

# The last roses

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The mulch holds the moisture and deters the weeds through the growing season. Krantz never allows the bushes to bloom then form seed heads. He removes the old blooms all Summer long. It is not unusual for him to have bushels and bushels of spent blooms even though ones he gives away many roses to the sick, the churches and visiting friends, neighbors and relatives.

In addition to trimming, mulching, feeding and clearing the bushes of spent flowers, Krantz explained that a constant spraying schedule is necessary to induce good blooms and healthy plants. To ward off black spot and

mildew, Krantz uses an oval spoonful of Phaltane to a gallon of water. To deter insects, he adds a tablespoon of Isotox to a gallon of water. He advises spraying early in the morning when the dew is over and before the air temperature is over 80 degrees. If it is too warm early in the morning, one may spray after four p.m. or so that the spray will be dry before the evening dew appears.

Spraying at eight to 10 day intervals, depending on humidity and rain, should be sufficient. In July and August, the worst enemy of roses appears — the Japanese beetle. To combat their destruction of the leaves and new rosebuds, Krantz sprays with Sevin as often as every other day.

After blooming is over and Winter approaches, Krantz cuts the tops of the bushes down to a height of three and one half to four feet. Topping the bushes in mid-November before Winter sets in stops the wind from whipping the stalks back and forth causing a hole to form around the plant at the ground level. Water could drain into the hole and soak down around the roots and eventually freeze and split the root.

If the home gardener has only a few roses, he should try to bank the stalks for Winter with a layer of soil eight to ten inches deep. "It would be almost impossible to bank all these with soil," Krantz admitted.

He tries to protect his bushes the best he can by using practically anything he can find. Grass clippings, shrubbery trimmings, frozen marigolds and leaves help form a protective covering. Using a mulch of all leaves encourages mice, Krantz warned. In spots where the wind might blow away the mulch, he anchors the leaves down with pine needles and rosebush trimmings or some other heavier material.

For more than sixty years Ivan Krantz has been tending his roses from early April through late November. Including that hobby into a full life as a farmer, father, and Sunday School teacher and superintendent for sixty-two years has kept him very busy. This eighty-two old great-grand father is as enthusiastic as ever about his roses and he can rightfully tell anyone that caring for roses is a lot more work than the phrase "living in a bed of roses" is understood to mean. It is no idle hobby, but is one which has given Krantz six decades of enjoyment.

# Nutrition workshop set

**MEDIA** - The Penn State Extension Service has planned a series of meetings on The Study of Nutrition. The first of the series will be on proteins and will be held on November 29 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Toal Building Auditorium, corner of Second and Orange Sts., Media.


According to Greta C. Vairo, Extension Home economist, the importance of protein in the diet will be covered as well as how to get the most protein for the least money. One will learn how to use two foods containing incomplete proteins to come up with a complete protein.

In succeeding months carbohydrates, fats, vitamins, minerals, and fiber will be covered. These

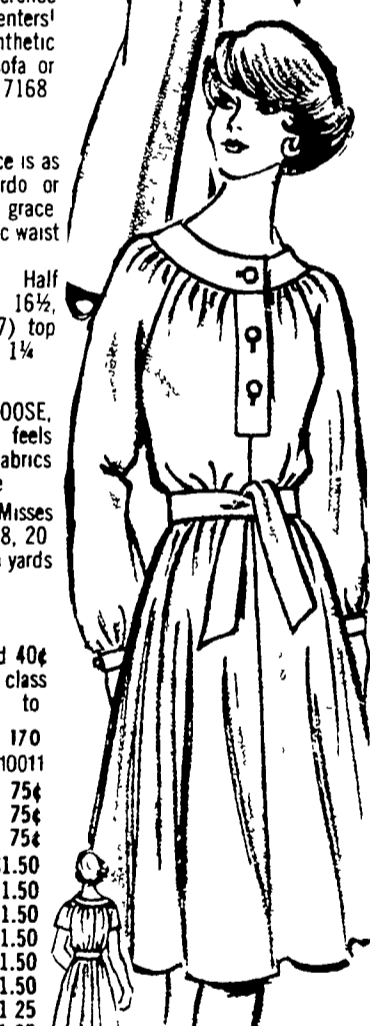
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