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FARM FEATURES

County Farmers Urged To Check Fire Hazards

There's one thing every farmer can do to help in observance of National Fire Prevention Week during this week, Karl D. Bailey, county agricultural agent believes, that is to check his own premises and eliminate the fire hazards that exist. Farm fire loss in 1945 amounted to \$900,000,000 and Oakland county had its share.

The county agent suggests checking and elimination of any of these fire hazards that exist:

In The Dwelling
Provide chimney spark arrestor or fire resistant roof.
Provide metal containers for ashes. Clean rubbish from attic, basement and closets.
Keep matches out of reach of children.

Do not use gasoline or kerosene for starting fires.
Do all dry cleaning out of doors if done at home.

On The Farmstead
Equip principal buildings with lightning rods.
Check ground connections if buildings are already provided with rods.
Discard or repair all frayed extension cords.

Check and repair all damaged electrical connections.
Make sure the electrical uses are all proper size.

Make sure there are no open-back fuses or other substitutes in use.

Store farm supply of gasoline underground or at least 75 feet from other buildings.
Label all inflammable fluid containers.

Clean up leaves, weeds, grass or rubbish under or near buildings.
In The Barn

Inspect haymows and choppers for signs of spontaneous heating.
Prohibit smoking in or near barns.

Provide grounding for metal roof siding or hay stacks.
Avoid storage of tractors, trucks or automobiles in barns.

Place straw and haystacks in safe distance from barns.

Heavy Fines Handed Out For Watering Milk

Normally, milk contains about 87 per cent water and while apparently many people are not aware of the fact, there is a very simple method of detecting additional water in milk and the State Department of Agriculture is continually on the alert checking milk for added water, states Charles Flay, Director.

Several farmers and milk distributors have been prosecuted and paid some rather heavy fines for adding water to their milk.

A Tuscola County farmer paid a fine of \$100.00 plus costs of \$4.95 in Justice St. Mary's Court, at Caro August 25, for the addition of water to milk. In this case, says Flay, the official analysis of this producer's milk sample showed slightly less than 50 per cent added water.

On September 4, three Holland farmers pleaded guilty to charges of selling adulterated milk before Justice Volney Ferris in Allegan and were assessed fines and costs totaling \$100.05. (Tests showed the milk was adulterated 20 to 25 per cent with water before being sold to a Holland Dairy.)

Fines assessed during July and August for watering milk totaled \$487.50, paid by thirteen producers and distributors.

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NEAR RECORD MILK SUPPLY AVAILABLE FOR COUNTY DIETS

Oakland county residents will consume more than 63,352,000 quarts of milk and milk products this year in maintaining the county's high nutritional standards. It was predicted today by the national leading distributor of dairy products.

With a near record supply of milk coming from the nation's dairy farms, consumption of dairy products this year is expected to equal that of 1945 when more than 60,000,000 quarts were consumed, said G. W. Diehl, head of A&P Food Stores national dairy department. "A 22 per cent increase in per capita consumption of milk during the war years helped overcome the loss of nutrition caused by curtailed supplies of fats and oils and helped bring about the nation's highest nutritional wartime levels."

A greatly increased supply of most cheese products is now available in many sections of the country and other milk products are expected to continue plentiful during the fall and winter months, Diehl said. These products contain nearly 14 per cent of the calories, 24 per cent of the proteins, 18 per cent of the fats, 74 per cent of the calcium and 45 per cent of the riboflavin consumed by the average individual.

The pioneering efforts of food chains in developing a streamlined distribution system, Diehl said, have made possible the quick movement of milk and milk products.

ment of milk and milk products from dairy farmers to densely populated consumer areas. Modern refrigeration equipment and improved handling methods were also cited as improvements in maintaining the high nutritional qualities of dairy products.

Oakland County's 4,050 farms are expected to produce more than 43,200,000 quarts of milk this year.

Good Seed Produces Top Quality Crops

The Seed Division of the State Department of Agriculture has been called upon to test an unusually large number of samples of wheat and rye for fall seeding, says Director Charles Flay.

As a whole the quality has been very good. However, the quality of the wheat has been a trifle better than that of rye. The department wishes to emphasize to the farmer the necessity of sowing tested seed. This is the best way that the farmer can guarantee himself good quality seed, says Director Flay. It has been found by the Department that many times untested seed is of poor germination, and it is this kind of seed that usually misleads the farmer and causes crop failures. Farmers are urged to send samples of their seed to the laboratory for test in case there is any question of the quality.

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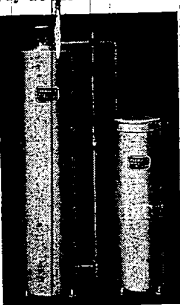
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Dairy Group Plans Banquet

Final plans for the annual Oakland County Dairy Herd Improvement annual meeting and banquet are being completed. The event will take place on the evening of Monday, November 11, at 7:00 o'clock at the Waverly and Commons Hall located on the Williams Lake Road, 5 miles northwest of Pontiac.

The principal speaker will be Mr. William Otto, secretary of the Lansing Chamber of Commerce, who formerly was located in Pontiac. Mr. Otto is a much sought after and very popular speaker throughout the state. Committee members planning the affair are: program committee, Gordon Bates, P. G. Beardsley, S. J. Brail, W. E. Aitchin and Karl D. Bailey; arrangement committee, William Edgar, chairman; Cyril Oliver and George Fisher; ticket committee, George Busby, Harold Grew, Stanley R. Pierce, R. W. Ousnamer, George Fisher and E. W. Aitchin.

Present at last year's banquet were about 400 members and dairy producers and it is expected that this year there will be an even larger number attending.

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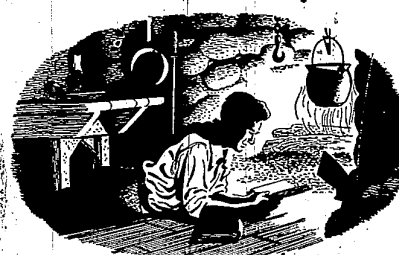
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