



APPLY PLANT FOOD TO ASSIST EARLY GROWTH

In applying plant food to established lawns and perennial borders, conditions are encountered which differ greatly from new plantings and which permit much earlier action.

Plants which are full grown when spring begins — in which class grass plants are included — begin to grow much earlier than most of us realize. They are likely to make their best growth in temperatures which are too cold for gardeners to enjoy.

Early growth is always most important because it determines to a considerable extent the ultimate development of a plant. Just as a well-fed infant will grow into a sturdy man, able to take care of himself, so a baby plant which is well fed will develop a vigor which enables it to forage for food more successfully and to reach the maximum size for its type. Grass plants which are well fed when

growth begins develop larger roots which enable them better to endure the drought and trials of the hot weather. The size reached by established perennials which receive ample food supplies from the very beginning of their season's growth is noticeably increased.

Plant food may be applied to lawns and established borders as soon as spring thawing begins. As the deep frost leaves the soil assumes a condition which has been described as "honeycombed." The surface is pitted, and plant food applied at this stage will immediately dissolve and sink into the soil. The ground is soft, so that the food elements are quickly carried down to the roots of plants to stimulate their early growth. Such applications should not be made on soil which is to be worked afterwards, or soil in which crops are to be grown from seed. It is

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Feb. 20—John Fleckiger, 2 mi. south, 2 miles west of Berne. Closing out sale.

Feb. 21—Decatur Riverside Stock Sale.

Feb. 22—Jacob Saan estate, 3 miles east, 1/2 mile south of Middleberry. Closing out farm sale.

Feb. 24—Kniffelcamp Bros., 1 mile east of Monroeville. Closing out sale.

Feb. 25—Luther Funk, 1 mile east of Pleasant Mills on north side of river.

Feb. 26—R. W. Hovarter, 4 mi. north of Decatur. Closing out sale.

Feb. 27—Bert Marquardt, 4 mi. north of Monroeville, Chester White Hogs.

Feb. 27—Bert Marquardt, north of Monroeville on Lincoln highway. Hog sale.

Feb. 28—Decatur Riverside Stock Sale.

Feb. 29—Wm. Steva, Wapakoneta, Ohio, Fair Grounds, Short Horn Cattle.

Mar. 2—Wm. Eichenaur, 5 1/2 miles south of Rockford, O., closing out sale.

Mar. 3—D. J. Barkley, 2 1/2 miles south of Monroeville.

Mar. 4—David Bollinger, 1 1/2 mi. south of Monroe on No. 27.

Mar. 5—Shaadt and Yahn, 1 mi. west of Ohio City.

Mar. 6—Decatur Riverside Sale.

Mar. 7—Dewey Plumley, 1 1/4 mi. south, 1/4 mile east of Dixon.

Mar. 10—B. F. Barfle, 3 miles west of Monroeville on cement road.

"Well—some of them are frozen just chunks of ice! But most of them just melted away—paying off the creditors of the Company."

"I just can't believe it. It seemed such a permanent fortune."

"I guess money isn't one of the permanent things, after all."

"I'll have to go over everything with Kent—it's complicated with joint ownership. But I actually haven't a penny to my name—till he gets back."

"Of course you'll wireless him?"

"I can't. Don't you see, Stuart? I'd rather starve! When he gets back, Mr. Folsom can find out if there's anything left of my own property. But I won't touch Kent's money."

"Listen, Sharlene, I still owe you money. This will be an excellent time to pay it back."

"Oh, don't!" she cried in a stifled voice. He was surprised at the intensity of her recoil from that painful subject. She got up from the table and went quickly over to her bag for her handkerchief. When she came back she stood beside his chair, pleading like a little girl: "Please, Stuart, please let me come up here and keep house, and model for you. I can save you money!"

"But there'd be talk—"

"I'm not afraid of that. Are you?"

Besides, I'll telephone Marie Lander tomorrow that I'm leaving on the night train for the East. We can rely on her to put that in circulation. Then I'll stay closely at home here—"

"Look, Sharlene, I'll move out after all, this is your house—"

"It is not!" she said indignantly.

"And I won't have you moving."

That's ridiculous!" She broke off to go and look into the bedrooms, and came back with fresh enthusiasm: "Why couldn't I have the second bedroom?" Then at the look on his face she flushed and amended hastily: "Well, perhaps it would be better for me to spend the nights down at the apartment house at the foot of the hill. Could we afford that?"

He did not answer but only looked at her with unfathomable

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