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FARM FEATURES

CORN TREATED WITH 2,4-D HAS STRONGER ROOTS

Soil treatment with 2,4-D may not only eliminate cultivation of corn, but may provide a stronger better anchored corn plant according to Michigan State college horticulturists.

Scientists base their statements on experiments with sweet corn conducted at East Lansing during the past summer.

According to a report by Dr. C. L. Haunmer, Dr. H. B. Tukey and R. F. Carlson, MSC horticulturists, corn planted on plots treated with 2,4-D withstood a heavy wind when plots on untreated soil suffered damage.

Golden Seneca sweet corn was planted in rows four feet apart and drilled about two inches into the soil. Immediately after planting, a 50 per cent preparation of the sodium salt of 2,4-D was applied to the soil surface with a knapsack sprayer at the rate of 5, 10, and 20 pounds per acre. The fan-type nozzle used permitted more rapid and even distribution of the chemical than would a cone-shaped nozzle. With a cool and wet early summer, and a warm, dry mid-summer, weed control was effective with 5 pounds of 2,4-D per acre. Growth, yield, and quality of corn were not affected. With larger amounts of the chemical, however, there was some retardation of the corn, the specialists report.

On the 2,4-D treated plots, brace or "prop" roots developed and were a major factor in keeping the corn upright after a severe storm. Corn plants in the untreated plots were blown over by the wind. The development of these prop roots is considered by the specialists as a result of the chemical, however, there was some retardation of the corn, the specialists report.

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As soon as the top soil begins to freeze at night it is a good time to apply a protective mulch to strawberry beds.

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Bailey Urges Use Of MSC Service

Operators of businesses serving the tourists and resorters in Michigan can obtain valuable assistance from the tourist and resort service of Michigan State college, Karl D. Bailey, county agricultural agent, today pointed to some of the services that could be obtained from this source.

Several specialists at the college at East Lansing are devoting full time in research and extension work to develop aids and improve Michigan's tourist and resort facilities and business. Assistance offered includes cabin and cottage plans for those planning new construction or remodeling; information on site development, construction, water supply, sewage disposal and landscaping.

Information on quantity food preparation is available to those providing food service. Three bulletins "Menus and Menu Making", "Soups" and "For Luncheon or Supper" are available without charge to operators at the county extension office. These bulletins suggest new ways of serving food in quantities.

To aid the tourist and resort operator with his accounting, Michigan State college has prepared an account book which is available at a small charge which covers the cost of printing. "Account Book for Small Tourist and Resort Business" can be of valuable assistance to operators who have little time for bookkeeping. Several small leaflets, including "Motor Court Prospectus", "Petty Cash Fund" and "Laws and Regulations" have also been prepared to help the operator and are available without charge.

Games and guest entertainment suggestions developed for use by resorts and rental cottage groups are also available. County Agent Bailey invites interested persons to confer with him.

COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE ANNOUNCES RADIO PROGRAM

The Oakland County Extension Service broadcasts a program twice a week to promote and develop new ideas in the field of agriculture and home making. The broadcast can be heard over radio station WCAR, on Monday and Friday, 12:45 noon.

The following programs are scheduled: Friday, October 17, 1947, R. L. Lewis, 4H Club Agent, will speak over WCAR, and on Monday, October 20, 1947, E. W. Alchin, assistant county agricultural agent, will talk on the subject "Dairy Herd Improvement".

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TIPS GIVEN ON PROTECTING GRAIN AGAINST WEEVILS

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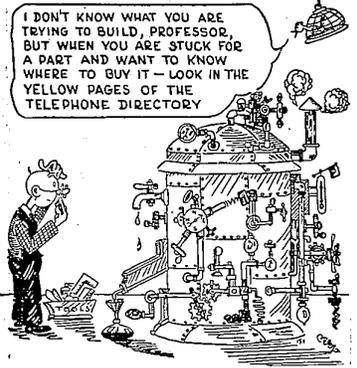
Dr. Ray L. James, extension entomologist at Michigan State College, advises that the condition is worse in grain which was damp when placed in bins. Heating provides ideal condition for the pests to develop. The first line of defense, he says, is to ventilate, dry and cool the grain.

In cases where the insects are already infesting the grain, fumigation should be done immediately. DDT or similar insecticides should not be mixed with the grain to control insects.

A good fumigant is a mixture of three parts ethylene dichloride and one part carbon tetrachloride, applied at the rate of five gallons of the mixture per 1000 bushels. The granary and bins should be tight and a waterproof tarpaulin, fitted over the grain, will give better control. The temperature of the grain must be above 55 degrees Fahrenheit when the work is done.

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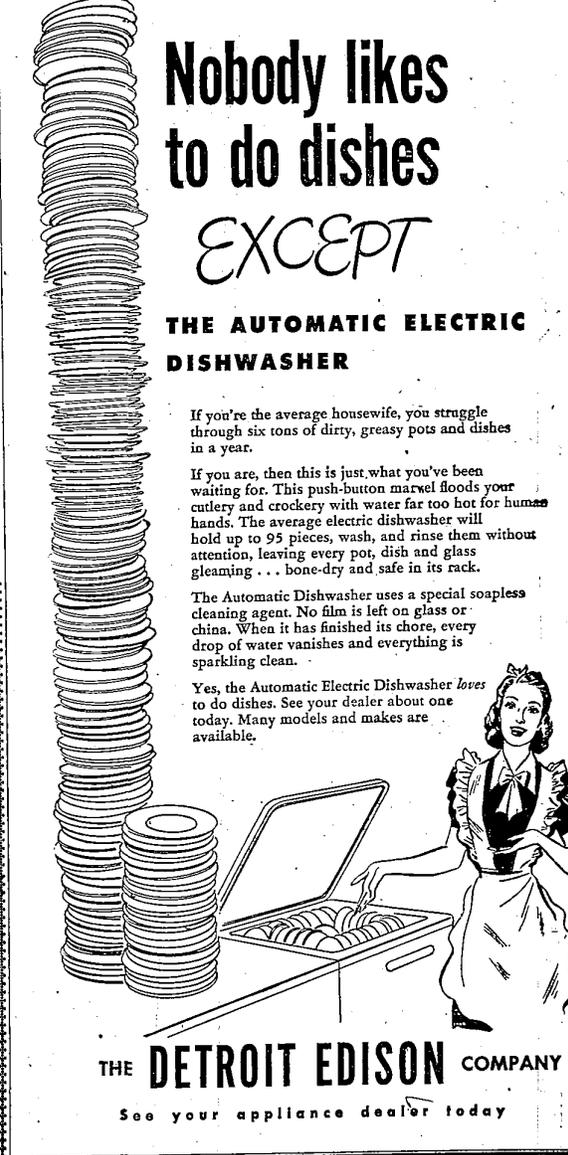
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