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FARM FEATURES

MSC SPECIALIST LISTS GARDEN CHORES FOR JUNE

For home gardeners, the month of June means a little planting, a little pruning, a little watering, a little dusting and spraying and lots of weeding. Jack Rose, Michigan State college gardening specialist, says that all added together, it makes one of the busiest and most important months in the whole gardening calendar.

June 1-10: Time still remains to plant part of the spring garden and start to plant some of the fall garden. If tomatoes, pepper, eggplant, and tender flower annuals have not been set out, do so now. Make second seeding of corn and beans. Sow lima beans, pumpkin, squash, melons and cucumbers. Plant late potatoes. Sow seed of cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, and brussels sprouts for fall crops.

Dahlias may be set out any time during June. Continuing making gladiolus plantings at ten-day intervals up to the last of June.

June 10-20: Start dusting sweet corn with rotenone or three percent DDT to control corn borer. Make five applications at five-day intervals. Keep squash plants dusted with rotenone to control vine borer. Spray tomato blossoms with hormone spray for early fruit set.

Watch beans for Mexican beetle. Spray or dust with rotenone, covering top and underside of leaves for control. Dust or spray potato plants with mixture of DDT and copper dust or Bordeaux mixture.

Pinch back chrysanthemums to get bushy growth and abundance of bloom. Stake delphinium, hollyhocks and other tall perennials.

June 20-30: Stop cutting asparagus. Apply ten pounds of 10-4-4 or other high nitrogen fertilizer per 100 foot row. Watch for and remove suckers on lilacs, roses and other grafted trees or shrubs.

Water plants during dry spells. Be particularly careful to water newly set evergreens. Water lawn thoroughly, soaking soil to depth of three or four inches. Don't just sprinkle.

As a concluding note, the horticulturist urges gardeners to battle weeds. June is the month to whip the weed problem. Weeds rob garden plants of food and moisture. Pull them out, pull them by hand, get rid of the weeds. This is a good time to use one of the 2-4-D sprays to destroy lawn weeds, too. Be careful not to get 2-4-D on garden plants, however.

SKIM MILK MAKES VALUABLE FEED FOR LIVESTOCK

The additional milk supplies resulting from spring pasture brings up the question of skim milk and its feeding value for poultry, hogs, and dairy calves.

A. C. Baltzer, extension dairyman at Michigan State college, advises that skim milk makes splendid feed for these kinds of stock.

Work performed at the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station on feeding skim milk to hogs showed interesting results. At the end of seven months, pigs which had received corn and water only were almost starved and weighed 45 pounds. They were then given skim milk, corn and minerals for five months and gained 408 pounds, showing the remarkable growth and health recovery values that skim milk possesses.

Skim milk is also valuable for poultry. According to present feed prices, poultrymen could afford to pay considerably more for skim milk than could farmers feeding it to pigs and calves. This would mean that 100 pounds of skim milk would be worth approximately one cent per pound for poultry feeding purposes. It would be worth about 75 cents a hundred pounds for hog feeding and 60 cents a hundred for calf feeding.

Baltzer points out that the strong demand for milk by dairy manufacturing plants may mean that not too much skim milk for animal feeding purposes will be available.

Youngest Cardinal
At the age of 15, John De Mero became a cardinal.

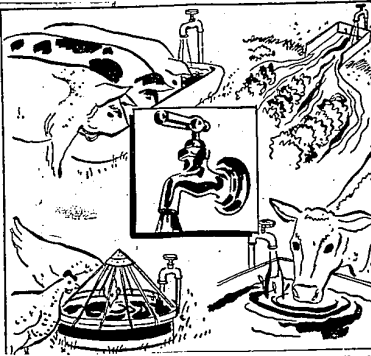
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Tree Pruning Outlined In New MSC Folders

The question of pruning fruit trees has puzzled many people. Two new Michigan State college Cooperative Extension Service publications give details for doing this job.

Careful pruning, it pointed out, will improve the fruit crop and the appearance of trees. The folders discuss the time to prune, methods, and details for pruning specific fruits.

County agricultural agents can supply the folders or, may be obtained by writing to the Bulletin Office, Michigan State college, East Lansing. Ask for extension folder: P-121, "Pruning Bearing Fruit Trees in the Home Orchard" and F-122, "Pruning Your Fruit Trees".

Classifieds Don't Cost - They Pay!

Farm Photo Contest Stresses Safety

A farm safety photo contest will be one of the features of this year's Farm Safety Week, July 25-31, according to Fred Roth, farm safety specialist at Michigan State college.

Cooperatively sponsored by the MSC extension service and the Michigan Rural Safety Council, the photo contest seeks pictures that illustrate safety hazards or methods taken to correct them.

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Good pastures save grain, says department of agriculture. Yes, and around about forecasting time, good grain will save pastures.

Control Of Sheep Ticks Will Increase Profits

It's hard work but it surely pays big dividends. That's the way Graydon Blank, Michigan State college animal husbandry specialist, describes dipping sheep to control ticks. Not many flocks were dipped during the war years and this caused an increase in the sheep tick population.

Spring and early summer are good times to kill ticks. Dipping the entire flock with arsenical dip is preferred. Portable dipping vats are operated in a number of counties by private individuals or by FFA chapters and other organizations. Flock owners should consult their county agricultural agent regarding the location of dipping outfits.

The yearly wool production on some flocks has been increased as much as two to three pounds per head after the ticks were controlled. Additional benefits are derived from the increased weight of the lamb crop and from the general improvement in the thriftiness of the ewe flock.

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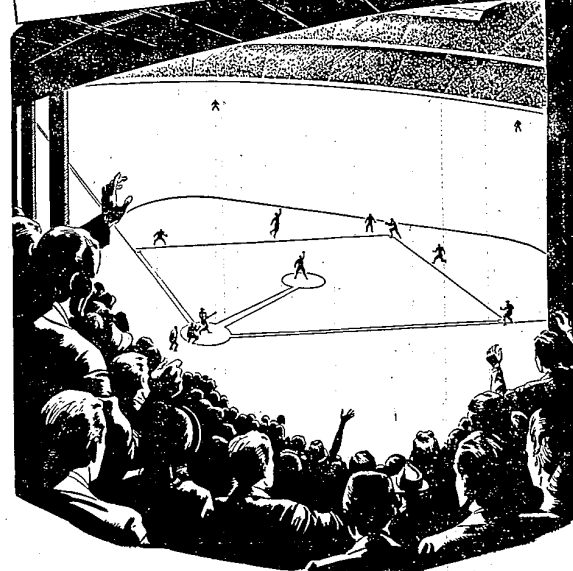
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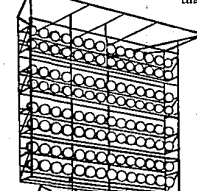
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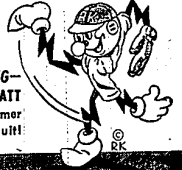
In planning the Stadium's new lighting, engineers worked a double play to insure dependable illumination. In addition to the underground cables carrying electricity to the eight light towers, a standby system of overhead wiring has also been installed. It's another example of how electricity can be almost as effective—and almost as reliable—as the sun itself.

BRIGGS STADIUM LIGHTING FACTS

The Stadium's lighting plan includes 128 1500-watt and 58 1000-watt floodlamp units.
Towers have 14 night-lights each scheduled as follows:
June 15, July 30 (American League)
June 18, July 27 (Red Sox)
June 22, Aug. 2 (Yankees)
June 25, Aug. 5 (Giants)
June 30, Aug. 9 (Dodgers)
July 2, Aug. 20 (Brewers)
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