

## Lawn care . . .

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geared to the growing season. Grass plants grow in spring and fall but are semi-dormant during the hot summer season, when weeds and clover flourish. Naturally heavy watering in summer only helps the menace plants.

In most parts of Canada a lawn can be well maintained without artificial watering, except in the cases of new lawns taking root. Grass will brown somewhat in the hot weather, but it will become more green and vigorous in the cooler fall growing season.

If you want a green lawn through the summer, artificial watering is necessary to replace nutrients lost by leaching. The ideal watering program provides sufficient water at each application to penetrate four to six inches.

Guard against excessive watering or rolling of your lawn. The latter compacts soil, shutting out air and disturbing the normal air-water balance vital to the bacterial action which releases plant food. Careful use of an aerifying implement can open soil to air, water and fertilizer penetration.

The weed menace is another concern for lawn tenders. Cautious use, according to directions, of a chemical eradicator destroys the plague swiftly.

Small, unsightly bare patches of lawn can be repaired by cutting replace-

ments from out-of-the-way places, such as flower bed edges. To repair a bare spot the soil should first be loosened, lightly tamped and levelled. Then it is a good idea to apply a bit of fertilizer. If the soil is dry, the sod should be thoroughly watered after it is fitted.

Seeding new grass to repair bald spots is not the most efficient, effective plan of action. New seed requires intensive care and it takes a long time to yield results.

So far this discussion has focused mainly on the "beauty" aspects of lawn care. But the good health of your lawn is a major consideration in maintaining its lush appearance.

Snow mould fungus, a greyish growth, tends to plague grass in northern regions. It thrives when temperatures are near freezing and there is excess moisture in the soil, when snow is melting or there are heavy rains. It can be eradicated by spraying infected areas with mercurial compound or, alternately, by giving the infected area a good springtime sweeping with a stiff broom.

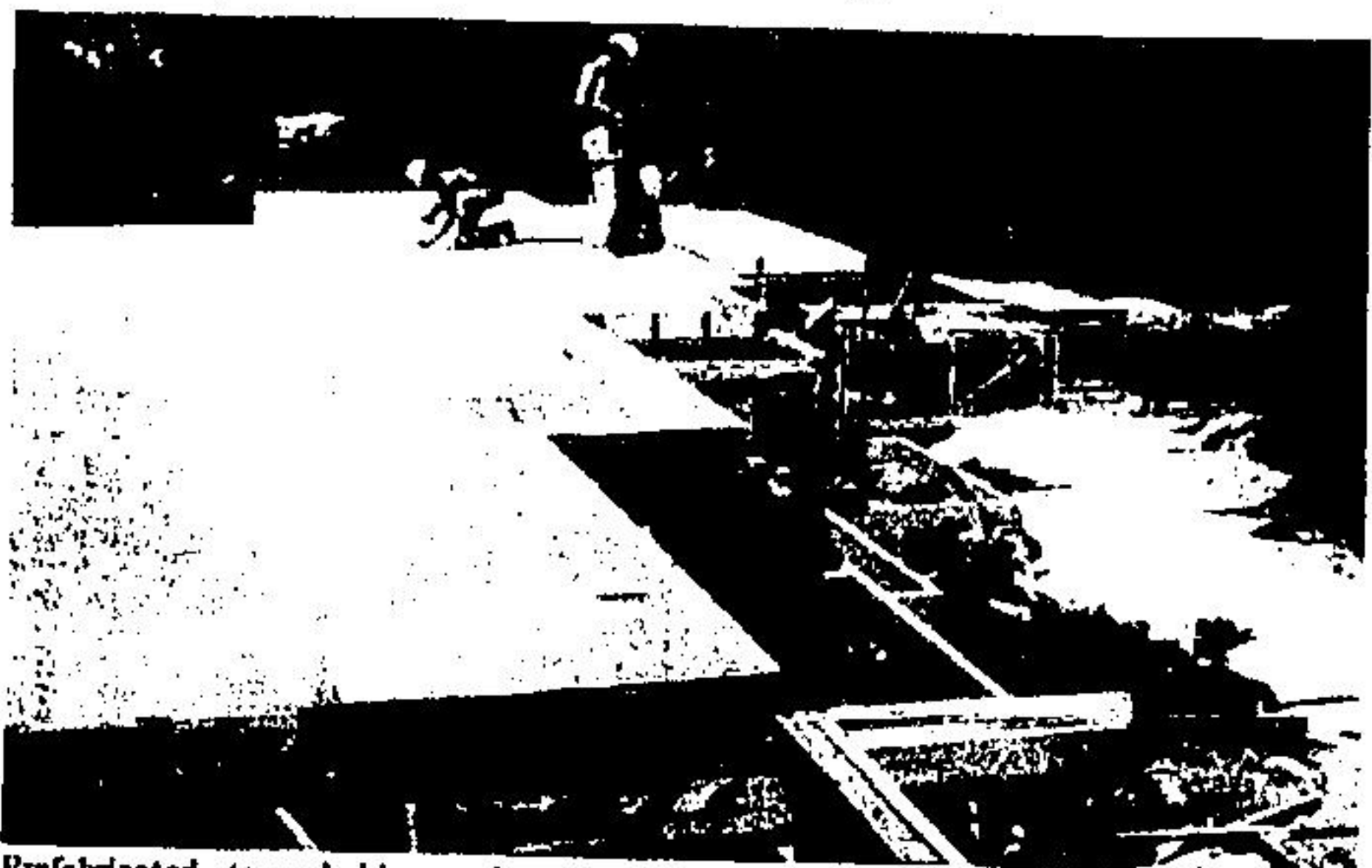
The eggs of "June bugs" are another grass killer. They appear in three-year cycles. The larvae rest just below the grass surface, feeding on roots. Spraying or dusting with chlordane in May or June usually eliminates the problem.

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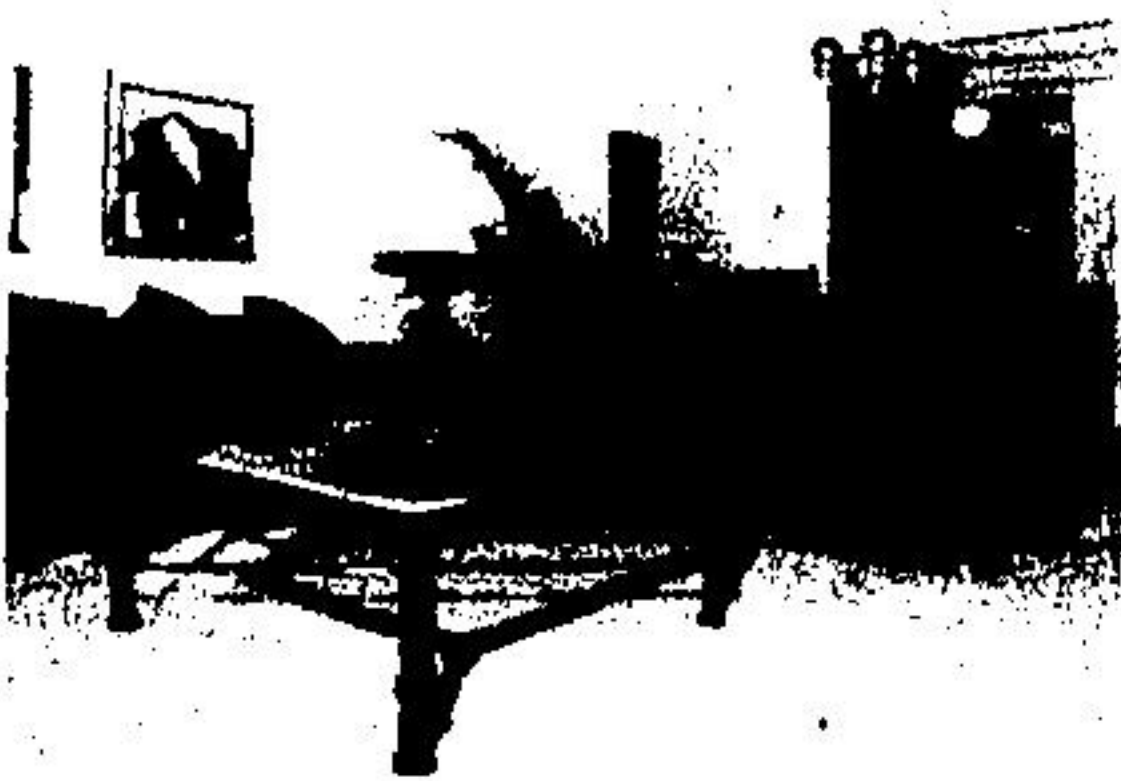
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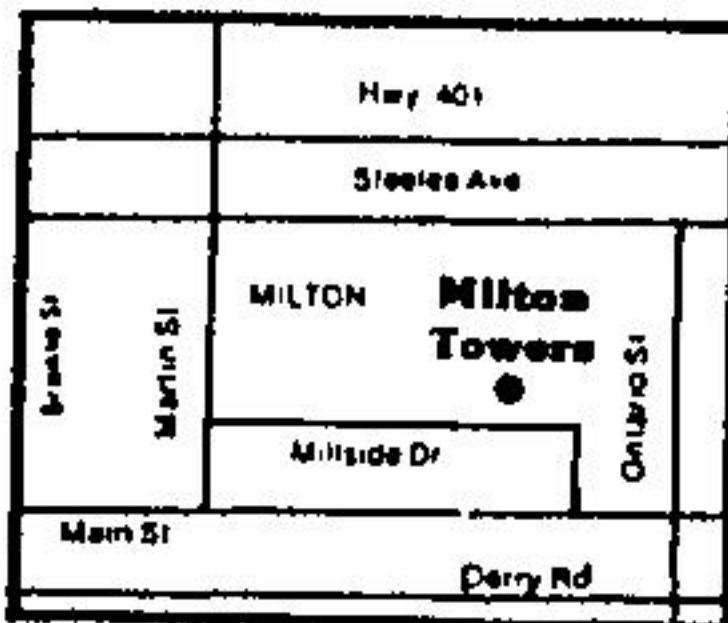
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