

# FARM FEATURES

## INTEREST HIGH IN FORESTRY



William Budge, Royal Oak, Mich., and Bruce Cooper, Lawrence, Kans., forest practice students in Michigan, study the fundamentals of logging timber while operating two-man power saw.

Utilization of native lumber from Michigan woodlots for farm buildings and more efficient handling of native forests are two fields in which great interest is being shown by young men today.

Using lumber milled from their own woodlots, many Michigan farmers have constructed valuable farm buildings at less than half the normal cost. County Agricultural Agent Casper Bluner, Alcona and Oscoda counties, says more than 100 barns have been built in his counties in the past few years. Most of the material came from farm woodlots.

Recognizing the interest in rural building as well as forestry practice, Michigan State college has opened two short courses which will begin on January 5, 1949.

Ralph W. Tenny, head of the department of silviculture, says that the skills required in administering the products of the forest. Three months of instruction in the forestry department at MSU will be followed by three months at the Russ Forest near Cassopolis and six months at

the Dunbar Forest, Sault Ste. Marie.

Opportunities for graduates of the one year course would include those of forest guards, assistant rangers, fire and game wardens, conservation officers, woodmen, sawmill operators, cruisers and lumbermen, according to Paul A. Herbert, head of the MSU forestry department.

Farm buildings in Michigan are being streamlined to keep pace with modern agriculture according to M. L. Bailey of the Michigan State college agricultural engineering department.

More attention is being given to the construction of buildings to meet specific requirements for increased efficiency and convenience. The Rural Builders training course, new this year, will include college instruction and work experience training which will enable those who complete the course to specialize in farm building construction.

Veterans may enroll in either of these courses under the privileges of the G. I. bill of rights. Director of instruction in the Department of Short Courses will be glad to give additional information to any persons interested.

## FRUIT, VEGETABLE INSPECTION FEES TO BE HIKED JAN. 1

Starting January 1, 1949, inspection fees for Federal-State fruit and vegetable inspection services will be increased on potatoes, onions, celery, apples and peaches, according to Miles A. Nelson, Chief of the Bureau of Marketing and Enforcement, Michigan Department of Agriculture. This increase was found necessary because of the additional costs involved in carrying on the inspection work.

The change in rates will be as follows: Potatoes, 2¢ per cwt. compared to the former price of 1 1/2¢; onions, 1¢ per 50 lb. sack compared to .08¢; celery, 1/2 size crates, 1 1/2¢ compared to 1¢ formerly; apples, 1 1/4¢ a bushel, formerly 1¢ a bushel; peaches, 1 1/4¢ a bushel, formerly 1 1/2¢ a bushel.

According to the ruling, there will be no mileage charges made on the inspection of carloads or carload equivalents. On inspection service on amounts less than a carload, no mileage will be made within a 15-mile radius of the inspector's station. All travel exceeding a 15-mile radius, will be at the rate of six cents per mile. A minimum charge of \$3.00 for inspection on the above products has been established.

## State Law Regulates Dealers in Livestock

Under the provisions of Michigan Laws, the licensing of Livestock Dealers is one of the functions of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, states Dr. C. F. Clark, State Veterinarian.

All persons dealing in livestock other than animals grown by themselves, come under the provisions of the statutes and are required to have a license. Licenses are valid from October 1 of one year to September 30 of the succeeding year.

Licenses may be revoked for certain reasons set forth in the law, including violations of State Laws or official regulations; false or misleading statements in regard to health or official tests; no keeping trucks in a clean condition; and refusing inspectors an opportunity to examine records of business transactions.

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## Time Now To Plan New Year's Record

With the year about over and income tax time coming up in a few weeks, E. M. Elwood, farm management specialist at Michigan State College, suggests considering farm records.

Farmers who haven't kept records will find it more difficult to prepare their income tax statement. Elwood believes that farmers who are not keeping records should plan to do so next year.

He lists many advantages to keeping accurate financial records. Everything is set down in one handy place.

A farm record is really a tool, he points out. If properly used, it can do as much or more toward making the farm profitable as any other farm machine or tool. Keeping and studying the results of the farm record shows the strong and weak points in the farm business.

Many farm account books are available which will serve as a simple farm record. Commercial agencies, banks, companies selling farm supplies, credit and herd associations have books which are used by farmers. Michigan State college has a new farm account book available to farmers for use during 1949. To cover cost of printing and mailing, a charge of fifty cents is made for the book. It can be obtained from county agricultural agents or by writing to the farm management department, Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan.

## CROPS AND SOILS PROGRAM SET FOR FARMERS' WEEK

Three day-long programs featuring crops and soils are being planned as features of the Farmers' Week program at Michigan State College, January 21 through 23.

Sugar beets will be the topic for Tuesday, January 25. Members of the MSC staff and beet sugar manufacturers' representatives will present talks on new beet machinery, production problems, and soil management.

Wednesday, January 26 has been set as "Bean Day". All aspects of bean production will be discussed. Among the topics will be bean variety and fertilizer trials, insect control, harvest methods, and the Michigan bean industry.

Potatoes will be the theme for the Thursday program. MSC faculty and representatives from industry will talk on production, disease control, marketing and research.

Special meetings of the Michigan Muck Farmers' association are set for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. A comprehensive program of talks for growers of muck crops will be presented. The annual banquet of the association will be held at noon Thursday. Essential oil growers will meet on Saturday to talk on peppermint and spearmint production.

The Michigan Crop Improvement association will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, January 26. A banquet will be held in the evening.

Happy New Year 1949

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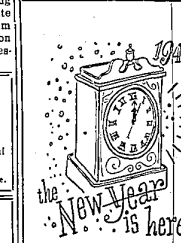
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