

Religion

We must learn to pray more and talk less

By DOREEN PALMER

When you and I are going through a difficult time in our lives, we often wonder where God is and why He doesn't help us.

There is a verse in the Bible which provides an answer: "Come unto me all ye who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (1) Jesus is telling us to go to Him; He has already come to us!

We must go into His arms as little children, asking Him to take our problems. A child knows that his father will help him, and we must also learn to have the attitude of a child before our Heavenly Father. He waits for us to fall into His outstretched arms, allowing Him to work things out in His way.

The next verse reads, "Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me ... and ye shall find rest unto your souls, for My yoke is easy and My burden is light". (2)

Hope for Tomorrow



Our human tendency is to try to solve our problems and, when we find we can't, we pray about it. If we yoke up with Jesus before problems arise, the help is there when we need it. As oxen were yoked together to carry burdens too heavy for one oxen, we too must learn to lean upon His laws and learn to think as He thinks. Paul said, "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus". (3)

As we become concerned for the spiritual welfare of others, we often feel burdened for them. If only we

could realize that anything we say or do must not come from our own wisdom, but may be only that which Jesus asks us to say. Otherwise, we can undo what He is trying to accomplish in their lives.

We can hinder more than help if we fail to realize that only Jesus' resurrected Spirit can win souls into the Kingdom. We tend to overplay our weight of the yoke, not relying on the Holy Spirit to do the work. We must work with Him, not against Him!

When we learn to pray more than talk, we will find the promised 'rest unto our souls' as we see others being quietly ushered into His Kingdom.

Regardless of the cause of the heavy burdens we carry, our answer lies in the words, "Come unto Me!" There is no problem which He can't solve and no burden too heavy for Him to share the load.

Our human pride tells us we can solve our own problems. It keeps us from reading our Bibles and falling on our knees to ask our great burden-bearer what we should do. Jesus is saying our pride must be broken before He can help us.

Jesus is calling to all mankind today to come unto Him. If we fail in this, the upcoming world problems will be too heavy a burden for we humans to carry.

I will choose the yoke. I will fall

into His arms as His little child and tell Him how helpless I am. I will ask Him to teach Me as He promised He would. (4) I will return the love He has shown me in times past, and I will find the rest He promised. I shall never again try to live without Him. I just can't make it on my own!

KJV - Mt. 11:28; 11:29; Ph'p 2:5; 1 Jn 2:27

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Worship at the church of your choice this Sunday.

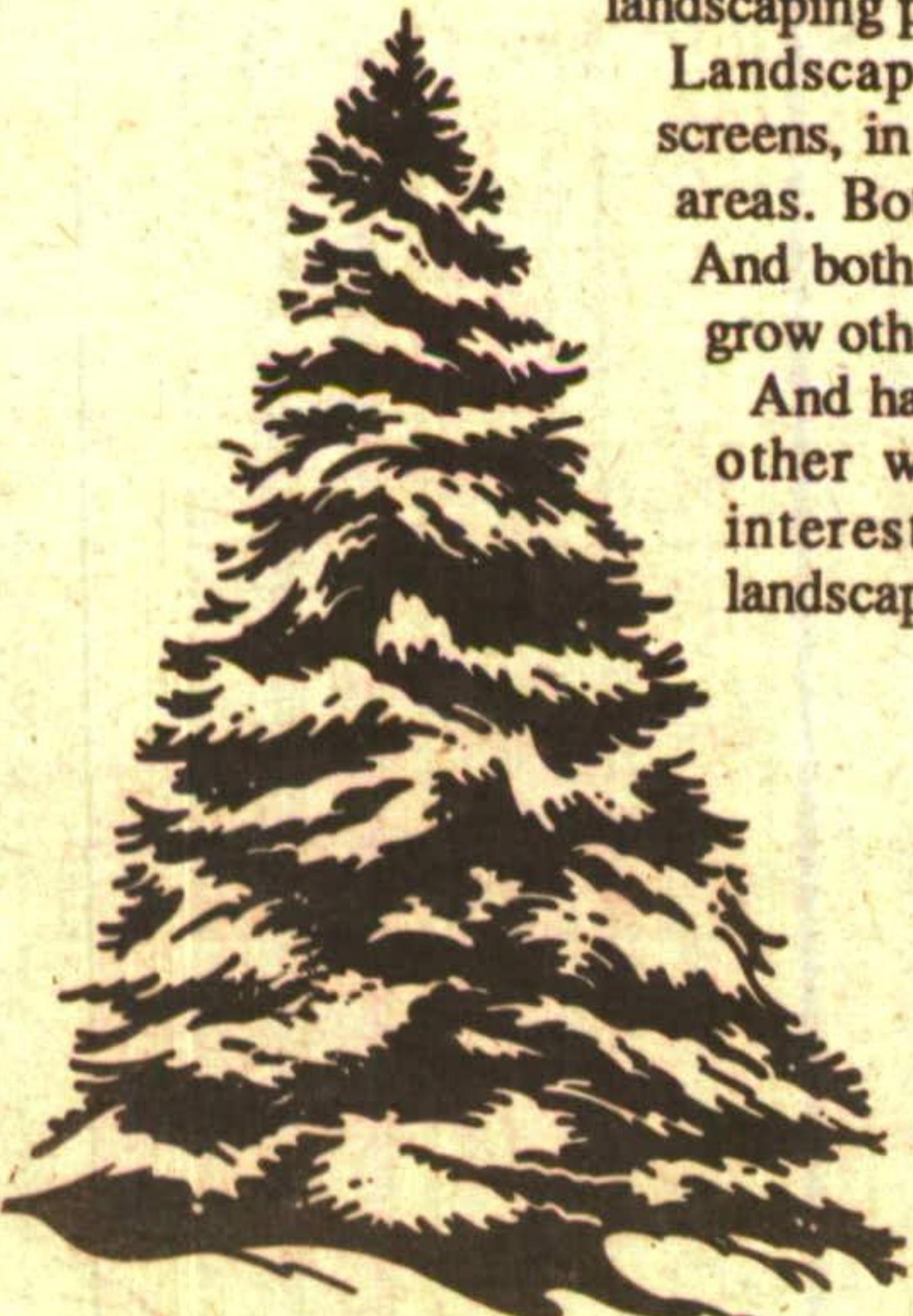
Len Tuitman and Staff present Green Thumb Gardening Landscaping Why bother?

There is many benefits to landscaping but one that is frequently overlooked is its economic benefit. Landscaping can be likened to an economic investment. But, unlike other investments, you get to enjoy the benefits of landscaping while you live in a home. During this time the plants grow and mature to add real monetary value to the real estate when it is sold. Your initial investment grows as the plants grow too.

The investment, as well as other benefits of landscaping, is most evident with recently developed lots and subdivisions. Trees, shrubs, grass, flowers and other landscape plants transform these bare yards into areas that appear more established. At the same time, they blend and soften the boundary of the house and yard (foundation plantings). Many developers now recognize these benefits and make an extra effort to save existing large shade trees on a site. Due to their size and longevity, shade trees form the backbone to all other landscaping. However, since they also grow relatively slowly they should be considered early in the landscaping process.

Landscape plants also make effective privacy screens, in populated areas and windbreaks in open areas. Both allow you to enjoy your yard more. And both improve the microclimate of the yard to grow other plants.

And having a variety of plants attracts birds and other wildlife. Color, texture, contrast and interesting flowers can be expected from landscaping.



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