

Grounds for Gardening

Monroe County homeowners are concerned about needle drop on their evergreens. There have been calls on pine, spruce and fir. This isn't a new observation. Needle drop may be more pronounced after a stressful summer.

J. Luley from the Iowa State University Plant Clinic says needle color and needle drop of conifers has commenced and will be adding to the fall color scene over the next few weeks.

This color change and subsequent drop of older, inner needles is a natural process since conifer foliage is not retained indefinitely. The intensity of the color change and loss will vary with conifer species. The process may occur slowly and go unnoticed on some species or may produce a striking spectacle in the fall landscape on others.

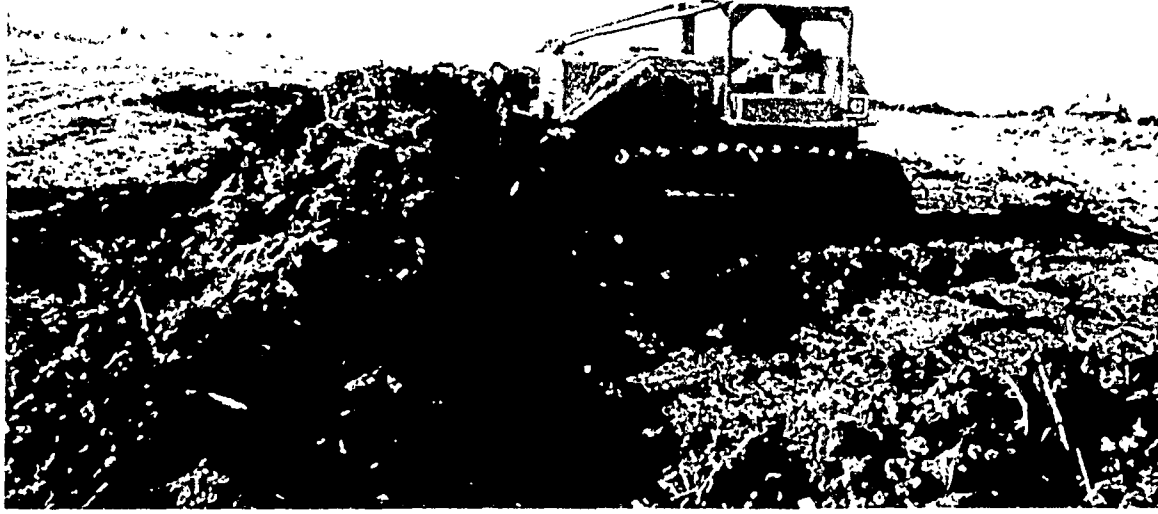
White pine and arborvitae (white cedar) are the most dramatically affected. The entire tree may appear to be dying because of the extensive yellowing (white pine) or browning (arborvitae) of inner foliage. By November after this foliage has dropped, the trees will appear healthy again.

The intensity and timing of the color change is often less dramatic on other conifers that retain their needles for several years. Spruce and fir needles also yellow and drop with age although this may pass unnoticed. Considerable variation is often observed in Scots and other pine species which may show little to extensive color change in the fall.

Since seasonal needle drop produces a general color change of older foliage over the entire tree it should not be confused with a needlecast disease. Needlecast also affects older foliage, however, symptoms are usually localized and most evident on the lower portions of a tree.

Full color change on conifers and other trees should be enjoyed and not treated. However, it is a reminder to prepare plantings for winter by watering well into fall and by protecting exposed or young trees from winter winds.

It is still not too late to fall-fertilize your lawn. The most critical element is nitrogen. Late fall fertilization of lawns produces excellent results. The fertilizer should be applied when temperatures are consistently below 45-50°F. Apply 1 to 1/2 pounds of actual nitrogen per 1,000 square feet of area. Use water soluble nitrogen fertilizers.



Terrace work

A dozer builds new narrow-based terraces on the Larry Hindman farm east of Albia. The narrow-based terrace is quickly becoming popular in Monroe County because it costs only half of what a traditional broad-based terrace cost. The county soil conservation district is encouraging farmers to investigate the advantage of narrow-based terraces this fall while work can still be done.

Contract on county-line road awarded

The Iowa Department of Transportation awarded contracts Tuesday for paving the Monroe-Wapello county line road.

Awarded contracts for two sections of work in Monroe County was Central Paving Corporation of Indianapolis. One contract was for \$1,075,064.89 and the other was for \$371,068.99. The company also received a contract for work in Wapello County south of Blakesburg. That contract was for \$822,406.60.

The paving is expected to be done next summer and has a completion date of October 1985.

Women in Agriculture Week Nov. 11-17

By proclamation of Congress, the week of Nov. 11-17 will be Women in Agriculture Week. For the past 11 years, Farm Wives News Magazine has celebrated November as Women in Agriculture Month.

In recognition of the week, the dairy group in Monroe County and the Country Store will hold a special open house from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Farm Bureau building in Albia.

A fund-raiser will also be held during the day with proceeds going to the dairy group.

Deaths

Jessie Irene McAninch

Jessie Irene McAninch, 66, of Moravia Route 2 died Nov. 7, 1984, at the Monroe County Hospital.

She was born July 27, 1918. She assisted her husband in a cattle buying business.

On Sept. 24, 1938, she married John William McAninch. He died Jan. 26, 1982. Also preceding her in death were three brothers.

Surviving are one son, Charles of Moravia, one daughter, Charlotte Muse of Independence, Kan., six grandchildren, and two brothers, Clarence Sheldon of Moravia and Clayton Sheldon of Albia.

The funeral will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the Geyer-Turner Funeral Home in Moravia. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery.

Albia Baughman

Albia M. Baughman, 76, of Oskaloosa died Nov. 6, 1984, at the Mahaska County Hospital in Oskaloosa.

He was born in Albia on June 28, 1908, the son of William and Mary Malin Baughman. He was an electrician for Maytag for 28 years and was a Jehovah's Witness.

On May 14, 1931, he married Lilly M. Dunwoody at Lancaster, Mo. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, William and Richard, both of Oskaloosa, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at 2 p.m. today (Thursday) at Kingdom Hall in Oskaloosa with C.J. Macheers officiating. The body was cremated. Garland-Van Arkel Funeral Chapel in Oskaloosa was in charge of arrangements.

Hunters asked to watch for missing persons

Hunters in Iowa and surrounding states are being urged to keep their eyes open for clues to the disappearance of several missing persons including Harry Milligan of rural Albia and two missing Des Moines Register carriers.

Harry Milligan, 22, has been missing from the Monroe County area since July 1. He was last seen driving a maroon 1977 Pontiac Gran Prix bearing license plate number EJJ-244.

A \$500 cash reward is offered for information leading to his whereabouts. Milligan was last seen in the Albia business district between 3 and 5 a.m. on July 1.

Rewards totaling \$125,000 have been offered for information about Eugene Martin, who disappeared from his newspaper route in south Des Moines on Aug. 12 and John Gosch who vanished from his route in West Des Moines on Sept. 5, 1982.

Persons with information are

asked to contact the Monroe County sheriff's office at 932-7815 concerning Milligan and to call the Des Moines Police Department at 1-246-9988 concerning the missing carriers.

Officials note that hunters and trappers could constitute, in effect, the largest search party ever put afield.

In addition to the expected 250,000 pheasant and quail hunters, there will be an additional 20,000 to 22,000 trappers prowling streams and other water areas sometimes venturing into some of the state's most remote areas.

In addition, wildlife biologists and officers of the Iowa Conservation Commission will be out in force to help game wardens with law enforcement.

Experts estimate, however, that if hunters and trappers in the five states surrounding Iowa were alert to signs of the missing boys, they would swell the potential search party to more than 1 million persons.

Veterans Day observed Monday at Legion

Veterans Day services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Albia American Legion.

The speaker will be Jack Hallstrom, general manager of KLBA radio station. Refreshments will be served following the program.

In observance of the holiday, the following offices will be closed: Albia Post Office, Monroe County Courthouse, Albia City Hall, Farmers Home Administration, Agriculture, Stabilization and Conservation Service, Monroe County Department of Human Services, Peoples National Bank and Trust.

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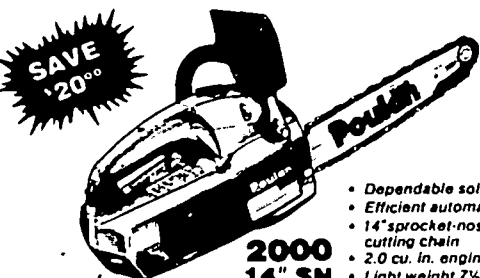
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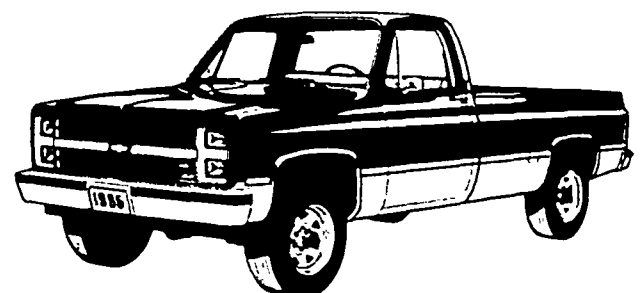
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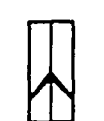
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