

## Gardening tips in new Baer's Ag Almanac

LANCASTER — New gardeners can find valuable advice in the 1981 edition of Baer's Agricultural Almanac, which is now available.

Beets are recommended for the new gardener. They yield rewarding quantities of nutritional tops and roots; can be harvested early and late in the year, and can be cooked in many ways.

Tips on beets are only a fraction of help for new and

all gardeners in the 1981 edition. Here are a few others:

Nasturtiums are more than pretty flowers; they repel aphids from broccoli and help potatoes; they shoo away squash bugs and they give radishes perfect flavor.

Cucumbers are No. 3 popular garden plants in the U.S. (following tomatoes and beans), but crops are so bountiful that if you do not plan in advance what to do with them, you'll be in a pickle.

Turkish sweet bay is an interesting house plant, as well as a flavoring aid for the cook.

The Almanac, published at Lancaster since 1825, is filled with facts and folklore in multitudes of brief articles. Many experienced farmers

and gardeners rely on it as a year-round guide and cheerful companion.

It contains planting and fishing guides; Phases of the Moon; a gestation table, weather predictions, wise sayings, poetry and jokes.

In its American Anniversary section, it notes that the Revolutionary War ended in 1781 with the surrender of Cornwallis; that Cyrus H. McCormick invented the farm reaper in 1831, and that the loganberry was developed in 1881 by Judge James H. Logan, of Santa Cruz, Calif.

The issue contains scientific backing for the old expression, "Be happy, you'll live longer". It tells how to help bring back the bluebirds; when to cut your

hair according to the moon, so that it will grow better, and how to compute temperature by listening to a cricket.

Folklore gems include these: To become rich, marry in a snowstorm; for a good crop of onions, plant on

March 21; a red sunset means angels are making cookies.

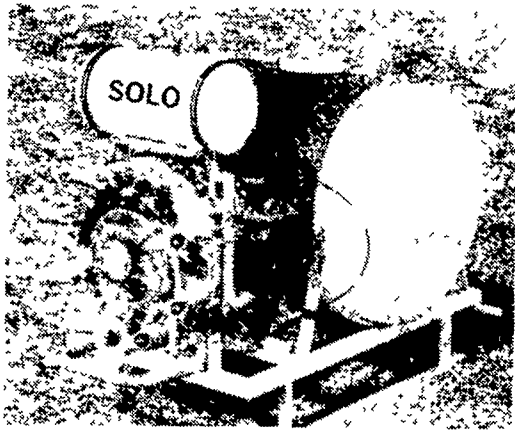
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The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposed 1981 budget plus some other changes.

Also discussed was a change in media advertising due to increasing costs of radio and TV. It was felt that, in New York City, subway add billboard advertising was a better way of

reaching more people for less money.

Another project discussed was the "Cheese Adds A Slice of Life" in which the supermarkets and cheese companies have responded much better than hoped for.

There is a projected increase in sales of 10 percent which would amount to 80 million pounds of cheese. The supermarkets claim a projected increase of 20 to 25 percent is more realistic.

There were reports on other projects in which the pilot programs have proven very successful but funds were not available for full scale promotion.

### Junior Cooking Edition

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#### REESE BALLS

- 1 pound margarine
- 2 pounds peanut butter
- 2 1/2-3 pounds powdered sugar
- 3 teaspoons vanilla

Melt the margarine and add the other ingredients. Roll into balls. Chill. To dip, put on a needle and dip into 18-ounces of chocolate chips and 1 block of paraffin, melted in a double boiler. Store in a cool place.

Sue Ellen Petre, Age 9, Waynesboro

#### CRACKER DIP

- 1 package cream cheese
- 1 heaping tablespoon salad dressing
- 1 small onion
- seasoned salt

Soften the cream cheese and add the salad dressing and onion. Sprinkle with the seasoned salt.

Mary B. Esh, Christiana

#### KOOL AIDE DESSERT

- 1 package Kool Aide
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 quarts fruit juice or water
- 6 heaping tablespoons Clear Jel
- 6 ounces gelatin, the same flavor as the Kool Aide
- fresh or frozen fruit or drained fruit cocktail

Cook the Kool Aide, sugar, fruit juice and Clear Jel together until clear. Add the flavored gelatin. Chill until slightly thickened and add the fruit. Chill until firm and serve.

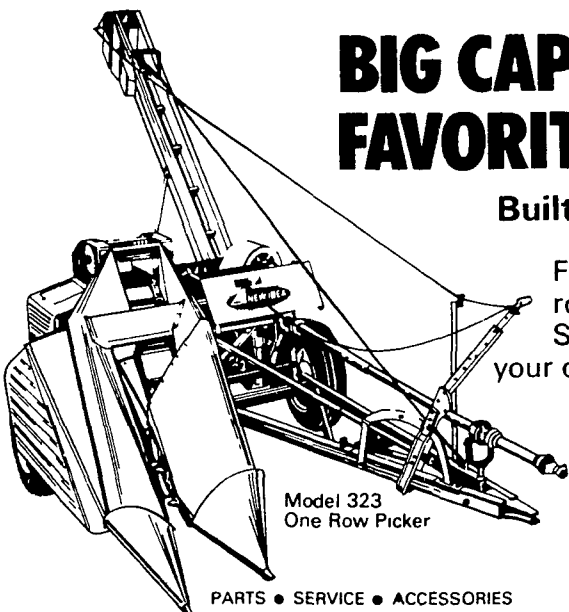
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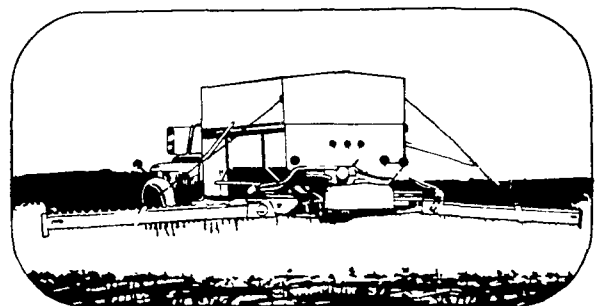
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