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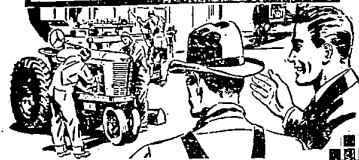
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FARM FEATURES

Pasture Important For Good Poultry

Breeding chickens and growing pullets require good nutrition if they are to develop properly. County agricultural agent Karl D. Ballou recommends green pasture to supply needed feed this summer. When birds are kept on good pasture they consume less mash because they secure proteins and vitamins from the pasture. Good pastures will support 300 to 600 growing chickens on each acre. Temporary pastures can be provided for late spring and early summer by seeding oats, 4 to 6 bushels per acre, broadcast or drilled both ways. An early seeding of 15 pounds of domestic ryegrass plus 25 pounds of Ladino clover will also provide a good range.

For midsummer pasture, sudan grass seeded 25 to 40 pounds per acre may be used. Sudan should not be down until after all danger of frost is past.

Perennial pastures can be grown by seeding mixtures of clover and alfalfa. These pastures require less work and are easier to maintain than annual pastures. Careless use of green feed is not recommended for the laying flock because of the variation in yolk color that the feed causes. If green feed is to be fed to the laying flock, a small amount should be harvested daily and cut up before feeding.

Dutch Elm Quarantine Revoked As Of May 1

Charles Figy, Director of Agriculture, has been notified by the United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine, that they have revoked the Federal and Domestic Quarantine No. 71 on Dutch Elm Disease to be effective as of May 1, 1947. This quarantine has been in existence for some eight years including areas of the New England States where the disease was very detrimental. The revocation leaves the entire question of protecting the spread of this serious disease entirely in the hands of the individual states and from the information furnished to the States the Government believes it unwise to place the quarantine in Michigan. Chief of Bureau of Plant Industry, states that the American Elm is without doubt, the most popular shade tree within the State and every known means must be taken to protect it from disease. During the 1945 season a survey was made within the state and as a result the disease was not found; however, European Bark Beetle (*Scolytus Multistriatus*), one of the vectors of this disease, was found in the counties of Lenawee, Monroe, Washtenaw and Wayne. Mr. Boyer wishes to call attention to the citizens of this state that they must be exceedingly careful in purchasing elm nursery stock, elm logs or lumber from where the disease is now known to occur. This disease is now known to be present in the states of Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

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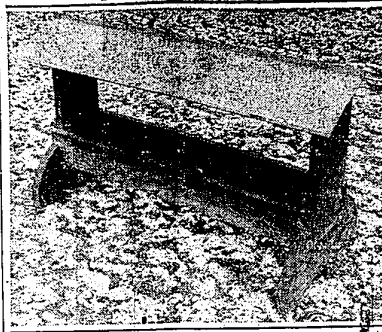
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Prof. G. A. Brown, animal husbandry specialist at Michigan State college, and farm labor specialist of the MSU extension service agree that a mixture of one part phenothiazine to 10 to 14 parts of salt should be placed in a covered box for effective use on the range.

The boxes should be high enough to the eaves (26 inches) so the sheep will not tip them over when

FARMERS WARNED TO USE CARE IN COOLING OF MILK

With the approach of warm weather milk producers are strongly urged by Charles Figy, Director of State Department of Agriculture, to use extreme care in the prompt cooling of milk. Director Figy points out that in previous years farmers have suffered heavy loss due to the rejection of milk not properly cooled. Many producers are inclined to disregard cooling requirements during cold weather and are frequently caught supplying warm milk during the first warm weather in the spring. Director Figy says that the state inspectors will be checking milk temperatures and running other quality tests at all milk receiving stations. State law requires that milk not properly cooled or which does not meet the other quality tests must be condemned.

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Local 4-H Clubs To Show At Fair

4-H Clubs now being organized in the Farmington and Novi areas will conclude their project work by showing at the new county 4-H Club Fair to be held in Pontiac, August 20th to 23rd. The fair will be held in the new buildings on the 4-H Club Farm, and every 4-H Club member will receive a premium for the project they exhibit. The new fair site has been provided by the Oakland County Board of Supervisors. The fair is under the direction of the Oakland County 4-H Agricultural Association, Inc. A variety of projects are available to boys and girls wishing to enroll in the 4-H Club program. Dairy, beef, horses, garden, rabbits, sheep, swine, and canning are the more popular ones.

The 4-H Club program is carried on by the Oakland County Extension Service, 1 Lafayette Street, Pontiac.

Township leaders in this area are Mr. A. J. Heslip, Rte. 2, Northville, and Mr. Cecil Morse, Rte. 2, Northville.

SUDAN GRASS WILL PROVIDE PASTURE

Emergency pastures, which are needed because drought in many parts of Michigan last year damaged alfalfa seedlings, occupy the thoughts of many farmers. C. M. Harrison, specialist in farm crops at Michigan State college, says that sudan grass will provide excellent emergency pasture in most parts of the state. It is also useful as supplemental pasture.

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