

Time to Spray for Tent Caterpillars

Surveys by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture indicate that the leaf-eating tent caterpillars have hatched from their eggs and are now moving into the trees.

At this stage the insect is vulnerable, said McHale, who urged property owners to spray their trees.

By about the second to third week in May, said McHale, the caterpillars will be in their familiar tent cocoons and harder to destroy by chemical sprays.

The tent caterpillar, not to be confused with the gypsy moth, infests fruit and ornamental flowering trees, feeding on their leaves. If the trees are defoliated for two or three consecutive seasons they can be killed.

The population curve of these caterpillars is cyclical, explained Henry Nixon, the department's director of plant industry. "At its peak," said Nixon, "caterpillars become an extreme nuisance to homeowners, overrunning the walls of houses."

Damage by tent caterpillars last year was considered extensive, said Nixon.

United States honey production was down last year. At 206,326,000 pounds, it was 11 per cent below the 1970 output. The USDA points to a decline in the number of bee colonies, plus a lower yield of honey per colony, as the factors contributing to the lower production.

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	Miss Wayne	Miss Average
Bred	3 mo. younger	Same weight
Calved	24 months	27 months
Total invested by calving time	\$304.00	\$286.00
Weight (calving time)		80 lbs less
Produced milk for profit	3 mo. earlier	
Profit status at 30 months	\$69.00 gain	\$95.00 loss
Net profit advantage at 30 mo	\$164.25	\$95.00 loss

Yes, at 30 months, identical twin Miss Average still hadn't produced enough milk to pay for her growing costs! And Wayne researchers are betting Miss Wayne will produce nearly 1000 lbs more milk during her first lactation—and finish the job 3 months earlier! Hadn't you better stop by?

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Fulton Grange Announces Sewing Contest Winners

Richard Holloway, master of Fulton Grange, presided at its recent meeting. Eight people were received into full membership. Also, two joining Oxford Grange were given third and fourth degrees.

The Charter was draped in memory of J. Robert Reed.

There were seven entries in the sewing contest. Mrs. Rebecca Quinn, chairman of the Women's Activities committee, announced the following prize winners:

Class A, Dress made by a contestant 18 years of age or over for self or another person of the same age group - Miss Judith Longenecker, first; Mrs. Richard Holloway, second, and Miss Joyce Galbreath, third.

Class B, Dress made by a contestant 12 through 17 years of age for self or another person of same age group - Miss Donna Welk, first; Miss Karen Overly, second, and Miss Kathy Horn, third.

Class C, Dress made by a person 18 years of age or over for a person under 18 - Mrs. J. Stanley Stauffer Jr., first.

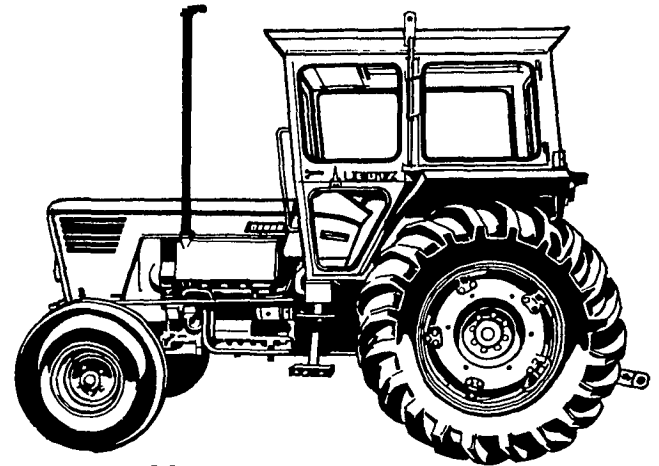
Judges were: Mrs. Robert Reynolds, Solanco Junior High School home economics department; Miss Marty Lynch, Solanco Senior High Senior home economics department, and Mrs. Robert B. McSparran, Peach Bottom.

Glenn Hough has been selected as Junior Grange patron to replace Mrs. Jacob Fantom who

moved to Lebanon County. The Junior Grange will conduct a paper drive at the next meeting, May 8.

The American Junior Citizens Club of Quarryville will present the program for the May 8 meeting for both the Subordinate Grange and the Junior Grange. Mrs. Martin Stoner will direct the presentation.

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