

MICHIGAN OUT-OF-DOORS

FIELD AND GRASS SEED MUST BE TAGGED FOR SALE

The spring seed season is at hand for both the seedsmen and the farmers. Seedsmen are reminded that all field and grass seed must be tagged to comply with the legal requirements. This includes oats, barley, beans, buckwheat, etc., regardless of whether the seed is in bags or bins. All who expect to have seed tested at the state laboratory are urged by Commissioner of Agriculture, Elmer A. Beamer, to send in the samples at once as it takes a minimum of six days to complete the germination test. The commissioner said, "Delay in sending in samples for test will be no excuse for selling untaxed seed."

Farmers in the market for road seed for spring planting should be wary of seed offered at bargain prices. Invariably seed being sold in this manner is not up to par and if the purity, germination and weed seed content is carefully considered it will be found to be expensive seed in the long run. Be sure to examine the analysis tag and if the seed is not taxed notify the State Department of Agriculture. Farmers intending to dispose of their seed to dealers are urged to cooperate with the elevators and dealers and not hold their seed until it is too late for spring planting. Farmers are also warned that while it is not necessary to tag unadvertised seed sold to their neighbor they are not permitted to sell any seed that carries excessive noxious weeds.

URGES CARE IN PURCHASE OF NURSERY STOCK

Prospective purchasers of nursery stock in Michigan this spring are urged to be cautious as to where they buy. Due to a severe frost last November 11, a great amount of nursery stock in some of the Southern and Southwestern states was badly damaged. Commissioner Beamer of the State Department of Agriculture advises parties purchasing nursery stock that they should be certain

to buy from reliable concerns and that stock should be accompanied by a tag designating variety and grade. The grade of stock sold in Michigan must be grades approved by the American Association of Nurserymen.

All nursery stock must be accompanied by a valid certificate of inspection showing that it has been officially inspected and is apparently free from disease and insects. All native stock must be accompanied by a native tree tag indicating that it is native crown and not nursery grown. This certificate acts as a bill of health to the purchaser of stock and it is vitally important that every prospective buyer be on the lookout for the certificate. Commissioner Beamer said, "I strongly believe in the purchase of Michigan nursery stock as it is well acclimated and is as fine a lot of stock as can be purchased anywhere."

SECONDARY ROADS NOT TO BE NEGLECTED

State Highway Commissioner G. Donald Kennedy this week spoke of the importance of brining Michigan's military network up to War Department requirements. He would halt construction of secondary or "farm-to-market" roads.

"In fact," Kennedy declared, "the national defense program as it relates to highways is likely to result in a stimulated construction program for both our primary and secondary systems."

The commissioner added it was significant to note that, with certain exceptions, the military network includes most of the principal mileage on the primary system.

"Due to this fact," he said, "contemplated improvements to the military network will also benefit our regular trunkline routes, and will include projects that would eventually be demanded by the constantly increasing traffic over these highways."

With Congress expected to appropriate funds in the near future for improvement of the military network, Kennedy said it was quite likely this would leave more funds available for the construction of secondary highways.

"Our 'farm-to-market' roads," Kennedy declared, "are equally important to a large percentage of the people of Michigan as our main primary system and we will plan

our program accordingly." In addition, Kennedy called attention to the fact that because Michigan's southern farming region has many lakes and because there is some agriculture in northerly recreational areas, these roads are frequently of equal value to farmers and tourists.

"And we must never for a moment forget," he added, "that a large part of Michigan's population is dependent upon our \$100,000,000 tourist business and this industry in turn is dependent upon good highways and attractive highways."

ADVISE CARE IN VACCINATION OF CATTLE

As a result of a large number of inquiries from cattle owners about the proper control of Bang's Disease, Commissioner of Agriculture Elmer A. Beamer, advises against the promiscuous use of vaccines. He said that since 1930 the department's Bureau of Animal Industry, under the direction of Dr. Clark, the state veterinarian, has been enforcing regulations to control Bang's disease, which include provisions covering the blood test and also quarantine regulations. Later rules were issued providing for the state accreditation of herds. A survey of the records indicates that less than 5 per cent of the accredited herds have become reinfected.

An increasing number of herd owners are continuing this practice of testing, furnishing about 10,000 blood samples a month for tests at the state laboratory. Since 1934 the program of testing has been in effect with the co-operation of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry.

Owing to the widespread publicity given to the subject of Bang's disease, vaccination by various breed and agriculture journals, it would appear that a large number of cattle owners have apparently assumed that with the use of calfhood vaccination any troubles in their herd resulting from abortion would be immediately solved.

To these it must be said that vaccination is not a panacea and whatever possibilities the use of calfhood vaccination may present it

is obvious that where infection already exists in a herd it cannot immediately solve the problem of control.

EGGS HAVE RICH CONTENT OF IRON AND VITAMINS

An egg a day may not keep the doctor away, but it provides a package of the food values the housewife wants to get into the family diet, says Roberta Hershey, specialist in food nutrition at Michigan State College.

With hens March is a busy month. So are April, May and June. During those four months hens lay almost as many eggs as they do during the remaining months of the year, although production has been slumped up during the fall and winter months by efficient practices.

With the spring sprout in egg production now is a good time, Miss Hershey advises, to check up on eggs in the family diet. "Eggs are good body builders," she says, "because of the efficient proteins in their yolks and whites. The yolks are especially rich in iron, the mineral needed for red blood cells. They are an important source of calcium, a rich source of phosphorus, and a good source of riboflavin (vitamin G). Vitamins A and D are present in varying amounts."

"For all these reasons an egg a day for everyone in the family is a good rule to follow. But if you can't manage that, try to get at least four or five eggs a week into the diet of every child in the family. And see that adults get at least three or four a week."

"The most important thing to remember about cooking eggs is to keep the heat low. If eggs are cooked for too long or at too high a temperature the delicate protein becomes tough."

"Instead of 'hard-boiling' eggs, 'hard-cook' them in simmering water. Fry eggs in a little moderately hot fat. Never let water boil around eggs as you poach them. Use a thick pan for omelets and scramble eggs and keep the heat low under the pan. Cook soft custards over hot water, not boiling water. And have the oven temperature

very slow to moderate for different baked dishes containing many eggs."

TEACHERS BACKED BY NEW HEALTH DEPT. RULING

Teachers who send home boys or girls appearing with watery eyes, inflamed throats, fever or rash now have the authority of the Michigan Department of Health for their action in protecting the health of their pupils.

Symptoms such as these may mean anything from measles to smallpox, and are sufficient reason for exclusion by the teacher under a new ruling of the State Council of Health.

"Good teachers have always been alert to the early symptoms of communicable disease and have promptly excluded pupils showing such symptoms," says Dr. H. Allen Moyer, State Health Commissioner. "Now for the first time teachers are given the backing of an official regulation of the Michigan Department of Health. Home and school cooperation in excluding boys and girls with suspicious symptoms of communicable disease may be the means of preventing epidemics."

"The new ruling of the State Council of Health puts our Health Department regulations in line with the best school health practice of today. The Department of Public Instruction is in hearty agreement with this policy of teacher responsibility. There are times when boys and girls ought not to be in school, both for their own good and for the protection of their classmates. We have outgrown the idea that a perfect attendance record should be achieved even at risk of health."

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Exciting drama, mystery and adventure are in store for Redford Theater patrons when they see the new Warner Bros. film, "South of Suez," which opens next Friday. The action takes place in a novel and venture-taken atmosphere of a South African diamond mine.

George Brent plays the role of a soldier-of-fortune mine foreman who meets his share of murder, theft and intrigue at the hands of a ruthless mine owner played by George Tobias. He was framed by the murder of a rival mine operator and clears himself after many

a harrowing escape. Charming Brenda Marshall supplies the romantic interest when she allies herself with Brent in an effort to prove his innocence. Lee Patrick, in the role of Tobias' embittered wife, gives the story a novel twist that will surprise the most sophisticated movie-goer.

Screen favorites James Stephenson and Eric Blaire lend their talent to the supporting roles. Adventure film director, Lewis Seiler, has added another to his list of exciting pictures with "South of Suez."

New Question Asked on X-Ray Examinations

Experience with the photo x-ray unit of the Michigan Department of Health shows that the old question about an x-ray examination, will it burn me, has been replaced by a new one. Nowadays, people frequently wonder if marks on their lungs shown by an x-ray are due to a cold, especially a bad cold.

"We don't leave a trace on the lungs, but tuberculosis unmistakably does, and the x-ray shows up the evidence long before symptoms develop," says Dr. H. Allen Moyer.

In a recent series of examinations with the State Health Department's photo x-ray unit, only one person asked the old question, will it burn me, but several comments were made about possible scars on lung tissue being due to colds. There is no foundation for this belief, but the question shows a popular recognition of the fact that the x-ray is playing in finding early tuberculosis.

In the last ten days, the Department's mobile photo x-ray unit has been used in Saginaw to take miniature films of 1,000 persons in the city ward where half of Saginaw's tuberculosis deaths are occurring.

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