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Gets State Post**

J. Leo DeConick, local farmer, fruit grower and treasurer of Southern Michigan Cooperative Growers Association was elected a director of the Michigan Farm Labor Services at their annual meeting held at Benton Harbor, Wednesday, April 23, 1947.

The Michigan Farm Labor Services is an organization of cooperative growers of the state. Their function is the securing of seasonal labor for harvesting and processing fruits and vegetables. This organization was organized about 1 year ago and has grown in membership from six organizations to twelve.

**MICHIGAN NEEDS
25,000 MIGRANTS
FOR FARM LABOR**

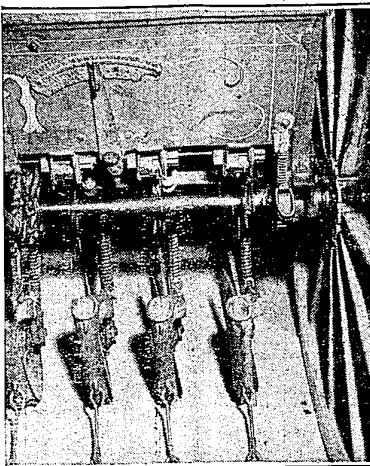
Michigan needs 25,000 migrant workers each year, says J. B. Love, state emergency farm labor supervisor at Michigan State college. The reduction on total farm labor force of the nation makes competition for these workers greater than before the war.

The policy of the farm labor program this year will be the placement of Michigan workers first, domestic migrants second, and foreign workers last. It is expected that foreign labor will be reduced by 30 per cent, but those remaining will not be used if they are replacing American citizens who desire farm work.

Indications point to an increased movement of migrant workers, both Texas Mexicans and others, into Michigan. Wage differences may cause considerable shifting of labor in the state because of workers hunting for employers who will pay higher wages. Love points out that the present high cost of living combined with farmers' belief that agricultural prices may be reduced at harvest time may cause wage differences.

The emergency farm labor program has been extended to December 31, 1947. This year's program is designed to place growers in a position where they will have reasonable amounts of labor in future years. Farm labor assistants in each county will emphasize the development of better employer-employee relations, recruitment and placement of workers, their housing, training and problems of social environment.

With Michigan's constant need for outside workers, Love points out that now is the time to build a reputation that will attract desirable migrants.

Small Seeds Need Shallow Seeding

Large acreages of new seedlings are lost annually because of too deep covering of the legume and grass seeds. To sow alfalfa and bromegrass seed close to the surface, grain hoses should be removed from the drill. The oats will usually fall through the shoe, while the bromegrass seed will separate from the oats as it comes from the drill box and sift to one side.

If possible, extend the small seed hoses so as to scatter the alfalfa seed behind the drill. Where this is not possible, cutback before seeding, set the drill to run as lightly as possible and cutback to cover. In this manner, the small seed will be put close to the surface, the bromegrass will be sown on top, and with a cutback following, the seeding will be sufficiently covered.

Presented by C. M. Harrison, Michigan State college farm crops specialist, these suggestions are ardently supported by the Emergency Farm Labor program of the MEO extension service.

**COCCIDIOSIS CAN
BE CONTROLLED IN
BABY CHICK FEED**

Spring is the season for coccidiosis in chickens, warns Dr. C. B. Hardin, extension poultry pathologist at Michigan State college. Chickens two-weeks of age and older are affected but most outbreaks occur at the age of six to eight weeks.

Bloody droppings are one of the first signs of coccidiosis. Affected birds become droopy, drop wings, lag behind the rest of the flock. Usually many birds contract the disease at once.

Healthy birds should be protected from the droppings of infected birds. Drinking fountains and feed troughs where birds gather are

danger areas. Roosts should be screened and wire platforms provided for fountains and troughs. Dry litter is necessary in controlling infection. Good management is better than any drug cure.

Sulfaguanidine, however, has given encouraging results in curing coccidiosis. Dr. Hardin says it should be administered at the first sign of disease. Best results are obtained with the drug if the birds are treated three times with four-day intervals between treatments. Feed at the rate of 1 percent in the mash the first day the symptoms appear; feed regular mash for the next four days, following on the fifth day with the sulfamash mixture. Repeat the sulfamash mixture again on the tenth day.

If a large percentage of the birds show symptoms, feed the sulfamash mixture for three days, discontinue treatment for the fourth and fifth days, and follow with a two-day treatment with sulfamash.

Make your garden work over-time by planning for both early and late crops, say Michigan State college gardening specialists.

A well-managed chicken flock supplies the family with a source of good, nutritious food and a cash income. In addition, says H. C. Zindel, extension poultryman at Michigan State college.

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**MUST STRETCH
LIMITED SUPPLY
OF FERTILIZERS**

Fertilizer products for 1947 are about the same as for 1946. Careful planning and wise use of fertilizers will help stretch short supplies, says J. P. Davis, extension specialist in soils at Michigan State college.

More efficient placing methods will stretch limited fertilizer supplies. Experimental results show that for beans and sugar beets, fertilizer is most efficiently applied in a band approximately one inch to the side of and one and one-half inches below the seed level.

Certain crops used in rotation respond more to fertilizer than others. Fertilizer intended for the corn crop will be more effective if applied to sugar beets, legume seedlings, tomatoes, or small grain. Fertilization is particularly important when seedlings are to be made with the small grains.

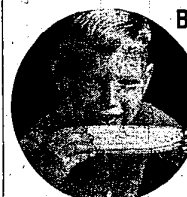
If substituted grades of fertilizer low in potash or nitrogen are used, row crops can be side-dressed with these materials later in the season. Manure should be conserved and used carefully. Minor elements should sometimes be used in addition to regular fertilizer.

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