

**Farm Society 4  
Hears Dr. Bucher**

Dr. Caleb Bucher, principal of the Brecht School, addressed a meeting of Farm Women's Society Number 4 last Saturday. He spoke on the subject of "Roads."

The Christmas Dinner was held at Hostetters' in Mt Joy and husbands were the guests of honor. Rev. Warren Bates sang several solos.

Approximately sixty persons attended. Committees for the coming year were appointed by Mrs. John Musser, the secretary president. It was announced that a covered dish luncheon will feature the next regular meeting which will be held at the home of Mrs. Robert Nolt, of RD1, Lancaster.

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**Jamaica, Just a Few Hours Away**

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Spanish means butter, or more properly, lard, to recall the tons and tons of fat that once were shipped from this port. Just east always is the blackened ruins of Rose Hall, a plantation home burned in a story of witchcraft intrigue many years ago, but today the plantation still operates as one of the leading sugar producers.

Mountains are wild as you fly comparatively low over a corner of Cockpit Country — "the District of Look Behind" — where fugitive slaves years ago fled and established their own closed state, now inaccessible and, some say, inadvisable to the visitor. Peaks are sharp. Tiny homes cling to mountainsides. Patch work fields hang almost perpendicular against the mountainside. Smoke trails up from a cook house, and roads or trails sinuous as a snake wander along hillsides. Here the Connie flew a crooked course, staying comparatively low, following valleys over the Blue Mountains until soon the port of Kingston appears. The plane flies parallel to Kingston's main street, and lands on the single concrete strip that is Palisades Airport — a peninsula of land extending into the bay. It's Sunday afternoon. Behind the fences are throngs of people on a Sunday outing. Gilmore recognizes his family waving at the plane.

It's a quick trip through customs, inquiry as to your place of birth, your address in Jamaica, your length of stay. Fortunately, I had spotted Mitch Cubberley, New Jersey engineer whom I met a year earlier in Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas Virgin Islands, for a policeman stopped me at the exit, asking if someone was there to meet me. Police in Jamaica wear a colorful uniform: blue trousers with red stripe, a red cummerbund or sash topped by a

leather belt, blue blouse and cap. Sometimes the white pith helmet is substituted.

Although no explanation was given of the extreme caution shown here, others we met on the trip — including Amelia Lobsenz of New York City and Nino Cairone of Perugia, Italy — told of tourist and civilian curfews on the island of Haiti where simmering revolt punctuated a night's sleep with gunfire. But there's peace on Jamaica, a peace that has lasted many years.

Kingston is not too appealing as a tourist spa; its beaches are almost non-existent, its coast rock and lacking in sand. However, mineral baths along the highway attract hundreds. Through the main section of town to Hope Road leading to the agricultural experiment stations and famed Hope Botanical Gardens, it was arrival time at Courtleigh Manor — a former huge residence converted to a hotel with modernistic wings overlooking an excellent swimming pool. An open terrace served as a dining room, and beautiful green lawns provided putting courses for those inclined to golf.

Airlines and crews patronize Courtleigh Manor heavily, and it was here we met Miss June Wallace, British West Indies Airline stewardess who is a native of Trinidad. Canadians, Trinidadians, British the English language became increasingly mult-toned. Miss Wallace's knowledge of calypso English served well in haggling with bamboo vase merchants under a gigantic rooted cotton tree on the road to Spanish Town. Lower and lower went the prince in a flurry of calypso English, until the defeated native complained, "But lady, you've already drooped me down a dollar."

June's father, she explained, is a semi-retired plantation operator on Trinidad, keeping active with planting of citrus and cocoa. "There we have to depend mostly on frozen imported meats," she explained, telling of the island farther to the south.

Near Spanish Town — once the capital of Jamaica, now a village we almost missed in driving through — acres and acres are planted in banana and pineapple by the United Fruit Co., and at the moment banana harvest is well underway. Breadfruit, a staple in Jamaican diet, grows freely.

But most interesting of all on Jamaica may well be the silk cot-



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Here's a new brand of English, where you "droop down" the merchants, where you read a road-sign which says, "Round About Ahead."

Hey, mahn — in the next story we'll go through the environs of Kingston, to a calypso night club, up and over the Blue Mountains — famed for coffee.

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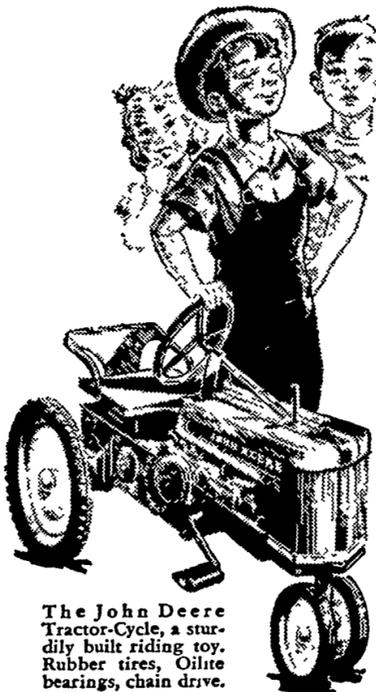
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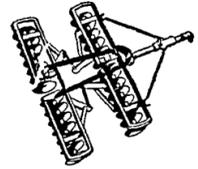
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