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The red tulips which I planted around our mailbox have all come up and I find them very pleasing.

If they bloom, surely other flowers will bloom also and I can finally stop making sugar water to feed the bees. I'm tired of finding the sugar bag empty when I need some for a rhubarb pie.

Each Spring I watch for the wild canaries to come to our meadow. One of my most remembered mental pictures is of a small willow tree overhanging the creek and loaded with "salad birds." These cheery songsters were filling the air with their lovely song. And, their yellow-green color was a sight to remember.

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If you should hear a bump or a thump at our house, don't think somebody dropped something. It is much more likely that one of the children is practicing a headstand or some other gymnastic feat. Even cheerleading is indulged in beside the kitchen table or in front of the piano.

You wouldn't think they had a big yard and acres of grass to bounce around on and practice. But, I suppose this old house has jarred many times in the past and will stand a few more. At least they don't rattle the windows, the way that dynamite blasts at a local quarry do.

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We are all aware of our own personal frustrations. But somehow we find it difficult to

realize that all people share common problems.

A piece of farm machinery that is needed breaks down twice in the same day; then the furnace springs a leak and the dryer won't shut off. The ants spread from the flower pot on the windowsill to a marshmallow on a nearby table. The cows get into the yard again.

Oh, life on the farm can be frustrating or rewarding but never dull.

Oscar Kennedy Named to Holstein Marketing Staff

Oscar W. Kennedy, Jr., Mechanicsville, Va. has been named marketing coordinator for the International Marketing Service of Holstein-Friesian Services, Inc. effective May 1.

In making the announcement, executive vice president Charles Larson indicated that Kennedy will be working closely with C. T. Barns Jr, director and Howard Hansen, assistant director in International Marketing for HFS, Inc., a subsidiary of Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

In his position, Kennedy will work in all areas of Holstein export activities including responsibilities at Services headquarters in Vermont plus promotion and order procurement overseas.

Kennedy brings broad experience to this newly created position on the HFS, Inc. staff.

Damp Weather Triggers Fungus Outbreaks On Trees and Shrubs

Warm, wet and cloudy April weather can be a villain to those greening ornamental shrubs around your home or those blooming fruit trees in your home or commercial orchard.

Such conditions favor rapid growth of appearance-spoiling fungus diseases like scab, cedar rust and powdery mildew, according to Dr. Leslie O. Weaver, Extension plant pathologist at the University of Maryland's campus.

Dr. Weaver noted, for instance, that apple scab fungus already has mature spores in the old, over-wintered leaves. These spores are released into the air and become a primary source of infection during warm, wet periods.

He cautioned homeowners and commercial orchardists alike to begin a spray protection program before fungus diseases get a headstart.

"Many persons believe it does no good to spray before a rain, but this is not true. If the fungicide is there when the rain begins, most of the released spores will never be able to establish themselves, and the tree or shrub will be protected."

Fix-It Tip

Place a piece of heavy aluminum foil between the seat cushion and the spring on each patio chair to prevent unsightly metal rust stain on the seat cushions. The foil works perfectly on the chaise lounge springs, too. Protect the outdoor pillows from rain and dew by removing the decorative cover, wrapping the inner pillows in heavy foil, sealing the edges tightly with a double fold, then putting the decorative cover back on.

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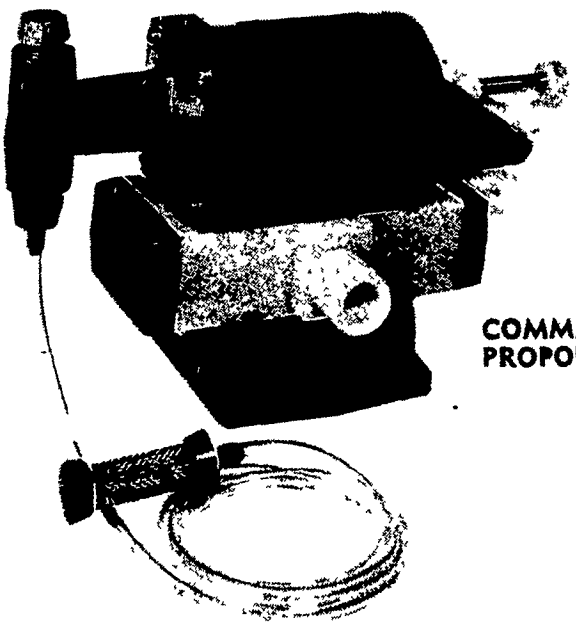
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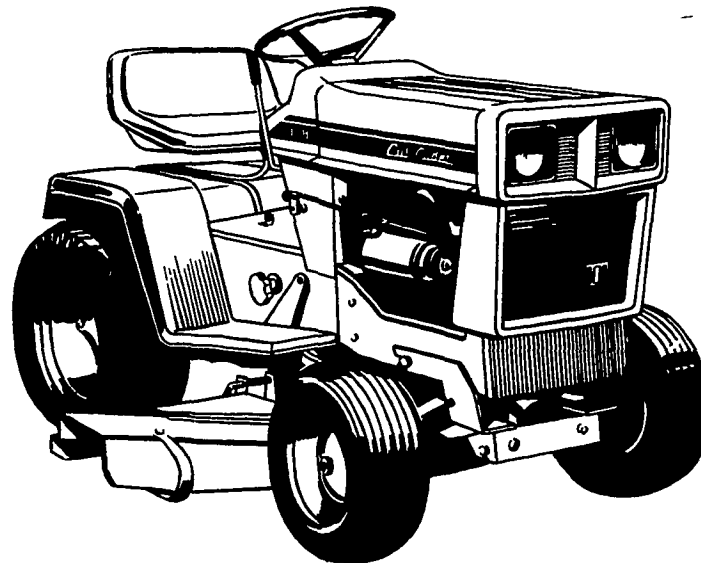


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