

Grass Proves

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use grasses have been imported and developed by State Agricultural College and Soil Conservation Service Plant Materials Center. Hundreds of varieties from all over the world have been tested under a wide variety of conditions. Only a relatively small number of these have proven good enough to replace native varieties.

One of the big jobs of the Klamath Branch Experiment Station has been to test new grasses for this area. The value of their work to local farmers and ranchers, undoubtedly amounts to several million dollars.

The Soil Conservation Service through the three local soil conservation districts has also provided a lot of information and seed of new varieties for testing and seed production. Soil Conservation Service technicians also work closely with local farmers and ranchers to help them determine which grasses will do the best job under their conditions. Recommendations of Soil Conservation Service technicians are closely correlated with results from the experiment station. Other agencies such as the extension service and private seed dealers are also cooperating to help the farmers decide what grasses to use on their farms.

Pennsylvania Policeman Is Crack Safecracker

DU BOIS, Pa. (UPI)—Pennsylvania's No. 1 safecracker wears a badge.

He is Sgt. Joseph Dussia, officer in charge of the state police barracks here. His ability to "manipulate" a safe is so widely recognized that vault manufacturers ask him to test their new burglar-proof models.

Dussia's lock tinkering began with a boyhood fascination for intricate mechanisms. After 21 years as a state trooper, he is much sought after as an instructor of law enforcement officers in the techniques of investigating safe burglaries.

The 41-year-old sergeant has picked locks and cracked safes by the hundreds—all on the right side of the law. He recalls one time when railroaders "cheered as if I had scored a last minute touchdown" after he had mastered a safe that contained their pay.

On another occasion, a bridegroom sighed with relief when Dussia opened a jammed safe that held the wedding rings on the eve of the ceremony.

Dussia has freed children from

locked bathrooms, evacuated "prisoners" from service station restrooms, released brothers from war souvenir handcuffs and even enabled an expectant mother to get a layette out of a trunk before she went to the hospital.

He has picked locks on gambling dens so quietly that raiding officers gained access without alerting a "lookout" just inside the door. Once, he broke into a cell at the Brookville, Pa., prison after it had jammed, making it impossible for the jailer to bring in the prisoners' food.

Dussia takes a scientific approach to safecracking. He is contemptuous of criminals who blast, punch or pry their way into a safe.

"It doesn't take much know-how to force open a safe and wreck it," he said. "But you have

'PEACEMAKER' RETIRED

OMAHA, Neb. (UPI)—The B-36 bomber will go down in Air Force history as the plane that "never fired a shot in anger." Called the "Peacemaker," this aircraft served as the Strategic Air Command's "heavy weapon" for 10 years. The last SAC wing to fly B-36's has now been converted to B-52's.

to know something to manipulate it open." That professional technique includes touch, hearing and an extensive knowledge of the inner workings of a safe combination lock.

To help him out, Dussia uses a transistorized amplifier with microphone attached which are held to the safe by a magnet. He said it's possible to open most safes merely by plotting each change

in the sound of the tiny tumbler on a graph.

The veteran state trooper said that only once did he use his talents "dishonestly"—and he didn't get away with it then. He said he tried to "steal a peek" at the dairy of a high school girl, "but she snatched it away so fast I didn't get a chance. I still wonder what was so confidential about it."

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