

Last chance of the year to prevent increased damage in 1936 from the corn borer is found in the warning that all corn fields must be plowed under or burned up within the next ten days to prevent moths hatching. This is the advice of C. B. Dibble, extension worker in insect control at Michigan State College, East Lansing.

Corn borer moths have already hatched at the college laboratory and will soon hatch outdoors. After the moths have emerged from the cocoons, nothing can be done to prevent damage, Mr. Dibble declares.

Letters to the Editor MUST BE SIGNED.

### WHO ARE YOU? The Romance of Your Name

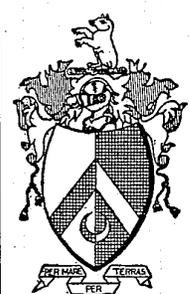
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#### An Alexander?

THE surname Alexander is derived from two Greek words meaning "to aid or help, a powerful auxiliary."

The Alexander family, according to antiquaries, was originally a branch of the MacDonalds, for Alexander MacDonald, younger son of the lord of the Isles, obtained a grant of lands in the county of Clackmannan where he made his residence and his descendants took the name of Alexander as a surname.

In the reign of James V, Andrew Alexander married Catherine Graham. His son Alexander married Elizabeth, the daughter of Sir Robert Douglas. After two generations we find William Alexander tutor to the earl of Argyll, who appeared



Alexander

at the court of James I of England, and by him was knighted in 1614. It was he who personally conducted the colonization of Nova Scotia in America, for which service the king made him a grant of the province. In 1625 he was made governor-in-chief of Nova Scotia.

Scottish Alexanders of the same line came to America and settled on large tracts of land on the Potomac river. The city of Alexandria near Washington takes its name from this distinguished family.

A great general of the Revolutionary war was William Alexander, whose patriotic services in the war and especially in the Battle of Long Island, 1776, are records of remarkable bravery. He was also known as Lord Stirling, have inherited this title from Scottish forebears, dating back for many generations.

The Virginia Alexanders in this country began with John, who came from Scotland in 1639 and settled in Stafford county. He married Tabitha Smart. The Colonial and Revolutionary roster records many by the name of Alexander who were loyal to their country in time of war.

Robert Alexander (1720-93) was a founder of the first classical school west of the Blue Ridge, later named Washington and Lee university.

Alexanders in the New England states were represented by George, who settled in Windsor, Conn., and Robert, a native of Scotland, who was living in Boston in 1684.

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#### Remarkable Swiss Clock

##### An Ancient Attraction

The Clock Tower, a well known landmark in the Swiss capital, stands in what is the center of the city and dates back to the Fifteenth century and proves a never-failing attraction for visitors and natives alike. From early morning until late at night, whenever the time approaches for the hour to strike, groups of people station themselves before the ancient tower, eagerly anticipating the moment when the intricate mechanism of the clock is set into play. This masterpiece of medieval clock-making functions in the following manner:

As often as the hour strikes, a troop of little bears goes round in a circle and a cock crows three times before and once after the chiming. A sitting man holding a staff in one hand and an hour-glass in the other counts the strikes by opening his mouth and smiting with his stick at every stroke of the clock. Another wooden mannikin rings two little bells when the hour is about to strike. In the belfry at the top of the tower are the bells and beside them stands a figure of the duke of Zurlingen (the founder of the city) in armor, who announces the hours on the bells with a hammer.

#### Earthquake Zones

The great earthquake zone includes the area of the Mediterranean sea, the Azores, Italy, West Indies, Central America, Japan, China, India, Persia, Asia Minor and various branches leading off the main faults in the earth's crust; also the great mountain ranges contain lines of weakness in the crust of the earth. Professor Montessus, in his great world map recording earthquakes, lists over 100,000 which have been known to have disastrous effects.

### Homemaker Corner

Home Economics Specialists  
Michigan State College

To secure maximum flavor in preparing tasty rhubarb, use a little water as possible and do not overcook.

This is the advice of Sylvia L. Medsker, assistant professor in foods in the home economics department, Michigan State College, East Lansing, who has made a scientific study of foods and diets.

"The low carbohydrate content, high moisture content and rather high acid content are responsible for many of the characteristics of rhubarb as a food product and explain much of its behavior in cooking," she says. "Consistency and flavor suffer with overcooking and tart juiciness is affected when too much water is used."

Fifty days old rhubarb from the early crop is recommended for food and canning purposes, although plain tin cans should not be used in canning because of corrosive action of the acid on the metal.

Miss Medsker suggests that rhubarb meringue pie, rhubarb and strawberry juice for use with ice cream, and rhubarb juice for beverages and sauces are very timely.

Her favorite recipe for the pie includes two cups rhubarb, two eggs, six tablespoons honey, 1 cup sugar, two tablespoons of flour, one-fourth teaspoonful salt. Mix the sugar, flour, and salt, add rhubarb, and cook for 20 minutes. Add to the beaten egg yolks

and cook until the yolk thickens, stirring constantly. Cool and place in a baked pie shell and cover with honey-meringue made from beating a mixture of honey with white of egg. Then bake in a slow oven until meringue is set. This should take about 15 minutes.

The spring cankerworm is the best known old-time apple pest. The adults come from cocoons

placed an inch or so beneath the ground. The males have wings and fly about seeking the wingless females. The females crawl up the trunk of trees to deposit oval eggs beneath the loose scaly bark before dying. Arsenic spraying is effective. Barriers of tanglefoot about the trunks of trees are effective if placed in the late fall.

The fall cankerworm resembles its spring cousin, but is more ac-

tive in the fall. Its eggs are shaped like common cork stoppers. Control can be secured by methods used for the spring cankerworm.

#### EITHER ONE

Drunk (to man in uniform): "Shay, call me a cab."  
Uniform: "My good man, I'm not a doorman, I am a naval officer."  
Drunk: "Awright, then call be a boat, I gotta get home."

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