



These ladies are busy packaging fresh asparagus in polyethylene bags.

John F. Cope

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"There is absolutely no waste of asparagus in our processing method," said Cope "The entire asparagus is used in some manner" The thinner and less attractive spears have a market also, and, of course, the tips and cuts are popular frozen food commodities

Cope's also freezes asparagus "Once the asparagus has been washed, it is sized and graded, just as is our fresh asparagus. Then, however, it is blanched in boiling water for three minutes. It is then placed in cold water for a few moments, taken to a table where it is placed in boxes and weighed, sealed shut in the boxes,

wrapped and placed in our freezer," Cope added. The freezer is set at zero degrees and the asparagus remains there until it is ready to be shipped.

"All the individual handling is what keeps the price of asparagus on the high side, noted Cope "However we do use some equipment to aid in the cutting and sizing which was designed by our plant superintendent, Clarence Stauffer. This has helped us keep costs as low as possible."

So the next time you are about to complain about the high cost of asparagus remember what is involved in bringing it to your table. And also remember that it will be one of the freshest supermarket products you can buy

"Life of the Party"

Lancaster County 4-H members will present the play "Life of the Party", written by Marijane and Joseph Hayes, at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, May 26 and 27, at Conestoga Valley High School.

Play director is Miss Judy Kirchoff, teacher of political science and economics at Hempfield High School.

Cast members include the following 4-H'ers: Cindy Balmer, Lititz RD4, Nancy Yunginger, Marietta RD1, Sue Buckwalter, Lititz RD3, Gary Dean, Strasburg RD1, Rick Hess, Strasburg RD1, Nancy Zimmerman, Ephrata RD1, Cindy Reed, 150 Elmwood Road,

Lancaster, Donna Rohrer, 2439 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster.

Robin Fellenbaum, 1580 Fruitville Pike, Lancaster; Darryl Bollinger, Manheim RD1; Suzanne Irwin, 1022 Church Street, Lancaster; Sandra Arnold, 1038 Church Street, Lancaster, Mike Peifer, Manheim RD1, Mark Moyer, Manheim RD1; Doris Hershey, 304 Newport Road, Lititz; Ray Brubaker, 206 Rohrerstown Road, Lancaster, and Phil Bixler, Marietta RD1.

Price of tickets is \$1.25 for adults and 75 cents for students. Tickets will be available at the door the nights of the play.

Seedlings Planted

Wildlife in the state will benefit from over 5.6 million seedlings planted throughout Pennsylvania this Spring. The seedlings were produced at the Pennsylvania Game Commission's nursery at Howard in Centre County.

Sportsmen's groups, conservation clubs, soil and water conservation districts, landowners cooperating in programs of the Game Commission designed to keep private holdings open to public hunting, coal stripping operators and others received seedlings which will provide future food and cover for wildlife.

More than half of the seedlings were planted by Game Commission personnel on State Game Lands, tracts purchased with funds derived from the sale of

hunting licenses and maintained as public hunting areas, and on farm-game projects, private land which is kept open to public hunting.

Species distributed included scotch pine, red pine, white pine, Austrian pine, Norway spruce, white spruce, mugho pine, hemlock, willow, bittersweet, multiflora rose, autumn olive, black locust, silky dogwood, Tartarian honeysuckle, chestnut, Asiatic crabapple, coral berry, sawtooth oak, bristly locust and button bush.

The seedlings are provided free of charge by the Game Commission, and planting and maintenance for the benefit of wildlife are usually provided by interested sportsmen and landowners.



Among winners of the annual Farm and Home Foundation Scholarship Awards at the Farm and Home Center Tuesday night

were: left to right, Gail Ann Kutz, Cynthia Darkes, Clyde Erb, Mary Ann Spotts and Randolph Hickernell.



Other recipients present to accept their scholarships at the annual Farm and Home Foundation Scholarship Awards presentation Tuesday night were: left to right,

Gary Dean, Carol Harting, Douglas Brenner, Cynthia Binkley and Mary Lou Brodhecker.

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President Ave., Lancaster, Manheim Township High School, who will attend Drexel University.

Mary Ann Spotts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Spotts, Mill Street, Bowmansville, Garden

Spot High School, who will attend Mansfield State College.

The scholarships were awarded from the earnings from the irrevocable trust fund established by the late Elmer L. Esbenshade, one of the founders of the Farm and Home Center, and from a special educational program sponsored by the Farm

and Home Foundation.

The scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, scholastic achievement and leadership ability. Applicants must meet scholastic and entrance requirements for an accredited program in either agriculture or home economics at a college or university.

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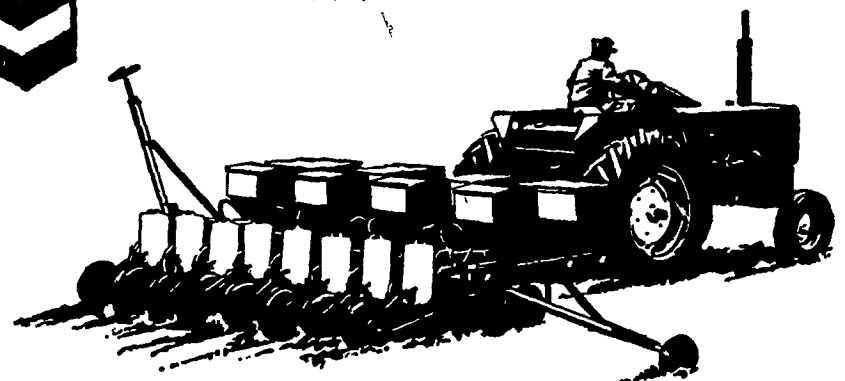
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