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Excellent production at Mason state game farm this season has assured more than the scheduled supply of 20,000 pheasants for distribution this fall.  
Stocking by the conservation department's game division began this month with the release of 2,100 old breeders, and the current schedule calls for released birds of this year's hatch in the weeks of August 3, 17, 24 and 31, September 21 and 28 and October 5. It is expected that all the birds to be stocked this season will be distributed before hunting season opens.  
Besides exceeding the 20,000 release quota, the summer production is furnishing breeding stock for next season, pheasants for fall trials, and birds for further experimental stocking next spring.

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The largest, fastest commercial airplane, the Clipper America will be used in service between San Francisco and Honolulu, cutting present flight time from 12 hours to 8½ hours. It will also be used in the New York-London service where it will cut flight time from 14½ to 12 hours.

**Prominent Government Figures Label Michigan Constitution Inadequate**  
Michigan's constitution was labeled inadequate for the problems of government now confronting the state by the majority of panel members in the Michigan State College Workshop in State and Local Government.  
The workshop ended Friday, July 23, after a three-week discussion series which brought prominent state and local government figures before a group of more than 60 high school teachers of civics, political science and related subjects.  
Gov. Kim Sigler opened the Workshop sessions July 6, demanding an overall reorganization of Michigan's administrative machinery to increase the appointive power of the governor, and give him a four-year term of office. He also approved the approximately 100 bureaus and agencies which he charged now make the policy of state government, for which the constitution is held responsible.  
Other charges against the constitution dealt with "earmarking" of funds for local use; lack of provision for a graduated state income tax; and limitation of salaries for government officials.  
State Treasurer R. Hale Barker, Budget Director John A. Perkins, and Auditor General Muri K. Aten, all speaking in separate panels, but with the same thought, agreed that constitutional "earmarking" of funds for local use was a curb to effective operation on the state level.  
Barker indicated the possibility of higher taxes next year in a statement that the state is "in the red" this year, and has good prospects for continuing in the red unless something is done about it.  
After agreeing that dedicated funds gave local areas a disproportionate cash balance when compared to the state, attacked the sales tax specifically, advocating a uniform income tax which would be constitutionally sound.  
Perkins said the budget department was "overcoming some evils of earmarking by budgeting the assigned funds", even though they must still go to the designated departments. He charged the system of dedicated funds could make the

**LATE SEASON MAY GIVE TIME TO PLANT ONE MILLION TROUT**  
The latest trout season closing in many years — September 12, a week after the usual Labor Day ending — may give conservation department men the margin they need to plant a full one million legal size trout.  
The planting of one million brook, brown and rainbow trout, seven inches long or larger, has been the goal of the fish hatchery men for three years. Last season they came nearest reaching that goal, with the total stocking of adult trout short of the mark by a mere 20,000.  
Weather conditions permitted an earlier start in stocking operations this year. Trucks and boats that could not be obtained in the way years have helped speed the work this summer, and hatchery men believe that this time they may reach the million mark.  
Each year's trout of this year's plant is marked, for the fisherman's information, by clipping of the adipose fin, the little fin on the back just ahead of the tail. The 1947 plant was marked by clipping the big dorsal fin. In 1948 the trout planted will go into the lakes and streams unmarked, as in the years before the two-year tests to show angler the proportion of wild to hatchery fish in their catch began.  
Records of the conservation department's Kingsley forest fire lookout tower south of Traverse City noted one fatality this week, but the death was not charged to forest fire. Fire fighters making the run to the fire found a man smoking a pipe from a tree and died of a heart attack, and the half-acre grass fire was the result rather than the cause of his dying.

**MSC EXPERT GIVES TIPS TO STOP CALF PEN DAMPNESS**  
Farmers troubled with dampness around calf pens may find some help in tips given by A. J. Ball, agricultural engineer at Michigan State college.  
He states that quite often a barn is wet about the calf pens because the calves do not give off enough body heat to keep the air circulating. It seems the natural thing to place a fan or other outtake in this way. But Ball says this is the wrong step. The outtake brings warm air that is full of moisture from the dry part of the barn to the cold part and increases condensation rather than decreases it.  
An extra intake should be placed in the wet portion. An outtake in another part of the barn will then draw the moist cold air toward the warm spot. This warms the air and allows it to pick up more moisture, resulting in a warmer and dryer stable.

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Work on the 35 acres of experimental plots will be shown and explained to the visitors starting at 10 a.m. There will be a special display of machinery designed for muck farming and visitors will have a basket lunch at the grove at noon.  
Population Shift  
Apart from those entering the armed forces, says a 20th Century fund report, more than one million of New York's 1940 civilian population migrated to other parts of the country between 1940 and 1943, while California, with about half of New York's population, gained a million.

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