

FENCE TALK

with George K. Vapaa
Agriculture can grow with urban expansion. The proof can be seen in many parts of the country.

So what does this mean for us? Kent County will see more urban growth, whether we welcome it or not.

The dark spot for farming on the Peninsula was best expressed by one of our vegetable farmers, who said: "Let's face it. Industry pays an average of \$2.50 per hour for the same labor that we pay \$1.50 per hour."

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A British reporter made his own demonstration of the world's food plenty and want.

In Hamburg, Germany, people laughed at him.

In New York City, the police arrested him.

In Nigeria, several persons wanted to work three hours for the bread.

In New Delhi, India, the reporter found himself surrounded by a thousand men ready to work a whole day for the bread.

The first heavy snow call for due care, as does the opening of the deer hunting season.

Around Home

With Jean Cranston
Visions of toys are already dancing in your children's heads as they wait for Christmas.

It's not quite that simple if you're trying to choose toys that are both fun and "tools of learning."

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your child's age and overall development.

Preschoolers need toys they can use in many ways such as blocks. Baby dolls, large crayons, puzzles with large pieces, sturdy trucks are excellent.

Fashion dolls are not for preschoolers; neither are over-automated toys. Toys should not be so battery-powered that the only activity left for the child is pushing a button; probably he'll soon be bored and throw the toy away or take it apart.

The older child between 7 and 15 often enjoys these more automated toys. Also, toys that help him explore and experiment with the world around him will develop curiosity and self-confidence.

Select safe Christmas toys, suitable for the age, abilities and attitudes of your children, and watch their eyes shine Christmas day—and for months afterward.

Discover Wonderful Del.

It's a wonder how people work together to create new discoveries in wonderful Delaware.

The Iron Hill Museum, sponsored by the Delaware Academy of Sciences, with four affiliated organizations, the Delaware Mineralogical Society, the Natural History Society, the Archaeological Society of Delaware and the Astronomical Society, is an example.

Late in the spring they took over the last of the one-room school houses in New Castle County. They passed the hat and raised \$5000 plus \$2500 in Federal funds, to turn it into a science museum.

So far, they've accomplished a lot. There are already some fascinating exhibits — and more to follow. Exhibits at present include a huge petrified log, weighing more than four tons, found in a Smyrna gravel pit—the largest known piece of petrified wood in Delaware.

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The foot of Iron Hill is a suitable place for a science museum—you can pick up bits of iron ore right in the driveway.

The best way to see the museum now is to drive by on a weekend, when volunteers will surely be working there, and glad to show you around.

The museum is easy to find — it's on Old Baltimore Pike about a mile south of the intersection with Delaware 896.

A small wonder in itself in the way it has come to be, the Iron Hill Museum is a place to discover many another wonder of wonderful Delaware.

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Spray, Dust To Control Silverfish, Firebrats

Silverfish and firebrats are a common insect problem in homes throughout Delaware according to Donald MacCreary, extension entomologist at the University of Delaware.

Both of these slender, wingless insects cause damage in homes by eating foods and other materials that are high in protein, sugar or starch. They eat cereals, moist wheat flour, any paper on which there is glue or paste, bookbindings, starch in clothing and rayon fabrics.

Silverfish are a shiny silver or pearl gray color while firebrats are a mottled gray. Both insects have two long, slender feelers near the head and three long, taillike appendages at the rear.

Female insects lay eggs at any season, usually in secluded places such as behind books or on closet shelves. Silverfish lay only a few eggs at a time and may lay several batches over a period of weeks.

Firebrats lay about 50 eggs at a time and may lay several batches. Eggs are soft, white and opaque but later take on a yellowish tinge.

Both insects reach maturity in 3 to 24 months after hatching depending on the temperature and humidity of the environment.

Silverfish and firebrats may be controlled by using commercially prepared sprays or dusts that contain DDT, chlordane, malathion, ronnel or dieldrin or by using a sodium fluoride or barium carbonate bait, says MacCreary.

"Apply the spray with an ordinary household sprayer," says MacCreary. "Moisten surfaces over which the insects crawl spraying around baseboards, door and window casings, closets, and places where pipes go through

walls and floors. Spraying only the warmer parts of the home will usually control firebrats."

Dusting may be done with a hand duster; blow the dust into cracks or spread in a thin film. "A properly applied spray or dust will leave a residue that will control these insects within two or three weeks," concludes MacCreary.

However, insecticides are poisonous to man and should be handled with care. MacCreary cautions all homeowners not to contaminate food, dishes, or utensils and advises parents to store all sprays and dusts out of their children's reach.

4-H Club News

With Marlon MacDonald
How much success can you stand in life? This was the lead off question asked by Mel Loomis of the Dover Toastmaster Club.

Mr. Loomis presented a program on public speaking before some 60 Kent County 4-H'ers. He reminded the members that talking with one or two persons is fun, and an audience is no more than one, two, or three persons of these fun groups.

December 29, Capital Grange Hall is the place of the holiday dance for 4-H'ers and their friends. Some of the committee members working on this activity are: Janet Clendaniel, Marjorie Hudson, Becky Messick, Dana and Joy Gooden, Debbie Moore, Philip and Lee Mesibov, and Ken Clendaniel.

Holiday time is a time of lights — be safe and double check that Christmas lights are safe and working. A few extra minutes today checking them out will save you concern through the holiday.

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Keep Christmas Poinsettias Fresh

To enjoy Christmas poinsettias throughout the holiday season, keep them warm, watered, and near a sunny window, advises R. F. Stevens, extension horticulturist at the University of Delaware.

Stevens says that poinsettias are very sensitive to drying which often results in loss of leaves. He recommends keeping the soil moist by watering enough to soak the soil to the bottom of the pot.

Keep the plant warm, between 65 and 75 degrees, with humidity as high as possible. Put the plant close to the window, but not in direct sunlight.

Poinsettias should not be exposed to drafts; keep them away from radiators, registers, fireplaces, outside doorways and windowills.

The true flowers of the poinsettia are small and inconspicuous but are surrounded by modified leaves, called bracts, which form the colored part of the bloom.

When selecting a poinsettia, look for a good bract size and color, advises Stevens. Bracts expand and color fully before the flowers open.

Pollen from the flower appears as a yellowish powder on the bracts. Too much pollen is a sign that the flowers are too far along; the plant will begin to deteriorate within a few days.

Buy a plant that is just beginning to flower; it will last throughout the holiday season, concludes Stevens.

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Describes Migrant Farm Labor Housing

A publication to assist architects and engineers in designing economical housing for migrant farm workers has been issued by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, according to E. W. Walpole, assistant professor of agricultural engineering at the University of Delaware.

"Family Housing For Migrant Agricultural Workers" has been prepared cooperatively by the USDA's Agricultural Research Service and the U. S. Public Health Service. It offers sketches of housing plans ranging in size from a single unit designed to accommodate four persons to a two story apartment type structure of 16 units designed to accommodate five persons in each unit.

The publication also includes plans for multi-purpose type buildings that serve as off-season storage facilities for machinery and supplies.

Plans include suggestions for both masonry and wood construction. With minor changes in dimensions, most of the specifications can be adapted for either type of construction or for prefabricated construction.

Living areas in the various plans illustrated in the 21-page pamphlet meet the health codes for migrant workers in Delaware, but proposed facilities should be checked with local health authorities before beginning construction.

Walpole says that "Family Housing For Migrant Agricultural Workers" is available for 20 cents from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402.

Food Processors Honor Professor

A University of Delaware professor was honored November 29 at the 64th annual convention of the Mid-Atlantic Food Processors Association in Richmond, Va.

Eugene P. Brasher, chairman of the University's Horticulture Department, was presented with a bronze plaque citing him for his excellent research in behalf of the food processing industry. The presentation was made by J. O'Neill Jenkins, president of the Mid-Atlantic Food Processors Association.

Brasher, who has been at the University for 27 years, developed several new vegetable varieties including the Hi Red beet, Delsler tomato and Delaware Belle pepper, which is now considered a standard variety for processing. He recently developed a tomato variety for mechanical harvesting.

Brasher has also been working with asparagus for the past 15 years and has developed several practices including improved fertilizer ratios, ridging of asparagus rows, and use of chemical weed control. He has also established improved practices for fertility, spacing, and irrigation of asparagus which he presented at the convention.

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