

Over The Back Fence



By Max Smith

IF THE lights flicker when the refrigerator motor starts, or the TV picture wobbles when the furnace goes on, or any other electrical motor cuts in, you may have the problem of an overloaded electrical wiring system. Our Penn State Safety Committee reminds us that many folks keep additional pieces of electrical equipment without thinking of the need of heavier wiring in their home or in the building. Cooler weather is arriving and may call for additional heaters, lights, and a greater need for electricity. It is advised to have the wiring system checked by a power company official or a local electrician. Overloaded circuits may be a fire hazard.

GOOD FARM management requires the proper storage

of farm equipment during the winter months. It is discouraging to see equipment left out in the barnyard or out in the field during the winter months. This equipment is a big investment to any farmer and should be housed in order to keep it from rusting out rather than wearing out. Machinery sheds separated from the main barn are the safest because of less loss in case of fire. The important thing is to provide cover to keep out the snow and rain. Working parts should be greased in order to prevent rusting. Good machinery care goes along with good management and greatest return on the investment.

STRIKING colors of autumn are expected to be beautiful in most areas of the state this fall; we need bright sunny days with moderately cool nights for the best coloring to develop. If many of the days are overcast and rainy, then the yellow and brown colors, not the intense reds & purples, will be the dominant colors. Frost has little to do with promoting fall colors. Other factors affect fall colors such as the kind of a tree or bush, the location, and soil conditions. When we see a brilliant crimson it is

probably a red maple; bright to brilliant scarlet would belong to a scarlet oak or a sour gum tree; red oak produces dark red to russet foliage, dogwood is crimson, and the sugar maple is a bright orange to yellow color. Fall coloring makes the countryside very attractive at this time of the year.

COLD weather is coming and before the ground freezes home owners should be sure their ornamental shrubs and trees have plenty of moisture; this is very true with the broadleaf evergreens that are most likely to winter-kill; such as azaleas, rhododendrons, and hollies. If these trees are short of moisture when the ground freezes, leaf losses of moisture causes dehydration during the cold weather and the branches will show winter killing next summer. A good soaking every 10 days until the ground freezes is needed if we do not get heavy, soaking rains. The newly-planted trees & shrubs should also get this extra water until cold weather arrives.

Fall is the time when you get the spring lawnmower sharpening done.

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SPECIAL SERVICES AT FLORIN CHURCH

Special evangelistic services are being held each night of this week in Florin Church of Brethren with Rev. Robert L. Sherfy, pastor of Bridgewater (Va.) Church of the Brethren, as guest minister.

The public is invited to attend these services each night through next Sunday, starting at 7:30 p.m. Gospel messages, special music and guest devotional leaders.

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THE Prayer of the Week

The prayer this week is from the Book of Common Prayer:

"O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace; give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that as there is but one body and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Manheim Sets Spook Parade

The Manheim Fire Company will sponsor the annual Halloween Parade on Saturday evening, Oct. 31, a 7 p.m. Rain date is Monday evening, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m.

The parade will start at the new Fire Hall on East Ferdinand St; move south on Main to Stiegel; west on Stiegel to Charlotte; north on Charlotte to Gramby; east on Gramby to Main; south on Main to Square; circle the Square; south on Main to new Fire Hall and disband.

Formation of the parade will be as follows: form on S. Hazel St. from High to Mill St. and on East Ferdinand St. to new Fire Hall. Children's division will form on Rimar parking lot before 7 p.m.

Prizes will be given for numerous categories and many bands have been invited. Some of the categories of the past years have been: Fanciest dress - single and groups; Ugliest male or female; Most Comical male or female; Decorated bicycle; Pony and Rider; Most Original Ideas; GrandPrize Float, and Halloween Float.

★ Of This and That

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At the Bachman home we admired the lovely "antique" furniture which Mr. Bachman had made himself—heirlooms of the future!

There were end tables, lamp bases, a whole bedroom set, a flour chest, a Grandfather's clock, and dozens of other interesting and beautiful pieces. Mrs. Bachman's handiwork was much in evidence, too, in the lampshades, in the many examples of decoupage, the needlepoint, the cane-seated chairs and many other items.

One thing that particularly interested us was a little table, made from the four drawers of an old treadle sewing machine, mounted on an appropriate base.

This house had a view, too, of rolling green fields with blue hills in the background. Visitors to both the Steinmetz and Bachman homes were lavish in their praise of the owners' ability to make a home that literally "oozed" charm and beauty!

Two visitors came to the Mount Joy Bulletin office on Tuesday afternoon, directed there by Mr. and Mrs. Adam Greer.

Their name? Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Mountjoy!

The Mountjoys were charming people, residents of Pittsburgh, where Mr. Mountjoy is in the executive department of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad.

They had been on a visit to Lititz, noticed our town on the map, and thought they should drive through. They stopped at the Grears', who gave them some Mount Joy souvenirs.

We talked to them about their family. Mr. Mountjoy's family was originally Irish, he believes. They have a son, but he is only recently married and has no children. But the Mountjoys are hoping for a grandson before too long, to carry on their family name—and our town's!

Mountjoys, welcome to Mount Joy!

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