Horticultural News

PEACH TREE BORER DOES MUCH DAMAGE

It would be hard to find a five-year-old peach tree anywhere in Illinois that has not been injured by the peach tree borer, according to S. C. Chandler, assistant entomologist of the natural history survey at the University of Illinois. Fortunately, this pest, which is one of the worst insect enemies of peach trees, can be kept in check by the use of paradichlorobenzene, a new chemical control for borers. The borers always pass the winter in the inner bark of peach trees as pale, white worms from one-fourth to half an inch long. These worms can be found from ten inches above to six inches below the ground, but are most abundant just below the surface. Their presence in a tree is indicated by masses of gum mixed with brown grass or sawdust coming from the injured trunk.

Half an ounce of paradichlorobenzene, or P. D. B., as it is commonly called, is enough for each tree between one and three years old. Trees from four to five years old should each get three-fourths of an ounce, and trees from six to ten years old a full ounce. Trees that have not grown one full season should not be treated at all. The amount of P. D. B. to be used for a tree should never be guessed, but should be measured out in a measuring cup.

Before the P. D. B. is applied, the grass, weeds and excess masses of gum should be scraped away from the base of the trees, but care should be taken not to scrape away so much earth that the chemical will be below the burrow entrances of the borers. The P. D. B. should be spread on the ground in a band an inch or two wide and about an inch away from the trunk of the tree at all points. The chemical should not touch the tree. Four or five spadefuls of earth are put over the band of P. D. B. and firmed down with the back of the spade.

No trees have been killed in Illinois when the methods just outlined were followed, but there have been some losses when the P. D. B. was applied so close to the trees that it touched the bark. Trees have been killed in other states under different soil and weather conditions, but five years of experiments made by the natural history survey indicate that the chemical is relatively safe.

Prune Raspberry Bushes After Fruiting Season

After the fruiting season is over the raspberry canes that have borne fruit should be cut. This may be done at any time from the end of harvest in late summer up to the annual spring fruiting, but the best time is as soon as possible after the crop is off. The fruit of the next season is borne on the new canes.

The advantages in cutting out the old canes are that they are out of the way of the young growth and that the spread of the diseases and insects harbored in them is prevented. The young canes that are weak or diseased should also be taken out at the same time.

The canes of black raspberries are usually headed back in the spring by pinching off the tips when the cane has reached a desirable height. This encourages side branching and a larger fruiting area. Red raspberries are usually allowed to grow unchecked as they do not produce strong side branches as in the case of the black raspberries.

Horticulture Facts

Continue to spray potatoes, celery and fall strawberries until they are ready for harvest. Cultivation around small fruits should cease.

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Bitter rot of apples may be controlled by liberal applications of bordeaux mixture, applied in a mistlike spray. In orchards particularly se-

Bravery and Fidelity of Employees Rewarded

Anna L. Lennan and Lloyd M. Atkins Given Tokens of Appreciation by American Telephone & Telegraph Company.

VAIL MEDALS AND CASH AWARDS BESTOWED FOR NOTEWORTHY PUBLIC SERVICE IN FLOOD OF 1924



Anna L. Lennan, chief operator, and Lloyd M. Atkins, combination-man, who are awarded Theodore N. Vail gold and silver medals, respectively. The gold medal award carries a cash prize of **$500** *and the silver medal,* **$250.**

Anna L. Lennan, chief operator, Piedmont, W. Va., is awarded Theodore N. Vail gold medal and $500 cash award by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. This is the only gold medal award made this year.

Lloyd M. Atkins, combination man receives silver medal with cash award of $250.

These two employees of the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company of West Virginia are rewarded for acts of noteworthy public service during the severe flood which occurred March 29, 1924, at Piedmont, W. Va., where they are stationed.

Bronze Vail medals covering this service have already been made to these employees by the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company, but the present awards are made by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, who has recognized the value of this service to the people of Piedmont and the Bell system.

"I told my mother I was not sorry I had stayed, for I thought we did a little good by so doing"—these are the words in which Anna Leonelda Lennan, chief operator summarizes her part in the events of March 29 1924, when the Potomac rose sullenly above its banks and threatened to destroy the town.

Miss Lennan risked her life in order to reach her post of duty at the switchboard, stuck grimly at her task in spite of warnings and pleadings of her friends and relatives, and even the direct command of her superiors; resourcefully directed the efforts of other operators, and gave satisfactory telephone service to the stricken town throughout the emergency.

The award has just been announced by a national committee of award, which has considered scores of similar cases of devotion to duty on the part of employees of the Bell Telephone System.

Because he placed the interests of the public above those of himself or his family when a serious flood menaced the town of Piedmont, Lloyd M. Atkins, combination-man has been awarded one of the Theodore N. Vail memorial medals "for Noteworthy Public Service." These medals are awarded annually throughout the Bell Telephone System for acts of outstanding courage, resourcefulness or devotion to duty on the part of telephone employees. The medal awarded to Atkins is of silver and is accompanied by a cash award of $250.

Aroused at five o'clock on the morning of the flood and warned of impending danger, Atkins hastened at once to the Piedmont central office, near the river and in the center of the flood zone. Here he rescued valuable company property at the river edge and, at about 7 P. M., returned to his home, which was also in the flooded area, just in time to rescue his family, but too late to save any of his personal effects.

Mr. Atkins at once returned to the central office and assisted in bringing three operators from the building, which was then surrounded by water waist deep.

Remaining on duty continuously from Saturday morning until Tuesday evening, Atkins saw his family for the first time after rescuing them at the outbreak of the flood. He could have rendered great service to them by remaining with them, and could undoubtedly have saved a considerable portion of his personal property had not an exceptional sense of his responsibility to the public prompted him to think first of the necessity of maintaining telephone service during the emergency.

Silver medals with cash awards of $250 each were also awarded Trygve Jorgensen, maintenance foreman of the New York Telephone Company, Brooklyn; Miss Ida M. Blanchard, agent and night operator of the Northern New York Telephone Company Natural Bridge, New York; Mrs. Katheryn C. Brisson, toll night operator for the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, Fitchburg, Mass.; Mrs. Aileen C. Smith, manager of the Cincinnati and Suburban Bell Telephone Company, New Richmond, Ohio, and Hubert Harris, line foreman of the Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, Norristown

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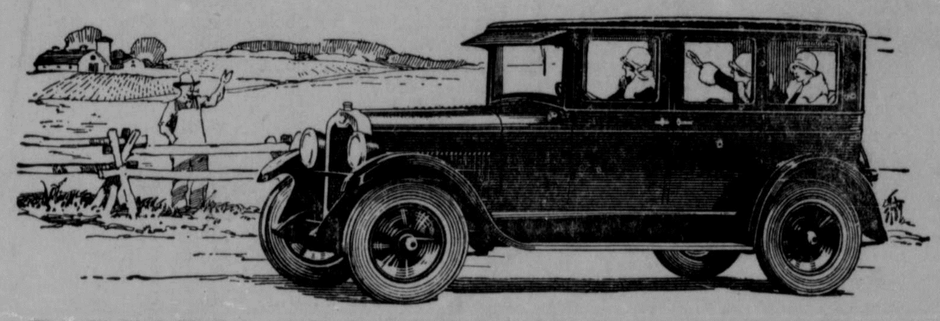
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