



GETS HIGH AG POST — William M. Seabron, 2nd from left, deputy director of the Michigan Fair Employment Practices Commission, was sworn in last week as assistant to U. S. Department of Agriculture Personnel Director Carl B. Barnes, left. Following the ceremony, Secretary Orville L. Freeman, 2nd from right, and Administrative Assistant Secretary Joseph M. Robertson gathered to chat with the new appointee. Seabron, a former Urban League industrial secretary in two cities, will assist in the recruitment of USDA personnel and in the handling of Department-wide intergroup relations. (USDA Photo).

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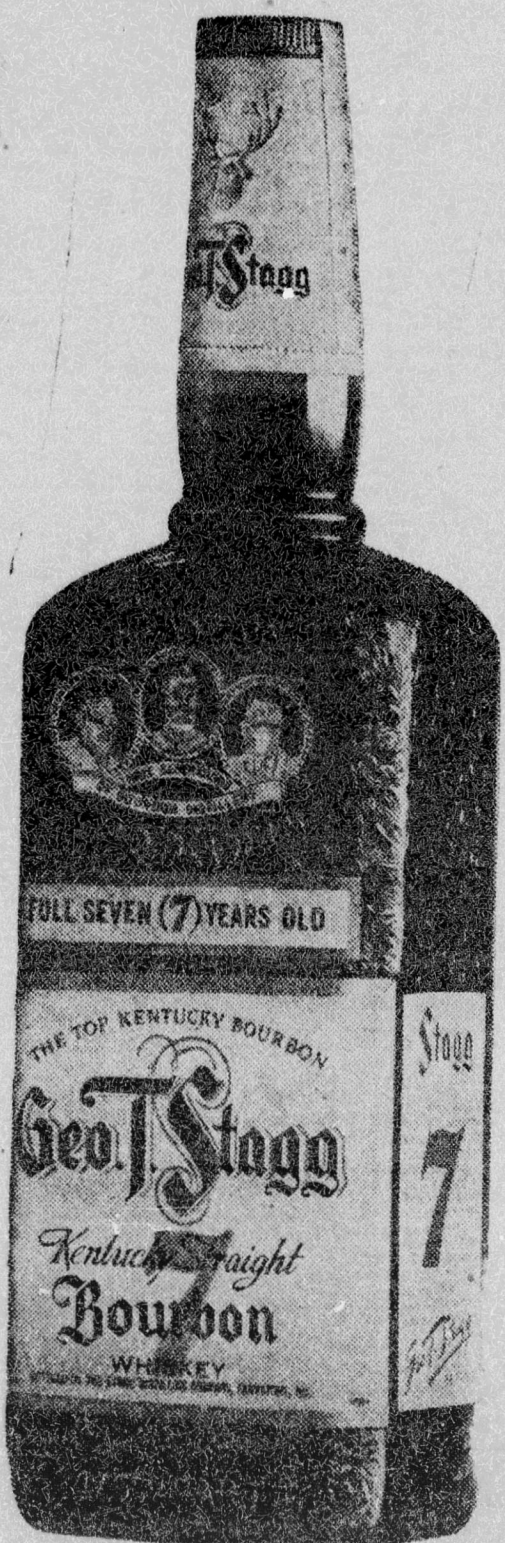
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GARDEN TIME

What is meant by pre-sprouting sweet potato seed stock? This is a new practice, which was begun in 1960, and is being adapted by more growers each year. It is estimated that pre-sprouting can save the grower from \$40 to \$50 per acre. It increases early sprout production and saves money by reducing the amount of seed stock needed to produce the necessary plants for field setting.

How is it accomplished? By giving the seed stock to be bedded in ideal curing conditions for a period of 30 days prior to bedding. This treatment is especially desirable for slow sprouting varieties such as Centennial, Nugget and Gold Rush. Porto-Rico is an exception because this variety requires only 20 days of pre-treatment.

What are considered to be ideal here is placed on ideal. Ideal conditions consist of raising the temperature in the curing house to 85 degrees and maintaining a relative humidity of 90 per cent, during the period of pre-treatment. This is the same procedure that was followed when the potatoes were cured in the fall after harvesting.

What happens is this. After the potatoes are cured in the fall, primarily to heal cut, they are put to sleep (reducing the respiration rate) by lowering the temperature in the house to 55 degrees. They are held at this temperature until time for pre-sprouting (30 days before bedding time). This wakes them up.

If ideal conditions are not maintained, it may take longer to induce sprouting. For example: If the curing house is not tight enough you may be only able to maintain a humidity of 70 percent rather than 90 per cent.

DEAR SALLY

DEAR SALLY: The boy I'm going with is fine and wonderful in every way, except for one thing. He's forever talking about himself, his dreams and his aims, and I can never seem to get in a word about my own interests. This boy is one of our city's best bowlers, and he's always talking about this and that phase of the game, his scores, and how he hopes to improve his game. Half the time I don't even know what he's talking about, because I've never bowled—and so I'm usually bored stiff during these monologues of his. What can I do about this?

CONNIE: One of the best pieces of strategy we girls can employ is that of being good listeners when our men talk. And how in the world have you missed at least trying the ever-popular game of bowling? Why don't you ask this boy to teach you how to bowl? I'll bet he'd jump at the chance, and I'll bet he'll like you even more if you show a genuine interest in the game he loves so much.

DEAR SALLY: The neighbor across the street from us has a dog which is constantly wandering into our yard, or lying down near our back door. We like dogs very much, and several times I've given this dog some of our leftover meat and bones. Now, of course, the dog treats me like a bosom friend, jumps around and barks whenever I come into sight, and seems to expect food handouts all the time. I'm wondering though if it's right for me to give the dog food. My husband seems to think I could get into trouble with the dog's owners if I keep on feeding it. What do you think about this?

MRS. K. L.: It would

probably be better if you did mention something to your neighbor. Tell her you like her dog and enjoy tossing it a leftover bone "occasionally," and ask her if she has any objections. Chances are she'll appreciate your interest and give you the go-ahead. And if not, at least you'll know what to do.

DEAR SALLY: My wife and I are trying to bring our two boys, ages 6 and 8, up properly. But I think she's handling one thing wrong. Two or three nights a week, she tells me that one or week, when I arrive home from the other boy, or both of them, has done something wrong and needs my bawling out or a spanking. I think this is putting the entire disciplinary load on my shoulders, and that my wife should share some of this. What do you have to say about this? **WHIP HAND.**

DEAR WHIP HAND: In the first place, I think that punishment for a misdemeanor loses some of its meaning when it comes too long after discovery of the "crime"—that is, there seems to be something meaningless about a spanking at 7:00 P. M. for something that happened at 10:00 A. M. Your wife should not be saving the punishment or talking to until you get home. She's really doing you an injustice, too, by casting you in the role of head executioner. The disciplining of children, as with everything else in marriage, should be on a 50-50 basis.

DEAR SALLY: I hope you won't laugh when you read this, but this is something that's puzzled me for a long time. I'm a girl of 14 and although I've never yet

been kissed by a boy, I've watched men and women kissing in the movies and on television, and I always wonder why they close their eyes while they're kissing. Even my own mother and father do the same thing when they kiss. Why is this? **LIBBY.**

DEAR LIBBY: There are two pretty good reasons—one practical and one emotional. During a kiss, there are two faces very close together, and if ever you've held an object very close to your face, you know your eyes will practically cross unless you close them. And furthermore, when people who are in love kiss, they can concentrate much better with closed eyes.

Eckstine To Play On Sullivan Show

NEW YORK (ANP): Singer Billy Eckstine will offer versions of his own song hits as well as vocal impersonations of other famous singers as he joins other top entertainers in headlining "The Ed Sullivan Show" over the CBS Television Network, Sunday, July 22. The show was taped earlier this season at the Stardust night club in Las Vegas.

Also appearing with Eckstine on the show will be singer Patrice Page, the comedy team of Dan Rowan and Dick Martin, and ventriloquist Rickie Layne.

One week later, the Sullivan show will co-feature popular singer Jackie Wilson.

The first woman lawyer in West Africa was admitted to the bar in 1935 in Nigeria. (ANP)

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On The Home Front

(Items this week from Pitt, Caswell and Rowan Counties.)
FREEZING WORKSHOP
Homemakers in Pitt County are learning and practicing the correct methods for freezing fruits and vegetables.

Miss Addie Gore, home economics agent, says the women studied use of the home freezer. Blanching of vegetables was discussed since that is one of the main steps in freezing in order to have quality products. "There was also time for questions at the end of the workshop," reports Miss Gore.

4-H DEMONSTRATIONS
"We were never taught to put in a zipper like that," said Mrs. Dorothy Graves, Yanceyville, as she watched a 4-H'er put a zipper in a garment.
Miss Helen Payne, home econom-

ics agent, says the Caswell County 4-H girls used their sewing machine, posters, and three skirts while demonstrating methods of getting the professional look in handmade garments.

PROBLEMS IN CANNING
Do you use a pressure canner when canning your vegetables? Homemakers in Rowan County are interested in updating their canning skills.

Mrs. Ruth Rankin, a mother of four small children, says she could save money and food if she could can. So, Mrs. Louise Slade, home economics agent, says a workshop has been planned to teach the latest information on canning.

During the 1960's the labor force will grow even faster than the population as a whole, mainly because of the large number of young people who will reach working age in the decade, the U.S. Labor Department points out in its "Occupational Outlook Handbook." From 73 1-2 million in 1960, the labor force is expected to grow by 1970 to over 87 million, an increase of 19 1-2 million or close to 20 percent. At the same time, the population will grow only 15 percent.

Of the 300,000 soldiers in the American Revolution, some 5,000 were Negroes, although for some time the army forbade the enlistment of Negroes. — (ANP)

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Modelers like myself who have spent months building new vessels have anxiously awaited these warm days. In fact, this winter I've changed my whole scheme of model boating interest. For years I had concentrated on models of ancient vintages. But my new fleet sparkles with today's pleasure crafts... motor launches, light sport cruisers, and slender sail boats.

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