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TOPPING AND FERTILIZING STRAWBERRIES

By Gordon G. Brown

It is advisable that strawberry growers begin topping their plants within a very short time. This is especially true for strawberry growers in the Lower Valley where plants are considerably more advanced than is true of the Upper Valley.

All of the principles evolved in the topping of strawberries are not thoroughly understood. In many cases cutting off the tops and burning will eliminate certain insect pests and diseases. However, this is not a usual factor under Hood River conditions. The main object to be obtained is to stimulate new leaf growth and by so doing, store up plant food on the crowns for next year's crop. Just where the old leaves cease to function in the most favorable manner for this storage of plant food is more fully understood. It is regarded that as long as old leaves remain green, they are capable of doing this. It is apparent however, that leaves begin to discolor and dry up shortly after the picking season. In this case it is desirable that new foliage be developed as rapidly as possible.

For the past three years the writer has been experimenting with this problem. It has been found that best results are secured when the topping is done comparatively soon after the crop has been harvested. Highest yields and larger sizes of subsequent crops have been associated with plants that have been topped not later than two or three weeks after picking has finished. It has also been observed that cultivation is facilitated by such topping, and that the hoe may be brought into use close up to the plants. This is essentially economical and satisfactory for cultivation and weed eradication. The saving in the topping expense, even though results from such practices were satisfactory, would be far over balanced by the extra expense in cultivation under such unfavorable conditions.

During the latter part of the 1921 picking season on a four year old patch, it was observed that a heaped backlog from plants not topped required as many pickers, whereas the top plants required only 94. The berries in cases were small but the difference between the different treatments were quite apparent. This year the results were even more striking in favor of early topping. The plants which were topped during the middle of August put on a late growth, but did not nearly approach the size of plants which were topped early. It was furthermore observed that the development of the crowns from plants not topped and those which were topped late was much less satisfactory than the other plants. The influence of topping therefore seems to be very clear.

It is advisable that the fertilizer requirements of strawberry plants receive early attention, especially where a complete fertilizer is to be used. It has been the recommendation of the writer that at least 500 pounds of 6-8-4 fertilizer be used per acre annually. Two hundred and fifty pounds of this should be used in early spring and the balance after the topping season. It is desirable that this be applied right away rather than later in the fall as many growers practiced. We want the growth to take place now. This fertilizer is made up to a large extent by nitrate of soda, or sulphate of ammonia which is very readily soluble. It is apparent, therefore, that after this is put on late in the fall, much of it will be leached out before the following spring. This, of course, would not apply to the superphosphate and potash contained therein. We want the berry growers' fertilizer requirements should be made known at once to the purchasing agent, in order that the fertilizer may be available promptly. This fertilizer is applied in the same manner to the plants in a similar manner to that which obtains for spring application.

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Young Thomson, who has displayed an interest in mechanics since the days of small boyhood, built his receiving apparatus entirely. He purchased his material with his own money, and in three weeks' time he was tuning in each evening and picking up concerts all the way from the great broadcasting station at Avalon, Calif., to Great Falls, Mont. He has heard Portland but one. He has tuned in, however, on Seattle.

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The Baptist Church

We offer the following course of Bible studies: Sunday 10 a. m. at the Sunday school, the Gospel of Luke; 11 a. m., at the morning worship, address on I Corinthians; at 6 p. m., Junior B. Y. P. U., here and there in the Bible; at 7 p. m., Senior B. Y. P. U., history of Israel; 8 p. m., at the evening worship, addresses on Revelation; Wednesday, 8 p. m., at the prayer meeting, conversations on the Prophecies. On special occasions there will be special subjects, as for instance next Sunday at 11 a. m., when instead of the regular course the subject will be: "The Christ of the Gospel."
C. R. Delepine, Pastor.

St. Mary's Catholic Church

An approximate 65 children of Hood River and other Lower Valley points and Parkdale and Dee are making preparations for their first Holy Communion at St. Mary's Catholic church Sunday, July 23. Rt. Rev. Joseph F. McGrath, bishop of the Baker diocese, will visit the parish on that date, when, following the communion service he will administer the sacrament of confirmation to a class of 45. Bishop McGrath will deliver a sermon on "The Holy Communion."

The single mass the Sunday of the Bishop's visit will begin at 9 o'clock. No services will be held on that Sunday at Parkdale.

Christian Church

Although the pastor, Rev. Hanna, will be away for the remainder of this month, services will be conducted as usual at the First Christian church. Next Sunday Rev. C. F. Swander will fill the pulpit. Sunday school and Christian Endeavor will be held as usual.

Asbury M. E. Church

Minister, Gabriel Sykes.
Rev. D. H. Leech, of Portland, superintendent of the Asbury M. E. church next Sunday at 11 a. m. The Young Peoples' Society will hold its meeting at 8 p. m.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church

Services have been discontinued throughout July and August. The Guild Auxiliary, however, will remain active. The members have undertaken to feed a child in the Near East for a year. A silver tea, for the benefit of the Near East Relief, will be held at the home of Mrs. F. G. Hutchinson Friday afternoon, July 21.

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Regular services at 10.45. Sunday school at 9.45. Ladies' Aid will hold a bake sale July 22 at the Book & Art Store. The ice cream social of the Y. P. S. will first be held Friday, July 23, at 7.30. Celebration of Holy Communion July 23.
P. Hilgendorf, Pastor.

M. M. HILL HEADS NEW DEE DISTRICT

The recently elected directorate of the Dee Irrigation District met Monday and elected M. M. Hill president. Other members of the board are Leroy Childs and E. H. Greene. The directorate elected Geo. R. Wilbur secretary.

The new district covers an approximate 2,000 acres in the Dee Flat district. Formalities are now being completed with preparatory to voting on a bond issue of \$75,000, the most of which will be utilized in purchasing the system of the Dee Power & Irrigation Co. The bond election will occur some time in September.

The district directors, who will hold their sessions at Mr. Wilbur's office in the Eliot building, will meet the first Monday of each month.

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