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By Leonard Adams



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**Northwest Gardens**

By JOHN H. HANLEY, Ph. D.

MOTHER NATURE'S PRUNING. At the time this is being written, it is still too early to assess the full extent of our recent winter's damage. In the rose garden, we can but hope that Mother Nature's type of pruning, the dying back of the branches due to freezing, has not progressed too far.

Late February and March are generally considered to be ideal for cutting-back the popular types of bush roses which are so widely grown. Most gardeners are 'light' or 'easy' pruners, when it comes to the rose; that is, they dislike cutting the canes far back, as do so many of the rose specialists who are aiming for prize blooms at a June rose show.

This season we may all be 'heavy' or 'hard' pruners, forced into it by Mother Nature's capers of the past January.

For most gardeners with established plants, it will not matter much that they have to cut back severely to get below the frozen canes, but for those who may have set out rose bushes late last fall, or who have a number of standard or tree roses in key spots in the garden, there may well be some serious losses if the cold has penetrated to the roots themselves.

DON'T HESITATE TO CUT ROSES BACK SEVERELY. If you have to, in order to get down to the healthy living tissue. Best procedure is to start pruning high up on the canes, and follow the dead wood down until you reach living, green and white color in the stems. Watch the 'pithiness' of the canes, too. If you go down to the hard, less pithy, areas, it will help.

'Cut to an outside bud', the authority says, and it is a good idea if you can actually see the buds down there. Look for the thin, crescent-shaped line on the bark, the line which marks the place where a leaf has previously grown. Whether it is distinct or not, the bud will arise from the center and above that crescent-shaped line or mark.

If you are an average gardener, you will not want to cut back the branches any farther than is necessary. Leave your plants tall, or medium tall. That would mean a

height between 1½ and 2½ feet, as contrasted to 8-14 inches, as the specialist might do.

In order to offset die-back, it is always desirable to cut off the branch with the pruning shears first, then to shave down the stub with a SHARP knife. That way you get below the section which is so often crushed and bruised by the pruning shears. The final operation in rose pruning should be to apply a good paint of the tree-heal type to each cut end.

SOIL PESTS. are among the most difficult to control. We have them on many, many things. Consider Tuberous Begonias, Rhododendrons, Camellias, Evergreen Azaleas, Primroses, and Blueberries, attacked as they are by the Strawberry Root Weevils; Cabbages, Carrots, Radishes, Parsnips, and Onions, all of them affected by the several maggots, the "worms" of flies; plants like Potatoes which may be severely bored and scored by beetle larvae and Wireworms; and even the grass on the lawn, which may well fall victim to Sod Webworms, in a similar sort of way.

Relief from all such pests can now be had through the use of three chemicals... DDT, Chlordane and Lindane. Since the U. S. Department of Agriculture has not yet released Lindane for use on edible crops (apparently for fear it may produce an undesirable flavor), one should rely on the Chlordane materials in the vegetable garden. Among the ornamentals in the list above, and many others, it is not only perfectly safe, but also highly resistant to use Chlordane PLUS Lindane and DDT.

GARDENING BRIEFS. Soil dusts help a lot in ridding the garden of Thrips, which over-winter in the soil surface.... Time for getting in a gladiolus planting. Space the glad plantings out at four-week intervals, beginning now and extending into June. You'll have a long, long flowering period that way....

Though September is probably our best month for putting in the new lawn, most of us do it in spring. Remember that the preparation period is about the last op-

portunity you will have to work the soil deeply, so get a good amount of fertilizer and organic matter dug or tilled in thoroughly before the seed is sown....

When growing your own cabbage plants, be sure to space them out four inches in the flat. Too many early cabbages run up to flower, without heading, if they are crowded. Soil dusts should be incorporated into the soil of the transplant flats, as well as into the garden soil, to protect against root maggots....

Thunberg's is the earliest flowering of the Spirea, a delicate, graceful thing.... True Cedars like Deodar and Atlas are wonderful for the home landscape, but plant them away from the house so they will have plenty of room to show their fullest beauty.

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**Vaccines Lessen
Inevitability Of
Childhood Ills**

At one time, many parents felt that certain diseases common to childhood were inevitable, faced them resignedly, and felt anxious to "get them over with as far as their children were concerned."

But the development and use of vaccines for immunization have now made some of these illnesses unnecessary. Moreover, most people realize to day that exposing very young children to these diseases may "help get them over with," but may also endanger the health and life of the child. Doctors feel that the longer in a child's life these diseases can be postponed, the better chance he has to ward off their harmful after-effects.

Whooping cough is a "common childhood disease" which is a special threat to very young children. It is estimated that one out of 10 babies under one year of age who develop whooping cough dies. During the second year, one out of 20 whooping cough victims dies. As the child grows older, the chances of his dying from whooping cough grow less and less.

A disease easily spread from person to person, whooping cough is caused by a germ which lodges in the nose or throat and sets up infection. Its victim suffers fever, running nose, and his coughing is accompanied by the characteristic "whoops" which make his breathing difficult and which give the disease its name. Dangerous in itself, whooping cough also can leave a child vulnerable to pneumonia, pleurisy, influenza, and even pulmonary tuberculosis.

The best way to avoid whooping cough is to avoid contact with those who have it. The danger of exposing infants and small children to the disease cannot be over-emphasized.

But it is not always possible to know when someone has whooping cough, since the disease can be transmitted even before its characteristic symptoms appear. To safeguard the infant, as far as possible, from whooping cough, doctors advise that a child be vaccinated against the disease between the third and ninth month of his life.

If given at least three months before exposure, the vaccine for whooping cough prevents the disease in the great majority of children vaccinated. The remainder, if they do get whooping cough, get it in a much milder form than they would if they had not been vaccinated.

The early symptoms of whooping cough are often ignored or neglected since they are similar to those of a common cold. These first signs include a running nose, reddening eyes, dry cough, and a slight fever.

The child who shows the slightest symptoms of whooping cough should be put to bed without delay and the doctor called immediately. Prompt medical care will give the child his best chance of avoiding serious complications and may even mean saving his life.

This column is prepared by Washington County T. B. & Health Association, Inc.

READERS SAY ...**CVA APPROVAL NEEDS
ANALYSIS AND STUDY**

Dear Editor:

Your coverage of the Washington County T. B. and Health, last issue was good and your dress-up of my article was A 1. I do thank you.

Your editorial AEC-Pattern for CVA? is appreciated for I followed that Newspaper-Richland case from its inception. You have restated the case quite logically from the publishing angle as well as the CVA from all angles.

It has long been my contention that, of course, we are interested in a CVA but not necessarily the CVA bill pending, and that before we lose our heads and "be for" any thing just because some one produces a pretty picture, we should study the issue, analyze from all angles, and then ask more questions for the C. V. A. after all is misleading until one gets at the root of the evil.

Senator Morse's speech in the Senate Oct. 14, 1949 on the C. V. A. and S 2108 in which he incorporates the Hoover Commissions report is as clearly set forth as any thing that I have read.

I am wondering if by chance you have had the congressional record of that speech?

Again I say, Well done and thank you.

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