

by Max Smith

## Over The Back Fence

THE PRACTICE OF daily green-chopping of forage crops for cattle feeding presents a number of problems. In some areas of the country this is a very popular method of feeding the herd during the summer season. In addition to the chore of going to the field one or more times daily with the tractor and field chopper, regardless of weather conditions, it is very difficult to have a forage crop that is at the proper stage of maturity at all times. This means that many days the cows are consuming forage that is either too green or too mature. It seems to me that the method of stored feeding (silos) of these forages would be a better method of having higher quality feed for a greater part of the time. Under this setup the crops can be cut at the proper stage of maturity and fed to the herd by way of automatic feeders.



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MOST GROWERS of alfalfa are experiencing poor weevil control in spite of proper materials and timing last fall. Our insect authorities claim a build-up of resistance or immunity to the insecticides by the weevils. This has been the experience in many of the southern states (Maryland and Virginia) and in the case of the House Fly and DDT some years ago. Growers are requested to be patient until different controls are proven. Don't blame your custom spray operator for this trouble.

I AM AWARE that a number of local farmers plan to remove the first cutting of hay from the field and then plow the area for corn production. Under this plan it is very important to plow down at least 100 pounds of actual nitrogen per acre in order to decompose the sod and to provide sufficient nitrogen for the corn crop. If manure is available, it could be plowed down in addition to the fertilizer.

HOME-OWNERS that have a number of evergreen trees or shrubs such as spruce, arborvitae, or junipers should be spraying for spruce mite control. These insects usually attack the center part of the tree or shrub causing the needles or foliage to turn to a bronze or rusty color. Materials such as Aramite, 2 tablespoons in a gallon of water, or Dimethoate 1 teaspoon per gallon, will give control. Make two applications ten days apart during May or early June.

MANY TOBACCO plants are growing slowly this spring and may need a boost. We suggest an application of dried blood, 10 to 12 pounds per 1,000 square feet of bed; be sure to wash the blood from the leaves immediately after application. This type of organic nitrogen will speed up growth but not make the plants too soft and tender.

All antibiotic drugs for human use are subject to testing in the Food & Drug Administration's laboratories, and new batches of these drugs may not be shipped unless they are certified by FDA as meeting required specifications.

## Somebody Looks Over Shoulder

Somebody is looking over your shoulder. So far, Somebody merely wants to know whether you are watching "The Beverly Hillbillies" or say, "Richard III."

Indeed, to be quite factual, Somebody hasn't really begun to look over people's shoulders in earnest yet. But the electronic gadget which would permit surveys of people's television viewing to be made simply by parking a device something like a radar near their homes, and letting it pick up the signals their TV machines emanate (different, depending on the channel they are watching) is in being. It was shown at an exhibit in connection with the annual meeting of the National Association of Broadcasters not long ago.

Now it doesn't make much difference to us if an invisible eye peers over our shoulder to see which program we like to relax by. But just supposing the unsusposable — that a demagogue of some dimensions were to come to occupy one of the seats of government in our fair land. And supposing he were to make a speech in favor of a "police action" against Lower Slobovia. And supposing it were felt to be in the public interest that all should watch the speech over the television. The principle that Somebody was entitled to look over your shoulder to see what you were watching would have been established long ago, as a simple convenience for the rating-makers.

And there you would be, with your set turned off, and the incriminating fact quite easily known to the possessor of the little gadget. Somebody would have turned imperceptibly into Big Brother. The "supposings" may be a little farfetched. But we think the would-be silent watchers over our shoulder bear watching. —Selected

Drug manufacturers are required to report promptly to the Food and Drug Administration any information they get regarding adverse effects from new drugs and antibiotics on the market.

## Is There Law Providing Neverending Trouble?

Is there some inexorable law that provides the world with a never-diminishing supply of trouble? Some of the side effects of Progress tempt us to believe so. We lick one problem only to discover that our success has created a new threat. To illustrate this union of bane with blessing we could cite a gruesome list, beginning with atoms & automation. But we'd rather press the point by letting you in on a brief domestic scene, reported to us recently, which reveals one of the banes lurking behind the blessing of a great optical achievement.

WIFE (teetering into the bedroom and peering astigmatically here and there): Honey, have you seen my contact lenses? I thought I put them in the tumbler in the bathroom.

HUSBAND: You thought— oh, I drank 'em!

## Community Picnic Day at Manheim

A mutt race, fishing contest and chicken barbeque head the list of activities scheduled for "Community Picnic Day" in Manheim Memorial Park on May 30.

The Manheim Jaycees are sponsoring a mutt race, which will feature dogs, classed according to weight, running from a given point to their master. Students from kindergarten through ninth grade are eligible.

The Manheim Sportsmen's Association will provide a fishing contest for boys and girls age 6 to 16. The contest will be held in a specially stocked and posted area in the park. The Community Pool will be open.

### Manheim Banquet

The Manheim Central high school Alumni Association will hold the annual alumni

banquet on Friday evening, June 5 at 6:30 in the M. C. H. S. cafeteria. Donald Ruhl, toastmaster, will welcome the Class of 1964.

### Newcomers

The Welcome Wagon Newcomers Club of Manheim will hold a Smorgasbord at the Dinnerbell Restaurant at Manheim on Thursday, May 29, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

After eating, a business meeting will be held. Officers will be elected and a vote taken on a new constitution.

### Golden Hours

The Manheim Golden Hours club held its meeting in the cafeteria of the H. C. Burgard School Wednesday, May 20.

The Daughters of Zion Lutheran Sunday School

Class of Zion Lutheran Church presented the program. Mrs. Henry Brackbill, president, extended greeting of welcome, Miss Winifred Ritter read the Scripture, and Mrs. J. D. Rohrer gave the prayer. A comedy skit, "Rehearsal for Children's Day" was given by the following: Teacher, Mrs. Brackbill; and children, Mrs. Lee Wiechers, Mrs. Dawson Detwiler, Mrs. Raymond Dissinger, Mrs. Sydney Showers, Mrs. Parke Plasterer, Mrs. Wilbur Herneisen, and Mrs. John Connelly. Mrs. Showers sang a solo, accompanied by Mrs. Dissinger, Rev. Raymond Foellner spoke briefly to the group. A Hymn Sing was led by Mrs. Dawson Detwiler, accompanied by Mrs. Elva Briner.

Refreshments were served by the Golden Hours Committee of the Manheim Women's Club, Mrs. Raymond Dissinger, Mrs. Lee Wiechers, Mrs. Francis Helt, Mrs. J. D. Rohrer, Mrs. Frank Beard, Mrs. Clifford Brewster, and Mrs. Wayne Hoke.

Following refreshments, the senior citizens toured the library and classrooms of the Burgard School. They enjoyed comparing facilities of the new schools of today with the schools they attended 60 to 80 years ago. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carter, formerly of Manheim and now residents of Florida, Mrs. Tillie Aston, Mrs. Marie Bigler, Mrs. Jacob Blecher, Mrs. Elva Briner, Mrs. Ammon Bucher, Mrs. Barbara Connelly, Mrs. Isaac Couple, Mrs. Margie Erb, Mrs. Gertrude Gailbreath, Mrs. Ruth Hahn, Mrs. Elmer Harry, Mrs. Henry Helt, Mrs. Sam Helt, Mrs. Lizzie Herr, Mrs. Myers Kreider, Mrs. Maurice Meiskey, Mrs. Grace Myers, Mrs. Katie Ober, Mrs. Lottie Ober, Mrs. John Shelley, Mrs. John Sides, Miss Edith Stoneroad, Miss Claramaker, Miss Mabel Givler, Miss Elsie Bomberger, Mrs. Katherine Groff, Mrs. Mary Long, Mrs. Mary Loraw, Mrs. John Derr, Mrs. Lizzie Steiner, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Goss, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hoffman, Francis Helt and Ammon Peters.

The next meeting will be in July when a picnic supper at Memorial Park is being planned.

Annually, Americans fall victim to \$500 million worth of dietary nonsense in the form of "health" foods and food supplements they don't need. This is more than the American public spends on medical education each year.

## NEWS IN MARIETTA

### Street Resurfacing Slated

Resurfacing of Marietta's main street (Market) is scheduled for this week by the County Highway Maintenance Department.

Street repairs began several weeks ago with grading and removing the high crown in several sections.

Some property owners have constructed curbs, and the borough has installed new storm sewers in several locations.

C. Blain Strickler, county

### For Basic Dress

A plain fabric with subdued texture and no design is a wise choice for a basic dress, reminds Bernice Tharp, Penn State extension clothing specialist. Buy the dress in the best quality you can afford and select a weight fabric that is suitable to almost any season. Desirable fabrics include lightweight wool, blends of wool and manmade fibers, and blends of manmade fibers.

### Hanging Basket

An eye-catching hanging basket display can be formed by a row of Sedum morganianum, more familiarly and inelegantly called "Burro's Tail." They are among the hardiest of succulent plants for hanging — either in city apartment or outdoors during the summer, reminds Mrs. Lynn Smith, extension floriculturist at Penn State U.

superintendent of highways said resurfacing work is to begin this week with completion of the project before Saturday.

### Depot Gets Money

The House Appropriations Committee has approved expenditure of \$273,000 to install heating facilities in the warehouses of the Marietta Air Force Depot.

An Air Force spokesman reported the appropriation along with \$3,046,000 to be used at Olmsted for a new chapel and construction of "clean rooms" — dust free areas with controlled atmospheric conditions to insure minimum contamination of sensitive instruments.

Funds will be available for the projects July 1, it was reported.

### BOOKMOBILE

FIRST TUESDAY  
Mount Joy Memorial Park  
1 to 8 p.m.  
SECOND TUESDAY  
Mastersonville Fire Hall  
10 to 12 a.m.  
Manheim Square  
12:30 to 4 p.m.  
THIRD TUESDAY  
Bainbridge Post Office  
10 to 12 a.m.  
and  
Marietta Square  
12:30 to 4 p.m.  
FOURTH TUESDAY  
Landisville Fire Hall  
10 to 12:30 a.m.  
and  
East Petersburg Bank  
12:30 to 4 p.m.