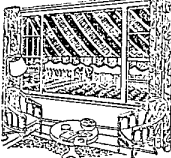


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FARM FEATURES

STATE DAIRY MEN TO MEET AT MSC ON FEBRUARY 18

The annual meeting of the American Dairy Association of Michigan will be held Friday, February 18, 1949, in Abbeys Hall, Michigan State College, East Lansing, according to Charles E. Stone, Secretary-Manager of the Association.

The meeting will start with a luncheon at 12:30 noon, in the cafeteria. Dairy farmers and plant managers are urged to attend. Reservations for the luncheon should be sent to the Association office, 310 Ohio Tower, Lansing.

Bryce Landt, a dairy farmer, and president of the American Dairy Association, Chicago, will be the main speaker of the afternoon program.

Mr. Landt was one of the original committee men when Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa met to discuss dairy product advertising. This meeting was the nucleus of the present American Dairy Association with which the dairy farmers of Michigan are affiliated.

Owen M. Richards, General Manager of the national association, Chicago, will report to the Michigan group on the activities of the past year, and will discuss plans for the coming year.

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DENVER, COLO.—Lois Mae Hamm, 15-year-old Whitney, Nebr. 4-H Club girl is presented with a special award by Harry Schwab of the Acme Boot Company in recognition of her achievement in raising the prize-winning Hereford steer Cupid, which took the junior blue ribbon at the National Western Stock Show. Lois will receive a pair of unique, handmade gold initial cowboy boots like the sample pair she is holding, custom made from the hide of her winning animal. Other 4-H Club boys and girls who win in the major stock shows are to receive similar Acme Boot awards.

Vegetable Growers Plan Meeting At MSC

Michigan vegetable growers will attend a two-day session at Michigan State College, February 22 and 23, to learn about production efficiency and improving marketing methods.

Jack Rose, secretary of the Michigan Vegetable Council and extension specialist at MSC reports that the meeting will be held in the agricultural engineering building auditorium. Both days' programs will include discussions of growers' problems and methods.

Registration is scheduled from 9 to 10 a.m. on February 22. A banquet is planned for that evening with Dr. Irving Woodin, MSC alumnus and general manager of the California Fruit Exchange, as featured speaker.

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Talks On Public Health Planned

The needs of local public health units this week appeared destined for a thorough airing before committees of the legislature.

Dr. Hugh Robins, Battle Creek, president of the Michigan Health Officers Association, announced that legislation to increase state aid to local health departments would soon be introduced. This was followed by announcement by Charles H. Leonard, Hastings, of the formation of a Citizens Committee to support the measure.

Robins said that the proposed legislation would increase state aid to local health units from the present \$135,000 annually to between \$1,600,000 and \$2,000,000 annually. Distribution to individual counties and cities would be on a matching basis with matching requirements scaled according to population of the unit involved. He said that local health departments are short-handed and losing qualified personnel at an alarming rate. He attributed the difficulty to lack of funds and pointed out that counties alone are now raising more than \$1,000,000 for local health unit purposes.

The citizens group headed by Leonard was organized as an aftermath of the recent University of Michigan Conference on Community Health Services. Leonard, chairman of the new group, is mayor of Hastings, chairman of the Barry County Board of Supervisors, and prominent in the Michigan Association of Boards of Supervisors. Other officers are Mrs. E. L. Church, Kalamazoo, president of the Michigan Congress of Parents and Teachers, vice chairman; Lewis P. McNally, Burt, chairman of the Saginaw County Board of Supervisors, vice chairman; Miss Gladys McCallum, Howell, superintendent of Livingston County Schools, secretary.

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DRYING OF CORN AFTER CRIBBING CAN REDUCE MOLD

Farmers with corn in the crib are beginning to have a few questions in their minds. Some of the corn is quite high in moisture content and warmer weather will bring the problems of handling the corn.

W. H. Sheldon, agricultural engineer at Michigan State College, says that wet corn will keep indefinitely while frozen. The problem is what to do with the wet corn that is still in the crib when warmer weather returns.

One solution is to feed it out before the weather warms up. However, large quantities are on hand in some cases and cannot be used rapidly.

Experiments in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa have shown that heated air can be used to dry wet corn. Blowing unheated air through the crib with a hay drier fan will not take out much water but it will keep the corn as cool as the air and greatly retard mold growth.

Mechanical drying, Sheldon advises, offers a number of advantages for farmers. Corn can be picked earlier when the days are longer and the weather is more comfortable. It allows less damage to corn pickers from frost or muddy fields. Less corn is lost by early picking and corn will be dry enough for shelling and grinding much sooner.

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