Scenes At Mercer County Pomona Grange Picnic and 4-H Show

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ROSEDALE

TRACTOR

YOUR GARDEN

By Charles H. Connors

Keep the cultivator going in the garden, if you did not mulch. Weeds are usually not much of a problem at this season, but tillage kills them as fast as the seeds germinate and keeps the soil loose for water to enter readily.

It is important to thin plants to proper spacing, especially at this season when rainfall is apt to be deficient, although if it keeps up as has, we shall have no

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fear on this score.

Now is a good time to start your compost pile. Put on it everything except plants with diseases like corn smut. Spread a little fertilizer and lime on each six-inch layer and you will produce valuable manure. You may even use fine twigs that have been pruned from shrubs.

Oriental Poppies are now in about the right stage, (the now shoots appearing above ground) to divide and reset at once. The roots are very brittle, so handle

Delphinium seed of this year's crop should now be in the stores. Seeds sown now will produce plants for Spring bloom.

Set out a few corns of Saffron (Colchicum) and Autumn blooming crocus. These, set within a week or two, will produce blooms

week or two, will produce blooms without any leaves in September or early October. The leaves will come next Spring.

Keep the duster going with rotenone dust to keep down aphids, cabbage worms and Mexican bear beetle. Use sulfur on roses, delphiniums and lilac for preventing. phiniums and lilac for preventing

If you have pole beans, be sure to give them liquid fertilizer once

Now is the last call for making cuttings of geraniums, begonias, fuchsia to give good blooming plants this Winter.

Foreign Trees Spruce Us Up

Trees are among the "fore-igners" that have helped build a better America.

In fact, says C. L. May of the Davey Tree Expert Company, a high percentage of our most popular shade trees had their origin in distant lands.

These trees, he adds, have played an important role in making America more beautiful. Through our arboreal immigrants, we now enjoy a greater diversity of foliage and coloring. Some insects and diseases have been imported, too, but May declares the introduction of foreign trees has been and will continue to be a healthful development.

Today, trees from the farthest corners of the world grace American home grounds. The most popular of these is the attractive Norway maple, one of the most widely useful of these beautiful immigrants. Next comes the Oriental planetree, native from India through Southern Europe. Sharing honors for third place on the alien tree popularity parade are the horsechestnut, European

beech and European linden. Among others transplanted from the Old World are such landscape favorites as the Scotch and Austrian pines, Siberian and Chinese elms, english alm and I,500 See County 4-H Show elms, gingko, English elm and pyramidal English oak. It is interesting to note that neither apple nor peach nor citrus trees are native Americans.

Koster's blue spruce, developed in Holland from our native Colorado blue spruce, is now widely propagated here. Many popular shrubs, are of foreign "extraction".

'Man Needs to Yell'

A man needs to yell once in while, opines Wheeler McMillen of Hopewell, editor-in-chief of the Farm Journal. Says he: "I wonder whether farmers are being mechanized out of

their chances to yell. No use to yell at a tractor; that just makes a man feel silly. One could yell at a horse, which didn't mind being yelled at, and feel that his yell had a purpose. "I have an idea that most

city men who go to ball games do so because nowhere else can they find either a place or a reason to yell their tonsils loose. Editors have no place to yell (unless they make speeches). I suspect that such expression of instinct is bad for their char-



Pomona Picnic At 'Crossing,'

annual Statewide picnic and the county 4-H show Saturday at year.

work out a better scheme than the with income.

He cited the case of one Phila-

hers and visitors attended Mercer the company has netted \$6,000,000 County Pomona Grange's second during the first six months of the

Washington Crossing State Park. This happens to be one of those Dr. William H. Martin, dean of things on which public attention Yardville Junior Dairy Club was and Joan Updike of the Young Rutgers University's College of is easily focused," declared Dr. Agriculture, called on potato Martin, warning that the public awarded a \$5 prize as champion Homemakers of Rosedale received Agriculture, called on potato farmers to change the present system of government subsides in the evening's principal address.

"The potato deal will break the whole price support program. If farmer is getting rich although whole price support program. If food rules have not been making that the public showman, a \$4 prize as the best showman and the junior the market garden division at Satur-shows and prize as the best showman and the junior the market garden division at Satur-shows at Washington and Satur-shows at Washington and Satur-shows at Washington and Satur-shows at Washington and Satur-shows at Satur-shows

now," he told the farm gathering, doing more than any other group another show halter for having coved the excellent award in the "You can't clip the citizen with to bring down prices and bring the best fitted Holstein. a high price for potatos and then peace to the world. He said the turn around and clip him again farmer has not limited his work Hopewell Junior Dairy Culb won with a high income tax to keep like the bricklayer but produces the potato price high," said Dr. Martin, outstanding research spe-

He cited the case of one Phila-delphia firm to which the govern-tion at Washington and a sound Richard Say ment has been selling potatoes at farm research program.

Fred E. Schluter, president of in the Jersey division and the Thermoid Company, spoke on the prize of the Jersey Cattle Coopeffect of management-labor bar- crative Association of New Jergaining on the farmer. 'He blamed sey.
unjustified wage increases on Floyd Simpkins won the State Il years.

of the State Grange legislative for having the champion Holstein gar Burd, Franklyn Wooden Jr. committee, said the Grange was male. Both he and Thomas and Robert Mezaros. trying to get better farmer repre- Vaughn, who won the senior sentation on the reorganized fish championship in the Holstein di- ville Mixers Club received an exand game council. He spoke in vision and second prize for best cellent award in the cross-breds place of State Grange Master fitted Holstein, are members of division. Franklin Nixon.

A. Tindall announced that Glenn well club received the Guernsey now seek State honors at the Siwood of Ringoes Grange won the association's award for the best State Fair. They are: Margaret horse shoe pitching tournament, a experienced showman. Dorothy Dye of the Travelers Troubles highlight of the Grange picnic. Finley, HJDC, received the prize Club, Patsy Lewis of the Silver Frank Ricato and Jewel Blackwell for the best beginner fitter and Lining 4-H, Joyce Bailey of the of Lawrenceville Grange won the William Klein, YJDC, was judged Slackwood Peppy Pals, Jane Gol-

More than 1,000 Grangers from Walter Fues, YJDC, received Penns Neck Wizards. all parts of the State signed the the New Jersey Holstein Friesian register. They included groups Association's second place award from South Seaville Grange in for best showman. Cape May County and Vernon In the baby beef exhibit Wil-Valley Grange in Sussex.

Only two minor casualties were for his Aberdeen Angus entry. reported at the day's end by Cap- David Compton and Joseph Wartain Malcolm Joiner of Union go Jr., also members of the Mer-Rescue Squad which stood by for cer Beef and Pork Club, were Joyce Gadsby. emergencies. Edward Hart of rated "very good" in the pork Titusville was treated for a cut division. moved from his eye.



Wood lots don't often produce both wood and forage economical- Not Testing Soil ly. Decide which you want, and which the land is best suited for. If it's wood, then quit grazing

Illinois farmers could have been to spread on their croplands.

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ve million dollars richer in 1947

gronomists report that four milon dollars were saved by the State's farmers who tested their soil last year before applying ferdollars for limestone and other

o Roger H. Bray and A. U. Thor, the acre because alfalfa and clov-ollege of agriculture soil testing ers are heavy feeders.

Remember that you want a fine, minted in the 13 colonies.

they had tested their soil instead of guessing how much fertilizer Two University of Illinois

soil last year before applying fer- cessfully seeding hay and pasture ture to be cut for hay may cause tilizer. But farmers who guessed mixtures because these seeds are trouble at mowing and curing the amount of fertilizer needed small and need every chance to time. or their soils spent five million grow. fertilizing materials that their soils lidn't need.

Firm Seedbed Good

> The place to start seedbed making is to check the soil acidity. If

cop yields will be obtained from fore seeding is to add at least 1,- trash, and old stack bottoms. good fertility program, according 000 pounds of 5-10-10 fertilizer to

Mercer County Agricultural Agent firm seedbed. If you plow, the seedbed should be disked several Saturday-New Jersey Brown imes to help firm it. Each disk-Swiss Association show and picing should be a little shallower than the one before. The last time nic at Flemington Fair Grounds, over the field with a disc, be sure

Farm Agent's Report

By R. W. Lippincott

Coming Events

and Dr. H. J. Jenne.

Remake Pasture In August

Thursday, August 26—Annual meeting of Mercer County Dairy o attach a cultipacker to give Herd Improvement Association at Simpkins' Brothers farm; Hamilton Square Road, Yarddded firmness to the soil. After seeding your grass-legume nixture, go over the field once ville, 7:30 p. m. Inspection of nore with a cultipacker to cover he seed and give still more firmmodern equipment and talks by Professor E. C. Scheidenholm ness. By having a firm and fine seedbed you will not bury the

Late August is a good time to enovate an old bluegrass sod Firmness in the seedbed is which is not giving as much grazng as it should. Graze the old sod shown by the fact that plants own as close as possible, then often start to come up first in the break it up with a disc or spring tractor wheel marks. The soil is firmest here and the moisture ooth harrow. It may be necessary

small grass legume seeds. If they

are planted too deep they will

to go over it several times to get supply is good.
A fairly good seedbed.

Ladino clover. Ladino clover, the most expen-This is a good method to use sive seed in a pasture mixture, is by all means the cheapest one in plowed or on sloping fields where the long run.

t may be wise to run the risk of A pasture of Ladino clover, and rosion by breaking the sod up orchard, brome or reed canary grass is a high value crop on a Before disking or harrowing, dairy farm. It is not necessary to apply enough lime to bring the use more than 1 pound of Ladino. pH of the soil up to 6.5 and add as this much, well distributed least 800 to 1,000 pounds of 5- over an acre, will mean about 17 seeds to the square foot.

10-10 fertilizer. The lime and fertilizer should be worked in as the old sod is being broken up.

Just before seeding, go over once more with a cultipacker to cover the content of the cover of the cov

When Ladino is seeded in a hay-silage-pasture mixture, use seedbed preparation only about a quarter pound to the makes all the difference in suc- acre. Too much Ladino in a mix-

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didn't need.

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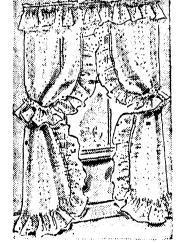
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Monthly Female Pains





the only lambs in the 4-H show. Mary Ann Astalosh of Titusville Road, Pennington, poses with Hillcrest Dottie, her grand champion Guernsey.

These scenes were taken at the Statewide picnic of Mercer

County Pomona Grange and 4-H show held Saturday in

Sullivan's Grove, Washington Crossing Park. Top photo,

left, shows the cooking exhibit of the Rosedale 4-H Club,

with (left to right) Janet Hill, Audrey Gantz and Veron-

ica Goeke, all of Princeton; At right, Joseph Turpin, 4-H

club agent, with John W. Henderson of Ewingville

(right), who has been connected with the Mercer County

Agricultural Board for more than half a century. He will

mark his 91st birthday August 27. Handling the tractor

maintenance demonstration are (left to right) William

Merrick of Robbinsville, William Kelin of Yardville and

Stanley Kaczor of Robbinsville. Walter Case of Federal

City Road, Ewingville, is pictured with his pen of lambs,

potato growers are smart they will food prices have not kept pace day's 4-H show at Washington and Walter Cottrell of the Woody Crossing one the government is operating He complimented farmers for ter for the best fitted animal and the Prospect Heights Club re-

Junior Dairy Club won the senior Richard Savidge of the HJDC won the junior champion award

government policy during the last Guernsey Breeders Association's Billie Chix Club. Those receiving award for the best experienced excellent were; Earl R. Hunt Jr., William H. Blackwell, member fitter. He also received an award Frances Wooden, Ethel and Ed-

the Yardville Club.

the best beginner showman.

liam James received "very good"

Woodworkers a "very good" for Earl Tindall won the show hal- his sweet corn. Robert Klein of home garden division.

Richard Goodspeed and Bruce Metz of the Hopewell Township Forestry Club received "good plus" awards for their exhibits and Ellen Tunison of the Ewingville Mixers had her wildflower collection judged very good.

Jean Mara of the Silver Lining I-H and Dorothy E, Tilton of the Ewingville Mixers were rated excellent in the flower division.

Nine excellent awards in the poultry division went to the Hill

Hazel Matthews of the Ewing-

Five girls receiving excellent Master of Ceremonies Clifford Kenneth Wooden of the Hope- awards in the dress revue will den and Joan Holmes of the

Fifteen other excellent awards went to: Nancy Grooms, Verna Everett, Audrey Everett, Margaret Buehler, Claire Muhs, Margaret Walsh, Terry Russo, Barbara Tindall, Audrey Reuter, Lois Ellis, Barbara Stellies, Mary Lou Robbins, Barbara Gadsby and

makers Club received the only exon the leg and Walter Fues of Beulah Ellis and Audrey Reuter cellent award given for 4-H booth Yardville had a piece of dirt re- of the Princeton Junction Busy displays. The Working Wizards Bees, Ruth Mara and Patricia and the tractor maintenance ex-Philip Mowery Jr. of the Lewis of the Silver Lining 4-H hibits received "good plus."