

**CARE OF TREES**  
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The Tree Surgery profession, unheard of a few years back, has become one of the major industries of the United States. At the last convention, in Cleveland, there were in attendance approximately 300 who were either practicing or allied with it. This was the annual get-together, where ideas were exchanged, new equipment demonstrated, and papers relating to different phases of the profession were read by many well known scientists. Those who attended brought back many new ideas and learned much relating to the care of trees.

The one question "what effect has the recent drought had on trees" was widely discussed. It was agreed that, due to the dry season of 1930, many trees would be killed, and through extent of the damage depended entirely on the condition of trees effected. Trees which had been relieved of dead branches, properly pruned, fed and sprayed stood a good chance of avoiding serious injury, while neglected trees in many cases would partly die or succumb entirely. Serious injury to your trees can be avoided by watering this fall. A good plan is to place the water hose at the base of large trees and allow the water to run steadily four or five hours at a time. In case of severe dryness, the hose may be left over night. This should be repeated at least twice a week and will aid to a great extent in placing moisture in the soil before the ground freezes.

The pruning of dead branches will also aid and will to a great extent prevent an infestation of borers which always follows a drought such as we have just experienced. This should be followed early next spring by proper feeding and spraying. Trees should be checked this fall after the leaves have fallen and defects such as weak or split crotches, frost cracks, and so forth, should have attention to prevent further damage during the severe freezing weather.

Proper pruning requires skill. All dead branches, no matter how far out or inaccessible, should be removed. Cuts should be made close to the trunk and covered with a solution of pruning compound.

Feeding and spraying requires the service of an expert or one who knows the different species of insects and the proper formula of fertilizer or tree food. The spraying also depends entirely on proper equipment and material and the knowledge or study of the insect which is doing the damage. Feeding depends on the proper amount and kinds of fertilizer. A tree can be given too much food. This will do as much or more damage than if no food was applied

and the trees left in its run down condition.

These articles, which have been based on the results of 15 years experience in treating north shore trees, should prove valuable to those who are interested in keeping their trees in a healthy condition.

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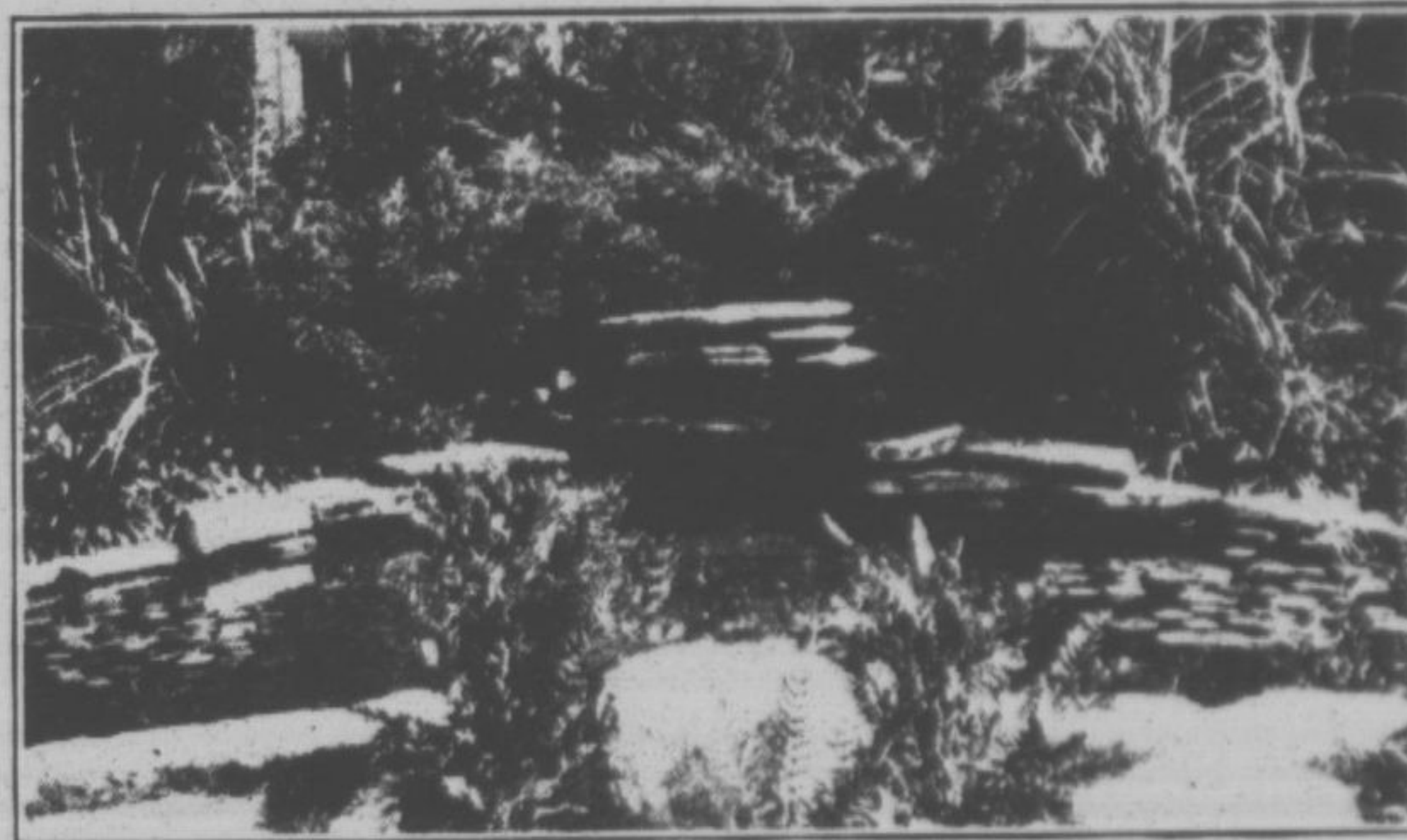
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