

**Seeding,  
Weeding  
and mulch  
more**

*For the avid gardener*

All winter-injured wood should be cut to the nearest live leaf bud, remove weak branches and possibly some old stems.

It is also a good idea to protect bushes with mulches around the base of the plant. Any course material - oak leaves, corn stalks from the garden, the killed tops of annual and perennial flowers, straw, mushroom soil, fresh additions from atop the compost pile, weathered manures or whatever else becomes available from that final garden cleanup. Mulch also helps counter the freeze-thaw cycle that can damage roots.

To protect climbers against wind whip, according to Lueck, to secure them by tying them to the

trellis, fence or arbor. Long canes should be cut back to a reasonable

length; not allowed to wave in the breeze.

## 4-H'er Earns Horticulture Award

MYERSTOWN — Ann Grumbine, Myerstown R.D.2, earned a national award at the National Junior Horticulture Association Convention held Oct. 28-31 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Ann was named a blue ribbon winner and one of four national award winners in the "Artistic Arrangement" demonstration category.

Ann showed how to make a nosegay in her demonstration,

"Tuzzy Muzzy."

In 1982, Ann was named state horticulture demonstration winner for the same presentation.

Ann, 15, is a daughter of Ray and Martha Grumbine. She is a student at Elco High School.

Her 4-H activities include Board of Directors, Teen Council, camp counselor, State 4-H Days, teen leadership, and the Lebanon Area Fair. She is a member of the Avon-East Lebanon 4-H Club.

## Prepare Roses for the Winter

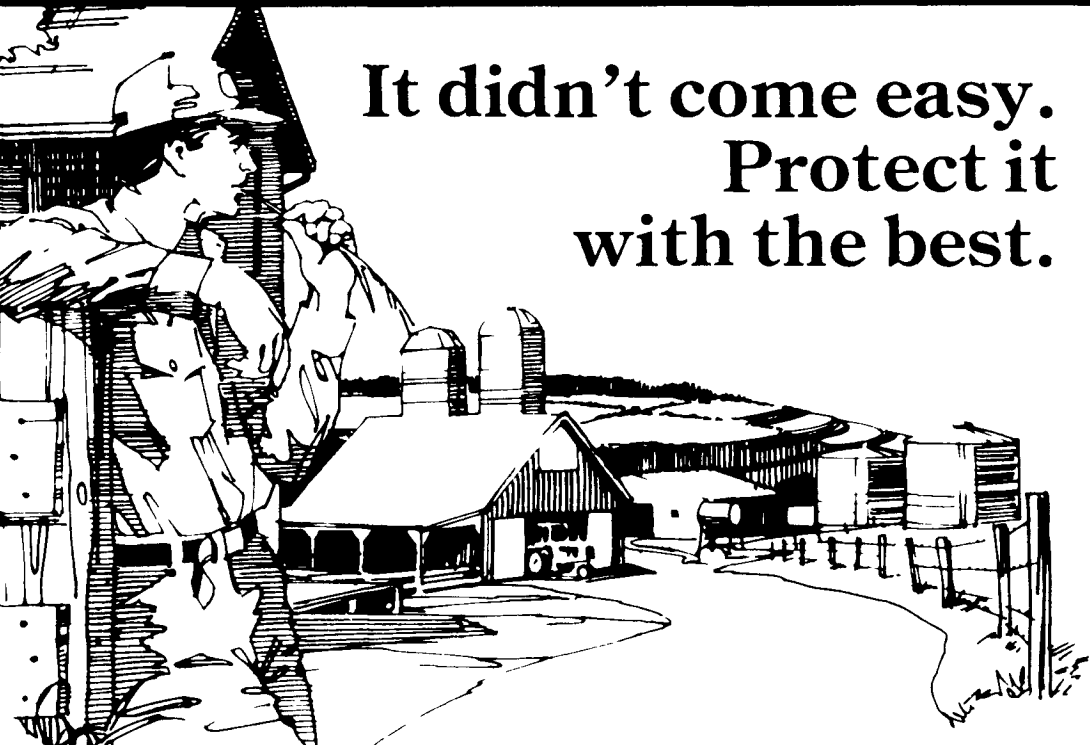
Last week, Lancaster County Extension Agent Arnold Lueck, explained ways to winterize plants and shrubs during the cold weather ahead. This week, with the help of material prepared by Lueck, we'll give you tips on how to tend to those roses that brought so much pleasure during the summer.

Lueck explained that roses that are strong and healthy during the summer months have a better chance of surviving winter conditions. If they have healthy foliage during the growing season, the plants will be able to make mature wood by the time dormancy comes in the fall.

According to Lueck, roses accept

winter better if they are able to become gradually conditioned to increasingly cold weather. This is called "hardening off." A rose not hardened off is referred to as "soft." Feeding roses too late in the season can artificially induce this situation, prolonging the growth period past the time when the plants should be going dormant.

Pruning is necessary after the first killing frost. Hybrid tea rose plants should be pruned to 18 to 24 inches in height. When cutting back, leave some latitude for freezing. Lueck recommended that the final pruning be done in spring just as the plants break dormancy.




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