

PRINCESS HAPPY AS STORK NEARS



ANTICIPATING THE STORK sometime in early fall, Princess Elizabeth of England makes one of her final appearances before retiring from the public scene. She is shown with her husband, Philip, Duke of Edinburgh. The Princess has cancelled engagements after June 30. (International)

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Another important point stressed by the County Agent was that farmers should vary their top-dressing to maintain soil fertility and yield increases. Said the agent: "Use the '2 to 1' rule. Apply two pounds of nitrogen to get on bushel of corn."

Thus, if the normal corn yield is 40 bushels per acre and the desired yield is 80 bushels, the needed increase is 40 bushels. For an eight bushel increase the farmer should apply 100 pounds nitrate of soda. For ten bushels, 100 pounds of 20 1/2 percent calcium, and for 16 bushels, 100 pounds of 32 1/2 percent ammonium nitrate should be used. Moisture is also necessary to obtain a top yield.

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In one month's auto injuries in Detroit, of all kinds, he says, 372 passengers were hurt. Of these nearly 70 per cent were in the front seat beside the driver. With better roads and higher speeds, the death seat injuries and deaths are becoming more numerous. But Dr. Straith says speed is not the only cause of injuries and deaths in the front seat. Other causes are knobs, cranks, sharp ledges and drop-down ash receivers. Even at a speed of 20 miles an hour, a wo-

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To remedy this, the finch picks up a short slender stick or the spine of a prickly pear, Austin L. Rand, curator of birds, writes in the Chicago Natural History Museum Bulletin. The finch pokes this probe into the crevice and grabs any insect routed out.

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