

Over The Back Fence



By Max Smith

I'VE OFTEN heard the statement that it is bad luck to kill a cricket that gets into the house; this time of the year and until cold weather homes may be infested with these insects and owners are urged not to live with them; they have been known to damage any kind of fabric such as rugs, furniture, and drapes; this is especially true if the material is soiled or dirty. Control may be had by spraying the areas outside the doors with lindane or chlordane or around the baseboard and dark closets of the house. Don't live with them because they can do damage.

MITES seem quite active on spruce trees and some broad-leaf evergreens such as azaleas. Dry hot weather favors their build-up. Property

owners are reminded of the need of sprays using cygon, kelthane, or tedian. In the past week we have noticed several plantings of spruce trees that were infested; the needles on the interior part of the tree turn a rusty brown and fall off. Azalea leaves will also appear to be a rust brown. If uncontrolled, these mites will ruin a large percentage of the leaves or needles. Several sprays at weekly intervals will be required. These same materials will control red spiders or mites on any other type shrub or tree.

THIS TIME of the year many home gardeners may have trouble with their early pickings of tomatoes having a rot on the bottom of the tomato; this darkened area may spread to nearly half of the under-surface of the tomato. In many cases this is due to the lack of uniform moisture in the soil; plants in a heavy clay or to soil not holding moisture will have more trouble. Growers may help prevent this rotting by irrigating plants every week, or by mulching the ground between the plants. Both of these practices put together will assure a steady moisture supply and a larger crop of tomatoes.

THE PRACTICE of ordering seed supplies several months before they are needed is a good practice. The summer seeding of alfalfa should be made early in August and winter oats should go into the ground in about eight weeks, followed by winter barley and wheat. Highest yields may be attained by planting certified seeds of adapted varieties of these crops. Some supplies of these popular varieties may not meet the demand and the farmer will have to take some unknown kind. Growers are urged to place their orders early for these seeds in order to get what is wanted. The costs of planting and harvesting will be the same on an unknown variety as on the best adapted variety that is available. Our Extension Agronomy Guide may be of help in selecting good varieties and is available without cost.

The U. S. Constitution requires a periodic census, once every ten years. The census count determines the number of seats in Congress to be apportioned to each state.

Why can't life's problems hit us when we are 18 and know everything?

Assisting Play Direction

Taking part in the unfolding of Mennonite drama in three varieties this summer is Mary Lou Bender, Donegal Heights, daughter of Mrs. Zelah Bender.

A 1966 graduate of Donegal high school, she is serving as assistant director of productions being presented at the Guernsey Barn Pavilion, route 30 east of Lancaster.

She will be a senior this fall at Eastern Mennonite college, majoring in psychology.

The three shows include, "Who Burned the Barn Down?" "Strangers at the Mill," and "So This is Lancaster!"

The former, which opened Friday, July 11, is a Civil War drama which has for its setting Lancaster county about two weeks after the battle of Gettysburg.

A stream of consciousness technique is used in the show which will run thru August 29, playing Tuesday and Fridays.

"Strangers at the Mill," which was given last year, is playing Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays through Labor Day.

For this summer, the play has been revised, orchestrations written and new songs written.

The third effort has an audience involvement theme, a 30-minute feature utilizing mixed medias techniques. It runs continuously from noon until 6 p.m. daily, except Thursdays and Sundays and will be given through Labor Day.

PP&L Honored

Pennsylvania Power & Light Company received nationwide recognition Friday, July 11, when the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) presented to the utility its 1969 Industrial Professional Development Award.

The award was made at Kansas City during the 35th Annual meeting of the 65,000-member NSPE. Willard U. Baum, PP&L's vice president, System Power & Engineering, accepted the award from Edwin H. Young, P. E., president of the National Society.

The national professional engineering award follows state-level recognition received from the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers after PP&L was nominated for that honor by the Society's Lehigh Valley Chapter.

PP&L was nominated locally and received its state and national awards based on "its record of advancement and improvement of the engineering profession through development and use of forward-looking engineering employment practices in accord with professional standards." The Industrial Professional Development Award is administered by NSPE's Professional Engineers in Industry practice section.

Name H. L. Smith

H. Y. Smith of Columbia has been designated assistant vice president - Public Affairs for the United Telephone System's Eastern Group. B. M. Witmer, president - Eastern Group, has announced.

Smith had resigned as President of Columbia-United Telephone Company, a subsidiary of United's Eastern Group, prior to this appointment. Witmer stated, "The executive staff of the Eastern Group will certainly be supplemented with the addition of Smith." United's Eastern Group is composed of five operating telephone companies in Pennsylvania and New Jersey serving 318,361 telephones.

Grove Services

The 1969 Grove services will be held as follows at Ruhl's Church Grove, 1/2 mile east of Elstonville:

Sunday, July 20, Rev. Samuel Stoner and Salem quartet.

Monday, July 21, Rev. Jesse Dourte, Mastersonville duet.

Tuesday, July 22, Rev. Edward Uhler, singers, Ruhl church.

Wednesday, July 23, Rev. Arthur Miller and Mt. Zion singers.

Thursday, July 24, Rev. Chas. Henry and Ruhl's young people.

Friday, July 25, Rev. Donald Cohick and Lititz Church of God.

Saturday, July 26, Rev. Leon Desenberg and Church choir.

Sunday, July 27, Rev. Robert Hess and male quartet.

All services begin at 7.30 and will be held in the Grove. Inclement weather will move us to the church.

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