

## Right And Wrong Ways Shown In Caravan

There's a right and wrong way to do everything.

This will be more apparent than ever to folks who visit the Rural Progress Caravan when it stops in this area at Pontiac on February 12, 1946, according to Karl D. Bailey, county agricultural agent.

Right ways of doing all kinds of jobs will be illustrated on panels and in pictures included in the more than 350 feet of displays. For example, the emergency farm labor exhibit shows the right and wrong ways of doing several hand jobs of harvesting. One panel shows faster methods, one shows easier methods, and one shows ways of saving labor.

The entomology exhibit will include four panels illustrating the right and wrong ways of using the new DDT insecticide. The various DDT mixtures and the particular uses for which each is adapted

are pointed out. Included are a half-dozen "DDT Don'ts" that will prevent misuses of the chemical.

But the caravan exhibits won't be entirely devoted to the hard facts of farm and home work life. There's something for the soul in the display by the landscape department. Color photos and models will show how a well landscaped farm home should look for greatest eye appeal. The display suggests that good landscaping leaves areas open for play and recreation and arrangements reduce work of caring for the lawn and shrubbery.

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# FARM FEATURES

## Michigan Fruit Growers To Have Healthier Crop

Under the new program, begun this fall in compliance with the Destructive Insect and Plant Disease Act No. 72, Public Acts of 1945, Charles Fly, director of the State Department of Agriculture, reports that neglected and abandoned fruit trees and fruit trees infested with insects and contagious plant diseases are being removed at the rate of 5,000 per week. Approximately 4500 acres of neglected grape vineyards have also been removed since the Great Berry Moth program was instituted in 1940.

In a recent survey made by the Bureau of Plant Industry of the Department of Agriculture, C. A. Boyer, Chief of the Bureau, estimated that out of a total of some fifteen million fruit trees, there are approximately four million that are neglected or abandoned, in addition to some two thousand or more acres of vineyards. Reliable statistics indicate that there is a yearly loss of about 20 per cent in fruit due to insects and diseases. The value of the tree fruit and vineyards amounts to over \$37,000,000 each year.

Fruit growing has become such a specialized industry in Michigan that the small private or home orchard is fast disappearing. The expense of necessary equipment and spray for the proper care of the trees makes it almost prohibitive to maintain other than a commercial-sized orchard. Therefore, it behooves the growers to keep their orchards and vineyards as nearly free from insects and plant diseases as possible in order to insure themselves a crop of clean, healthy quality fruit.

It is the intention of the Bureau of Plant Industry to continue to make inspections of all fruit trees and vineyards throughout the state, serving notice on property owners who fail to remove neglected and diseased plants.

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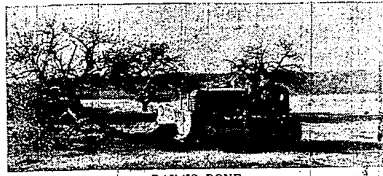
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## Eliminating the Diseased and Aged



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Of the fifteen million fruit trees in Michigan, it is estimated that four million are diseased, insect infested or, because of old age, have outlived their usefulness. In the fruit areas of the state these diseased and neglected trees are now being "pushed out" of existence. The last legislature passed a law known as Destructive Insect and Plant Disease Act No. 72, which provides funds to eliminate such trees. Five thousand trees are now being removed each week under the direction of the Bureau of Plant Industry, State Department of Agriculture.

## Care In Preparing Meat For Freezing

Frozen storage exerts no magic over the quality of meat products—even though it does provide a convenient means of extending the "fresh meat season" for home-butchered and prepared beef, lamb or pork. The product taken from the frozen locker can be no better than it was when put into storage and may even be poorer unless certain precautions have been taken, cautions George A. Brown, head of animal husbandry at Michigan State college.

These precautions include the proper handling of the meat previous to freezing and the maintenance of proper storage temperatures during storage. The meat should come from animals that were absolutely healthy when butchered, and it should be dressed under sanitary conditions after the animal heat has been eliminated. The meat should be protected from freezing temperatures before it is put into storage. The holding temperature before storage should be between 34 and 40 degrees F.

Pork should be prepared for storage within 48 to 72 hours after dressing; lamb within one week and beef within 10 or 12 days. With this animals that show little finish, it is not desirable to hold them longer than 5 days.

Meat should be prepared in meal sized parcels and all protruding bones that might puncture the paper should be removed. The wrap should consist of moisture-proof cellophane, next to the meat, and an outside wrapping of waxed paper. The packages should be wrapped flat and either stapled or tied. Each package should be labelled, showing the contents, date and locker number. As soon as wrapped, the meat should be frozen as quickly as possible, preferably being placed on racks to permit the circulation of cold air. Storage temperatures should be zero or below, with as little variation as possible. Properly prepared, and kept under correct conditions, beef may be held in storage for as long as a year, lamb from 6 to 8 months, and pork from 3 to 6 months, without any deterioration in quality.

Persons desiring detailed information on the preparation and freezing of meat may wish to read Michigan State College Extension Bulletin E-225, "Preservation of Meats and Poultry in Frozen Food Lockers." A copy may be had free from the county extension office or by writing to the Department of Public Relations, Bulletin Office, Michigan State College, East Lansing.

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Land owners of the State of Michigan, apparently realizing the importance of proper drainage, as evidenced by the number of drains petitioned for during 1945. A recent report submitted to Charles Fly, Director of the Department of Agriculture, shows that at the beginning of January, 1946, the Drainage Division of the Department had on file 147 petitions for the cleaning out, deepening, widening, straightening, or reforesting of inter-county drains. During the past year 110 more petitions were received, making a total of 257 drains to be worked on during the year. Of this number, 30 drains have been constructed according to plans and specifications and 10 have been declared impractical by the drainage board.

It has been difficult to secure surveys of drains and to accomplish the laying out of drainage districts as a great many of the engineers and surveyors were in the armed service. John Hudson, Chief of Drainage, expects some of this difficulty to be alleviated by the discharge of returned veteran engineers.

At this time of the year when much of the water on the surface of the land is frozen, it seems a little out of order to say anything about drainage, but spring planting time, with its usual problem of excessive moisture, will soon be here again.

Each year more lowlands are brought into cultivation by proper drainage. Much of this lowland is musk, which, in order to be productive, must be drained. These new areas are replacing much of the high lands which have been depleted of their fertility and which are being given a rest.

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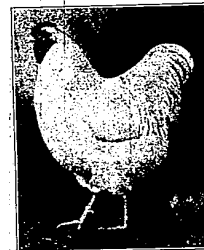
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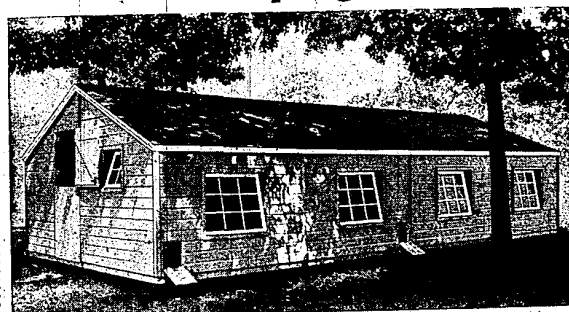
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