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**FARM FEATURES****4-H Achievement Week Is Planned**

Achievement Week for Michigan's 4-H boys and girls is planned for the week of November 1 to 7. Many county organizations have set the dates for special 4-H observances.

National Achievement Week is set each year for reviewing 4-H accomplishments and launching a new year of club work. Special events help to demonstrate the outstanding contributions of 4-H Club members in the production and conservation of food for home and abroad. Rural young people who do not belong to 4-H Clubs will be encouraged to enroll so they may share the many benefits of 4-H Club work. County 4-H leaders, extension workers, businessmen and farm groups in many counties are joining to help the 4-H members celebrate the close of a successful year and to plan for another one.

LIME NEEDS SHOULD BE CHECKED BEFORE PLANTING LEGUMES

If you're planning to make a seeding of alfalfa, clover, or other legumes, it will pay to check the lime needs of the land, James A. Porter, extension soil scientist at Michigan State College, reports. Seed and fertilizer for these seeds will cost from 12 to 15 dollars per acre. If the lime requirement of the soil has not been met, the return from this investment will be greatly reduced or even lost. A number of things can cause this crop failure. Perhaps the farmer does not suspect that the soil is acidic. Maybe liming material is applied but not in sufficient quantity to neutralize the acidity. Sometimes the liming material is applied such a short time before seeding that there is not time for the necessary chemical action to take place.

Porter says the farmer need not guess. He can know whether any soil needs lime by having the soil tested, or by testing it himself. For this test, or the outfit to make his own test, he can arrange with his county agricultural agent.

Full application of lime is good insurance that liming material will have time to correct acidity before seeding. Liming material can be spread on soil land in the fall, and even when the soil is frozen, if conditions are good for spreading.

QUICK MARKETING CALLED ESSENTIAL FOR EGG QUALITY

How important is the careful handling and quick marketing of eggs from the country assembler to the consumer?

Henry Larzelere, Michigan State college extension and research specialist in agricultural economics, says a survey he made in Michigan this spring and summer shows it is very important.

One study showed that from a gathering point, 100 miles from the Detroit market, that seven percent of the eggs dropped one grade each day for each day held. That would mean that an egg could drop from the top grade to the bottom in a week's time.

Larzelere left East Lansing recently on a leave of absence to work with the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. He will prepare the report of a study made by the regional egg marketing committee in 14 midwestern states. His special assignment will require about three months away from his MSC duties.

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CHICAGO—It costs only about one-fourth as much to produce milk on good pasture as it costs to feed a dairy herd on grain and hay, according to a statement issued here by the Middle West Soil Improvement Committee, based on statistics cited recently by G. A. Williams of the Purdue University dairy extension department.

Emphasizing that the difference between good and poor pasture is largely a matter of management, Williams lists these pasture practices that are cutting costs and raising milk flow:

1. Seed high-yielding pasture mixtures that give extra grazing days in spring and fall. A good legume mixture produces more milk than either crop grown separately.

2. Rotate your grazing and avoid

overgrazing. For high production, divide your pasture acreage into two or three fields.

3. Add plant nutrients so the soil can feed the legumes and grasses. During a six-month pasture season a cow removes from the soil approximately 115 pounds of nitrogen, 28 pounds of phosphate, 50 pounds of potash, and 37 pounds of lime. Unless these nutrients are returned in the form of plowed-under legumes, commercial fertilizer and barnyard manure, the land becomes too poor to produce good grass.

"Dairymen," said Williams, "are finding it increasingly more profitable to purchase commercial fertilizer to supplement the supply of barnyard manure available than it is to buy high-priced concentrates."

Michigan Is High In Electrification

The number of un electrified farms in Michigan was cut nearly two-thirds in the past year, placing the state in fourth place in the nation in percentage of farms electrified, a federal survey shows.

Last year more than 14,000 Michigan farms were not equipped with electricity. Now, due to many new lines installed, only about 5,800 farms remain without electricity. This is only 2.3 per cent of all the farms in the state.

In the United States as a whole, 31.4 per cent of the farms are un electrified. Ohio, with only 2.4 per cent un electrified, leads the nation.

CLASSIFIEDS MUST BE GOOD - SO MANY PEOPLE USE THEM

State Conservation Dept. To Sell Confiscated Guns

Upward of a half-hundred rifles and shotguns confiscated by enforcement officers are to be sold by the conservation department to the highest bidder.

Sealed bids will be opened November 12 in the department's Lansing office where the firearms can be inspected October 27 - 29.

Lists of arms to be sold can be seen in county buildings, the department's district offices, or in possession of conservation officers.

Painting your radiator may improve its heating efficiency. Metallic paints or shiny white paint cut down the amount of heat given off. Flat paints with some color — the darker the better — increase the heat.

MSC Scholarships Given By Bankers

The Michigan Bankers association has inaugurated a program through its county banker groups to provide scholarships for rural young men and women who desire to attend short courses in agriculture and home economics at Michigan State college.

Several county groups have already notified Ralph Tenny, director of short courses at Michigan State, that scholarships to apply towards the costs of fees, lodging, meals and books have been arranged.

Frank Coward, Lapeer, chairman of the agricultural committee and Rya Brundage, executive manager, of the Michigan Bankers association, are heading the organization of the scholarships.

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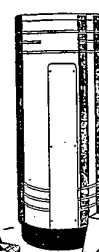
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