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infestations.” Can’t you just see Harry out there putting the ol’ nozzle on the hose and spraying the grass at noon when the temperature is 97 degrees? How ’bout this, Mr. Scott?

And the 2nd one — “If you can water generously, seed in June.” Sure you can. Then you seed in July, then you seed in August and then you seed in September when it will finally come up and do something besides die out. Well, we all know where the members finally turn when all else fails in their yard, don’t we?

GOOD SHOW

There is a terrific action group going here in the U.S. you may or may not be aware of. It is the National Wildlife Federation based in Washington, D.C. Their work and concern deals with outdoor space, conservation, ecology and a myriad of related subjects. They put out a beautiful bi-monthly publication with excellent pictures and accurate reporting on subjects that SHOULD be of interest to every citizen.

For example, there is a column each month entitled E.Q. (environmental quality) critical list. The list includes items from areas needing immediate attention in our wildlife areas, both private and government owned. One in the June-July issue is right here in Virginia down in the Great Dismal Swamp.

The Facts:

The ecologically unique Dismal Swamp in southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina is facing total destruction by drainage and development by private landowners.
The Crisis:

The original 2,200 square mile swamp has been drained and cleared until there remains only four square miles of deep swamp in the center of which lies famous Lake Drummond. Some plants, two small shrews and one small species of fish are found only in the Dismal Swamp and, with the swamp itself, face extinction. The Virginia General Assembly has recently called for action by the Department of Conservation and Economic Development to take steps to save the swamp.

What You Can Do About It:

Exercise your civic duty by expressing your opinion regardless of what it is, to:

Marvin M. Sutherland, Director
Dept. of Conservation and Development, 911 E. Broad St.
Richmond, Va. 23219

For more information write:
Carl A. Wiberg, President
Virginia Wildlife Federation
Daily News, 1013 13th St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

WATER WATER EVERYWHERE

And while we are talking about conservation, even the Fairfax Water Authority is getting in on the act! They mailed an interesting leaflet to all residents concerning water use and conservation. The facts and figures all seem interesting and they are listed below.

1. Wash automobiles on week-days only and then only before 4:00 p.m. Use buckets to wash and hose to rinse. Do not let hose run except when in actual use.

2. Check your plumbing fixtures for possible leaks and wastage of water. A 1/32" leak wastes 25 gallons in 24 hours and a 1/8" stream wastes 400 gallons in 24 hours! Our service department will help you to detect leaks if you are in doubt.

3. If you leave your house empty for any length of time — such as when you take a vacation trip — turn off the main water supply valve.