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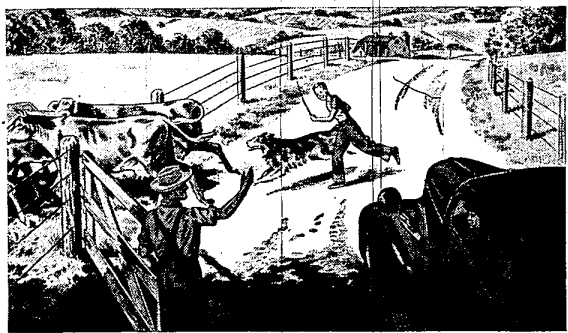
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# FARM FEATURES

## Youths Will Help Farmers

Farmington farmers who need workers this summer should contact E. V. Ayres, superintendent at the high school or call 0073 for assistance in securing boys who have volunteered for farm work.

Harley Abbott, Emergency Farm Labor Field Assistant, has been visiting the high schools in the county and interviewing the boys who are interested in farm work. He reports that many 14-18 year old youths will be available as soon as school is out. Many of these boys are experienced and capable. No farmer in Oakland County should go without enough labor this summer.

Karl D. Bailey, county agricultural agent, assists farmers to make their desires for help known to the high school superintendent or agricultural teacher in their territory now. They will cooperate with Mr. Abbott in taking farmers' orders and assisting in getting growers the kind of help requested.

Farmers may also call at the Oakland County Extension Service Office located at 1515 W. Huron Street, or phone Mrs. Alice Sobolek, Emergency Farm Labor Office Assistant (4-2564), to place their request for help.

People cooperating in recruiting farm help are as follows:

Carl Brabley, Supt., Clarkston, 3111; L. G. Goodrich, Birmingham, 3648; C. A. Hoffman, Supt., Holly, 4511; R. E. Mesley, Orion, 3111; Roger O'Beir, Oxford, 62; Paul Scholm, Supt., Clawson, R.O. 4887; Elmer Sikkema, Rochester, 3871; James H. Vander Ven, Supt., South Lyon, 3611; S. H. Baker, Big Beaver School, Big B. 112; A. C. Wiene, Royal Oak Schools, Lin. 1-7100.

## Farmers Urged To Check Germination Of Seed

The State Seed Laboratory is issuing low germination on many lots of seeds, states Charles Stahl, Chief Seed Analyst of the State Department of Agriculture, especially those lots carried over from the 1935 season. Therefore, farmers should carefully check the germination on the tag, also the date. Any lots with a germination of less than 80 per cent have a questionable value. The Seed Law prohibits the sale of any field seeds with a germination of less than 60 per cent.

Until last week the unusually dry weather during the winter months upset the planting program for many farmers in some sections of the State. Oats, wheat, and barley need rain badly. Due to the dry spell, the hay crop is apt to be short.

## INSTITUTIONS HOLD FIRST SEMI-ANNUAL HOLSTEIN SALE

The fifteen State Institutions maintaining herds of Holstein cattle for milk production, are producing more animals than are needed for replacements in their herds. The surplus animals are being made available to farmers at public sale. Director of Agriculture, Charles Figg, states that the sale was the first public sale held followed by annual sales each year. This method of disposing of their surplus cattle gives farmers an opportunity to purchase cattle at a price that holds in attendance determine they are worth.

The surplus of young purebred Holstein cattle has now increased to the extent that a semi-annual sale will be held at the Southern Michigan State Prison on June 3. Fifty-two purebred Holstein heifers and eight bulls from the fifteen penal and hospital institutions are listed. The females are all under two years of age and many of them may prove to be valuable 4-H Club animals. The bulls, mostly calves, are all from cows who have produced more than 500 pounds of butterfat, and some have produced as much as 750 pounds in a year.

The sale will be held at the prison, Parnell farm located three miles north of Jackson and will start at 1:00 p.m. with C. B. Smith of Piquette as auctioneer. Alton B. Clark, Coordinator of State Institutional Farms and Herds feels this is the finest group of young cattle yet to be made available to the farmers of Michigan from State farms.

## Potato Growing Is A Specialized Business

Potato growing in Michigan is getting to be a specialized business. E. J. Wheeler, doing potato research at Michigan State college, says even though total acreage has decreased in the past ten years, individual growers have increased acreage. Those who do not follow a good spray program use the best of seed and practices have found they couldn't compete and dropped out.

Michigan's acreage in recent years is slightly more than half what it was ten years ago, but the average production per acre has increased from 87 bushels in 1935 to 105 bushels in 1939 and the gross income is much higher than ten years ago.

Acreage is increasing in the northern peninsula, but decreasing in the southern part of the state, Wheeler points out.

Seedling preparation is important, Wheeler says, and urges the farmers to use certified seed — especially monomine, seabago or Chippewa, which are white-skinned varieties.

The use of a field cultivator or disk provides a loose seedbed, and just before planting he suggests the field be plowed 8 to 10 inches deep, with a spring-tooth harrow

## M.S.C. SPECIALIST



FRED W. ROTH  
New Agricultural Engineering Specialist

Fred W. Roth, recently discharged from three years of military service with the rank of first lieutenant, has joined the staff of Michigan State college as extension specialist in agricultural engineering. In this position Mr. Roth will organize and direct rural fire prevention and safety work throughout Michigan.

Mr. Roth received his B.S. degree from Michigan State in 1941. Previous to entering military service he was employed as extension assistant in agricultural engineering at M.S.C.

## State Women Interested In Home Management

Michigan farm women are becoming more home management conscious.

Always busy, these women have started taking time-out and changing their ways. Last year a total of nearly 23,000 improved changes in practices were made by Michigan women enrolled in home economics extension groups throughout the state.

Approximately 25,000 families in 80 different counties of the state were reached by home management work conducted by county demonstration agents. Julia Pond and Laura P. Davis, extension specialists in home management at Michigan State college, supervised the program.

Behind the plow to level the ground. This new practice, he says, because it provides a loose, deep and mellow seedbed.

While the crops specialist urges farmers who are equipped to do so to plant all the acreage they can possibly handle, he reminds growers that quality production and high yields through proper seed, approved practices, and a good spray program pay the profit.

Early planting has started, but the best average planting date is the last week of May and first week of June.

## MYLES LOWELL SELLS HOLSTEIN TO 4-H MEMBER

Some of the outstanding dairy breeders of Oakland County have given their support to the 4-H Dairy-Club Program in the County by listing better calves for sale to deserving 4-H club members at about 1/3 selling price.

Myles Lowell, owner of the Beech Crest Farms of Farmington, sold a Holstein heifer calf this week to Richard Palmer of the Vaila Lake Club. The calf was out of a dam that produced 349 lbs. butter fat as a 4 year old, milked twice daily. Beech Crest Farm is a member of the No. 4 Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

Albert Lehmann, owner of the Springrove Farm sold to Karl Rhodes, Jr., a 4-H club member from Bloomfield Club, a registered Guernsey heifer ten weeks old. Springrove Farm is a member of the No. 3 Dairy Herd Improvement Association and one of the herds producing 30 lbs. or more of butterfat in April. He has 16 cows which have produced 8,402 lbs. milk and 425 lbs. fat.

James R. Leese, Leehaven Farm of Orionville, sold two registered Ayrshire calves to John and Paul Cook, members of the Seymour Lake 4-H Club. Leehaven Farm is a member of the No. 3 Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

KIM SIGLER, Republican candidate for Governor, will speak in Farmington at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 4th. Plan to hear him this man who will keep graft out of State government—Paid Political Adv.

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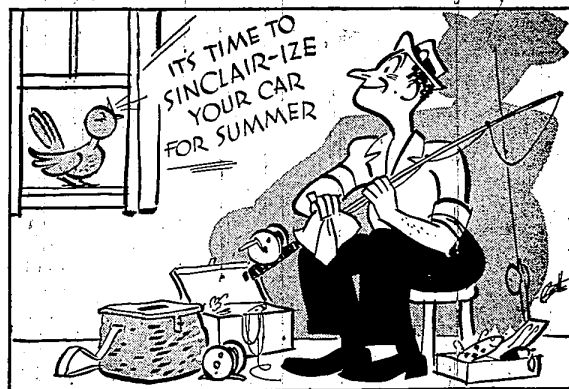
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