

# Over The Back Fence



By Max Smith

THE MONTH of April is the beginning of a new year with many of our farm lease and tenant arrangements. Experience has shown that the terms of these leases should be down in writing so that each party understands his responsibilities. We recognize that honesty is important whether it be a written or a verbal agreement; however, there will be less chance of misunderstanding if the details are down on paper. We urge all landlords and tenants to prepare written leases and that a copy be supplied to each interested party.

EARLY SPRING is one of the best times to plant most any type of tree or shrub; now that the frost is out of the ground and before hot, dry weather arrives, all the plantings should be made as soon as possible. There will be less shock to plants if they are transplanted before the new leaves appear. Many of them are sold with a ball of soil around the roots, which will help get the tree started quicker; this ball should be kept moist and not broken. Bare-rooted trees and shrubs should be kept moist at all times until planted. Back-fill around the roots should contain topsoil mixed with peat moss or some other type of organic matter; this will help hold moisture around the root zone and encourage more rapid growth of feeder roots. The plant should be kept well watered for the first season. Mulching over the surface will help maintain constant moisture.

EARLY SPRING is a good time to clear away brush and briars from fence rows, woodlots and other non-crop land. Future growth of these woody brush plants may be stopped by spraying with 2, 4, 5-T during the dormant season; the top growth may be cut and removed and then the stumps sprayed, or the entire plant may be sprayed and anything less than 1-inch thick will be killed. When this spray is applied before other susceptible crops are growing, there will be little danger

of damage from drift or fumes. Caution should be used in spraying with 2, 4, 5-T because it will injure or kill most any kind of tree or plant.

NOW would be a good time to clean out the pesticide storage shelves and get ready for the new growing season. Some materials could be used for another season if they have been properly stored. Wettable powders should not be hard and caked, and emulsions should not be crystallized. Materials that are in non-labelled containers should be thrown away; it may turn out to be a weed killer instead of a spray that will kill insects or disease. Don't take chances of using unknown materials. Discarded pesticides should be buried away from water or given to commercial trash collectors. Be sure they will not be available to children, livestock, or pollute water

## List Winners Of Egg Hunt

Winners of the V.F.W. Easter egg hunt, held Sunday, April 6, have been announced as follows:

### First Prizes

Gregg Wolgemuth, Steve Zerphey, Eric Brenner, Wayne Zimmerman, John Swarr, Missie Gates, Sandy Fegley and Cherry Zerphey.

### Second Prizes

Marilyn Wolgemuth, Cindy O'Conner, Cindy Anspach, Missey Gates, Sandy Fegley, Christ Troutman, Ronny Ober and Brian Ober.

### Third Prizes

Jeff Head, Melody Libhart, Rose Brenner, Jeanne Werner, Sharen Pennell, James Breneman, Bill Zimmerman, Robert Swarr, Ron Mark, Linda Pennell, Cindy Morton, John Anspach, Pam Kling, Mike Drace, Herbert Taylor, Terry Head, Marsha Charles, Karen Charles, Terry Geltmacher, Pam Drace, Brenda Newcomer, Penny Kuntsupper, Liza Groff, Jno. Gibble, Janet McGalgher, Scott Young, Mike Ober, Mike Gainer, Thomas Swarr, and Marcie Deaga.

### Travelogue Film

The regular meeting of the Manheim Sportsmens Assn. will be held Thursday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Junior high rifle range. At the conclusion of the business meeting refreshments will be in order, followed by a Dutch Auction.

When in need of printing remember The Bulletin.

# Basketball Followers Love a 'Winner'

By William Earhart

It appears that people generally desire, appreciate, and support success with great enthusiasm. The lucidity of this statement was very much in evidence at Donegal's basketball games this past year; habitual winning converted many middle-of-the-roads into outspoken, attentive fans.

After thinking about the above situation for a short period of time, one naturally wonders when the basketball mania last struck our locale with championship intensity? The answer would take one back fourteen years to the first year of our school's existence. However, even though the 1954-1955 team and the 1968-1969 team enjoyed crowning years, there was much dissimilarity between the two units.

March 19, 1955, was the day that saw the first edition of the Donegal Indians and their basketball juggernaut reach the end of the line; they suffered a 67-63 loss to Fountain Hill after registering 25 consecutive victories. The memory of this defeat was written indelibly on the minds of everyone since it ended all hopes and aspirations of being a state champion. This high expectation level of basketball success developed because the Marietta, Maytown, and Mount Joy communities contributed premier players, and the populace tabbed this quintet a "can't miss" team. Names like Al Kugle, John Hiestand, Jay Metzler, Charley Ashenfelter, and Jim Grove—along with the supporting cast of Joe Weber, Dick Hallgren, Ed Miller, Don Raber, Pete Nissley, Jim Shirk, Jim Wittel, John Michenor, and Jim Kinsey—became familiar to every abode. With Coach Ken Depoe responsible for the team's total coalescence, sectional wins were as common as apple pie. Manheim Twp. and Lampeter - Strasburg, the county play-off foes, fell; then Eastern, Swatara Twp., and Palmyra succumbed to the Indian war party, thus bringing the District 3 crown to Lancaster County. The Indian bandwagon kept rolling ecstatically along by outlasting Unionville, but the Indians finally met their Waterloo when running into the District II representative, Fountain Hill. Incidentally, Fountain Hill went on to lose to Wampum in the state finals.

The story of the more current Indians is a different one indeed. This was a team made up of individuals who weren't supposed to be big winners. None of the players ever really learned to enjoy positive results in the past; height was lacking, varsity experience was limited, so even a third place finish seemed to be a difficult goal to reach.

The team picked up some quick non-league victories in the early season, and a few people began to aspire to greater things. But the lisses in the Warwick tournament helped to retain some athletic apathy in Donegal's supporting camp. Then came the auspicious night of the Columbia encounter. A prodigious Indian roar could be heard when the final buzzer sounded, and the Tide had absorbed a 63-36 dubbing. After dropping two close league tilts, the assiduous Indians won two-point decisions over Hempfield and Elizabethtown to capture the seemingly unattainable Section I flag. But before anyone could comprehend the Herculean feat just accomplished by the local force, the Warwick defeat in the county battle was sustained. Now the Indians still had to face the reality of PIAA tournament play, and many of the most loyal supporters felt the season would terminate

with 32 more minutes of basketball. They concluded that the team had a rewarding season, but the competition of District 3 would be too severe for the miniature Tribesmen to handle. But at a time like this, many intangibles come into play.

When you have a group of boys who have tasted success, learned to enjoy it, and have matured to the point of knowing and understanding the ingredients of the winning ways, it is difficult to ascertain how far they can go. The hardwood Indians completely baffled the prognosticators by taking the scalps of Camp Hill, Conard Weiser, and Susquehannock enroute to gaining the District III Class B trophy.

It then took a cold evening for the Green & White, plus a band of sharpshooting musclemen from Panther Valley to halt the rampaging Indians. This brought down the final curtain on an unbelievable season. It would be strictly anticlimactic to extend any additional compliments to ten young men named Al Duarte, Bob McCowin, Stan Tucker, Bruce Sutter, Steve Sload, John Shrum, Chuck Engle, Herb Hess, Tom Houseal, and Jeff Shank—as well as the head mentor, Ken Keener. But since success breeds success, it is hoped that future Indian equads will be able to perpetuate the courageous team play that was so gallantly displayed by this year's dedicated dribblers.

## DEATHS

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Lackland Hall hospital at Lackland Air Force Base of Mrs. Doris J. Crawl, 25, wife of Machinist Mate James E. Crawl, U.S.N.

The Crawls had been living in Dayton, Ohio, at 4623 Knobhill drive, where he is stationed as a navy recruiter.

Mrs. Crawl was stricken Wednesday, April 2, and was taken to the Air Force Base in Dayton. Later she was moved to Lackland, where she passed away Tuesday, April 8.

She is the daughter of Paul and Martha (Stauffer) Geib, Chocolate avenue. Besides her husband and parents she leaves two sons, Timothy Scott and Tommy Stewart; her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Rebecca Stauffer, Neffsville home; two brothers, Donald S. Geib, of Maytown, and Pfc. Paul E. Geib, with the U. S. Army in Vietnam, and a sister, Linda Geib, at home.

She was a member of the Florin Church of the Brethren.

Services are to be in charge of the Heilig funeral home with interment in Laurel Hill Memorial Gardens, Columbia.

physician for several years but death was unexpected.

Born in Newtown, Columbia of the late William and Elizabeth Kaylor Fogie.

Formerly a resident of Mt. Joy, she was last employed by the Marietta Garment Factory.

She was a member of the Florin Church of the Brethren; the LOOM, Women's Auxiliary, Elizabethtown; the Beneficial Club, Marietta; the AmVets, Columbia; and the Mount Joy VFW Auxiliary.

Surviving besides her husband, Amos Decker, are six children by a former marriage to Wayne Young who died in 1965; Elwood Young, Mount Joy; Bernell Young, Mount Joy; Mrs. Marguerite Greider, Mount Joy R2; Jay Marlin Young, Manheim R4; Charlotte, Lancaster, and Galen Young, Rothsville; 15 grandchildren; and the following brothers and sisters: William Fogie Jr., Columbia R1; Adam, Elizabethtown R2; Victor, Berlin, N. J.; Lester, Marietta; Harry, Philadelphia; Frances, Lancaster R6; Martha and Priscilla, both of Philadelphia; Anna, Lancaster; Clara, Columbia R1; and Alice, Columbia.

Services were held Tuesday, April 8, from the Florin Church of The Brethren, interment in the Longenecker Cemetery.

## GLADYS K. DECKER

Mrs. Gladys K. Decker, 63, Elizabethtown R1, died Saturday at 6:30 a.m. She had been under the care of a

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