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# FARM FEATURES

## Sigler, Bromfield To Help Solve Rural Health Problems



Gov. Sigler

Louis Bromfield

LANSING, Mich.—Addresses by Gov. Kim Sigler and Louis Bromfield, well known author-farmer, will highlight the first annual Michigan Rural Health Conference, scheduled for Sept. 18 and 19 on the campus of Michigan State College in East Lansing.

Participating in an evening program Sept. 18 at Fairchild Theatre, Gov. Sigler will give an address entitled, "Your Future is Healthier in Michigan," and Bromfield will speak on "The Relation of Good Soil, Good Agriculture and a Sound Economy to the Health and Well-being of Rural Communities."

A farmer in his own right, Bromfield lives at Milbair Farm near Lucas, Ohio, and is known for such books as "The Rains Came," "Pleasant Valley," "Mrs. Parkington" and "A Few Brass Tacks," a non-fiction book published in 1946 dealing with natu-

## Rally Days Open Extension Season

Rally Days will open the 1947-48 Oakland County Extension Program, it was announced this week by Karl D. Bailey, county agricultural agent. Every member of each group is invited to come and get acquainted with others in the same district.

The programs have been planned by the District Chairmen. Special discussions will be held for Group Chairmen, Secretaries and Project Leaders, and other group members. Group chairmen will please call members of their groups, wherever possible, to arrange for transportation.

Postville District  
September 10 — Y.M.C.A. — 131 Mt. Clemens, Pontiac. Program starts at 1:00 p.m. Speaker is Mrs. Arthur Selden — Book Review of "Over at Uncle Joe's" by Orlean.

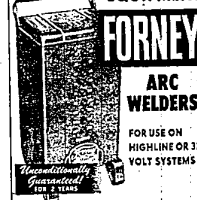
Oxford, and Rochester Districts —  
September 11 — Avon Park, Rochester, at 12:00. Cooperative dinner — each person bring own table service, one dish to pass, beverage will be furnished. Program starts at 1:30 p.m. Specialist from college will be speaker.

Milford, South Lyon and Holly Districts —  
September 17 — South Lyon M. E. Church. Cooperative dinner at 12:00. Each person bring own table service, one dish to pass. Beverage will be furnished. Program starts at 1:30. Speaker is Elizabeth Rontor, Assistant State Home Demonstration Leader.

Royal Oak District —  
September 18 — Health Center at Stevenson and 4th, Royal Oak — 3:00 p.m. Mrs. Isabel Wieterson, National Home and Property Foundation, will speak on "American Women Activities".  
Mrs. Arthur Simmons, County Chairman, and Karl D. Bailey, County Agricultural Agent, will be present at each Rally Day.

Some of the figures about soil erosion are pretty startling, but they're true, nevertheless. Leonard Braams, soil conservation specialist at Michigan State college, reports that a test in Livingston county on a seven per cent slope showed there was 200 per cent more soil lost by erosion on up and down hill cultivation as there was on red clover-brome plots. During some heavy showers 60 to 75 percent of the rain ran off. This heavy run-off caused the great soil loss.

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## FARMERS SHOULD LOCATE WHEAT FERTILIZER NOW

Fertilizer for winter wheat will be scarce again this year and farmers should be on the lookout for their supply, according to Dr. C. E. Millar, head of the soil science department at Michigan State college.

On the whole, Michigan farmers are using about double the amount of commercial fertilizer they used in 1946. Dealers should be contacted immediately and delivery of available fertilizer taken whenever it appears on the market.

Fertilizers containing 12 per cent or more potash are desirable for wheat planting on sandy loam soils. However, many of these are not available. If dealers cannot supply high potash content fertilizers, farmers are advised to accept the 2-12-6 or 0-14-7 fertilizers for use this fall on sandy loam soils.

For clay soils the 2-16-5 is a good wheat fertilizer. If this grade is not available, straight superphosphate may be used for wheat on soils well supplied with humus or soils receiving manure in the rotation. On unmanured or depleted soils, the 2-12-6 or 0-14-7 are suggested as substitutes for the 2-16-5. Millar recommends that farmers planting wheat on heavy land do

not use the 3-12-12 as the supply is limited and badly needed by farmers on sandy loam soils.

Application at seeding time of 300 to 500 pounds per acre is suitable for wheat in which a legume is to be seeded. When clover or alfalfa are not to be seeded in the grain 200 to 400 pounds per acre is recommended.

Among dairy product prices, butter and cheese have been going up in the second half of 1947, dairy farmers probably will get somewhat lower prices than after decontrol in late 1946.

MSC animal husbandry specialists advise a legume pasture for the sow and her litter.

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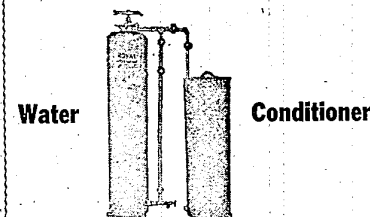
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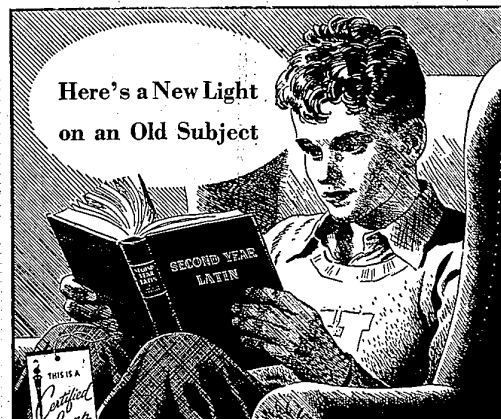
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