

MULCHING REDUCES WINTER DAMAGE TO STRAWBERRIES

Whether it's just a small home garden planting or a large commercial acreage, it's time for strawberry growers in Oakland county to put on a suitable winter mulch.

Materials suggested by Professor R. E. Loree of the horticulture department at Michigan State College include marsh hay if it can be obtained at low cost, or straw from wheat, or even if they are free from weed seeds or grain.

Mulching reduces winter damage, insures cleaner and brighter berries and helps reduce loss of soil moisture.

Effectiveness of the mulch depends on the time and manner of application, says Professor Loree. Application should be made soon after the soil begins to freeze in

the fall—in Michigan in late November or early December.

How thick a mulch? There should be two or three inches when settled, to provide ample winter protection. Depending on the material, this takes from two to three tons of straw for an acre.

If the mulch is comparatively heavy it will be necessary to open it over the rows next spring when the plants try to grow through. Otherwise the mulch need not be disturbed until after the harvesting season. This one question is one frequently submitted to the small fruits specialist at the college in meetings and through correspondence.

Some delay in spring can retard blossoming and help escape damage from late spring frosts, but this must be timed well, otherwise plants will smother. Any of the periodic examinations in spring showing indications of bleaching

of the plants means the mulch should be opened regardless of the calendar.

NYA YOUTH IN OAKLAND TOTAL 303 REPORT SHOWS

By RUTH KELLY

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There are 303 youth employed on the Michigan National Youth Administration work projects program in Oakland County at the present time, according to Orin W. Kaye, State Administrator.

Employment on the work projects program reached a record level of 10,917 persons during the past month, according to figures made public this week by Kaye.

The number of needy youth between the ages of 18 and 24 inclusive to be given part-time jobs is the highest for any single month since the establishment of the National Youth Administration. Each county is allotted a quota in proportion to the number of unemployed youth in the state. Described by Kaye as "exploratory work experience," this employment is designed to better a youth's chances of obtaining a job in private industry. Attesting to the soundness of this program is the fact that an average of 300 youth leave the NYA rolls each month for private employment and attribute much of their success to experience gained on the NYA projects.

The type of work on which these youth are employed includes highway, road and street improvement; improvement of grounds around public buildings; work in educational buildings; construction of social and recreational buildings; construction of airport buildings and facilities; construction of recreation facilities other than buildings; conservation, irrigation and forest control; clerical assistance; public health and hospital work; library and book repair; recreational leadership; work shops; sewing; resident projects; nursery schools, and home making.

At the present time there are 10,917 youth on the Michigan work projects program. With the facility of reemployment made possible by recent arrangement with the Michigan State Employment Service, much of the red tape in placing needy youth on NYA projects has been eliminated. This also obviates the necessity of passing through the county relief machinery.

There are also work shops and resident work projects for young men so that they may gain experience in operating machines and learning handicraft skills that will help them obtain employment in industry, and in many cases agricultural training, is offered to fit youth for farm work.

Say you saw it in The Enterprise

Roses, Anonymous

By RUTH KELLY

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Lola MEEHAN shook her shiny black head sadly but firmly.

"There's no use talking, Tommy. To him I'm just a secretary. All he ever says to me is 'Take a letter.' What I need is glory!"

"Gee, Lola—Tommy looked down at her importantly over his basket of mail—"if you want that guy, you're pretty enough to do something about it."

They were talking about the boss, T. Wallington Bradford. Wallie to his friends. Dear Wallie to some of them, including Lola, who never really said it though she thought it pretty consistently. Tommy the boy, of all people, understood. Right now there was coming in his young blue eyes.

"Say, how about those passes to the circus? I'd go 'em."

"Didn't I promise?"

"Sure. Well, then—" he moved toward the door. "Guess I'll be in on the next one."

When Lola came out of the boss office an hour later with about ten letters to get before five o'clock, she found a long white box on her desk. Flowers. She stared in a daze at the card. "Thanks in advance for the passes," it said. She was still staring at it when T. Wallington Bradford approached a minute later.

"Birthdays?" he inquired politely.

"No—that is, yes—" Lola jammed the cover down somehow. "Almost, anyway. It's—its next month."

He thrust his hands into his pockets. There was amusement in his "Oh. Lola blushed, for he was actually looking at her, curiously, for the first time.

"Sa—say—" and Lola thrilled to the note of alarm in his voice. "You wouldn't run out on me, would you? Get married, I mean."

It was something to tell Tommy when he stopped at her desk the next day. "But you shouldn't have spent the money, Tommy," she said.

"It was worth it. Anyway, that was my circus dollar and now you've given me the passes I don't need."

"What do you mean, Tommy Lin-ton?"

"I mean a dollar ain't much to gamble. Course it's up to you."

Tommy started back at Cross and Bradford's prettiest stenographer. "Maybe you've changed your mind. Maybe you feel he ain't worth it."

Lola reached into her bag, drew out a crisp green bill. "You mean 'ain't' Tommy, not 'ain't," she said reprovingly as she thrust the money into his outstretched hand.

This time the flowers came while the boss was out. When he came in Lola was afraid he didn't see them. He hardly glanced her way. But he called to her a minute later.

"Well, whose birthday is it this time? His?" He grinned. It was a determined attempt, but, nevertheless, a grin. Lola felt suddenly foolish, receiving flowers at the office.

"Hasn't he raised your salary so you wouldn't leave him?" Tommy pointed out to her several days later.

"Yes, but—" "Hasn't he had your desk moved so he can look out at you?"

"That wasn't his reason. This is more convenient."

"Says you!" Tommy moved away disgustedly. "The trouble with you is, you're ungrateful." He was back a minute later with a long white box. Lola still stared at him.

"Tommy, how dare you?"

"I didn't, Lola, honestly. This box was out in the reception room and Helen told me to bring it in to you."

"Lola!"

T. Wallington Bradford's voice cut the air like a knife. Lola jumped. This was the end, she knew.

"Lola, about the flowers—" T. Wallington Bradford got up from his desk, moved with long firm steps to the door, closed it on the curious eyes in the outer office. "Lola, I—"

He was standing over her now, almost commanding her to look at him. Lola lifted flushed cheeks.

"Honestly, Mr. Bradford, I don't even know who sent them."

She broke off in surprise. The boss' eyes weren't the least bit angry. In fact, they were searching hers, almost frantically.

"Lola—what I mean is—well—I hope you like them!"

Multitudes of Mackerel

Scientists who have made scientific collections on the spawning grounds have calculated there may be as many as 500,000,000 mackerel eggs floating on a single square mile of surface at one time. The principal spawning grounds of this fish are about 25,000 square miles. In that area there are often as many as 160 trillion eggs. Prolific as it is, the mackerel has very little chance of living to a ripe old age. In 1932, from the time the eggs were spawned until the end of the larval life, or about 11 weeks, the mortality amounted to 99.999 per cent. That means that for every million eggs spawned, only four young mackerel were alive at the end of 11 weeks. Under the unusual conditions of 1932, a baby mackerel has an average life expectancy of about 27 seconds, as a life insurance company might reckon it.

TAFFIED APPLES ALWAYS POPULAR, ARE EASY TO MAKE

By RUTH KELLY

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Taffy apples delight children, carry approval as a wholesome snack, prove easy to make, and help consume Michigan's large 1939 harvest.

So home economists at Michigan State College have dug out this simple recipe.

One needs one cup of sugar, two-thirds of a cup of water, one-third cup of white corn syrup, six medium sized red apples, 12 cinnamon drops and six wooden match skewers. Being on good terms with the butcher will pave the way for getting the skewers.

Next the sugar, syrup and water is mixed and cooked, stirring until the sugar is dissolved. In goes the cinnamon candy for flavoring and color and the cooking continues until samples dropped in cold water will form a hard piece that cracks easily.

Now place the pan containing the taffy mixture in a pan of boiling water to keep the syrup from thickening. Dip each apple quickly and swirl it on the skewer until the apple is covered smoothly. A wire cake rack makes a good resting place while the apples are cooling. The skewers can be stuck into the rack so that the apples do not touch anywhere until they lose their stickiness.

Experience shows there likely won't be any leftover apples. That's proper, good cooks report, taffied apples should be eaten the day they are made.

Owners Have Until Dec. 3 To Regain Titles

Less than a week remains in which former property owners may act to regain titles to tax delinquent lands forfeited to the state November 3. Applications for auctioning of such tax reverted lands must be filed with the land division of the Michigan department of conservation, in Lansing, and postmarked not later than December 2.

Only property owners of record at the time of the May, 1938, tax sale of delinquent holdings are eligible to ask that forfeited lands be put up at auction. Anyone may bid during the auctioning of such lands. The former owner has 30 days in which to match the successful bid, if another bids higher, but no bid of less than 25 per cent

of the 1939 assessed valuation will be accepted.

Former owners may recover full and complete title to tax-forfeited lands, paying as little as 25 per cent cash, the remainder over a period of 10 years with interest at six per cent on unpaid balances.

LITERARY CRITIC TO DISCUSS BOOKS AT TOWN HALL

By RUTH KELLY

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George Dangerfield, brilliant young literary critic, whose witty and stimulating commentaries on current books have made him one of the most popular speakers on the platform, will tell what books to read and why when he speaks before the Detroit Town Hall audience in the Fisher Theatre next Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 11 a. m. The former literary critic of "Vanity Fair" will speak on "Books That Count."

A frequent contributor to "Harper's Bazaar" and "Vogue," Dangerfield also writes for such leading publications as the "Saturday Review of Literature," "Scribner's," "The Bookman," and the book section of the "New York Herald Tribune."

Still in his early thirties, Dangerfield is the author of two important books, "Bengal Mutiny" (1934), and "The Strange Death of

Liberal England," (1935), which won him acclaim as one of the most promising writers of today.

The Salzburg Trapp Choir, hailed as the world's most unusual singing organization, will make its Detroit debut Wednesday morning, Dec. 13, as the closing attraction of the Town Hall pre-Holiday season. A group of Christmas carols from many lands will be included in their program of Austrian folk songs and Alpine mountain calls, a capella singing and playing on ancient instruments.

This will be the last attraction until Jan. 10, when Elsa Maxwell will re-open the series.

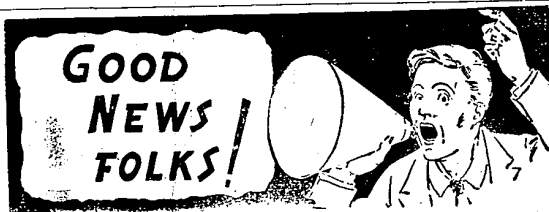
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