

## Over The Back Fence



by Max Smith  
County Agricultural Agent

AGRICULTURAL producers are facing a high cost situation that will challenge all of us to try and keep farmers operating on a profitable basis. With higher costs and stable or declining values of farm products, the effort requires the most efficient practices and excellent farm management. Greater output per unit of production is one of the possibilities; when we can get more milk per cow, more eggs per hen, more yield per acre, more performance per hour of labor, then we should be able to reduce costs. We favor this avenue of improvement rather than the idea of expansion on many farms.

CATTLE feeders continue to observe a decline in the prices of their finished product on foot; we participate in much discussion on this subject but the solution is difficult to achieve. It appears that the market conditions have lowered the price of feeder and stocker cattle — an item that has hampered the cattle feeder for several years. However, the lower cost of feeder cattle alone will not solve the problem at the reduced market prices. The cattle feeder cannot put on the weight per pound at the going prices, especially on grain rations. We must look to more roughages and silages in order to reduce the cost of weight gains.

ONE DAY last week I was helping Arnie Lueck, our Assistant County Agent, to plant a hybrid corn demonstration plot on the farm of Jay C. Garber, near New Danville. We noticed that Jay was getting along nicely on the remodeling of his dairy barn (from stanchions to the free-stall system) and that his new milking parlor was being concreted. We are aware of considerable interest in the free-stall method of handling dairy cows and we know that Jay Garber's good management will make it work.

A MONTH ago we were fortunate in getting adequate rainfall and got our cropping season off to a wet start; however, at the time of this writing we are a bit short of May rainfall and many crops, lawns, and gardens may need irrigation. For the home-owners who want to irrigate their lawns or gardens, we suggest that it be done every week to ten days and that the area be soaked thoroughly; the water should be applied sufficiently to penetrate to the roots of the plants. To water shallow is worse than not watering at all.

MANY CROPS of alfalfa hay were cut early to reduce

## Manheim Awards Garbage Contract Scholarship

Manheim Borough Council recently awarded contracts for garbage collection, a new truck and street repairs.

The garbage collection contract, covering one year and totaling \$3,975, was given to Clair B. Meyer, Manheim R4, the only bidder. Council returned to collections by a private collector after a proposed municipal system was defeated at the polls.

A \$2,300 contract for a 1/2-ton panel truck was awarded to Sauder Chevrolet, Manheim. The contract carries a 2-year service guarantee.

The street repair contract was awarded to Roger E. Gerhart, Inc., Lititz, at a low bid of \$1,455. Projects include repairs and improvements to Hershey Drive, from Adelle Avenue to Hamaker Road; North Pitt Street, from Gramby to Colebrook Road; South Pitt Street, from Stiegel to Cherry Street; N. Grant Street, from High Street to Alley B; South Penn Street, from Ferdinand to Stiegel Street; and Rambler Road from Orchard Lane to Orchard Lane.

The swimming pool was opened Friday night and was free to the public Memorial Day.

**Questionnaires**  
Approximately 1,600 planning questionnaires designed to provide information for a comprehensive development plan for Manheim are being

mailed to borough residents. Residents are requested to fill out the two-page questionnaire and return it to the borough office by June 15th. Questions seek information concerning employment, shopping practices and residents' opinions on what additional community services are needed.

**Wins Trip**  
Richard Shenk was the winner of the Conservation Essay Contest held at Manheim Centra high school. He will leave July 5, for two weeks stay at the conservation camp at Penna. State

University. He is being sponsored by the Manheim Sports men's Assn. This program is in affiliation with National Conservation Week.

**Softball Game**  
A softball game pitting the Sensational Seven Plus Two, Radio Station WSMA disk jockeys, against the Manheim Fire Co. will be played at the Manheim Veterans Memorial Park baseball diamond on Wednesday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds from the game will be used toward the purchase of a new fire engine next spring.

## Is Related To Autos

A high school or college student who is studying is less likely to be involved in an automobile accident than this car-crazy cousin who is roaring about the highways in a jalopy. A student's scholastic standing is likely to bear a close relationship to his driving habits, because the more he drives the less times he has for study.

Now, the country's largest automobile insurance company, has taken steps to reward good students because they are exposed less to accidents. They're studying more, driving less.

The company is giving "Good Student" discounts, now available to California, but soon to be offered in other states. The plan offers rate reductions of 20 percent to qualified men students who maintain good grades in high school and colleges. Girls are not included because they already benefit from lower insurance rates.

"By-products of the plan are its incentives for scholastic achievement and the powerful argument it provides parents in the traditional debate over use of the family car," said Edward Rust, State Farm president, when he announced the new program.

Because the driving privilege rates high with young men in their teens and early twenties, students who could not be persuaded to devote themselves to studying for other reasons may turn to their books with new vigor in order to earn this dollars-and-cents reward for good grades.

## Build Car-Top Carrier Cheap

For a materials cost of less than \$15, you can build a streamlined car-top luggage carrier by following an easy-to-read, free plan.

Besides the hardware, you will need framing lumber and masonite.

The curved top, easily formed by bending the thin-gauge hardwood over the framework, materially reduces wind resistance and so increases gasoline mileage on trips.

This useful luggage carrier has doors on each side for easy loading and unloading. Small padlocks may be used to keep out intruders.

For a copy of free plan AE-391, write the Home Service Bureau, 29 N. Wacker Dr., Chicago Ill., 60606.

The Kefauver-Harris Amendments to the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, passed by Congress in 1962, requires that the sponsor of a new drug prove that it is effective as well as safe before he can distribute it commercially.

by Dr. Geo. W. Crane

## The Worry Clinic

Carol wants to know how to increase her rating in the 4-H Beauty Queen Contest. Since I recently served as a judge, I am offering some comments that should be of special interest to girls and also their mothers. For many women don't know what the judges use as criteria for picking winners.

CASE O-473: Carol J., aged 16, belongs to a 4-H Club. "Dr. Crane," she asked, "I am entered in the 4-H Beauty Queen Contest in my county."

"So what can I do to increase my chances of winning? For the victor then goes to our State Fair and may be crowned State Queen."

Last summer I served as one of the 3 judges for a similar 4-H contest.

The other two judges were women—one being a Home Economics authority and the other an official of a Charm School.

We three judges interviewed every girl, individually, just to find out how she could handle questions and carry on conversations.

Some girls were shy and quiet, responding only when they were asked a direct question.

Others were vivacious and gay. A few of them bubbled over with vitality so they picked up our questions and carried the conversation along without effort.

All three of us judges selected the same girl as the most vivacious and attractive on this conversation test.

For she exuded friendliness and had what we called an out-going type of personality. Her enthusiasm was contagious.

All the girls were undoubtedly friendly, but some didn't exude much except when asked a direct question (Turn to page 3)

## NEWS IN MARIETTA

### Lions Club Picks Officers

Patrick Kenny Jr., 352 W. Essex Street, was elected president of the Marietta Lions Club Thursday evening.

Kenney, an employe of the Olmsted Air Force Base in Middletown, is active in civic, veterans, and fraternal affairs in the community, and is a past vice president of the Pennsylvania Jaycees.

Armor McKain was elected first vice president; Robert G. Shank, second vice president; Raymond A. Sell, third vice president; John H. Raber, secretary; David E. Shank treasurer; Howard G. Shaub, Lion tamer; Stanley Buncich, tail twister; Samuel A. Acri, Ivan Hess, and LeRoy Appleby, directors.

Paul K. Cassel, Manheim, newly elected governor of District 14-D, conducted the installation service for the new officers.

**"Fair" Queen**  
Eight fifth grade pupils in the Elementary School are competing in a contest for the title of "Queen" of the annual Marietta Children's Fair.

the weevil damage; in some fields it might have been too early for the good of future stands. An application of 0-20-20 or 0-15-30 fertilizer after removing the first cutting could improve the strength of the plants and give greater yields for later cuttings.

The contestants are soliciting votes for themselves at a penny a vote. The funds they raise are turned over to the Recreation Association which underwrites the summer playground program at the Marietta War Memorial Park.

The candidates are: Debra Smeltz, Susan Wallick, Debra Swingler, Jane McDowell, Christine Wise, Lucinda Hess, Patricia Reisinger, and JoAnn Blymier.

The winner will be crowned by last year's queen, Pamela Kraus, who will relinquish her tiara and present the queen with a trophy during the program of the Children's Fair on June 13 at 3 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shannon and Mrs. Doris Aleseson are directing the queen contest.

The program for the fair will open at 10 a.m. with a baby parade, forming at the Square, with Mrs. Robert Carroll, chairman. Every child registered will receive free script to spend at the benefit and a lollipop.

A pet parade and other events will follow at the park.

One of the earliest known prescriptions was a hair grower made especially for Queen Ses of Egypt about 3400 B.C. It consisted of dog toes, date refuse, and asses' hoofs, and had the same effect as present-day hair restorers and baldness cures—none.

### 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.