

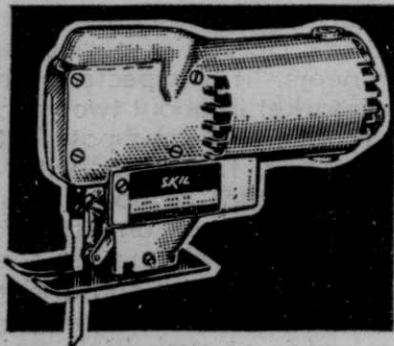
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BY FAR THE greatest of the crimes committed in these modern times is the concoction some folks try to pass off as a punkin pie. I think that it's a crying shame the way most cooks have helped defame



the greatest dish devised by man. The loafers open up a can and out of it they dare to scoop some evil-looking, tasteless goop; they plop it in a soggy crust and then before it's served they must pile whipped cream on two inches thick so that their victims won't get sick when they force down an extra bite or two just so they'll be polite.

Thank goodness, I don't get that swill 'cause good old Jane Mirandy still knows how to make the real thing and loves to do it, too, by jing. She doesn't have a can in sight when she starts out to do it right; I bring a punkin from the field and then, somehow, she makes it yield a tantalizing golden meat; the taste of which just can't be beat, especially when it's mixed up good with lots of spices like it should, then baked just right in flaky crust, I eat so much I almost bust. When it comes time for me to die, I hope I'm filled with punkin pie.

### Soils and Crops

## Barley Stripe Mosaic Can Cause Serious Yield Loss

By ARTHUR F. SHAW

HOW MUCH DID the disease barley stripe mosaic cost you this season? With the above normal rainfall in many areas yields were high and you may have felt that no loss resulted. Yet the chance that you did take a 5 to 10 bushel per acre yield reduction was quite high.

Compana barley is known to carry the infection and at one time nearly one-half of 500 samples tested contained the virus. Compana was seeded on an estimated 1,306,000 acres in 1962.

Compana is not the only variety on which the disease has been found. The disease was first identified in 1950 and has been found in Glacier, Titan, Betzes and others. Because Compana, until recent years, was grown on over 90 per cent of our barley acreage the incidence of disease is bound to be high.

Barley stripe mosaic is caused by a seed-borne virus. This little elusive "bug" is easily transmitted mechanically from one plant to another. The disease is seed-borne, making control by normal seed treatments ineffective. The disease will affect spring wheat, too. The incidence here has been very low.

#### Striped Leaves

The symptoms of barley stripe mosaic in barley are seen as chlorotic (yellow to light green) flecks which later develop into the characteristic striping of the leaves. These stripes eventually become ash gray to dark brown and are especially prominent along the mid-rib and margins of the leaf.

In some instances, infected plants may show considerable stunting and yields are reduced. For the inexperienced observer there is danger of jumping at conclusions. There are other physiological disturbances which may create symptoms somewhat similar.

Steps have been instituted to "clean up" the barley seed stock farmers are using. Seed stock of disease-free Compana was released to a number of

certified growers last spring. Seed from the certified fields will be retested before being released to growers. Lots of barley containing in excess of 5 per cent infection will not be eligible for resale as certified.

#### Zero Tolerance

The directors of the Montana Seed Growers Association, following the recommendation of Experiment Station personnel, set the 5 per cent limit. Any foundation seed released now or in the future must show a zero tolerance.

All certified lots of barley are to be tested for barley stripe mosaic. The test requires about six weeks to run. Only certified seed lots can be tested, as facilities and personnel are inadequate for larger scale testing operations.

Seed lots from disease-free stock will be increased under certification as fast as possible. To buy seed from a disease-free source can be one of your best investments.

#### Research Continues

Knowing that this disease alone can cost Montana farmers several million dollars each year, research investigations are continuing. Workers are delv-

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