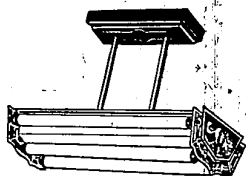


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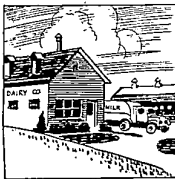
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COUNTY AGENT
GIVES HINTS TO
POTATO GROWERS

Now Oakland county potato growers can get the most from money spent for potato fertilizer is explained this week by W. D. Bailey, county agricultural agent.

It must not be forgotten that the potato is a heavy feeder and requires an abundance of quickly available plant food. Mr. Bailey says: High yields are possible only by a combination of practices such as plowing under a large growth of succulent leguminous green-manuring crops, the quick of stable manure, and the liberal application of properly balanced commercial fertilizer.

Mr. Bailey cites Michigan State college experimental work as reported by E. D. Longnecker, of the department of soil science. This work has been conducted for many years on a variety of soil types and has involved not only grades or analyses of fertilizer but also the placement of the fertilizer in relation to the seed piece. The best position for placing the fertilizer, according to Longnecker, is in bands of 2 inches from either side of the seed piece and slightly below the seed level. Placing the fertilizer so that part of it contacts the seeds tends to result in a poor stand. Broadcast applications are also less effective. Analysis of the fertilizer is important. Usually, according to Longnecker, a 3-12-12 gives the best results on loam, sandy loam and sand soils, while a 2-16-8 is preferable for silt loam soils. A proper proportion of potash is relatively to the other two elements has not been effective in boosting yields further, but tends to delay maturity and result in potatoes of poor keeping quality. The above-mentioned grade of fertilizer cannot be obtained, select one as similar as possible. Applying more than 500 pounds per acre has not proved profitable unless irrigation to supply needed moisture is available.

JUNE DESIGNATED
AS NATIONAL
DAIRY MONTH

Charles Play, director of the State Department of Agriculture, and today that "production of milk" be the goal of the Michigan Dairy farmers. He pointed out that the lives of millions around the world are dependent upon Michigan and American milk products and fields. Right now we must conserve and share food. We need more milk to supply the present demands for fluid milk and butter, cheese, ice cream, and other dairy products. The people of the world who enjoy adequate amounts of dairy foods grow stronger, remain more virile and live longer than people who must do without.

The Director urged greater care in the production, handling and cooling of our present supplies of milk so that none should spoil or be wasted. As an example, people in Michigan could conserve in the form of butter alone an additional one billion pounds of milk. June is Dairy Month, stated Mr. Play, and the dairy industry at this time concentrates its attention on present plans and plans for the future. Looking towards the future of dairying, we see a way to stabilize year-round farm income, as milk is the largest single source of Michigan's agricultural income. Once we get past the period of uneven distribution that is besetting the dairy industry of today, the dairy farmers will face one of the brightest horizons in dairy history.

America has eight million babies all starting homes of their own. The birth rate has leaped from seventeen per thousand population to twenty-two per thousand. The demands for milk exist to an extent impossible to conceive as recently as five years ago.

Plans are under way for the dairy industry to study consumer demands, market conditions and research, pointing to many new uses and more nutritive value of milk and milk products, in order to maintain the present high consumption.

If all the industry unites to surmount our present difficulties, the future for dairying in Michigan will be largely just what we make it, concluded Mr. Play.

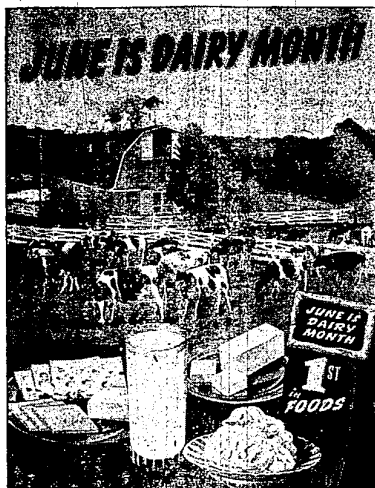
Children Victims

Sixty-two per cent of the bicycle riders injured in motor vehicle-bicycle accidents in 1944 were children between the ages of 5 and 14 years.

Thawing Poultry

To thaw frozen poultry, leave it in the refrigerator for several hours, but never soak it in water. Soaking causes a loss of juices.

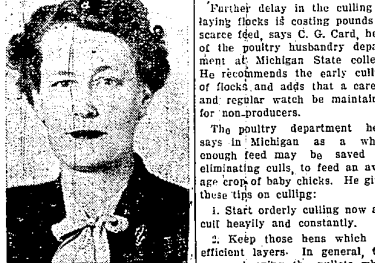
FARM FEATURES



Emblematic of peace in a peace loving nation, and quietly reminding that dairying is America's greatest industry, the poster pictured above has been chosen as the symbol of June DAIRY MONTH for 1946.

It's a familiar scene, as American as the Stars and Stripes. A herd of cows, peacefully grazing over green fields, cows that never heard the roar of battle guns, the noise of the ravages of war. Such a scene, somehow, symbolizes the American love of peace, home, and good eating.

NEW 4-H LEADER



MAY SONTAG

Miss May Sontag, formerly state club agent at Columbus, Mo., has recently joined the Michigan State college extension staff as an assistant state leader in the 4-H club department. In this position Miss Sontag will work with 4-H groups throughout Michigan. Miss Sontag has her B.S. degree from North Dakota State college. Previous to her work in Missouri, she taught in junior high schools in Minnesota, served as home demonstration agent in North Dakota and Minnesota, and as a state club agent in Minnesota.

BAILEY EXPLAINS
VALUE OF
GOOD PASTURES

Farmers will find good pastures a big boon to their livestock program this summer and fall, believes Karl D. Bailey, county agricultural agent. Grain, feed shortages will reveal the need for good pasture management practices.

Planting of emergency pastures is highly recommended. The practice of seeding efficient forage crops to meet the needs of the livestock even in the driest of years is good. It will help maintain fertility of a land, for if not needed for pasture, the grass may be plowed under for green manure, Mr. Bailey says.

Sudan grass is the leading crop for the much-needed July and August pasture. Experiments by Michigan State college and results obtained through the state show it grows well in hot, dry weather and yields well. Relished by all livestock, it is particularly a great producer of milk. About one-third of one-half acre per animal unit, seeded in the latter part of May, will supply forage from early July until frost, the county agent states.

Alfalfa with bromegrass is an excellent source of pasture in late July, August and September. To insure good fall pasture, the alfalfa should be seeded in August or early September at a rate of about one acre for each animal unit.

The agricultural agent believes every farmer should plan his own program, but should be sure to have enough pasture to take care of emergencies.

Destroying noxious corn borer can be effectively destroyed where farmers will work together on a program of clean plowing. One farmer working alone can make little headway against borers, since the moths which produce them fly from field to field and farm to farm in the spring.

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4. Early molters are usually low producers and should be sold.
5. Birds which are going lame, blind or getting thin should be sold.
6. Examine those birds which don't come off the roost.
7. Unless eggs are saved for hatching, roosters should go to market.
8. A wire catching hook is handy to have for catching culls. A small wire coop is a good place to keep culls until they are to be sold or eaten.

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