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NATIONAL HOME DEMONSTRATION WEEK OBSERVED

"Today's Home Builds Tomorrow's World" is the theme of Home Demonstration Week, May 5 to 11. Nearly 800 Oakland County Women who are members of Extension Groups will observe this week.

In this first Home Demonstration Week recognition should be given to the local leaders who have made the Women's Extension Program in Oakland County a real benefit to the women who participated. This work was started in February 1920, 26 years ago in this county.

Over 400 women joined in an Achievement Day last week which showed the accomplishments that have been made through the past year.

The County Executive Committee members have given voluntarily a lot of time through the year and carrying through the plans which made the Achievement Day a success.

Mrs. Dora Looney, Pontiac, is the chairman. She is a member of the Howarth Extension Group. The county is divided into six districts to carry on the work. Two women represent each district on the county committee.

Holly District: Mrs. Fred Lahring, Holly, member of the Lansing Road has been working on the committee for 5 years and leaves the committee this spring.

Milford District: Mrs. Maude Hopkins has been a member of the Wilcox Group for many years and on the county committee for 3 years. Her term in office ends this spring. Mrs. Mark Martineau of the White Lake Group has been a member for 1 year.

Oxford District: Mrs. Hugh Meyers, Lake Orion, member of the Webber Group has worked hard for 4 years to make the program successful. She also completes her term now. Mrs. LeRoy Barnes in the Lake Orion Group has been on the committee for one year.

Pontiac District: Mrs. Alden Green, member of the West Farmington Group, Walled Lake was active on the committee for three years. Mrs. Adam Solomon, Drayton Plains, was elected to the committee a year ago.

Rochester District: Mrs. H. M. Duff, Rochester, has been a member of the Stiles Group for a number of years. She has worked on the County committee for three years. Mrs. Murray Stotts is a member of the Homemakers Group in Rochester. She completes a term of 2 years this spring.

Royal Oak District: Mrs. J. H. Goodwin, Birmingham, is a member of the Poppleton Group. She has assisted on the county committee for 3 years. Mrs. Harold Schroeder, Royal Oak, is a member of the Oak Leaf Extension Group. She completes a 2 year term on the county committee this

Green Manure Crop For Beans Set For Plowing

To conserve moisture and produce higher yields, green manure crops on fields to be sown to beans should be plowed under not later than May 15. H. R. Pettigrove, extension specialist in farm crops at Michigan State college, says experiments show this pays big dividends. Yield of the following crop is doubled when the sod is plowed under before May 15 rather than just before seeding time.

Where beans are to be planted on a field not in sod, plowing by May 15 is not as important, Pettigrove says.

Bean planting will start about the last week in May and continue past mid-June. A large acreage of possibly 600,000 acres is anticipated.

Veterans' Farm Advice

Veterans who wish to catch up on wartime farming development, are invited to visit the Oakland county extension agent's office, 1514 W. Huron Street, Pontiac. The county extension agent's job is to help all farmers. He is ready to answer the veteran's questions and advise concerning the farming situation. His contact with extension and research workers in many agricultural fields at Michigan State college will be of assistance in obtaining any specialized information the veteran might desire.

DHIA EXPANSION CONTINUES

Dairy Herd Improvement Association expansion in Michigan continues, according to D. A. Johnson, extension department at Michigan State college. Michigan had 71 associations on January 1 and today there are 87 within the state. A total of 1,874 herds of 15 or more cows were in association on January 1 and the goal for expansion in 1946 is a total of 162 more herds.

Spring members were elected in April to take the place of those who retire from the committee at this time.

In the Holly District, Mrs. John Reas was elected to serve two years on the county committee. In the Oxford District, Mrs. Olive Skibowski was elected from the Happy Hours Group in Oxford.

In the Pontiac District, Mrs. Ross Doggett, Pontiac, of the West Side Group is a new member. In the Milford District, Mrs. Arthur Simmons, Wilton, a member of the South Lions Home-makers was chosen.

Rochester District is represented by Mrs. Jeffery Witsoe, Rochester, a member of the North Avon Group.

In Royal Oak Mrs. Harold Schroeder of the Oak Leaf Group was reelected to the committee.

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NORMAN L. SMITH
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Norman L. Smith, recently discharged from the army with the rank of Major, has joined the staff at Michigan State college as extension specialist in farm management. In this position Mr. Smith will work with farmers and farm groups throughout Michigan. Mr. Smith received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Illinois in 1939 and 1940 and then served as statistician with the U.S. Department of Agriculture until he entered military service in January 1942. Previous to his entrance in college he assisted in the operation of a 350-acre farm in Illinois and was active in 4-H club work.

Land Ownership Survey Being Made In Michigan

Cooperating with the federal land ownership survey, the farm management department at Michigan State college has sent approximately 5,000 questionnaires to Michigan landowners. E. B. Hill, head of the department, said the government is studying farm ownership with reference to discovering how farmers obtained their land and their plans for disposal of the farms.

In addition, Hill said, the survey will give a general idea of the number of farms available for purchase by returning veterans. It will also determine the number of farmers who expect to retire in the near future and how many who intend to transfer land to their children.

Late this year, findings of the survey will be prepared in a special Michigan report by the farm management department. Similar surveys are being made in all states.

"We urge farmers who receive questionnaires to fill out and return them as soon as possible," Hill added.

Exterior Painting
 Exterior painting with oil paints never should be done when high humidity causes condensation on the surface to be painted, such as may be the case when fog is present.

Calves Gain Better On Legume Pasture

Calves on summer legume pasture alone before grain feeding starts make more profitable gains than those getting liberal grain feeding during the pasturing period. A beef cattle feeding project conducted by the Michigan State College Agricultural Experiment station revealed those results, G. A. Brannaman of the animal husbandry department reports.

"You can save corn to help the farming emergency program and carry on a profitable cattle finishing program at the same time. By the use of legume pastures for 60 to 100 days before calves are put on grain, higher profits are possible," Brannaman says.

The experiment is being repeated this year to prove results, and winter dry-lot feeding findings correspond well with figures gained last winter.

Selected lots of calves were given different feed throughout the dry-lot feeding period, and when the pasturing phase was reached, the calves likewise were rationed differently.

The most profitable lot was fed liberally on corn silage, supplemented with soybean meal, hay and limited corn during the winter. The calves gained 1 2/3 pounds daily per animal at a cost of 11 cents per pound gain. In the summer, this lot was pastured on red clover, alfalfa and broom grass for 60 days without grain feed at a cost of only slightly more than 5 cents per pound gain. In 94 days of grain finishing starting in July, these calves gained almost 2 1/2 pounds daily at a cost of 12 1/2 cents a pound. The sale value per 970-pound steer was \$32.42 per head above cost of feeder calf and feed. The experiment also showed that calves going on spring legume pasture in weather thin flesh make faster and less costly gains than animals with more flesh or fatness. In grain finishing, however, their gains become more expensive, which together with more costly winter feeding, made them less profitable over all.

The least profitable lot in the experiment made slightly more than \$10 per steer above costs. They were fed hay and limited corn on the dry-lot ration and gained less than a pound daily.

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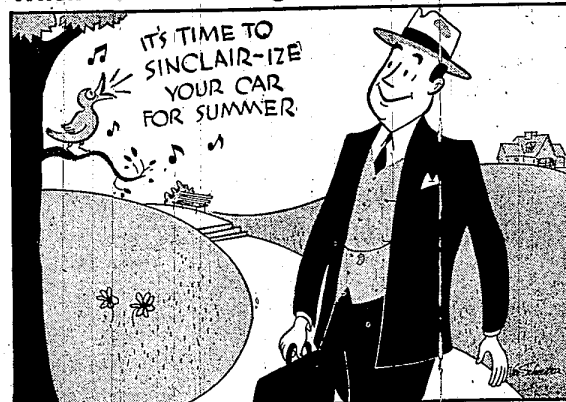
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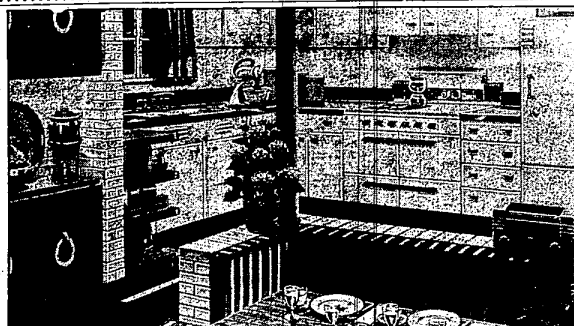
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