

### Spring Tree Planting To Start Next Month

Spring tree planting projects for the purpose of curbing erosion on the banks of rivers and streams and for shade will get started early next month according to the conservation department's fish division.

Part of the crews, recently employed in getting needed lumber for brush shelter work in fishing waters, will plant mulberry, rose shrubs and red pine, white cedar,

maple and honeylocust trees on river banks in both peninsulas. Areas to be planted include the north branches of Au Sable and Manistee rivers, Crawford County; Clam River, Muskegon County; Pere Marquette River, Lake County; Bear Creek, Manistee County; Fox River, Schoolcraft County; Rite River, Ogemaw County; White River, Newaygo County, and middle branch of Ontonagon River, Leelanau County.

A full force of 15 field crews will concentrate on the regular lake and stream improvement program

# FARM FEATURES

## Dairy, Food Inspectors Attend 3 Day School

A Dairy and Food Inspectors' and Sanitation School is to be held at Michigan State College, April 4 to 7, 1949. This is the Sixth Annual School to be conducted for food inspectors, and is being held through the cooperative efforts of the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Michigan State College, Michigan Department of Health, the W. K. Kellogg Foundation and the Michigan Association of Sanitarians.

Food Inspectors from the Bureau of Marketing and Enforcement and the Bureau of Dairying, Michigan Department of Agriculture, will take the course. Eight members of the Department of Agriculture staff are among those on the program for the school. They are: from the Bureau of Dairying, F. M. Skiver, Chief; J. L. Littlefield, Assistant Chief; J. A. Coughlin, General Supervisor for the State; and Roy Cronley, Supervisor Inspector for the Detroit area; from the Bureau of Marketing and Enforcement, Miles A. Nelson, Chief; Clifford Bracy, Assistant Chief; and C. V. Reese, Supervising Inspector for all of South-eastern Michigan except Wayne County and from the Bureau of Chemical Laboratories, C. Colton Carr, Soft Drink Chemist.

## Alchin Returns As County Agent



EDMOND W. ALCHIN

Edmond W. Alchin, former assistant agricultural agent in Oakland County, returned as County agricultural agent on April 1. Since leaving Oakland county in December, 1947, Alchin has been county agricultural agent in Cheboygan county where he has accomplished a great deal for the farm people through his extension program.

A native of Webberville, Michigan, Alchin attended Michigan State College and was graduated with a bachelor of science degree in 1939. He then taught vocational agriculture at Cheboygan for three years. From 1943 to 1946 he served in the U. S. Navy and held the rank of lieutenant, j.g. Following discharge from the Navy, Alchin accepted the position as assistant county agent.

## Fertilizer Industry Prepared For Spring

Each year commercial fertilizer manufacturers obtain licenses from the Michigan Department of Agriculture for the sale and distribution of their products. For the year 1949, the Michigan Department of Agriculture, reports W. C. Geagley, Chief Chemist, Bureau of Chemical Laboratories.

For the calendar year there have been issued approximately 200 licenses on brands or analysis suitable for Michigan crops and soil conditions.

In cooperation with the Soil Specialists at Michigan State College and the Michigan Department of Agriculture, recommended lists of fertilizer formulas are announced. The ten most popular grades are: 2-12-16; 3-12-12; 2-16-8; 3-12-8; 0-12-12; 0-16-8; 2-9-18; 0-20-0; 0-9-9. Records show that for the first six months of 1948 there were 245,672 tons of all grades of fertilizer sold and distributed in Michigan. This was an increase of approximately 2 per cent over the previous year.

Mr. Geagley states the department's inspection of stocks of fertilizers, collecting of representative samples and the making of chemical analysis of each to determine whether guarantees are being fulfilled, will shortly be under way. In addition to nitrogen, potash, and phosphoric acid, more attention will be given to so-called minor elements, particularly copper, zinc, and manganese sulfate, borax and common salt.

## FALSE LABELS ON FARM PRODUCTS BRING SEIZURE

Inspectors from the Bureau of Marketing and Enforcement, Michigan Department of Agriculture, are finding many violations of state food laws by misbranding, reports Miles A. Nelson, Chief. In 1948 inspectors from the Bureau placed 1146 lots of food and drink under seizure that were suspected of being in violation of state food laws. The sale of 372 lots of food was stopped because of misbranding. Many of these were seized because the containers failed to bear the correct name and address of the manufacturer, distributor, packer or dealer, as is specifically required by the state food laws.

In addition to the seizures in 1948 for misbranding, the Bureau inspectors divided 143 convictions on the charge of misbranding.

Mr. Nelson states too many persons or firms selling articles of food and drink in packages have failed to comply with this very important provision of state laws. This violation by misbranding has been particularly prevalent among dealers in Michigan farm products, including fruits, vegetables, eggs,

etc. Persons or firms packing such farm products in used containers bearing the name and address of persons or firms other than their own definitely violate State laws governing the labeling or branding because it constitutes misbranding by deceiving or misleading the purchaser, and such used containers, therefore, bear a statement that is false and misleading in violation of the law.

Persons or firms packing Michigan farm products in bags bearing another person's name and address should obliterate the same or turn the bags wrong side out and stencil the sack with the correct information or attach a tag bearing the necessary information. State laws and regulations also stipulate that eggs shall not be packed in any used or second hand container bearing any name, markings or designation of brand, quality, grade, or other matter, unless all such markings which do not properly and accurately apply to the eggs packed or placed therein be removed, erased, or obliterated.

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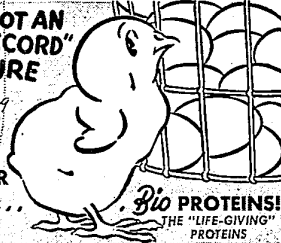
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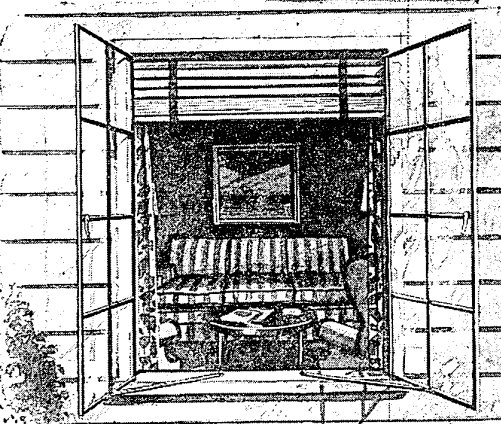
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