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## VALUE OF GRASS OFTEN FORGOTTEN FOR CASH CROPS

Figures are often quoted which give the value of cash crops in dollars and cents, but George Brown, head of the animal husbandry department at Michigan State college, says we sometimes overlook the value of that simple crop—grass.

Brown cites the example that 50 per cent of our land area would produce no human food without grass, which is converted by livestock into meat, milk, butter, wool, cheese, leather, medical supplies and countless other aids to health and well being.

During the recent Grass Day programs held throughout the state, many Michigan farmers learned the importance of grass and legumes in a balanced farming program. They saw demonstrations of new hay making methods and learned of improved ways of handling and using these crops. The Michigan State college Cooperative Extension Service, sponsor of the program, worked closely with county agricultural agents and local committees to see that no phase of grassland farming was neglected in the Grass Day Programs.

The importance of grass cannot be overestimated, Brown believes. In fact, one of the great differences between a land of plenty and a land of famine is in the amount of food manufactured from roughage which cannot be utilized as human food. The continent of Asia produces within 5 per cent as much human food in the form of dry matter as does the United States, but only 2 per cent of this food comes from livestock products in comparison to 25 per cent in North America.

It will be a great day for American agriculture and the American people, he believes, when the culture, propagation and fertilization of grass are given the same consideration as other less important crops.

## LOCAL INSURANCE AGENT TO ATTEND MEETING IN EAST

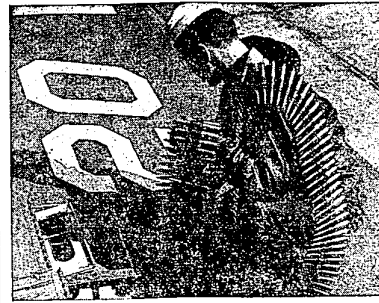
Hugh F. Brennan, local representative of the Aetna Life Insurance Company, will attend a meeting of the Aetna Life Corps of Representatives, to be held at the Mt. Washington Hotel in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire from June 27 to June 29.

The Corps of Representatives is an organization with membership limited to leading representatives of the Aetna Life company which comply with rigid requirements in sales and policy owner service.

The meeting is one of three regional conferences being held by the Aetna Life. The purpose of the conferences is to give field representatives a full, "up-to-the-minute" knowledge of recent developments that they may continue to be thoroughly equipped to serve the needs of their clients in the increasingly technical profession of life insurance underwriting.

Fencing the Country  
Indiana farmers spend an average of about \$13,500,000 a year on fences, according to Purdue University.

## SAILOR LOADS HELLCAT FOR NAVY SHOW



Ordnancemen at the Grosse Ile naval air station arms a Navy Hellicat fighter plane with .50 calibre machine gun bullets. This will be one of the many demonstrations to be seen by the public at the plant Open House at Grosse Ile on Sunday, June 27, from 1 to 5 p.m. The celebration marks the second anniversary of the Naval Air Reserve Program.

## CLARENCEVILLE NEWS

By MRS. ALBERT KELLY  
Telephone Farm. 1231-W

Mrs. Anna Foreman and Mrs. George Minnikiewich were luncheon guests of Mrs. H. C. Watson last Tuesday.

Billy Kelly is visiting his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Doyle, at East Lansing.

Measles are running among the younger generation of the neighborhood.

Miss Virginia Erickson was honored at a bridal shower at the home of Peggy Prisk on Thursday, June 24.

## WEST FARMINGTON

By MRS. SARAH KNAPP

The North Farmington Cemetery Ladies Auxiliary and the North Farmington Cemetery Burial Ground Association will hold their annual joint meeting at the Church in the North Farmington Cemetery on Tuesday, June 23. The meeting will begin at 1:30 in the afternoon, and pot luck supper will be served after the meeting. Everyone interested in the cemetery and their friends are cordially invited.

Mrs. Edith Graham is spending this week with her daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Giegler, at Hartland. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Rydell spent this week with their aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Sarantos, helping care for Mr. Sarantos, who is very sick.

John Westlake of Grand Rapids motored here Sunday to call on his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Sarantos.

Mrs. Ivan Graham entertained the Walled Lake W.C.T.U. Tuesday evening with ten ladies present. Mrs. Irvin Graham gave the devotions. Mrs. Floyd Cairns reported on the Washington Letter. Mrs. Fred Lee read the minutes of the last meeting, as the secretary. Miss Mary Green, was ill and unable to attend the meeting. Plans were made for the annual picnic to be held in July on the regular day, July 19, with a pot luck dinner at noon at the park in front of the home of Mrs. Florence Lee at Walled Lake.

Florence, Helen, Wilma and Viola Tamm, the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. William Tamm, gave a piano recital at their home on Thirteenth Mile Road Saturday evening. Each young lady played several selections, and they concluded their program with all four playing "Taps" by Engelmann. About fifty people attended and at the conclusion of the recital, a surprise house warming gift was given to Mr. and Mrs. Tamm. A lunch of sandwiches, cake and coffee was served with strawberries and ice cream as a special treat.

Mrs. George Heliker returned from Georgia where she has been with her daughter and new baby boy, Mrs. Eugene Cleveland. She reported mother and baby doing fine.

All the girls Virginia chummed with in high school attended the 25th anniversary of the church on Monday, June 22.

Mrs. Minnie Knight had her tonsils removed at Dr. Port's office on Friday. She is recovering nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Watson called on her nephew and family, Mr. and Mrs. Corwin Moore in Detroit Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Beck and son of Detroit spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kelly. Glenn Kelly returned home with a car for a visit.

Andrew Kennard and Joan Leonard are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hill in Detroit for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Knight celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last Wednesday.

Joe Prisk left Sunday morning for two weeks reserve training at Fort Riley, Kansas.

## CULTIVATION IS IMPORTANT PHASE OF BEAN YIELD

The number of beans in each pod can make a big difference in the yield of the bean crop, reports H. R. Pettigrove, Michigan State college bean specialist. As an example, he cites that when an eight bean pod is reduced by one, the yield is cut by one-eighth immediately. Reduce it by two and you have a 25 per cent reduction or just three-fourths of a crop of beans.

Pettigrove says that it takes excellent management to get a bean crop with pods carrying seven and eight beans per pod. Cultivation is an important practice in bean production. The careless operator may remove plants from the row with the cultivator which brings a loss in bushels per acre.

Loose roots hanging on the shovels of the cultivator are a danger sign, Pettigrove advises, since it means that roots are being pruned. Careless cultivating can do damage even if the roots are not pruned. If roots are loosened from the soil and left to dry in the surface area, they wither and become useless. The plant then does not get as much moisture as it needs and the result is lessened growth, loss of vigor, drop of bloom, and a poor set of pods and poor pod development.

Cultivation is necessary to control weeds, but extra cultivation furnishes little more than exercise for the farmer. The use of a weeder in the early stages of growth and then the cultivator as it is necessary to control weeds, will give the maximum return on bean soils.

## BAPTIST CHURCH SENIOR CHOR TO GIVE CONCERT

The Senior Choir of Farmington's First Baptist Church will be heard in sacred concert in the sanctuary of the church on Sunday evening, June 27, at 7:30 o'clock. The concert will conclude the formal activities of the choir for the summer period. Choral numbers to be sung are "O Worship the King" by Sieton, "The Beatitudes" by Malotto, Baker's "Awake, Thou That Sleepest", Shelley's "The Lord is My Shepherd", "Whoso Dwelleth by Lamont", "He Watching Over Israel" from Mendelssohn's "Elijah", and Purcell's "Bell Anthem, "Rejoice in the Lord Alway". Soloist for the occasion will be Elsa Nyström, who will sing Malotto's "The Lord's Prayer", and "In the Garden" by Miles. There will be a baptismal service following the concert.

At the morning worship hour at 10:00 a.m. the pastor will be reading the concluding message in the series from the Book of Romans, speaking on the theme "People in the Church". Friends of the Farmington area are cordially invited to these services.

Mrs. Edward Champagne and daughter, Donna Marie, will Tuesday for a visit with her cousin, Mrs. Emil Stranzo and family in Twining, Michigan. She will also visit her uncles, and aunts, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hollister while there.



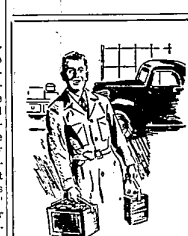
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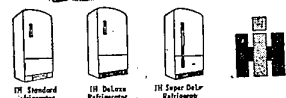
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