

Japan Little League Given Reception By Pa. Ag. Dept.

Oriental dignity and American informality blended into a common bond of friendship in Tokyo when the reigning Little League world champions — the West Tokyo team — was feted at a reception by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Seven boys from last year's championship team, and a group of league officials that included Shigetoshi Kiyokuni, president of the Little League of Japan, were guests at the reception. Each was presented with a number of gifts that included:

Baseballs autographed by Governor Raymond P. Shafer, certificates as Pennsylvania ambassadors from the Committee of 100,000 Pennsylvanians, photographs of the baseball autographing ceremony in Harrisburg, and boxes of Pennsylvania food products.

The boys, in their school uniforms — plain black, high-colored coats with brass buttons — sat stiffly at attention as Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Leland H. Bull greeted the group. Their faces were expressionless, and they were politely attentive. As the first boy's name was called out for him to receive his gifts, he arose, stepped forward to within a few paces of his host and bowed low from the waist in the typical Japanese mark of respect.

Formality vanished, however, when Secretary Bull smiled and held out his hand. The Japanese boy smiled back, as any youngster would, took the extended hand and a big grin spread happily over his face. He was still smiling as the gifts were handed to him, and as Secretary Bull put his arm over the boy's shoulders and turned him toward a battery of press cameras for a picture.

And that's the way it went, through the entire presentation. One youngster, the team's shortstop, as he sat down glanced at a friend. The friend winked and the boy winked back as the smile spread again over his face.

There was no doubting how he felt, or how his teammates felt about Pennsylvania's salute to the Little League world champions who had won their title in Williamsport last August.

Secretary Bull was assisted in the presentation by Mrs. Bull and Will Ketner, director of the Agriculture Department's Bureau of Markets. Miss Marion T. O'Neill, the bureau's food specialist, and Donald O. Cunnion, chief of the Market Development Division, also were hosts at the luncheon which followed the presentation.

The event was held in connection with opening ceremonies of the American Festival, the mammoth U.S. agricultural exhibit that is being held here from April 5 to 21. Products of eleven Pennsylvania food processors and manufacturers are featured at the Pennsylvania exhibit at the Festival.

The history of all the wars are written by the victors. Therefore, the losers are always the aggressors.

Yews Suitable For Most Landscaping

If you're looking for an attractive evergreen that requires little, if any, care, perhaps the yew will fill the bill, suggests Robert F. Stevens, extension horticulturist at the University of Delaware.

Japanese and English yews, or taxus as they are called by nurserymen, have been grown in this country for many years, says Stevens. But it's only recently that these plants have been available in a variety of sizes and shapes.

Though all yews are similar in appearance, they differ widely in growth patterns and mature heights. These shrubs vary in size from 1 to 50 feet high and 1 to 40 feet wide. Many dwarf varieties, however, do not grow over 18 inches tall.

Yews will grow well in both sunny and shaded areas. However, the shrub does require good drainage. This is, perhaps, the only serious limitation of the yew. If yews get "wet feet," the foliage turns yellowish-green, then brown, and the plant dies.

Do not plant yews in poorly drained areas or in areas that

are overly wet at some time during the season. In these areas, plant Japanese Holly or some other shrub that is tolerant of moisture.

Some of the most useful varieties for this area include Densa, which is twice as wide as its height; Expansa, usually three feet high and five feet wide at maturity; and Nana, three feet high and six feet wide at maturity. These three plants are dwarf Japanese yews.

For medium upright varieties, Stevens recommends Hicksi, a columnar yew reaching a height of six to eight feet; Hatfield, a pyramidal yew six to eight feet high; Browni, a compact conical yew; and Kelsey, a dense, compact fruit-bearing yew.

Purpose of planting will usu-

ally determine the approximate variety to use, says Stevens. Yews can be used as foundation planting, border plantings for screen or background and as specimen accents. Carefully select the variety that best fits your landscape needs.

The number of varieties and forms make yews one of the most suitable shrubs for ornamental use.

The average price received by Pennsylvania farmers for all eggs sold during March was 34 cents a dozen, the State Crop Reporting Service says. The price was two cents less than received in February and two cents below the price received in March 1967.

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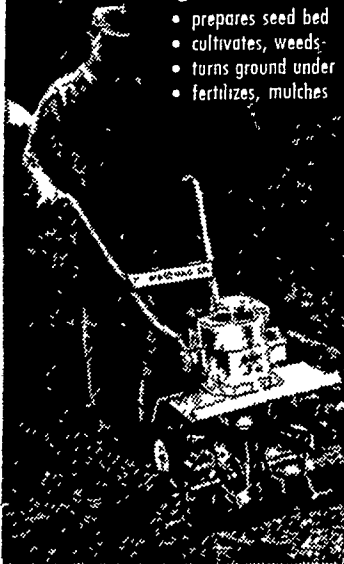
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