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Women To Attend Farm Conference

Next week approximately 600 farm women from all parts of Michigan will arrive at Michigan State college for the annual Farm Women's Conference, to be held from July 21 to 25. Karl D. Bailey, county agricultural agent, announced that the Oakland County delegation will be composed of Mrs. Arthur Simmons, Mrs. Luffey Barnes, Mrs. J. H. Goodwin, Mrs. Dora Looney and Mrs. Gordon Bayton.

The program will open Monday evening, July 21, with Miss Rachel Markwell, state home demonstration agent leader, in charge. The group will be welcomed by R. J. Baldwin, director of the Michigan State College Extension Service. A response in behalf of the delegates will be given by Mrs. A. H. Torrey, chairman of the Michigan Home Extension Council.

Tuesday will be devoted to talks by home economics extension specialists and a discussion of current international situations by Dr. M. M. Knappen, MSC professor in history.

Wednesday's program will accent youth. A group from the Starr Commonwealth Home for Boys, Albion, will discuss the "Boys' Side of the Delinquency Problem." A panel discussion in the afternoon will deal with environment for youth.

On Thursday, MSC officials will speak on the college's relationship with students, the home, and agriculture. A feature of the evening program will be an address by Minnie Price, state home demonstration leader for Ohio.

Delegates include a minimum of four from each county. Counties with large enrollments in home economics clubs can have additional delegates. The women will be housed in Snyder hall and meetings will be held in Fairchild theater.

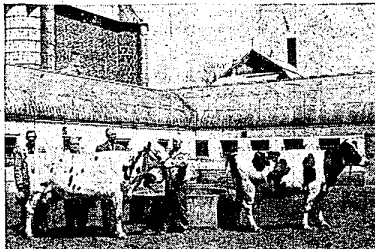
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The interested officials are, left to right, Alton B. Clark, Co-ordinator of the Bureau of Institutional Farms, Charles Figg, Michigan's Director of Agriculture, Joel R. Moore, Warden at Michigan Reformatory, and W. C. Armstrong, Herdsman, at the Reformatory.

Sigler Proclaims Farm Safety Week

In proclaiming the week of July 20 to 26 as Farm Safety Week in Michigan, Governor Kim Sigler joined with President Harry S. Truman in calling upon citizens to cooperate in cutting the number of farm accidents in Michigan and the Nation.

"More than one hundred seventy farm people were killed accidentally last year on the farm. Many hundreds more were seriously injured and endured much suffering and economic loss," the Governor's proclamation pointed out. "Two million dollars worth of farm property is destroyed annually by fire."

"The majority of these accidents and fires, with the accompanying toll of life and property, could be prevented by caution and an intelligent effort on the part of each farm family in Michigan. "Therefore, I, Kim Sigler, Governor of Michigan, do proclaim the week of July 20-26 as 'Farm Safety Week' in Michigan, to call attention to this preventable accident toll and request all persons and organizations concerned with agriculture and farm life to cooperate in the observance of Farm Safety Week, to the end that safety hazards may be removed from farms." President Truman, in his proclamation, urged farm people everywhere to set aside a specific time

LICE AND MITES ON CHICKENS CAN LOWER PRODUCTION

Severe infestation of lice and mites in poultry flocks can decrease egg production advises Dr. C. E. Harbun, extension specialist in poultry diseases at Michigan State college. When large numbers of these insects are present, the birds are irritated and neither feed nor rest well.

An effective method of treating chickens for all kinds of lice except the head louse consists of applying a thin layer of a nicotine sulfate solution to the roosts just before roosting time. The back and ends of the house should be closed but the front should be partially open to avoid the possibility of injury to the birds from fumes. Since there may be unharmed louse eggs in the birds' bodies, a second treatment in ten days is advisable. Treatment should not be applied when the roosts are freshly white-washed and a preparation of pure nicotine should not be used.

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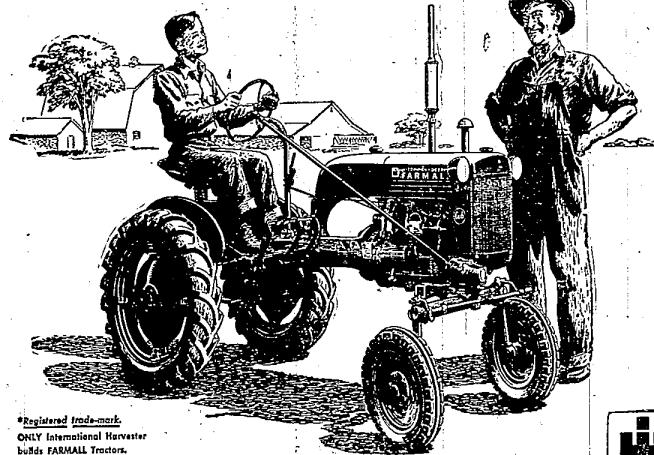
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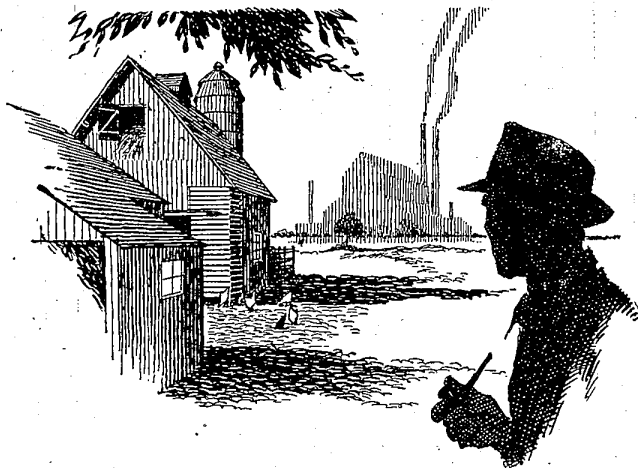
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