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YOU MUST TALK TO YOUR TREES !!

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Do You Talk to Your Trees? As you are out in the fields planting, shearing, mowing, etc., do you communicate with your trees? Do you tell them out loud and clear they are the most beautiful trees you have ever seen and that they will all become true specimen Christmas trees?

If you don't you are not using proper cultural methods. Science has just disclosed that trees have an emotional nervous system and respond to kind words. Conversely, trees that are told they are not beautiful believe it and develop into hideous plants.

Dug trees should never be dropped on the root ball of earth because this is a shock to the emotional system of the trees and the plants will not do well after planting.

How many times have you seen someone have phenomenal success in planting flowers? No matter what they plant or how or where, they all seem to do well. They could plant a stick and it would grow. We say of these people, "They have a green thumb." Other people plant the same flowers under the same conditions and they all die. Now the reason for this we know: the people with "green thumbs" love their plants and tell them so. They tell them they will become gorgeous, the plants believe it and become so.

Now as you work with your trees this coming season communicate with them, tell them you have never seen such beautiful trees and repeat the message every day you are in the field. If you have some plants you don't care for, instead of praise, cuss and condemn and they will develop into ugly plants.

The writer has two plots of trees undergoing this scientific research, one block is praised every time he is in the field; the other plot is cussed. It will be several years until we can truly evaluate the results.

NON-ORGANIC FERTILIZERS CAN BE DEADLY

Dallas (UPI)—American youngsters eat less spinach than other children around the world—and it may save their lives.

In a paper presented to the 135th meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of science, Dr. Barry Commoner said that nitrates in spinach has poisoned infants in Germany and France. Commoner is director of the Center for the Biology of Natural Systems at Washington University.

His paper said evidence of nitrogen poison has been found in drinking water, especially in Southern California. In tests conducted at some 800 water wells in Southern California, Commoner found the nitrogen level in 88 to be above the limits set by the U.S. Public Health Service.

The rise in the amount of nitrogen found in food and water is due to the increased use of nonorganic fertilizers by farmers, said Commoner. Nitrate fertilizers are less expensive than their organic counterparts and also produce a larger crop yield.

But, says Commoner, they also are poisonous and unless something is done to stop their use, the world's population will suffer from an increased food supply instead of benefiting by it.