

New books at the library

WALKING THROUGH THE FIRE and SIGNS OF SPRING, by Laurel Lee (non-fiction). Laurel Lee kept a journal during the nine months she was undergoing intensive treatment for Hodgkin's disease. Published as "Walking through the fire", it moved almost everyone who read it—pure, naive, lyrical, and life-affirming expressions of a young woman with three little children who was walking hand-in-hand with God and death. "Signs of spring" brings us up to date, again by means of Laurel's journal: Divorce from a husband who wouldn't bear the burden, months of welfare-level poorness, the news that her hospital journal would be published, a rise in fortunes, the love of two men whose gallantry fell short of marrying into such heavy burdens, the recurrence of the cancer, and always, always care of the children.

THE UPAS TREE, by Eva Hanagan (fiction). With a deft touch, Hanagan has created an effective novel about a woman, Ishbel, coming into her own after years of catering to family demands. Subtle satire lightens the account of Ishbel's travails as her mother's maid servant, while a slightly different, wry tone enters as Ishbel makes her first discoveries of freedom later in the novel. The novelist feints with clever intimations of potentially dire events and relieves the readers fears only in the heart-warming last scene.

THE DREAM MAKER: WILLIAM C. DURANT, FOUNDER OF GENERAL MOTORS, by Bernard Weisberger (non-fiction). The story of how Durant formed in the first decades of this century what is now the largest U.S. auto manufacturer is interestingly told. In describing Durant's early career as a carriage maker, Weisberger points out how the large-scale production methods and acquisition of companies making parts predated the tactics later used to bring success to General Motors. The author is equally explicit about Durant's necessary resignation from GM and the rise and fall of a second venture in auto manufacturing.

Suzanne Little on dean's list

Suzanne Little has been named to the dean's list for the winter semester at Western Michigan University. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Little, 5178 Kelly Road, Cass City. To be eligible, a student

needs a minimum 3.5 grade point average out of a possible 4.0. Wise is the man who knows enough to let well enough alone.

Kathy Dillard gets degree at Harding Univ.

Kathy Diane Dillard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Clarke, 3475 Cemetery Road, Cass City, was among 380 seniors at Harding University, Searcy, Ark., to receive degrees in spring commencement ceremonies May 11.



Kathy Dillard

She majored in home economics textile merchandising. Her husband, Mark, received a degree in Bible. The couple will be living in Pontiac, where Dillard is employed at a General Motors truck plant. He had been on leave to get his degree. Mrs. Dillard will be seeking employment, preferably in textile merchandising, according to her mother. Kathy is a 1976 graduate of Cass City High School.

AROUND THE FARM
Common bean mosaic virus
By William Bortel

One of the most exciting events to happen to the Michigan dry bean industry in the last 10 years is the signing of a contract with Mexico.

The contract will be a boon to the bean industry, but as with all good things, it is not without potential pitfalls.

The contract calls for colored beans, primarily pinto and black turtle soup types. This fact will require a major shift in production for many growers, who have been up to now comfortable with producing white navy bean varieties.

As we approach the 1980 season, one of our major concerns is sufficient good quality seed of the pinto and black bean varieties to plant the acres necessary to fill the contract obligations.

There are several seed-borne diseases which can cause substantial crop losses. Common mosaic virus, halo, common, and fuscous bacterial blights, and anthracnose can all ride into the bean field on seed.

In this article we will concentrate on common mosaic virus, leaving the other diseases for future articles.

Common bean mosaic causes puckering of leaflets, chlorotic mottling and leaflet elongation. Pod, leaf and petiole distortion, and dwarfing of a few leaves on the whole plant can occur. At times premature death occurs. Infected plants usually have greatly reduced pod set and seed production.

Once introduced to the field, mosaic can be spread from plant to plant by contact, tillage equipment, and aphids. The plants which are infected during this secondary spread usually produce a near normal yield, however, at least 50 percent of the seed produced may carry the virus to a subsequent crop should the seed be used for planting stock.

The typical mosaic symptoms mentioned above are found in varieties like Sanilac, Charlevoix, Manitou, California light and dark red

kidney, and Michigan Improved Cranberry beans. Wyoming 166R and 111 Pinto beans may also develop common mosaic as described.

Most other bean varieties grown are resistant to the common mosaic virus. Unfortunately in some varieties, the resistance to mosaic is expressed in the form of "black root." The resistance is actually expressed as immunity or "hypersensitivity," thus, when the plant is inoculated with the virus, it reacts in the form of a root and stem discoloration, rapid wilt, and death.

The idea here is that the plant dies rather than surviving to serve as an infection center for neighboring plants. A few plants die but the majority survive, theoretically.

If (viruliferous) aphid vectors are moving into bean fields in great numbers, plant losses can be substantial due to this hypersensitive form of resistance. The hypersensitive type of resistance is present in the varieties Seafarer, Gratiot, Tuscola, and some Black Turtle Soup varieties. Other cultivars may also have the black root hypersensitive reaction; however, positive testing has not been done.

As Michigan moves towards fulfilling its contract obligations, bean growers should realize that continuation of the contract is at least partially dependent on the delivery of a quality product. Attention to seed sources and quality (disease-free) seed for planting is the first step to meeting our end of the bargain.

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Many others

Sanilac to appeal on Bond Drain

The Sanilac County Board of Commissioners May 14 approved the action of its chairman, Stuart Parsell, in initiating a Circuit Court appeal of the cost apportionment for the Bond Drain project.

The board is appealing county Drain Commissioner Stuart Armstead's assessment of 26.5 percent of the \$63,000 cost to the county-at-large, a decision that was upheld by a board of review April 29.

The county's hired witness had testified before the review board that he thought the county-at-large share should only be 11.27 percent. Armstead said Monday he had been officially notified of the appeal being filed, but had yet to be notified of a court date.

Fluoride program announced

The summer topical fluoride program in Sanilac county during the summer months will be at the following locations: Deckerville Community School, June 9-18; Croswell, June 19-July 3; Marlette, July 7-15, and Sandusky, July 16-30.

According to the county Health Department, approximately 500 children have enrolled in the program.

Parents of enrolled children will receive appointment cards about two weeks prior to their children's appointment. Sites in Croswell, Marlette and Sandusky will be announced later.

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