

PSU Schedules Landscaping Short Course

A one-day short course on the principles and practices of landscaping will be offered by

The Pennsylvania State University from July 9 to 13, 1962. Home owners, garden club members, nurserymen and others who need to know the basic principles of landscaping will benefit from the program. Subjects such as selecting plant materials for residential

plantings, design procedures, basic concepts of design principles, planting techniques, construction details, and effects and composition with plants as design material will be included. Of exceptional value will be eight hours of laboratory work with each individual preparing a design under the supervision of the instructors.

A maximum of 75 people will be accepted for this course. The registration fee for the course is \$12.50 for Pennsylvanians and \$17.50 for non-Pennsylvanians.

A complete program with a daily schedule, information housing, registration and transportation can be secured from the Director of Short Courses, Room 211 Armbryst Building, College of Agriculture, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania.

In 1961 the efforts of the average American Farmer provided enough food for 27 other persons.

Conestoga 4-H Holds Election

The Conestoga Valley 4-H Cooking Club held its 100th anniversary meeting, recently in the home of Mrs. Walter Overgaard, Lancaster, R1.

The officers elected were as follows: pres. Jane Hershey,

vice president Dorothy Beachy, secretary Julia Landis, treasurer Dottie Jean Hess, song leader Linda Overgaard, news reporter Darlene Snick and game leaders, Joyce and Karen Grossman. The next meeting of the club will be held June 12 at the Conestoga Valley High School.

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These busy bugs have big appetites. Females, unseen beneath bean leaves, Mexican bean beetles and their larvae can quickly destroy plants, leaving only lace-like skeletonized foliage.

Losses from Mexican bean beetles occur in several ways. Beetles and larvae damage leaves, thus reducing the plant's ability to produce beans. They also attack beans directly, causing blemished, distorted pods and consequent downgrading at the market.

Adult beetles winter in the soil and begin appearing over an extended period in the spring. Markings are distinctive. The 1/2 inch long beetles are yellow to brown with eight small black spots on each wing that form three rows across the body.

Females deposit orange-yellow egg clusters on the underside of bean leaves. Tiny yellow larvae with short hairy spines hatch in 5 to 14 days, depending on the temperature. Larvae grow rapidly, passing through four molting stages. Finally they cement one end of their bodies beneath a leaf or protected surface, often in groups, and form the pupal stage. Beetles emerge in about 10 days to begin the reproduction cycle again.

Populations develop rapidly. As they do, bean profits disappear.

Early control with an effective long-lasting pesticide offers good protection, according to entomologists. This year, growers can use a new-type insecticide, called Sevin, to provide all-season con-



trol of Mexican bean beetles with one application. Long residual action knocks out all stages of the beetle, according to college research tests.

Good management also helps prevent a beetle problem. Early planting of quick maturing varieties and prompt picking are recommended. When the crop has been harvested, entomologists urge destruction of the bean plants to deprive insects of a food supply.

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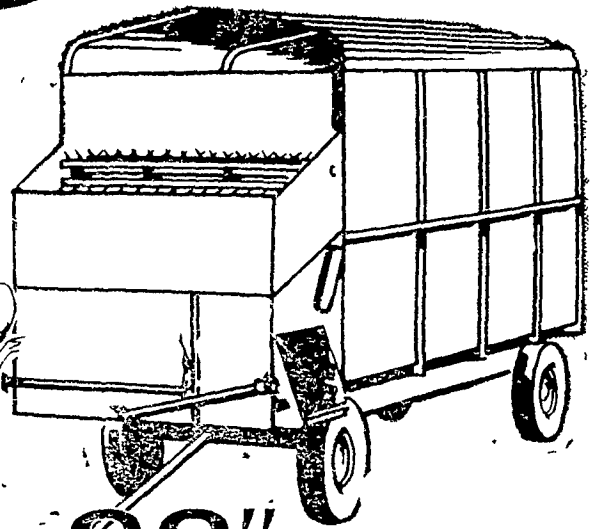
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