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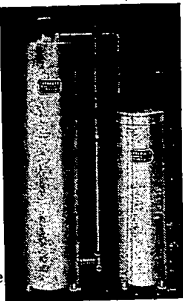
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Rural Caravan To Visit County January 29

The Michigan State college Rural Progress Caravan will visit Oakland county on January 29th, 1947, it was announced by Karl D. Bailey, county agricultural agent. The show, sponsored by the extension service of MSC will be held in Pontiac at the Armory. It will be open for inspection from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This year's caravan will carry a theme of planning the farm and farmstead, since many farmers are considering remodeling or building whenever materials are available. Stress will be put on the need for proper planning of construction.

The "back forty" will not be neglected in the caravan displays, as college officials realize that the production from the farm averages 30 percent of the funds available to improve the farmstead.

The first caravan, which toured Michigan from January through March early this year, showed before 32,000 people — nearly double the number anticipated at the beginning. 4,000 people viewed the one-day exhibit here.

Construction of the exhibits is now under way at Michigan State college. The show will open on January 2 at Mason in Ingham county. All of the counties in the lower peninsula will have a one-day showing.

Termed by some as "The Farmers' Week on Wheels," the caravan will partially take the place of the usual Farmers' Week at the college. This event has been crowded off the schedule because of heavy enrollment because of the use for holding of meetings or housing and feeding visitors.

MICHIGAN TURKEY RAISERS PREPARE BIRDS FOR MARKET

Michigan turkey producers are busy preparing for the Thanksgiving market a large number of quality turkeys. Although the total production of turkeys in Michigan is approximately 300,000 birds, that is only about half of the annual Michigan turkey consumption.

Otto E. Shear, extension turkey specialist at Michigan State college, says Michigan producers have found a reasonably good market this year. While he does not predict a turkey shortage for the holiday season he does advise buyers who desire small turkeys to place their orders early.

At the holiday season there's a big demand for the small turkeys — dressing from 8 to 15 pounds. Most of Michigan's production of turkeys is of the large Bronze breed which usually weigh considerably more.

Many Michigan turkey growers, near to large markets, have installed poultry picking machines and are dressing and marketing their own birds instead of selling through poultry firms, Shear said. Because of the dry year, turkey flocks were more free from disease and other problems than in other years, Shear said. Growers, however, have suffered a temporary break in the market just as they enter the heavy market season.

The nation over, there are probably plenty of turkeys for all. But if you want one of particular size, the poultry specialist thinks you had better place your order early and not wait until the day before you want to prepare it for the roaster.

Why Milk Tests Vary

Milk tests, showing the amount of butterfat, frequently show large variations. Michigan State college dairy specialists have found that this is caused by conditions on the farm rather than incorrect testing.

A recent extension bulletin No. 96 on "Why Milk Tests Vary" points out 17 different items that will cause the butterfat content of milk to vary. The bulletin was prepared by Dr. Earl Weaver, head of the dairy department at MSC and Dr. G. M. Trout of the department.

Copies of extension bulletin 96 are available without charge from county extension offices or from the Bulletin Office, Department of Public Relations, Michigan State college, East Lansing, Michigan.

HIGH WHEAT YIELDS

Sixty bushels per acre is the top yield of wheat for the 1946 crop according to a recent survey conducted by the farm crops department at Michigan State college. Henry Hetsner and Son, Saginaw, reported this yield with Yorkwin. Herd Smith, Elsie, reported a 59 bushel-per-acre yield with Yorkwin for second high honors. Alfred Eilenbaum and Son, Pigeon, had a field which yielded 57 bushels per acre.

FARM FEATURES

FEED MAKES THE DIFFERENCE



Feed an incomplete ration, the chicken on the left weighs only slightly over one pound at 12 weeks. The one on the right weighs over 2 1/2 pounds at the same age as a result of having been fed a complete balanced ration. The one pound chicken was fed ground yellow corn, ground wheat, ground oats, salt and a vitamin D carrier, while the 2 1/2 pounder got a scientifically balanced feed in which was utilized knowledge of the nation's animal nutrition laboratories.

Booklets Help Workers

To aid itinerant workers who helped materially in harvesting many of Michigan's crops, 102,930 copies of a series of "how to pick" folders were distributed by Michigan State college this summer.

Prepared by H. P. Gaston, assistant in the emergency farm labor office of the extension service at MSC, the nine folders described methods of harvesting different

crops. Some were prepared both in English and Spanish for use by both foreign and domestic labor.

Wind Cooling
Wind is far more important than temperature to the cooling of the body.

DROUGHT MAY CUT MUSKRAT CROP IN LOWER MICHIGAN

Michigan's million-dollar muskrat crop has also suffered from the long-lasting drought in southern Michigan.

Arnold O. Haugen, game extension specialist at Michigan State college, says that because of the drought a poor trapping season may be ahead in southern Michigan.

Haugen, who is also connected with the Michigan Department of Conservation, says the trapping season on mink and muskrat opens on November 1 in the upper peninsula, known as Zone 1. In Zone 2, the upper half of the lower peninsula, the season opens November 15. In the lower half of the lower peninsula, Zone 3, the season will not open until December 1.

Haugen says racoon trapping season is the same as for muskrats except that the upper peninsula racoon season is limited to Delta and Menominee counties, where they may be trapped from November 1 to 14. In the lower peninsula the season runs from November 1 to December 15.

Throughout the state, trapping of badger and skunk opened November 1. Mink may be hunted in the upper peninsula from November 1 to December 31 and in the lower peninsula one month longer.

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As overworked housewives cleaned the soot from kerosene lamp chimneys, they thought enviously of the new lamps. Off and on, they had been thinking of them ever since Thomas Edison invented the incandescent lamp seven years before. But, though some of these women might have foreseen a day when they could flood their homes with sunlight at the flip of a switch, they couldn't have dreamed of a time when lamps would purify the air they breathed or sterilize the food they cooked. And they would have been incredulous had they been told that electricity soon would be accomplishing a score of household chores.

Similarly, the husbands of these women, reading by flickering lamps about John L. Sullivan's latest battle, might have looked forward to a day of better lighting. It isn't likely, though, that many of them foresaw the growth of southeastern Michigan into a great industrial giant. How could they visualize vast factories lighted day and night by hundreds of thousands of fluorescent lamps?

Yes, it was an historic event for Michigan. But the Edison Illuminating Company did not consider itself a public benefactor—bringing Edison's priceless gift of light to a darkened city. Far from it. It thought of itself as just another small business—it had little realization of its destiny.

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