

CHOMPING PEST—The corn earworm and European corn borer will ruin many a succulent ear of corn during the summer months.

between states and countries. County farm bureau agents advise the farmers how to meet the pests.

Against their best efforts, the bugs gain here and there. Over the nation this year, the loss will be close to the amount of Marshall Plan aid sent overseas. Farmers, then the public, will pick up the check.

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SOCIOLOGY

Do Non-Drinking College Girls Get More Dates?

➤ COLLEGE girls who do not drink have more dates than college girls who do drink—at least at the University of Rochester. This is in contradiction to findings of a survey made two years ago at the Pennsylvania State College, where the drinking girls had more dates than the non-drinkers.

At the University of Rochester, non-drinkers had an average of two and one-third dates in a two-week period, while drinkers dated an average of one and one-quarter times in the same period.

These figures were revealed in a survey conducted recently at the University of Rochester under the direction of Frederic C. Berezin, instructor in sociology, and reported by him and Norman R. Roth in the QUARTERLY JOURNAL OF STUDIES ON ALCOHOL (June).

A sample of 383 girls was used, 48 of whom did not drink and 335 of whom did.

The study also disclosed that, at the University of Rochester, drinkers and non-drinkers became engaged in about the same percentages. Two years ago, at Penn State

it was found that non-drinkers had the edge over drinkers in making a permanent attachment.

The Rochester study also found that sorority girls drank more than non-sorority girls on both dating and non-dating engagements. Another finding was that out-of-town girls who live in dormitories drink more than Rochester girls who have homes to go to.

The authors concluded that the findings of the investigation "raised more questions than they answered."

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MEDICINE

40 to 80 Cataract Cases In Atom Bomb Survivors

➤ ABOUT 40 certain cases of cataract and an additional 40 suspected cases have been discovered in atom bomb survivors by the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission.

These make up the first evidence of the delayed effects of the atom bombings at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Survivors have apparently recovered from the acute or immediate effects, such as loss of hair, temporary infertility and blood changes, the ABCC reports to the National Research Council and the Atomic Energy Commission in Washington, D. C.

The 80 certain or suspected cases of radiation cataract were discovered in a survey of 1,000 persons most of whom were within 3,000 feet of the point above which the bomb exploded. The survey was made after discovery of radiation cataracts among research workers in the United States who had been exposed to radiation similar to that released in an atomic bomb burst.

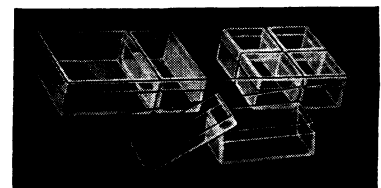
In the search for possible other delayed effects of the bombing on either survivors or their children, some 35,000 births have been investigated, a survey of 5,000 marriages has been made to determine the frequency of marriages between blood relations of varying degrees, about 2,800 children (some exposed to the bombs and some not) have been examined and medical examinations of newborn babies are being made at the rate of 700 and 800 a month.

Much of the effort of the ABCC has been expended in learning more about the normal state of health of the Japanese people in order to have a baseline of abnormalities occurring without atom bombing for comparison with those occurring in survivors of the bombings.

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