

CATHEDRAL SPIRES . . . Garden of the Gods, Colorado Springs, where annual sunrise services have been held for 25 years. Top picture shows the famous rocky spires; below, the chorus of 250 voices. Each year Easter sunrise services from the Garden of the Gods are broadcast to the nation.

In These United States

Garden of Gods Provides Natural Easter Cathedral

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More than a quarter of a century ago, the Rev. A. W. Luce, pastor of the Central Christian church of Colorado Springs, was walking and meditating in the Garden of the Gods, his Bible in his hands. When he sat down he opened to the Book of John and read, "Now in the place where he was crucified, there was a garden—there they laid Jesus."

The Reverend Luce looked about him, saw the picturesque Garden of the Gods in a new light, and an idea was born. He talked to other pastors, and they offered their cooperation. The first annual Easter sunrise service was held.

This year, in a church fashioned more than a million years ago by nature, thousands of worshippers will gather for the 25th annual Easter sunrise service. As the first shafts of sunlight are reflected from snow-capped Pikes Peak, a choir of 250 will lift their voices in a song that reverberates from pinnacle to pinnacle among the red rocks and spires.

There will be 20,000 or more people in the Garden of the Gods on Easter morning, but millions more will hear the service in their homes, for it is carried over a nation-wide radio hookup.

Near the monumental cathedral spires, three crosses have been erected. Here will stand the trumpeters who call the assembly to worship. A few hundred yards away, at the base of South Gateway rock, which is more than 300 feet high, the services will be held.

The service again will be predominantly musical with the tones of an electric organ providing the background. A 250-voice capella choir from Colorado Springs will feature the program. Traditional with the service is the well known tenor, Bernard Vessey, who will sing Knapp's "Open the Gates of the Temple."

During the past 25 years, millions of people have attended the sunrise service. They have faced the giant rocks and listened to the choir in nature's great auditorium, acoustically one of the most perfect.

All plans for the Easter sunrise service in the Garden of the Gods are handled by the Colorado Springs ministerial alliance.



FLOWERS . . . Picked in Dixie and rushed by airplane to northern cities, these flowers don't have a chance to wilt. Scene on J. Swart's farm near Wilmington, N. C.

Church Ships Heifers to Devastated Areas

Approximately 1,000 heifers from the United States have been shipped to the devastated areas of Europe by the heifer project committee of the Church of the Brethren in order to provide fresh milk for children and to rebuild depleted herds.

Since the committee was set up in June, 1942, contributions of livestock have increased steadily, and plans for 1945 envision sending more than 2,000 animals abroad. Families in Belgium, France, Greece, Holland and Poland have received

most of the donated heifers. Cattle are donated by many people who are not members of the Church of the Brethren. In January 171 heifers were sent to Czechoslovakia. Usually a group of farmers band together, under Brethren or other leadership, and provide a shipment of four or more animals. The heifer project committee in Nappanee, Ind., is notified and takes care of the final arrangements. The overseas shipping of the donated animals is handled by the UNRRRA.

Shortage of Farm Labor Unknown to Big Harvey Family

Western Maryland claims one of America's biggest farming families and points to Mr. and Mrs. Earl K. Harvey Sr., and their 11 children, 9 boys and 2 girls. While others complained about a farm labor shortage the past few years, the Harveys went right on producing record crops on their 180-acre farm.

The eldest of the children is Marshall Harvey, now 25, who served in the army. As a lad he helped form a 4-H club and is now "assistant supervisor."

Next is Lucile, 23, who was active in the 4-H club until she reached the age limit of 21. She is now married, but still helps to hoe the Harvey potatoes.

Then there is Calvin, who graduated from the 4-H club when he reached the age of 21 last January. Selective service classified him 2-C, giving him an agricultural worker's deferment. He and his father supervise the 180-acre farm, the 35 cattle, and the 45 tons of shelled peas the land produced last summer.

Potatoes for Fanny Mae.

The next in this pastoral family is Fanny Mae, 20. Potatoes are her forte. Recently the University of Maryland experimental station, cooperating with the United States department of agriculture, developed a new potato in Garrett county. At elaborate ceremonies here, it was christened the "Potomac," and Fanny Mae did the christening.

Then comes Freddie, 17. Besides being president of the "Harvey 4-H club" at near-by North Glade, where the farm is located, he is president of the Future Farmers of America chapter at Oakland high school.

"But this is not because of numbers alone," he pointed out.

Then there is Earl Jr., 16, also an exuberant agriculturist, 4-H member, and student at Oakland high school.

Next comes Robert, 14. Robert bought a 4-H club calf, nursed it along, took it to the Pittsburgh live stock show with Joseph Steger, assistant county agent, recently, and came away with fourth prize. He was competing with boys and girls from Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Ernest, the "4-H Baby."

Then there is Guy, 13. Not to be outdone by Robert, Guy also raised a calf and took it to the Pittsburgh show. It weighed 870 pounds, captured sixth place in the lightweight class, and was bought on the spot at 26 cents a pound. Guy figured he cleared "about \$90" on the transaction, while Robert made \$119 profit.

Then there is Ernest. Ernest is 10, which is just old enough for him to be called the "4-H baby." He is studying agriculture and the whys and wherefores of cattle during school hours, like Freddie, Earl Jr., Robert and Guy, and before them Marshall, Calvin, Lucile and Fanny Mae.

And then there is Arthur, who is eight. Arthur definitely leans toward potatoes. He took it very hard when much of the Harvey crop froze in the ground last year.

And then the bottom rung of this farming ladder is Douglas. Douglas is three and has yet to prove himself, but it was indicated that he is a natural peasheller. An apprentice by birth, he expects to grow by example and observation.



AVC CHOICE . . . Charles G. Bolte, 25, who lost a leg at El Alamein while serving with the British, is practically assured of being named president of the American Veterans' committee, an organization of World War II veterans, when the first convention is held in Des Moines in June.

Soil Conservation Continuance Urged By Federal Agency

WASHINGTON. — The fertility of American land declined seriously during the war, according to the agricultural adjustment agency, which is urging farmers to return to "conservation type" farming. Millions of acres of land were over-cropped and over-grazed during the war to meet unprecedented demands for food products.



JIM AND JIM . . . Jimmy Corriden, Brooklyn Dodgers' coach, is shown with his son, Jimmy Jr., who is trying for an outfield berth with the Dodgers. The lad plays center field.

"Off We Go" AVIATION NOTES

WORLD AVIATION FAIR

The first postwar international aircraft trade exposition and flight demonstration will be held at Offutt field, Fort Crook, near Omaha, from July 21 to 28 and will be known as the World's Fair of Aviation.

Preliminary plans are based on an attendance of 250,000 persons and the expectation that at least 2,000 light planes will be flown to Omaha for the event. Both the AAF and the navy will participate in the flight events. Special performance exhibitions will include both military and civil aircraft.

The fair will be managed by Steadham Acker of Birmingham, well known as a director of air shows at Birmingham, Newark and Denver, and program director for the national aviation clinic at Oklahoma City.

Must Have Air Markers.

It is apparent that the purpose of air markers cannot be achieved if there are only a few widely scattered throughout the country. Flyers may become lost in any locality. Every city, town and village should be air marked. The Civil Aeronautics administration will be glad to assist regional, state or local officials in planning air marking programs or individual markers.



WHATISIT . . . The first aircraft to receive an army number in 1946 was the XR-9B, a new helicopter, which is undergoing flight tests at Wright field, Ohio.

COYOTE HUNTING

"Ted Hagele and Al Binder were hosts to Minnesota hunters who came in to hunt coyotes by plane. Included in the party were Marcelus King, Donald Rugg and Carl Elam of Austin, Minn.; Allen Goetzinger of Hollandale, Minn., and Carl Benhoff of Gettysburg. In the first hour and a half, the sportsmen bagged three coyotes." — Pioneer, Bowdle, S. D. They used a Piper cub.

A Safe Crash Landing.

Through the cool headedness of Sam Sornborger of Arcadia, Calif., in crash-landing a plane, he and his brother Jeff, who was taking his first plane ride, are well and happy. After cruising around for 15 minutes in a plane rented from the Rosemead airport, the engine suddenly went dead. Sam, who had more than 2,000 hours as pilot during the war, coolly maneuvered his plane to a smooth landing place in a wash. Which proves again that flying takes a cool head.

OLD VETERANS RETIRE

Back in 1930, Boeing built a number of 247-Ds for United Air Lines. These were the first of the two-engine low-winged transport planes. Later Pennsylvania Central used these planes, and in time they were taken over for their sturdy characteristics by the CAA as a laboratory and freight plane in Alaska. It was of interest recently when announcement came that one of these 15-year-old veterans was retired! Some of us thought they'd fly on forever.



Flame Cultivation Passes Farm Tests

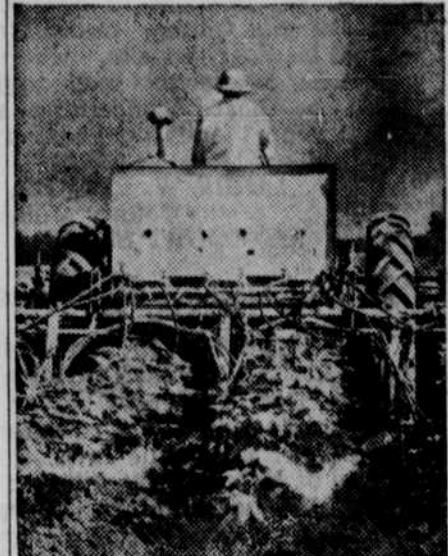
Suitable for Hard-Stemmed Field Crops

Flame cultivation of farm crops has been proven sound at Cornell university and Mississippi State college. Tests made with sugar cane and with cotton have proved this method suitable for hard-stemmed row crops. Tests are still being conducted on other crops.

The flame cultivator consists of an ignition system burning diesel or tractor fuel, with burner heads mounted behind tractors so that two flames hit the rows from opposite sides.

At Mississippi it was found that any plant which is sufficiently tall for its leaves to escape contact with the flame has to be removed by hand. Johnson grass and "pig-weeds" are resistant to repeated flaming when the leaves are not struck, while some plants succumb when the stems are repeatedly flamed.

Flaming versus hoeing showed no difference in the values obtained on seed cotton, lint and spinning. Seed



Size flaming cultivator being operated in field.

showed a higher significant difference for free fatty acid and significant difference for grade in favor of flaming. Under this system it is now possible to produce cotton without hand labor by cross-ploving, flame cultivation and machine picking. Other farm crops promise to fall under this mechanical method of operation.

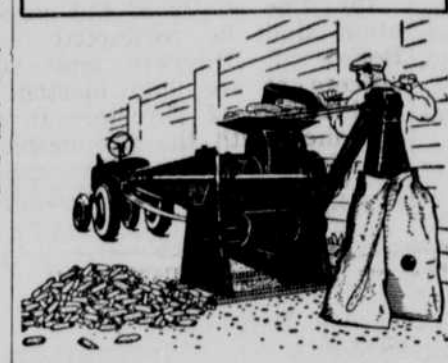
Swine Tuberculosis Spread by Chickens

Tuberculosis in swine increased 10 per cent last year, according to the American Veterinary Medical association. One hog in every 14 slaughtered, showed tuberculosis lesions. Such meat, when inspected, must be condemned. This represents a heavy financial loss to the swine raising industry.

Tuberculosis in swine is not spread from animal to animal, unless the udder of the sow is infected. The control and eradication of the disease in swine depend on eradicating tuberculosis in cattle and poultry.

As old-aged flocks of chickens are the chief spreaders of tuberculosis to swine, farmers should keep poultry out of hog lots, and dispose of the older birds each year.

Improved Machinery Corn Sheller



This corn sheller, product of International Harvester, has a capacity of 100 to 150 bushels of husked corn per hour. It can be operated by any one-pow tractor engine or motor with capacity of 5 to 10 h.p. It is constructed to shell corn for sale to elevators or to meet the immediate feeding requirements. Elevator and cob stackers may be attached. The corn travels downward in line of feed. A feature is a one-piece cylinder.

DDT Has an Important Rival in Velsicol 1068

A compound of chlorinated hydrocarbon, product of the University of Illinois insect experiments, is said to be three to four times as toxic to houseflies as DDT and twice as toxic to potato-beetle larvae and to pea and spirea aphids. It is about equal to DDT in its effect on mosquitoes. Other new competitors of DDT include the British insecticide Gammexane and TDE, tetrachloro-diphenyl-ethane.

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While all sharks are usually regarded as being among the most dangerous of fishes, the whale shark, Rhineodon typus, which is the largest species of shark and the world's largest fish, is as inoffensive as a kitten, says Collier's. Reaching a length of about 60 feet and a weight of 12 tons, and feeding on small organisms, this giant never attacks and never is attacked by other fish.

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