

Fruit Growers Are Told, Mites Are Serious Threat

A buildup of the mite population in apple orchards brought about the only significant change in the Apple spray schedule for the coming year, John Pepper, Penn State Extension Entomologist, told county fruit growers Monday.

Pepper said mites have been an increasing problem in orchards over the past few years. Several things have contributed to the population increase, he said.

Better fertilization and more vigorous growth of trees makes good condition for mite reproduction. Sprays have killed off some of the mite's natural enemies, and cover crops offer the pests some protection, he said.

While Pepper told fruit growers that the mite is becoming one of the orchardist's biggest problems, it is by no means unbeatable. Penn State is recommending oil in the delayed dormant spray, phosphate in the pre-pink and petal fall and cover sprays, and Ovev in the pink and first cover sprays.

Because the mite population can increase so rapidly, we are recommending a miticide in the third, fifth and seventh cover sprays, Pepper said.

Pepper again cautioned orchardists to use caution in handling and applying insecticides. "There is going to be

more samples of everything taken by the Food and Drug Administration taken this year than ever before. We have a pretty good reputation in this state. For goodness sake, lets not do anything foolish to spoil it," he pleaded.

Dr Carlton Taylor, extension plant pathologist, continued with the plea. He said FDA inspectors took 378 samples of food stuffs in the state last year, and to find them all within the law "But", he said, "They can identify and prove the compound of one drop of pesticide in 1,000 gallons of water."

"Everyone tells you to read the label" he said, but that is not enough. You have to read this year's label. What was legal last year might be illegal this year."

The meeting in the Farm Bureau Cooperative's building on Dillerville Pike, Lancaster, was sponsored by the Lancaster County Extension Service in cooperation with the county Fruit Growers' Association.

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ber neighbors that their markets are up for grabs just as yours are. And if they want long-range market protection, they should join you in Interstate and thus guarantee themselves such protection."

Carter appeared to be annoyed with the actions of a New York milk producers cooperative, and while mentioning no names it was apparent that he referred to the Metropolitan Cooperative Milk Producers Bargaining Agency, Interstate's New York market affiliate with which it split last year over policy differences.

Inter-State Fieldman, Mack Newton carried a copy of a letter requesting cancellation of Inter-State membership which he said is being sent anonymously to members. "Look for them," he said, "They are being sent through the mail."

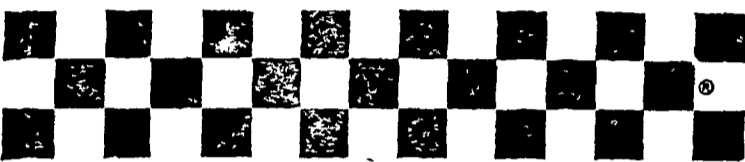
Interrupting himself with a cry of "Prediction!", Newton said he believes Representative W R Poage, Democrat of Tex-

as, would succeed Orville Freeman as U. S. Secretary of Agriculture late this winter or early next spring.

Newton interrupted himself a second time to predict that wholesale milk prices in 1964 would not rise above the level of 1963, and might "drift back a little".

Honored for 25-year farm memberships were Willard McCauley, Quarryville; Enos Myer, Quarryville, Aaron Stoltzfus, Quarryville R3; Ethel S. King, Peach Bottom R1, J. Collins McSparran, Harrisburg; Laura E. Scotten, Nottingham R1, John D. Sheen Jr., Peach Bottom R1, and David H. Wissler, Drumore R1.

The locals' 4-H dairy awards for high project record book scores went to Donald Trimble, Quarryville R1; R Edwin Harnish, Christiansa R1; Nancy Kreider, Drumore R1, James Eshenshade, Quarryville R2, Donald Ankrum, Peach Bottom, and Stephen Arrowsmith, Peach Bottom.



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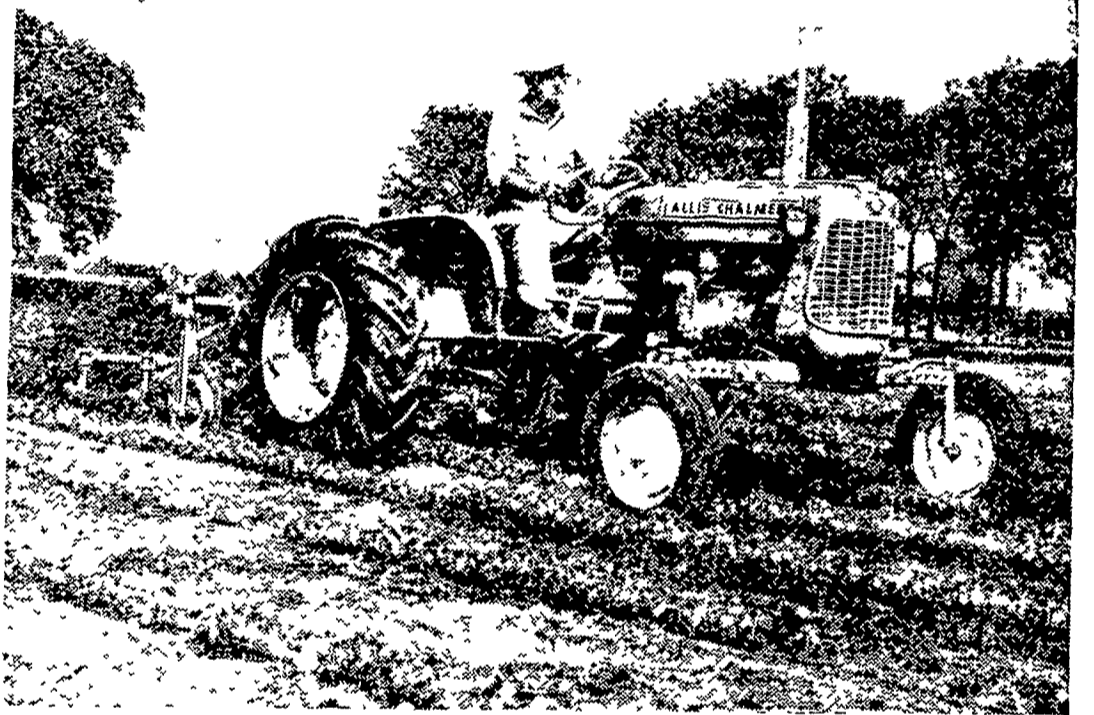
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