

Conservation speaker

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reward the conservation farmer.

The "green ticket" idea

would be a way of deciding how a farmer could qualify for conservation incentives. Each conservation district can, within its current

authorities under state law, establish minimum standards for proper conservation treatment, based on the soil type and other factors, for each type of land use common in the district. Districts now enter into cooperative agreements with land users wherein the land user agrees to carry on a conservation program and the district agrees to provide assistance as available. The logical next step is for the district and cooperator to agree on the type of conservation system needed and feasible on the cooperator's land, and establish a method of annual reporting on that system.

He continued on the subject, telling that farmers who volunteer to cooperate in the program would be issued a "green ticket" each year upon the district's determination that the conservation agreement was being upheld by the land user. This "ticket" would serve to qualify the farmer for the conservation incentives.

Spray lilacs for mildew

FLEMINGTON, N.J. - This has been a bad year for powdery mildew disease on lilac bushes, says Robert Schutski, County Extension Agent, New Jersey.

The disease makes the leaves roll and turn gray. Unroll a leaf and you'll see a white surface.

Look closely, suggests Mr. Schutski and you'll see many tiny black dots. These are bundles of spores or microscopic seeds of powdery mildew.

You'll waste your time spraying now, he says. But if you'd like to control the disease next year, try one of

He further stated what he thought might be some ideas of what the incentives might be.

One possibility is the USDA Crop Insurance Program. There is a new proposal in Congress that would base insurance rates on the actual risk incurred by each farmer. Conservation farmers incur less risk by using the land within its capabilities, so they could pay lower premiums.

Federal income tax credits would be another incentive. These would be particularly helpful in years when farm prices are up and there is the temptation to bring unsuitable land into production.

Price support programs could have a price bonus and the USDA farm loan programs could have an interest rate differential. Air and water pollution programs could recognize green ticket farmers as having met the requirements for pollution control.

He summed up his speech by telling that the Conservation Districts are going to be challenged in the future to assume responsibility and to take care of the needs. The

the benomyl products. The spray should be applied during July and August at 2-week intervals.

Even if you don't spray, you'll get flowers every year, because this leaf disease does not show up until later in the Summer.

Leaves become infected early in the Summer, but don't curl until fall.

For more information on the control of this disease as well as other diseases in the flower garden ask your county agricultural agent for the Extension Leaflet 328-F, "Tree, Shrub and Flower Pest Control."

Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser



Sometimes it seems as though life is made up of "little" things rather than "big" things. Surely births, deaths and weddings have an important place in our life, but what about the thousands of days filled with "little" things.

When these "little" things become too numerous, then I reach for a pencil and make a list of all the undone jobs that are whirling around in my head. The other week was such a time as I listed some twenty things to be done that day. Actually, two of the bigger jobs didn't get done until the next day. But crossing off such things as changed water on goldfish, burned trash, sewed on button, swept porches and fed cats made me feel as though I was accomplishing something. Then I felt more like tackling the bigger jobs like vacuuming the four

bedrooms, doing the week's wash, ironing and canning plums.

I even found time to clip some articles from the newspaper for my children who don't live at home and to husk the basket of popcorn which I grew this year. As the list narrowed down to a few items, I realized that the swiss chard would have to be frozen another day and that I couldn't possibly pick the grapes and make juice and jelly until the next day either.

In fact one item was "hoe garden", and that is one that I've decided does not even need to be done. I'll just pull a few weeds here and there as I gather the vegetables and let the rest take care of themselves. One of the joys of Fall is the gathering of the eighteen vegetables that are still growing in my garden and reaping the harvest of all my hard work.

Arborvitae, White Pine shed needles naturally

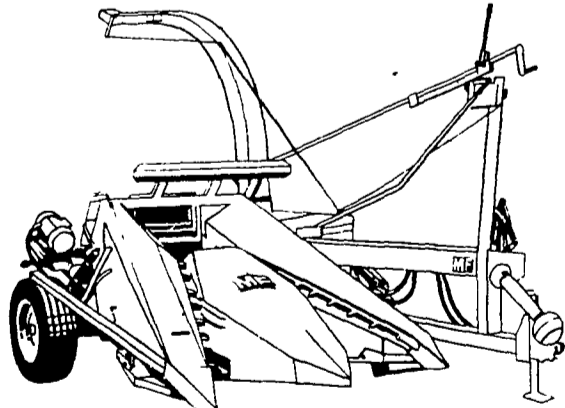
FLEMINGTON, N.J. - Don't worry if the inside needles of your white pine and arborvitae trees turn brown and drop off because it's a normal occurrence, says Robert E. Schutski of the New Jersey Cooperative Extension Service.

The dropping of new green

needles is a different story. This could be caused by damage by insects, too little light, air pollution or a need for extra food.

Evergreen needles should be left where they fall. They provide an excellent mulch for both Winter and Summer.

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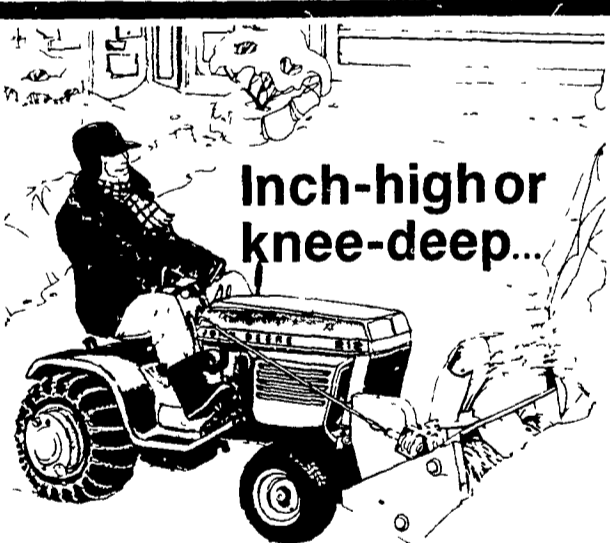
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future conservation policies will depend on the commitment of the people, the state commitment, and the federal government commitment, as well as the understanding and support of the programs.

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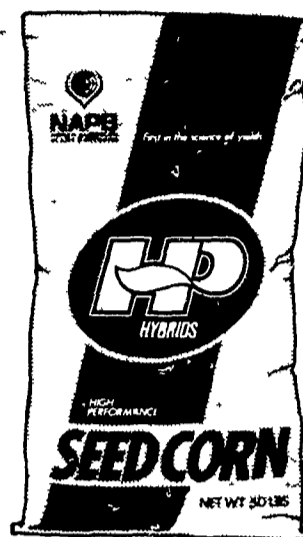
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