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Formula Figures
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Were you ever puzzled by the formula figures — such as 4-8-10 printed on a bag of commercial mixed fertilizer? They are there for your protection, fertilizer officials of the Dominion Department of Agriculture point out.

The formula figures printed on the bag simply indicate the proportionate quantities of the main plant foods contained in the fertilizer. But these plant foods—nitrogen, phosphoric acid and potash—must be incorporated in the fertilizer so that they can be applied to the soil evenly over large areas. This could not be done in their absolutely pure form. A certain amount of bulk is required, or the fertilizer could not be spread around. How is this done?

Well, in a 100-pound bag of 4-8-10 mixed fertilizer for instance, there are usually 20 pounds of nitrogen chemicals, such as sulphate of ammonia, to supply the four per cent of nitrogen. Then there are 40 pounds of superphosphate to supply the eight per cent of phosphoric acid, and 18 pounds of muriate of potash to supply the ten per cent of potash. This adds up to seventy-eight pounds. The remaining 22 pounds is generally dolomite limestone, which contains some calcium and magnesium—both good for the soil.

So, although the actual methods of getting these essential plant foods into the fertilizer bag may vary with different formulas, the final result is always the same. The plant foods will always be there in the proportionate quantities stated in the formula figures on the bag.

The first of the formula figures always stands for nitrogen, the second always for phosphoric acid, and the last always for potash. That is the thing to remember, for the figures are the key to the contents of the bag.

Different crops and soils require different formulas the officials say. Your district agricultural representative or nearest soil specialist can help you to select the right one for your particular crop or soil.

Dublin zoo is world famous for the number of young lions it exports.

OAKVILLE

Toronto has its Raymond Massey, Winnipeg has its Deanna Durbin—and Bronte has its Maude Eburne. Maude Eburne, who was born and raised in Bronte, is one of Hollywood's top-notch character actresses today. In her latest picture, "The Lawton Story" she is one of the featured players. And, according to popular comment, she has done herself proud.

This week marks the official start of the baseball season. Minor League teams, Bantams and Juveniles all get going at the business of limbering up those throwing arms and sharpening those batting eyes. Victoria Park, these evenings, looks like a transplanted hunk of Florida during the winter training season.

On Thursday, April 21st the Lions Club of Oakville held their annual Civic Night at Victoria Hall. Doctor F. M. Deans and Mrs. Noel Eaton were the honoured guests of the evening.—Record Star.

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Person

Rev. E. J. Phinn is a pastor at New Liskeard.
 Miss Beatrice McLeod from the Marvel School, Toronto, on April 21st.
 Mr. and Mrs. T. daughter of Paris spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs.
 Miss Christine Cato, Jacqueline Meyers of recently spent a week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson.
 Mrs. P. C. Corbin of New Jersey, is mother and aunt, Mrs. and Mrs. M. Harris.

Miss Helen Beckford, Betty Allan of Brampton, week-end guests at the home of Mrs. Harold McMillan.
 Misses Lisle and Charbell returned to their home this week after spending a week-end with Miss Coll.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy K. Joyce and Mr. Frank Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ingold, Bette Ingold of Woodstock, guests at the Powell-Guests in Toronto on Saturday at the Anglican Church.

Recent guests at Hawthorn included Mr. and Mrs. W. Miss Melrie Wilson, Elizabeth, Mr. and Mrs. G. Mrs. R. Wheelband, Mrs. Hadley, Mr. and Mrs. Rollande Charette, Nor Miss Lisle Campbell, Miss Campbell, Milton, Mr. L. bell, of Toronto, Miss Er Brantford; Mr. and Mrs. new, Milton; Messrs. J. Danny Cole and Robert Burlington, Miss D. Titon Toronto and eleven members Milton Rotary Club.

Recent guests at Craighill included Miss Mary A. Lockhart, Gladys McLean of Ottawa, Margaret McKarroll, Elizabeth, Miss Irmgarde West, Hawkesbury; Miss Hattie of London; Miss Jean Hamilton; Miss Mildred Hamilton; Dr. and Mrs. P. of Hamilton; Mr. and Mrs. Clarkson, Mr. L. Clarkson, Mr. J. A. McFarlane, Mr. A. J. Black, Mrs. J. E. I. E. Bettles, all of Toronto; Mrs. Edwin Harrop, Miss Agnes Leslie and Miss M. of Georgetown.

Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Evans announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen Ann Donald Wilbur, son of Mr. J. A. Van Fleet. The marriage will take place on Saturday, June 4th, at the Acton United Church.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. announce the engagement of their daughter, Vera Lucille, Donald Malcolm McNabb, Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm T. of Georgetown; the marriage will take place May 14th, 1949.

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL

Britain is establishing air corridors ten miles wide. To form a system of aviation routes at heights of between 5,000 feet. This will ensure flying and prevent collisions between aircraft even in poor visibility. Both civil and military will be expected to conform to the new form of traffic control movements of the aircraft organized from ground stations which will transmit instructions to the pilot.

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