

WEEK FARM CALENDAR

From the Pennsylvania State College Agricultural School.

Change Pasture Seeding.
Shortages of feed and seed, as well as more recent experimental evidence indicate that slight changes in seed mixtures are desirable, say extension agronomists of the Pennsylvania State College. They suggest that farmers get the new seed mixture information from county agricultural agents.

Plant Peas Early.
Peas should be planted early because they require cool, moist weather, according to extension vegetable specialists of the Pennsylvania State College. A well drained soil containing liberal amounts organic matter, sufficient lime, and complete fertilizer also is needed for a large yield of peas.

Train Sheep Shearers.
A large number of sheep shearing demonstrations in various sections of Pennsylvania will give training this year to men and boys who will help to clip 3,000,000 pounds of wool. There is a shortage of experienced shearers, report livestock specialists of the Pennsylvania State College.

Mine Timber Needed.
Soft coal mines in the Pittsburgh district are in urgent need of both mine props and sawed material for ties, mine boards, and car lumber, report extension foresters of the Pennsylvania State College. Other areas must help meet the demand.

Use Garden Fertilizer.
Good gardens can be made better if fertilizer is used in proper amounts to feed the vegetables, say Penn State vegetable gardeners. This year the home garden fertilizer is a 5-10-5 used at the rate of 25 to 35 pounds to 1000 square feet.

Prevent Chick Crowding.
Every effort should be made by the poultryman to prevent chicks from crowding, declare Penn State Poultry specialists.

Prepare Garden Soil.
Deep stirring of the garden soil increases its capacity for holding both air and moisture. Extension vegetable specialists of the Pennsylvania State College say that usually the soil can be plowed or spaded to a depth of 8 or 9 inches without turning up the subsoil.

Improve Pastures.
Pennsylvania pastures generally are improved simply through the ap-

plication of lime, phosphate and manure. However, there are some situations where working up the sod and reseeded are necessary operations, according to extension agronomists of the Pennsylvania State College.

Grow Home Fruit.
Raspberries are among the most successful of the fruits which can be grown for home use, but the planting should not include both red and black varieties, remind extension fruit specialists of the Pennsylvania State College. Plants should be set as early in the spring as the soil can be prepared.

Time to Plant Trees.
Now is the time to plant forest trees. Selection of kinds to plant must be made for the tree crops the farmer wants to produce, say extension foresters of the Pennsylvania State College — Fence posts, Christmas trees, mine timber or lumber.

Beekeepers Busy.
At this time of the year beekeepers are busy with all the operations necessary for a successful honey producing season, say Penn State apiculturists. In addition to making honey, the bees help to produce seed and fruit crops through pollination.

MARSTELLER SOLDIER HAS AIR COMMISSION

Lt. Claudio D. Schelfe, aged 20, a son of Mr. and Mrs. David F. Schelfe, of Marsteller, was graduated from the Army Airforce Southeast Training Center at Mariana (Fla.) Army Airfield and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He was graduated from Spangler high school in May of 1942, and enlisted as an aviation cadet the following summer. He has been spending a furlough with his parents.

Coal Operator Dies.
George Mazenko, 69, of Altoona and Coalport, well known operator of a mine at Ashville, Route 53, died unexpectedly of a heart attack Friday afternoon at his home in Altoona. He was born in 1874 and was a prominent coal operator in northern Cambria county for many years. Mr. Mazenko was married to the former Etta Delozier, who died a number of years ago. Five children survive.

DO YOU KNOW?
Edward Gibbon, English historian, author of "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire," was the only one of seven children of his family to survive childhood and so delicate was he as a child that his life was often despaired of. He lived to age 67. Two hundred years ago 80 per cent of the gainfully employed American population was engaged in agriculture; now the percentage is less than twenty.

Marine Aviator In Fights With Japs Downs 14

Bails Out of Bullet-Ridden Plane Into Sea and Is Rescued.

BY CAPT. WILBUR J. THOMAS MUNDA AIRFIELD. — Marine Aviator First Lieut. Wilbur J. Thomas of Eldorado, Kan., encountered "about 15" Zeros, blasting three of them out of the skies and sharing another with his wingman. His bag of Jap planes now stands at 14.

In the middle of the fight, his bullet-riddled Corsair (Vought F4U) began spitting oil and the engine froze. In a few seconds he was heading downward into the sea and bailed out, but was rescued several hours later.

While escorting dive bombers striking at the Jap Kahili airdrome, Lieutenant Thomas ran into the Jap Zero fighters.

The first Jap he shot down came front on at his wingman and then passed through the gun sights of Lieutenant Thomas, his belly in perfect view. The marine sent a long burst of hot lead into the Jap and he "burst into a mass of flames."

But before he had given the finishing blow to the Jap, his wingman had riddled him enough to make him smoke. This is the plane he shared, giving him half of the credit.

Two Zeros were on the tail of one of Lieutenant Thomas' companions. He went after them and they ran. Another Zero closed in on a marine fighter pilot. This time Lieutenant Thomas tailed in on the Jap and shot him to bits before he had time to fire at the other marine.

Zeros Swarm Like Bees.
In a split second, a Jap was making a head-on run at the marine pilot. They traded a burst of lead and the Jap began to smoke and burn at the wing roots. As the Zero fell, Lieutenant Thomas saw the Jap pilot bail out.

While the Jap plane was still falling, Lieutenant Thomas saw a Corsair zoom past him, with a Zero hot on his tail. He peeled over, put a burst into the enemy and "the Zero burst into flames and spun down."

Zeros were swarming around like bees, as Lieutenant Thomas put another burst in a Jap, saw pieces fall off his plane but did not see him smoke or crash.

Enemy bullets riddled the rear of the marine's plane and he dove to head home. Oil was splashing on the left side of the greenhouse and he couldn't see whether or not the Japs were still on his tail.

The plane couldn't hold altitude and then the engine froze. The pilot looped it over and hit the sea. His companions circled, offering protection, and marked the spot where he landed.

The experience of being shot down was nothing new to Lieutenant Thomas. He had done it once before. Once in his small rubber boat he did his best to paddle away from enemy shore positions, but the winds and currents were too strong for him. Exhausted he covered himself with his parachute and began to doze off. He awakened to find a large bird, probably an albatross, perched on his foot.

Plays Possum.
"I played possum with it for a while just to see what it would do," he said, "then ventured to move a bit. The bird didn't seem alarmed, and it stayed there completely unconcerned. I put my hand out to stroke its head, but, instead of flying away, it bit my finger and shook it like a puppy shaking a rag. However, it did not hurt."

Search planes then came into sight, but apparently they could not find the lieutenant. He did everything to attract their attention, but to no avail.

Disappointed and a little worried, he decided to take his mind off the situation by fishing. "The fish weren't as friendly as the bird," he said. "I got no bites at all."

Late in the afternoon, the search planes appeared again, but this time the fighters saw the tiny rubber boat bouncing on the water. A rescue plane landed on the water and soon Lieutenant Thomas was on his way back with this fighting squadron.

Soldier Is Captured After Six-Hour Search

VINELAND, N. J. — Sergt. Charles Palka, 25, reported absent without leave from an army camp in Colorado, was captured at the home of his sister here at 1 a. m. after a six-hour hunt by police through wooded sections between Vineland and Carmel, 14 miles southwest of this town.

State police at the Malaga barracks received information that Palka was at the home of his parents in Carmel. Police said that the soldier escaped into the woods and evaded them until he reached the home of his sister, Catherine. Police announced he will be turned over to army authorities.

12 of 13 in One Family Numbered as War Dead

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND. — One Belfast family lost 12 of its 13 members in the war.

In an air raid in 1941, the father, mother, six brothers, a sister and her husband and child were killed. Recently Able Seaman Henry Clarke was reported missing and presumed lost at sea. The surviving brother is a war worker.

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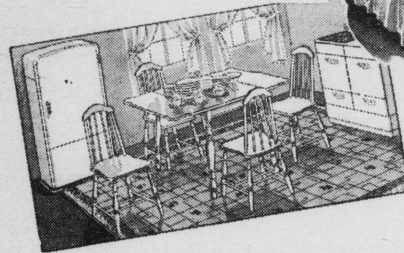
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MARIA MONTEZ IN "ALI BABA AND FORTY THIEVES" SOON AT GRAND THEATRE

All the enchantment and exotic atmosphere that film goes have come to identity with the name of Maria Montez returning to the screen, at the Grand Theatre, Patton, next Sunday and Monday will be found in Universal's "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves."

Miss Montez, of anything, exceeds the spiffy charm she exhibited in such earlier Technicolor successes as "Arabian Nights," "White Savage" and "Cobra Woman," and profits by the lavish oriental background which marks the picture throughout.

Co-starred with the lovely Maria are John Hall, who again is teamed with her effectively in the love theme and handsome Turban Bey, a relative newcomer to the realm of top-billed screen personalities whose engaging performance well merits his opportunity.

Locale of the elaborate film fantasy is ancient Bagdad in the days of its most resplendent glory. Miss Montez appears as a princess whose treacherous father brings about the slaying of the Caliph and the conquest of Bagdad by Mongol hordes.

The picture is extravagant from beginning to end. You won't want to miss it. A matinee will be held Sunday at 2:30.

LYNCH HEADS COUNTY PRINCIPALS' ASSOCIATION

John C. Lynch, principal of the Lilly High School, was elected president of the Cambria County High School Principals' Association at a dinner meeting on Monday evening in the Metropolitan Hotel, Ebensburg.

The Lilly educator was elected to succeed E. S. Oxenreider, principal of Portage Township High School, as head of the organization.

Karl J. Wachter of Wilmore was named vice president and B. J. Roach Gallitzin, was selected secretary-treasurer.

Guest speakers were Dr. A. M. Stull, Dr. Clara Shryock, and Daniel M. Aughenbaugh, of the office of the county superintendent of schools, and County Commissioner Cyrus W. Davis.

Mr. Davis stressed the necessity of the school safety patrols and commended each school in the county for the fine work accompanied in this field. He also pointed out that not a fatality among school children has taken place where patrols have been established.

The executive committee will meet soon to set meeting dates for the county association. It was believed that meetings during the coming year would be the same as this term — every other month.

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