

Lawn Seeding

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — If you missed seeding bare and thin spots in the lawn last Fall, you will have a second chance as snow retreats. Late February and early March, when the soil freezes and thaws frequently, is the time for "frost seeding."

A critical factor in any successful lawn seeding is soil-seed contact. Lawn seed sown soon will, in effect, be planted for you by the action of alternate freezing and thawing of the soil surface. Then, when the soil temperature warms up sufficiently, the seeds will germinate, getting an early start and increasing the probability that the seedlings will survive the weeds and heat to come. Frost seeding is worth trying for limited repair of a

lawn. It is not recommended for general seeding.

For frost seeding to succeed, organic debris that is on the soil surface must be removed. Seed is then sown, at a heavy rate (about 0.5lb per 100 sq. ft.) uniformly over the area. If you do this early in the day when the soil is still "honey combed" from the night's freeze, the seed will begin to be worked into the soil as it thaws later in the day.

Overall lawn seeding, whether

for renovation of an old lawn or for a new lawn, is best done in late summer/early fall. Second choice is early spring, as soon as the ground can be worked. Soil preparation prior to seeding is critical to success.

Rutgers Cooperative Extension has several Fact Sheets available on lawn topics including: seeding, selecting seed, renovation, care, weed control. To receive this free information, send a SASE with your request to Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Hunterdon County, 4 Gauntt Place, Flemington, NJ 08822, Attention: Master Gardeners.



HAPPENINGS

Northwestern Dairy 4-H

The February 8 meeting of the Northwestern Dairy Club was held at the Elizabethtown Area Community Center at 7:30.

The officers are as follows: president - Melanie Balmer; vice president - Jesslyn Oberholzer; recording secretary - Jason Brandt; corresponding secretary - Heather Oberholzer; treasurer -

Michael Balmer; and game leaders - Marsha Balmer and Amanda Kolb.

The group discussed possible community service projects.

The next meeting will be held on March 8 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Elizabethtown Area Community Center. Any members interested in joining Dairy 4-H, call Zoann Parker at (717) 394-6851.

Dolls So Lifelike

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pupils take a class just to make one doll for a gift at Christmas and so forth. She says another way to give a gift is to order a doll, recreated from a good portrait. She's now working on one for a man who brought in his wife's baby picture from the 1940s.

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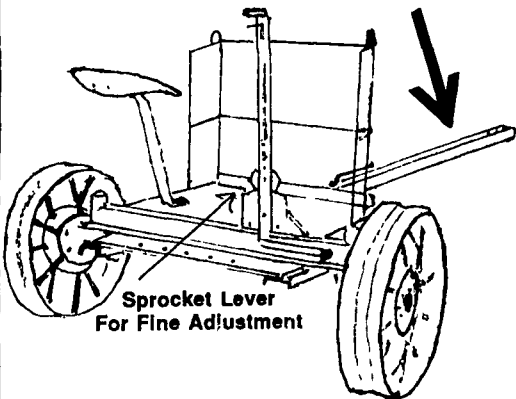
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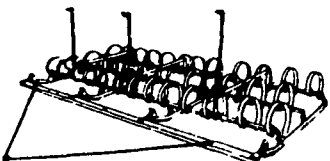
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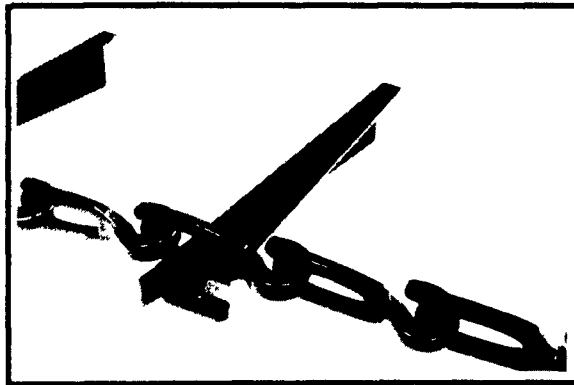
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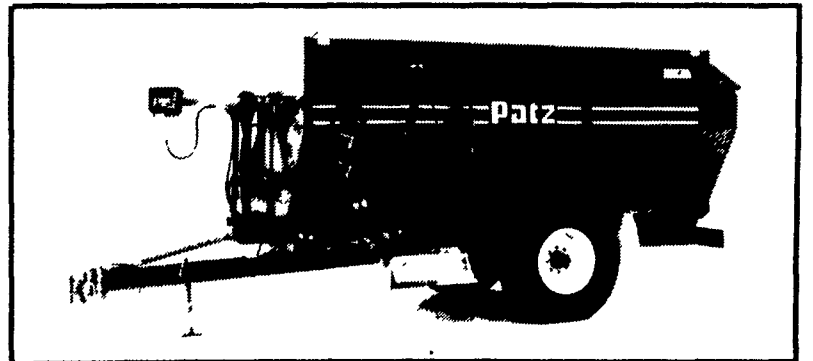
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