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Bean Tours Planned For Growing Areas

A series of tours for bean growers has been planned during August, according to an announcement by Roy Decker, head of the farm crops department at Michigan State college.

Five counties will take part in the tours. Local arrangements are being handled by the county agricultural agents.

MSC extension specialists will be on hand for each tour to explain the experiments. A number of bean varieties were planted on two farms in each county during June. Application of fertilizers by the MSC soils science department will show the effect of different types of fertilizer. MSC agricultural engineers will discuss combine harvester adjustments.

Dates for the tours by counties are as follows: Gratiot, August 16; Saginaw, August 17; Tuscola, August 18; Sanilac, August 19; and Huron, August 20. County agents can furnish further details of the tours.

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Campbell Brothers Open New Station

Campbell Brothers, who have been established for some time as operators of the Mobilgas Station at 17730 Orchard Lake Road, announce the opening of another station on Orchard Lake Road, at the corner of Northwestern Highway. Albert Slasser is manager of the new station, and will be glad to welcome you at any time.

Artificial light was made from metal rods with oil soaked rags wrapped around the ends by the ancient Egyptians.

Legion Auxiliary Plans Shower Party

The American Legion Auxiliary's first card party to be held in the new Memorial Home will be a shower party on Thursday afternoon, August 26, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

The price of admission to the party is your shower gift for the kitchen at the home. The Auxiliary needs kitchen equipment, particularly large pots, pans and frying pans. They also need towels. All women of the community are invited to attend this party, and help the Auxiliary equip the new kitchen.

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SOIL MANAGEMENT SIGNIFICANT IN PEACH ORCHARDS

Experiments with fertilizers and cover crops in a young peach orchard on sandy loam give pointers for soil management practices. These are revealed in the report of a five-year study by A. L. Kenworthy, of the Michigan State College horticultural department and G. M. Gilligan of Delaware.

Results showed that the use of cover crops at first sometimes depressed tree growth, due, possibly, to competition with the trees for moisture. The depressive effect, however, was soon lost, and an improvement in tree growth was finally noted. The rate of recovery seemed related to the speed with which cover crop residues decomposed and to the total quantity of residue produced.

Although the cover crops used did not generally increase the organic matter content of the soil, they did decrease the rate at which organic matter is lost from the soil. This, the specialists say, is significant and important because of its influence upon tree growth through its direct effect on the availability of nutrients in the soil.

With clean cultivation alone, the organic content decreased at an average rate of 6.5 per cent each year. At this rate of loss the organic content would be reduced approximately 50 per cent in 10 years. Since the ability of the soil to retain essential nutrients is proportional to the organic content of the soil, this loss resulting from clean cultivation would result in less tree growth and production. For example, the use of fertilizers without cover crops increased the available potassium approximately 185 per cent in five years, while the use of cover crops resulted in an increase of 280 per cent.

Leaf analysis indicated that the nitrogen content was increased with any cover crop. As the amount of cover crop residue resulting from legume growth increased, the leaf nitrogen increased. The phosphorus content of leaves was also increased by all cover crops, while potassium was increased only where soybeans and rye with vetch was used.

The results of this search clearly indicates, says Dr. Kenworthy, that if growth and fruitfulness of a peach orchard on a sandy soil is to be maintained then a program must be used that will maintain the organic matter in the soil. If a program of cover cropping is used, it should be directed toward the production of as much residue as possible. For summer covers perhaps shallow rooted crops should be used. As the trees become older the use of summer cover may have to be discontinued because of other cultural reasons. When the cover cropping program is first started the trees may appear to be reduced in growth but eventually this use of cover crops will more than compensate for the reduction observed at first. The value of the cover crop in supplying organic matter is in addition to its value in reducing soil erosion and in conserving the soil.

Control Parasites, Raise Egg Yield

Lice and mites always lower egg production, and should be controlled, J. M. Moore, Michigan State college extension poultryman, advises.

The two parasites have different habits and hence require different treatments. Lice live in the birds' feathers, live in cracks and crevices near the nests and the perches. A forty per cent nicotine sulfate solution used full strength and painted in a screen one along the center of each perch will get the lice. Care should be taken that all birds roost on the night following the painting job. Because eggs of the second generation will be coming up, the treatment should be repeated in 10 to 12 days.

Mites need a more severe treatment. Mites come on the birds to feed only at night or when the bird is laying and then go back to their own habitat to reproduce. Any mites that happen to go on the birds at night while they are being treated for lice will be killed, but many will be left. Moore advises that the house be cleaned out in late summer or early fall for the pullets and that the perches, perch supports, and nests be painted with some antiseptic oil preparation. Examples of this product are C-A-Wood Preserver and Carbolineum. Care should be taken in applying these materials because they will burn the skin. For this reason, painting rather than spraying is the recommended method of application.

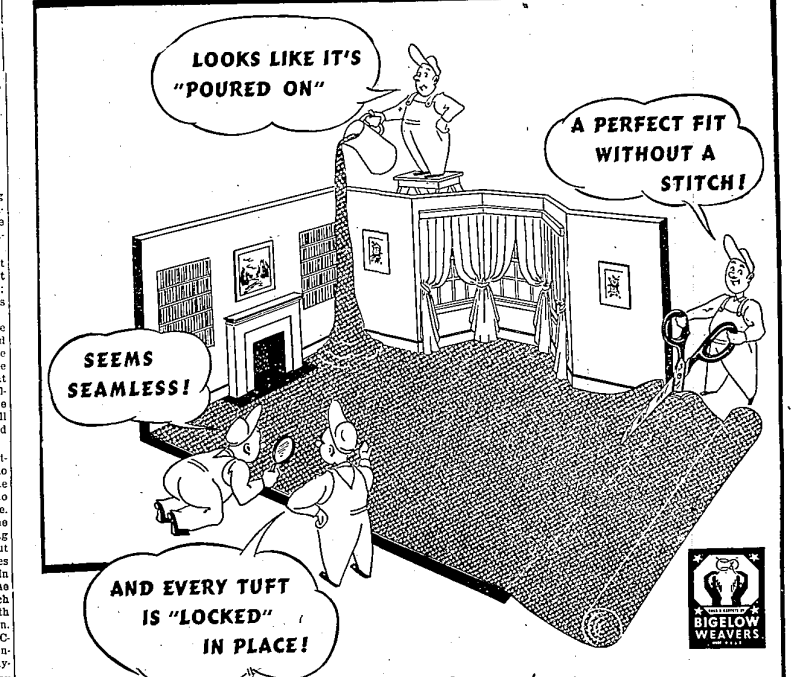
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