

FUNGUS INFECTION ON ALFALFA DIAGNOSED

By Max Smith

The fungus infection on alfalfa plants for the past month has been diagnosed as pepper spot; the disease seems to be attacking virtually all varieties of alfalfa in all stages of growth. Very small, brown, sunken lesions develop on the lower leaves; they soon turn yellow, dry, and fall from the plant with the slightest movement. There is no fungicide federally approved for the control of this disease; the factors controlling the infection are moisture and cool temperatures. When temperatures go above 75 degrees and the humidity drops, the alfalfa plants should outgrow the disease. If the crop is near maturity, it is best to harvest the alfalfa and get what is there at the time, and hope that the weather conditions will permit a more disease-free third growth.

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FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IMPORTANT HOME SAFETY FEATURE

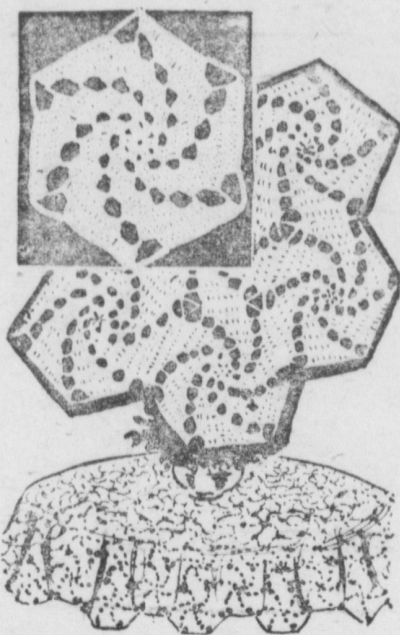
Fires which start small may never grow big if fire extinguishers are installed and family members learn how to operate them, say Extension home management specialists at Penn State. Home fire extinguishers can control a small fire or delay the development of a large one until help arrives.

Three types of fires are of concern to families. Class A fires begin in wood, paper, textiles, grass, trash and similar materials. Class B fires are commonly called grease fires. These also include fires involving gasoline, oils, paints, kerosene and solvents. Class C fires involve electrical equipment.

Pressurized water extinguishers are effective on Class A fires only. Foam extinguishers which contain a mixture of water, bicarbonate of soda and a foam stabilizing agent work only on Class A and B blazes and will not control a Class C fire.

Both carbon dioxide and multi-purpose dry chemical extinguishers can be used on all classes of fires. However, the Extension specialists suggest the multi-purpose variety may work best in the home.

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chemical will not damage the equipment or food and is not affected by cold, moisture or normal air temperatures. The extinguisher can be installed in any area of the home.

When selecting a fire extinguisher, the specialists recommend that you consider the type and size of fires most likely to occur. Buying an ex-

tinguisher of the size all members in your family can handle is also important. When you buy an extinguisher, beware of simple, cheap devices and buy one approved by recognized testing laboratories.

SUN IS THEIR UNDOING

Skin cancer, the most common cancer, is caused mostly

by overexposure to sunlight. So, sun worshippers, if you are under the sun for long periods, use protective creams on exposed skin; and if you work outdoors, wear a hat and protective clothing as well.

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