

# Over The Back Fence

by Max Smith



SINCE I have just returned from a two week visit to the state of Bahia, Brazil, in South America, I would like to give a few impressions of this country. In the first place, Bahia is located in a tropical climate just south of the Equator and along the east coast of South America; the people include a complicated mixture of Spanish, Indian and Negro with some scattering of Dutch from the Netherlands. Bahians are friendly to Americans and look to us for many kinds of help and guidance. The State of Bahia is very much undeveloped in many ways including agriculture. These people are badly in need of more schools and education for their children; they also suffer from the lack of adult education and assistance since most of them cannot read or write. The sanitation conditions are very poor in most parts of the state with water supplies and sewage systems being poorly managed; there is no effort to control insects and flies as spreaders of disease even in hospitals and orphanages. Only half of the roads between their 300 cities and towns have any improvement and many areas do not have any kind of a road for trucks or cars. I am reminded of how fortunate we are here in Pennsylvania to have the facilities and the good standard of living which we enjoy.

IF ANY WORK is to be done on your lawn this spring in the way of re-seeding or spotseeding, we feel that it is very important to buy quality seeds; in many cases the non-certified mixtures will contain undesirable grasses and weeds that will give us endless trouble. Buy good, certified seed that gives the content, germinations, and weed content. Good seed pays.

FOR DAIRYMEN the spring season means reduced barn chores when the herd is turned to pasture; however, we would like to call attention to the need of very careful herd management of the milking cows the first few weeks of the grazing season. The animals should be exposed to the lush grass only a few minutes for the first few days in order to prevent bloating and digestive troubles; also, it is urged that the cows be allowed to graze only after the milking period and be removed from the area at least 3 to 4 hours before the next milking time; this will reduce grassy flavor in the milk. Pastures with wild garlic weeds should not be utilized by milking cows but used for dry cows and young stock. Barns should be well ventilated during the milking period when cows are on succulent pastures. Daily feeding of dry matter such as hay or silage is strongly recommended regardless of how good the forage may be; this prevents bloating and enables the animals to extract more feed value from the fresh forage.

HOMEOWNERS that are having some trouble with scale-type insects on their shrubs, fruit, or shade trees should keep in mind that the Dormant Oil Spray applied in the spring before plants bud out and when temperatures are above 40 degrees, will give best results. If the plants are already budded, then do not apply the oil

spray; under these conditions it is best to wait until the scales hatch out and then make several sprays of malathion. Scales may be observed as small white objects on the underside or on the stems of plants. They suck sap and strength from the plant and will injure them severely if the population of the scales is not controlled.

## Most Who Drive Become Careless

"Most of us who drive truly and conscientiously believe that we are careful, law-abiding and courteous drivers," says Edward P. Curran, Safety Director of Keystone Automobile Club.

"A recent survey indicates, however, that 95 percent of those who drive have common lapses from accepted safe driving practices.

"Let us attempt some self analysis here. Answer the dozen questions, total up your score, and give a thought to your driving habits. If your score is low, you should overhaul them, but fast. If you score well, you're one of an enlightened but smallish minority.

"How long has it been since you . . .

"Went through an intersection on an amber light?

"Made a rolling stop only at a STOP sign?

"Jumped the gun" on a green light?

"Passed another vehicle on the right?

"Stepped from your car on the traffic side?

"Left the engine running when you left your car?

"Double parked?

"Drove too close behind another vehicle at highway speeds?

"Failed to slow down at a blind intersection?

"Drove your car after a drink or two?"

## B.P.W. Spring District Meeting

District VII of the Pennsylvania Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs held its spring district meeting at the American Legion Home in Waynesboro on Saturday, April 24.

Approximately 160 members from 15 clubs in the district attended. Representing the Mount Joy B. P. W. club were delegates, Mrs. Marlin Sinegar, Mrs. Herbert Sarver and Mrs. Robert Hoffmaster; Alternates, Mrs. A. P. Mitzkavich, Miss Jane Fryberger and Mrs. Earl Koser. Mrs. Jay Meckley and Mrs. Adam Greer also attended.

Mount Joy club was presented with an award for having the best scrapbook in the district. This book will be entered in the State Scrapbook Contest.

A tea and business meeting were held in the afternoon and a banquet in the evening. At the banquet the following district officers were installed: Miss Jeanette Esbenshade, Red Lion, District Director; Miss Norma Gotwalt, Harrisburg, Asst. District Director; Mrs. Alverta Miller, Lancaster, Recording Secretary; Miss Beatrice Eck, E-town, Treasurer; Mrs. Betty Baldwin, Red Lion, Corresponding Secretary.

California leads the states in number of registered motor vehicles, with 9,531,000. New York is next with 5,723,000, and Alaska is in last place with 100,000.

The rung of the ladder was never meant to rest upon, but only to hold a man's foot long enough to enable him to put the other some what higher. —Huxley

"What a pity it is that nobody knows how to manage a wife but a bachelor!"

# Telephone Co. To Have New Owner

Agreement has been reached for Columbia Telephone company, which serves approximately 20,000 telephones through five exchanges in Lancaster county, to be transferred to a new subsidiary of United Utilities, Inc., second largest independent telephone system in the nation.

In a joint announcement, Henry Y. Smith, president of Columbia Telephone company, and Paul H. Henson, president United Utilities, stated that four shares of United common stock will be exchanged for each outstanding share of Columbia common stock.

At current prices quoted on New York Stock Exchange, the value of the 225,212 shares of United stock to be transferred to holders of 56,303 shares of Columbia stock is in excess of \$6 million dollars. The closing price for United shares on the New York Stock Exchange on Wednesday, April 21 was 28 1/2.

"When Columbia stockholders approve the agreement

and the Columbia property is transferred, United's payment will be made in authorized, but previously unissued stock," Henson said.

Beside Columbia, exchanges at Elizabethtown, Marietta, Mount Joy and Mountville, are operated by Columbia.

The Pennsylvania corporation to be formed as the new subsidiary of United will be known as the Columbia-United Telephone company, according to Henson who affirmed that Columbia Telephone company officers and employees would be retained in the new corporation.

The United Telephone system already operates 65 telephone exchanges in Pennsylvania from eastern group headquarters in Carlisle, which also holds jurisdiction over 17 additional exchanges in two United System companies in New Jersey.

The Columbia transaction would mark the fourth addition to the United since the first of the year.

Telephone properties in Indiana and Oregon were bought earlier in 1965 under

similar exchange of stock arrangements, and an agreement for the addition of the Mansfield (Ohio) Telephone company will soon be submitted for approval by Mansfield stockholders. Slightly over a year ago, United purchased for cash 45% interest in Inter-Mountain Telephone company, a 51 million dollar property serving over 145,000 telephones in Virginia and eastern Tennessee.

Not including the Inter-Mountain interest, the United system's net plant and property evaluation is nearly a quarter billion dollars in its 15-state service area.

United Utilities, Inc., is a holding company primarily of telephone properties.

B. M. Witmer, a native of Mountville and a Franklin and Marshall graduate is president of The United Telephone Company of Pennsylvania.

A Kansas Corporation, United Utilities, Inc., has its corporate headquarters in Abilene, Kansas. Operating headquarters are located in Kansas City.

# Named To Head Historical Society

Herbert D. Obetz was re-elected to his second term as president of the Manheim Historical Society recently as the organization embarked on its second year of operation.

Other officers elected for the coming year: Eugene H. Hollinger, vice president; Mrs. Eugene Hollinger, recording secretary; Dr. Loy C. Awkerman, financial secretary; H. B. Shearer, treasurer and H. E. Hart, curator.

Directors elected included Mrs. Barbara Shoff, George I. Hieges, J. David Young and Joseph Fauber.

The society announced that its Missimer-Weil Museum will reopen Tuesday, June 1 with the weekday hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday hours 1 to 4 p.m.

Plans are also being made for a "Manheim Day" program on Saturday, June 19, featuring tours of selected borough homes and gardens.

### Students Honored

Kathryn Shrom and Ronald Heagy have been named girl and boy of the month at Manheim Central high school by the Manheim Women's Club and the Manheim Rotary Club.

Miss Shrom is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar P. Shrom, Manheim R4. Associate editor of the school newspaper, the senior will attend Penn State in September. She is a member of the hockey team, bridge club, National Honor Society and FHA.

Heagy, also a senior, is the son of Bessie and Wilson May of 54 S. Main St., Manheim. A member of the Fisher Body Club, he plans to attend a trade school.

### On Dean's List

Included on the Dean's List at the Penn State university for the winter term, which ended in March, was Mary E. Shrom, Manheim R. D. 4.

### Boy Scout Circus

Preparations are almost completed for the annual Boy Scout Circus in Manheim, to be held this year on Saturday evening, May 1, at 7 p. m. in the junior high school auditorium.

A display of Scouting will be shown at the Scout hall. Refreshments will be available, and prizes will be awarded. This event is sponsored by the general Scout committee of Manheim troop Pack, and Post #47. The public is invited to attend.

### Honoring Wrestlers

The Manheim V.F.W. Post 5956 and Manheim Sertoma Club of Manheim are co-sponsoring in honoring the Manheim Central high school 1964-65 Championship Wrestling team at Evans banquet hall on Thursday, May 6th.

Grant "Tick" Hurst will be the main speaker of the evening and Herbert Obetz, mayor of Manheim, will be toastmaster.

### Heads P.T.A.

Morris Greiner, Colebrook Street in Manheim, has been elected president of the Manheim P.T.A.

Serving with him as first vice president will be Robert Rohrer; second vice president, John Roland; secretary, Sandra Seasholtz, and treasurer, Albert See.

Mrs. Donald Dunkle, past president, noted that a suggestion from a student, Douglas Hornberger, in the Manheim Elementary School to give the school a name has led to its being named the

### Stiegel Elementary School.

It was reported that the "Night of Entertainment" sponsored by the P.T.A. was a success.

### To Give Comedy

The Lions' Club and Women's Club of Manheim will present the musical comedy, "The Honeyman", on Friday and Saturday at 8:00 P.M. in the Manheim Senior High School auditorium. The play was written by two local women, Mrs. Marion Weaver and Mrs. Roma Greth.

Harold Young, a Lions' Club member, will play the lead role of the "Honeyman". Others in the cast include Mrs. Gene Flory, Mrs. Raymond Deardorff, Mrs. Robert Hershey, Arthur Hiepler, Timothy Stormfeltz, James Shaub and Ray Hollinger.

Presenting the show tunes will be a chorus of Lions' Club and Women's Club members.

Mrs. Robert Hershey and Arthur Hiepler are directing the production.

# Flower Show At Hershey

Daffodils and hycinths are the big show at the Hershey Gardens and Arboretum for the next several weeks. Daffodils or narcissi aren't just golden. They are white and pink, too, having a whole host of combinations of colors of the petals and trumpets or cups ranging from creamy yellow to orange and red. The petals and cups are single and double, while other daffodils have a cluster of flowers instead of just one big bloom.

Among the 150 varieties of narcissi are those that grow only three inches tall while others reach 18 to 24 inches high. Visitors are charmed by the daintiness of varieties such as Little Beauty and Little Gem. The bold yellow of the giant like Texas, Unsurpassable, and Golden Harvest create a gleaming sunspot of color. Indeed, there is more than a host of daffodils to be seen and enjoyed.

Nearby, the fragrance of the hycinths attracts the attention of all who draw near. Forty varieties of hycinths present an unusual mosaic of colors of orange, violet, blue, red, pink, white and yellow. Visitors are delighted by the blushing pinks, pure whites and solid deep blues.

Throughout the Arboretum section of the Gardens are thousands of daffodils planted beneath the White Birch, Maples, Pagoda trees, and flowering shrubs. Forsythia and Quince splash their colors between the magnificent array of the Magnolias and Judas trees. Evergreens boast their newness of delicate greens as the Atlantic Blue Cedars, Hemlock, Spruce, Pines and Fir compete with the formality of the sheared Yews, Junipers and Arborvitae.

May 2 through May 16 will be the best bloom period of the 30,000 tulps. Five hundred varieties just can't be imagined, they must be seen.

He who hesitates loses his parking space.

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