not disturbed, but the fungus lives but for one season on hawthornes and each spring these trees start free of disease.

In order to save both cedars and hawthornes, the hawthornes should be sprayed at once.

The spray to be used and instructions for using were given to me by Mr. Ivan H. Crowell, consulting pathologist, who is a graduate student from the Arnold Arboretum and who has made an extensive investiga-

## Don't Molest Wild Flowers in Preserves!

An appeal for protection of wild flowers in the forest preserves is issued by Clayton F. Smith, president of the board of Forest Preserve commissioners.

"The annual carpet of spring wild flowers is beginning to spread itself throughout the 33,000 acres of forest preserves. Permitting wild flowers to grow without molestation causes further propagation of each species as the season advances. Picking of blossoms ruins the plants and they die. The blossom itself wilts almost immediately, hence the futility of picking them," President Smith, explains.

Signs reading "Do Not Pick Flowers. Others Wish to Enjoy Them," are to be found in wild flower areas to remind those who might thoughtlessly pluck blossoms.

Charles G. Sauers, general superintendent of the Forest Preserve district warns anyone caught wantonly destroying wild flowers or other vegetation in the forest preserves will be arrested and prosecuted according to the Forest Preserve district ordinance covering such destruction. Members of conservation organizations have volunteered their services to augment the regular police force of the Forest Preserve district in keeping vigil and in arresting violators.

"The whole state of Illinois once was covered with wild flowers, but vandals picked the blossoms, killing the plants, until today they are almost a scarcity," Superintendent Sauers asserts.

tion of the cedar rust diseases and their control.

#### Protected By Spray

This is what he offers:

"Hawthornes may be protected from infection by spraying at seven to ten day intervals with linco colloidal sulphur at a strength of six pounds per hundred gallons of water, beginning when the leaves are breaking from their bud. Four or five applications should be made.

"I would recommend including a sticker in the spray. A caseinate sticker will greatly facilitate in spreading and sticking of the sulphur to the foliage."

Mr. Crowell would spray the red cedars late in July or early in August with the same spray. The sulphur is easily used as it is soluble, comes in pails weighing as little as 25 pounds, and is not expensive.

Mrs. McCaulley will give additional information to anyone interested. Phone Winnetka 1675.

#### PLAN DAHLIA SHOW

The American Gardeners' association has set Saturday and Sunday, September 19 and 20, as the dates of its second annual dahlia show. The show will again this year be held at Winnetka Community House. The date was set last week-end at a meeting held by three members of the committee in charge, Norman Matthew, Charles Fisher, and George Brave. The association reminds those planning to exhibit that it is now planting time for the dahlia tubers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Wallace Kerr, 707 Forest avenue, returned Saturday from Melbourne, Fla., where they spent the winter. They motored home, stopping for a week in Hendersonville, N. C.

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