

Master Gardener

6. HOW PRICELESS ARE TREES AND SHRUBS

Trees and shrubs are a much-neglected subject. To most people, raising flowers is by far the most exciting part of gardening. And so they concentrate on flowers, forgetting that grass and trees and shrubs are the framework, the really basic part of the garden.

It's remarkable what trees and shrubbery can do for a place if they're well chosen and set out properly. I could show you a fine example in the home of a friend of mine. He bought a rather unattractive old house some years ago. But he planted a couple of good-sized trees beside it, massed some shrubs around it, and got some vines climbing over the harsh lines of the cornice. It's an altogether different place now, and mightily nice looking. This friend of mine didn't spend much money, either.

Pruning Trees

Folks often write me, asking how to prune their trees. Now there are only a few circumstances under which I think cutting off branches is justifiable. One is when they hang so low they're in the way. Another is when a branch hides a lovely view. A third is when a branch is dead or split so that a wind might blow it down and hurt somebody. And one more occasion when it might be justified is when crotches form so close to the ground that the strain of the two trunks may split the base of the tree.

When one of these circumstances arises, remember the following points: Always cut the branch off flush with the trunk or next larger branch, because if you leave a stub it makes likely place for decay and disease to enter. Cut with a saw—never an axe. Begin by making a small cut at the bottom, so that the bark won't strip off when the branch goes down. A big branch should be supported by a rope to prevent splitting before you're through. And when you've finished, coat the wound with paint or creosote.

Pruning shrubs is a bit different, because shrubs send up new growth from the ground instead of out from a trunk. The new canes that shoot up should be given room to grow, so from time to time you should cut out some of the older wood. Flowering shrubs should be pruned right after they've blossomed, and other varieties when they're dormant—after they've shed their leaves and before they bud again.

Feed Trees and Shrubs

Shrubs vary greatly in different parts of the country. One generalization I can make though—evergreen shrubs ordinarily do better in a somewhat sandy soil, and the others should have a loamy soil. But when it comes to choosing varieties for your own place, you'd best get the advice of a good, reliable nurseryman in your own community. Let him look over your garden, tell him

him how much you can spend, and he'll do his best for you.

One thing about trees and shrubs that might few people seem to realize—they must be fed! Year after year they draw eleven different food elements from the soil, and eventually these elements become exhausted. Then your bushes and trees begin to lose their vitality; branches die, foliage becomes yellowed and scanty, leaves drop too soon. You can easily prevent these symptoms by feeding a square meal—a plant food that supplies all eleven of the needed food elements in scientifically balanced proportions. I'd certainly recommend that you do it this year. Your trees and shrubs take a long time to grow, and when you've got them they're an asset well worth protecting.

Boy Scout News

Signed Up For Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan

The interest of Scouts of the North Shore Area Council in Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan is greater this year than any other since the Camp started in 1929. Scouts planning on attending Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan for one or more periods this coming summer should register right away in order to avoid disappointment.

The following Scouts have made reservations for Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan this summer:

Highland Park

Troop 30—Wm. Low, 1, 2, 3; Harry March, 2; Dick Metzler, 1, 2, 3; Truman Metzler, 1, 2, 3; Robert Shanley, 1; Jack Shapiro.

Troop 31—Redmond Green, 2; Bernard O'Connell, 2; Edw. Sheehan, 2.

Troop 33—Michael Barnett, 1; Bill Emery, 2; Dennis McHenry, 2, 3; Malcolm McPhee, 1, 2, 3; James Moon, 1, 2; Frank Musser, 2; Jim Van Ornum, 2, 3.

Troop 35—Nathan Corwith III, 1, 2; Bud Feilchenfeld, 1, 2, 3; Wally Hiller, 1; Frank Hoeckiss, 1; Walter Kohn, 1, 2; Ernest Manasse, 2; Bill Murphey, 1, 2; Happy Murphey, 1, 2; Harold Schimmelfeng, Jr., 1, 2; Robt. Schroeder, 2; Murray Sheridan, 2; Bill Sihler, 2; James Thomson, 2; Warren Waggett, 1, 2, 3.

Troop 38—Herbert Bowker, 1; Thos. Foster, 1; Frank Frable, Jr., 1, 2, 3; Chauncey Friebe, 2, 3; Jack Langan, 2, 3; Wm. Rahner, 1, 2; Art Supple, 1; Robt. Harvey, 1; Hamilton Winton, 1; Stanseld Turner, 1; Arthur Vyse III, 1, 2, 3; Noel Behn, 1, 2.

Troop 324—Herbert Alexander, 1; Robt. Brand, 1; Albert Buckmaster, 1; Ray Danner, 1; David Heart, 1; Warren Hintz, 1; Don Hintz, 1; Frank Krohn, 1; Robt. Lacy, 1; Bill Parker, 1; Edw. Peterson, 1.

Troop 42 (Lake Bluff)—Lacey Johnson, 2.

Troop 48 (Lake Forest)—Paris Anderson, 1, 2, 3; Frank Butterfield, 2; Stewart McCall, 2; Alvin McRae, 2; Joe Steele, 2.

Deerfield Troop 52—Jirah D. Cole, 2; Woodbury Cole, 2; Richard McDaniel, 2, 3; Lawrence McDermott, 2.

Waukegan, Troop 103—Preston Helgren, 3.

Waukegan Troop 104—Arthur Dietmeyer, 2; James Morrow, 1, 2.

Waukegan Troop 105—Geo. Makela, 1.

After the regular meeting on Wednesday, April 26, held in the Lincoln School, the members of Troop 33, Scoutmaster H. Page Beers and several committeemen had the pleasure of listening to an extremely interesting and instructive talk by Mr. Wayne McMillan of American Airlines, Inc., on the subject "Instrument Flying from Chicago to New York." Mr. McMillan used illustrated charts in explaining the various instruments used and the procedure followed in flying and landing.

At the close of the meeting, it was announced that the next meeting would be held on May 8 at Turnbull Woods in the Forest Preserve.

Members of Troop 33, who have signed up for Camp Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan (near Antigo, Wisconsin) for one or more of the three periods of two weeks each from July 8 to August 18 this summer, are Michael Barnett, Bill Emery, Malcolm McPhee, James Moon, Frank Musser and James Van Ornum, Dennis McHenry.

Mrs. Geo. Healer, Sr. Passes on in Texas

Mrs. Rose Healer, a former resident of Glencoe, and well known in this vicinity, died Thursday, April 26, in El Paso, Texas, as the result of a heart ailment. The family had left Glencoe two years ago to settle in Texas. Mrs. Healer was 62 years old.

Besides her husband, George Healer, Sr., the deceased is survived by eight children, Robert and Louise of Chicago, Phillip, Edward, Jack and George, Jr., and Mrs. John Ziehs of El Paso, and William of Highland Park.

Burial was made in El Paso.

This Week in Washington

By Ralph E. Church

Repr., 10th Congressional District Washington, D. C., April 22.—There is practically unanimous opinion throughout the country that the uncertain international conditions make it imperative that the United States strengthen its national defense... that public sentiment is reflected in the rather routine manner in which Congress has passed armament legislation.

Last Wednesday (April 19), without a dissenting vote and virtually no debate, the Senate passed a naval authorization bill for the expenditure of \$66,800,000 on improvement facilities in the form of air bases, submarine bases and such. On the same day, likewise without a dissenting vote and very little debate, the House passed a bill authorizing the expenditure of \$5,675,000 by the Civil Aeronautics Authority in the training of civilian pilots.

To these two measures acted upon this week should be added several other bills already enacted into law and pending on the calendar. Last year the Congress enacted a \$1,000,000,000 naval vessel construction authorization bill. On April 3rd of this year the President signed the military authorization bill for an expenditure of \$300,000 on the army air force, \$23,750,000 for rehabilitation of the Panama Canal and \$36,500,000 on industrial "educational orders."

On April 13th the House passed another naval public works bill authorizing an expenditure of \$38,524,500. There is also pending on the Calendar of the House a military bill which authorizes an expenditure of \$100,000,000 for acquiring stocks of strategic materials essential for war purposes, such as tin, manganese ore and such. On the Senate Calendar is another military bill which increases the probationary appointments of officers in the Regular Army from 2 years to 3 years. At the last Congress a bill of the same character was enacted in connection with the Navy and Marine Corps,

except that the probationary period was made 7 years instead of 3.

Thus, if mere number of bills were any criteria, one would be inclined to believe that the Administration is providing the country with a strong national defense. But the strengthening and maintenance of an adequate national defense involves much more than passing a series of bills. It involves long-range planning, careful cost accounting and careful coordination. A proper defense cannot be realized in the piecemeal fashion the program is being undertaken.

I do not believe a single member of Congress, let alone the people, knows what our armament program is actually costing. In addition to the regular appropriations by Congress, money has been taken out of the relief appropriations and extended on military and naval facilities. There are no less than three different estimates in the Budget of 1940 for national defense. The program has been handled in such a piecemeal fashion that I do not believe the Director of the Budget himself can say exactly what it represents in dollars and cents.

Moreover, there is an utter lack of long-range planning and coordination of the work undertaken. Instruments of defense are being constructed with almost no thought being given to the fact that scientific advancement in armaments may quickly place them in obsolescence, with no special attention being given to a coordination of the military and naval activities.

It is true that Congress has repaired many deficiencies in our military and naval establishments. But as commendable as that is, it cannot be said that a truly adequate defense can be maintained for our people simply by passing a series of bills and spending money. There must be coordination and long-range planning. That is the essential element lacking in the present program.

Much could be accomplished in this regard if the President could be prevailed upon to establish a Na-

tional Defense Commission for the sole purpose of making a complete study of the subject. Such a study can be undertaken without delaying the work now under way. It would serve to give the people a complete picture of the situation and at the same time enable us to coordinate our defense system and keep it up to date. It would enable us to plan for the future in what we do today.

Camera Club of Deerfield to Elect

New officers will be elected at the meeting of the Deerfield Camera club on May 5, 1939. All persons, especially adults, who are interested in photography, are invited to attend this meeting.

It is not necessary to own a camera to join the club. The activities are interesting and varied, under the direction of Tex Wiley, who has had years of experience, and whose work in Lake county during the past few years has achieved remarkable success.

The Camera Club, which is one of the activities supervised by the WPA Recreation staff, meets at the Deerfield Grammar school.

Deerfield Auxiliary Announces Program

Deerfield American Legion Auxiliary will hold a District meeting at Gray's Lake on Wednesday May 10th. Members are urged to attend and the Auxiliary members which are Mothers of Veterans are to be especially honored at this meeting.

The American Legion Auxiliary will have a display of Veteran made articles at the Flower Show this year, May 15th to 25th at the Coliseum. Many attending from Deerfield may be interested in this work.

The four local schools, Wilmet, Bannockburn, Deerfield and Holy Cross have entered the Poppy Poster Contest sponsored by the Legion Auxiliary. These posters are judged in Deerfield and winning posters are sent to Waukegan to be judged in the District on May 9th. Awards will be made on Decoration Day to the winning contestants.

May 12th is Hospital Day at N. Chicago. Visitors are welcome from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

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