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FARM CARAVAN WILL ROLL AGAIN THIS WINTER

The Michigan State college, extension service announced this week that its Caravan would roll again early in 1947. During January, February and March this year, The Rural Progress Caravan visited 58 Michigan counties and showed before nearly 100,000 people. So successful was the first year's program that a similar event is being planned for early 1947.

George Amundson of the agricultural engineering department, who successfully managed the first caravan, has announced that he will continue as head of the committee making arrangements. J. G. Hays, who assisted Amundson last year, will be director. Hays, former extension dairyman, more recently has been with the emergency farm labor office.

The committee is working on a central theme for the caravan. It is very likely that the program will again revolve around "What's Off Last Year Because of a Shortage of Housing Facilities and Space to hold the event because of increased enrollment at the college.

County agricultural agents in the Upper Peninsula will arrange their own caravan tour because of the different general program of agriculture in the two sections of the state.

Serving with Hays and Amundson on the committee making plans for the caravan are: Laura Davis, home management specialist; May Sontag, assistant state 4-H club leader; J. M. Moore, extension poultry specialist; C. V. Ballard, county agent leader; and Earl Richardson, extension editor.

Present plans call for the caravan to spend one day in every county in lower Michigan during the months of January, February and March.

DAIRY INSPECTORS' WORK COVERS ENTIRE STATE

Most consumers today take it for granted that their regular milk supply is safe. As they have learned from experience to assume this fact, the matter is not given too much thought until they may be required to consider a different source when a vacuum or other defect is observed at home, says Charles Ely, Director of the State Department of Agriculture.

Proper pasteurization destroys all harmful bacteria and eliminates the chance of consumers contracting diseases from the use of milk so safeguarded. A quick test in the laboratory will definitely and accurately determine if a sample of milk is properly pasteurized. While pasteurization safeguards milk, it in no way improves the flavor or quality of the product. Proper inspection and frequent sample analysis are necessary to insure the consumer of a high quality, safe milk supply.

Inspection insures the purchaser against fraud and deception through the sale of inferior quality milk and of products that do not meet the standards required by State laws. The addition of chemicals to milk is strictly prohibited and inspectors are continually on the alert for the addition of such products to milk. We have noted only two instances over a period of several years where a poisonous substance was added to milk. In one instance a small amount of formaldehyde was added to cream by a distributor to keep it from souring. The amount added was so small that no one became ill and the dealer was closed up by inspectors.

Thorough inspections are made on all places processing and putting up dairy products. All equipment and methods of cleaning and pasteurizing, time and temperatures are carefully checked and thermometers are checked for accuracy.

However, at the present price of dairy products, no matter how safe the product may be, it is a definite fraud on the purchaser to sell him a product that is adulterated and it is not especially appealing to the consumer to know or suspect that the milk may have contained sediment, even though it is safe. The sale of such products is prohibited, not because the products are a menace to the health of the consumer, but because they are a fraud against any purchaser.

Purebred Rams To Be Sold at MSC October 1

To improve Michigan's sheep quality through better rams, Michigan State college and the Michigan Sheep Breeders' association will hold a Ram Day at the college sheep barn on October 1.

Graydon Blank, extension specialist in animal husbandry, said the event would bring together the best rams available for private sale. It will not be an auction, but owners will place a price on their rams, and buyers can select an animal of their liking in quality and price.

The Ram Day will begin at 2 p.m. This event will replace the former "ram truck" plan, in which a truck moved about the state with buyers purchasing and selling at different localities.

MICHIGAN'S FARM FIRE LOSSES HIT NEW HIGH

In four months — April through July — Michigan had 409 farm fires. They burned 442 buildings including 137 dwellings and 173 barns. This information, assembled by Fred J. Roth, extension specialist in agricultural engineering at Michigan State college, shows a need for more emphasis on farm fire prevention.

With National Fire Prevention Week scheduled for October 6 to 12, Roth reminds farm people it is the time to remove and correct fire hazards that exist on their farms.

Most agricultural agencies and organizations are uniting with the press and radio of the nation to help stress the need of elimination of hazards to prevent fire.

Farmers can do the best job of prevention by carefully checking all buildings from cellar to roof to determine where the danger spots exist. After they are found, they should be eliminated.

Coming at the beginning of the winter heating season, Fire Prevention Week offers an excellent time to check heating equipment, including chimneys, pipes, and furnaces.

Exposed electric wiring in barns and basements of houses causes a great many of the fires in farm areas. Storage of greasy and oily rags in a dark corner of a machine shop makes spontaneous combustion a possibility.

Time spent checking to prevent fire losses may prove money saving, the fire prevention specialist believes.

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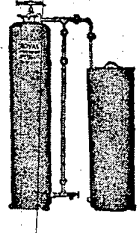
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TRY THIS TRUE OR FALSE TEST ON THE FAMILY!

1. The spider has more eyes than any other insect.
2. Men are more apt to be color-blind than women.
3. Insufficient light, while reading, is the easiest way to strain your eyes.
4. A fish closes his eyes only when he's very deep in the water.
5. Only 5% of high school boys and girls wear glasses.
6. Babies are naturally farsighted.

Some of these statements are based only on interesting facts. Others are important . . . for they may affect you and your family. Take numbers 5 and 6, for instance. Although very few babies are born with defective vision, nearly a quarter of them need glasses by the time they've completed grade school. The reason? Well, in many cases—too many cases—it's poor lighting.

Lighting can be very deceptive. You can grow so accustomed to a particular lamp that you won't realize its light is tiring. You may not notice it, but glare from a lamp may cause a youngster to squint as he studies—cause headaches, poor grades, even harmful eyestrain.

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Here Are the Answers—

1. False. Spiders have eight eyes.
2. False. Men are more apt to be color-blind than women.
3. True. Insufficient light, while reading, is the easiest way to strain your eyes.
4. False. A fish closes his eyes only when he's very deep in the water.
5. True. Only 5% of high school boys and girls wear glasses.
6. True. Babies are naturally farsighted.

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