

Plant lovers' corner

Gardening in a small space

NEWARK, Del. - Not all gardeners are lucky enough to have all the space they might like to have for their vegetable garden. But good planning can make the most of the land you've got, says Delaware Extension plant pathologist Bob Mulrooney.

Here are his suggestions for maximizing your garden plot for an abundant harvest from Spring 'til frost:

* **Keep walkways to a minimum.** Paths between every row often aren't necessary. They just take up space that could go to crops.

* **Intercrop.** Mix slow-growing and fast-growing vegetables (such as carrots and radishes) in the same row so that the "speedy" vegetable has matured and been harvested before the slow one needs the space.

* **Stagger plantings.** This method of alternating plants between rows allows more plants in a given area than evenly spaced rows.

* **Raise vine-type crops vertically.** Grow cucumbers, tomatoes and pole beans on fences, trellises or stakes to save space in the garden.

* **Sequence your plantings.** As soon as a row of vegetables is used, cultivate the ground and replant with another crop which will mature before frost. Replace early cool-season vegetables with warm-weather ones as the first mature and are harvested. In mid-August, start cool-season crops again for a fall harvest.

* **Garden in containers.** If space is very limited, you can grow some vegetable varieties such as eggplant, bell peppers and tomatoes on the patio in containers. This works on a sunny balcony, too.

* **Use your flower beds.** There's no rule that says you can't grow vegetables in a flower border. Some can make an attractive addition. In selecting a site for vegetables, though, make sure they'll get enough sunlight. A vigorous and productive garden requires a minimum of six hours of full sun per day.

Avoid locations near buildings and fences that cast long shadows. Particularly stay away from trees and shrubs which not only cast shade but also remove moisture and nutrients from the soil. The site should be fairly level with well-drained fertile soil. If you're doubtful about the amount of light the spot will provide, grow lettuce, parsley or some other leaf vegetable there which can get by with a little less sun.

COMMENTS FROM READERS

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photo of the professor! I confess we "fell" for last year's joke, but this year we were ready for it. Thanks for the fun. Even our 9-year old had a good laugh! And thanks for sharing your sense of humor in Lancaster

Farming from time to time. A clean sense of humor helps to lighten the unpleasant tasks and gain a more proper perspective of ourselves and our work.

Yours truly,
R. Sauder
Spring Grove

Can you help?

Editor: Periodically we get requests from students from Germany, Holland, France, Switzerland, Austria and other countries to work on a farm in the United States.

Right now I have a request from a boy from France that would like to come to the U.S. for three to four months beginning about July 1st. Also, there is a German friend of mine who would like to come beginning July, 1980 and stay for one year. Both of these boys are about 19 years of age.

If you could be of any help

in locating a farm for these boys, I would very much appreciate it.

I thank you in advance for your help.

Warmest of regards,
Richard Denier
Director of Marketing
World-Wide Sires, Inc.
Hanford, Calif.

Note: Any dairy farm family interested in hosting a foreign student should contact either World-Wide Sires, Inc., Box 1346, Hanford, Calif. 93232, or Editor, Lancaster Farming, Box 366, Lititz, Pa. 17543.

Farm Calendar

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Sunday, May 6
Apple Blossom Sunday in Adams County.

Ontelaunee Grange holds breakfast from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Choice of menu includes sausage and pancakes, ham and eggs, or sausage and eggs. Baked goods on sale. Public invited. Grange Hall is located along Grange Road, Leesport.

Monday, May 7
Brecknock Township zoning meeting, agricultural limitations will be discussed.

Tuesday, May 8
Lancaster County FFA land judging contest, 1 p.m. near Bowmansville.

Hans Herr FFA banquet, Willow Street Vo-Tech School Cafeteria, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 9
York County 4-H demonstrations, 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the 4-H Center.

Hunterdon County (N.J.) board of agriculture monthly meeting, 8 p.m. in the Extension Center, Flemington.

Thursday, May 10
"Embroidery Basics" 9:30 a.m. at the Hunterdon

County (N.J.) Extension Center, Flemington.
Lancaster County FFA agronomy contest, Pequea Valley High School, 1 to 3 p.m.

Friday, May 11
Pennsylvania Egg Marketing Association meeting, 7 p.m. at the Treadway Resort Inn, Lancaster. Topic: electronic buying and selling of eggs.



Dr. John Fidler



Dr. Richard Peacock

Pennfield staff named

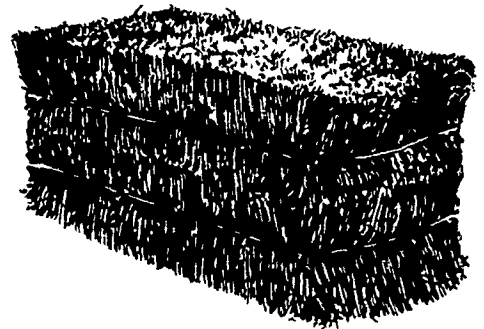
LANCASTER — Dr. John W. Fidler, 298 Sun Valley Drive, Leola, has been named manager of Technical Services at Pennfield Corporation, according to Robert B. Graybill, president.

Dr. Fidler received his B.S. in agriculture and M.S. in poultry nutrition from the University of Missouri. He earned his Ph.D. in poultry nutrition from the Ohio State University. Prior to joining Pennfield, he was manager of poultry production research for Swift and Company.

Dr. Fidler succeeds Dr. Richard G. Peacock, who has accepted the post of manager of feed sales for Pennfield. Dr. Peacock, of 2370 Henbird Lane, joined Pennfield in 1968 as a nutrition expert in research and formulation of feeds. A graduate of the University of Connecticut, he holds a B.S. in poultry and agricultural sciences and an M.S. in poultry nutrition and biochemistry. He received his doctorate in poultry nutrition and biochemistry from the University of Maryland.



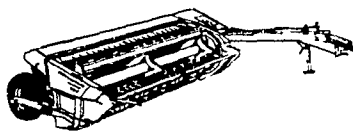
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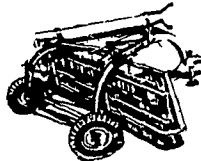
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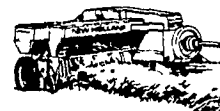
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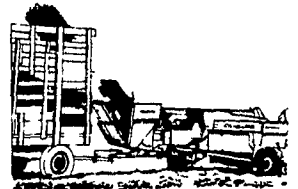
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