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## REPRODUCTION IMPORTANT IN CATTLE HERD

Production is necessary in a dairy herd, but reproduction is of high importance, too, according to George Parsons, Michigan State College dairy extension specialist. The ability of a dairy cow to keep freshening each year and adding good animals to the herd not only keeps production of milk high, but provides replacement animals, Parsons contends.

He points to the record of Adella, 21 year old registered Holstein in the herd of Jack H. Chamberlain and sons of Leellie. Adella produced her eighteenth calf last summer and twelve of these offspring have been heifers.

Every animal in the Chamberlain herd, which led its Dairy Herd Improvement Association this year, is a direct descendant of Adella. The 15-cow milking herd averaged \$52.22 pounds of butterfat per animal in the year recently closed. In ten years under D.H.I.A. test, Adella produced an average of about 500 pounds of butterfat a year.

Jack Chamberlain says he kept the cow because she was strong, rugged, kept in good health and was always able to produce a good calf. He's still hopeful of another offspring from the old cow, now past her twenty-first birthday.

Dairyman who keeps records and knows what kind of a production as well as reproduction record each animal in the herd has, can do a better job of management, Parsons believes.

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## Change MSC Experiment Station Directors



Retiring director of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station, V. R. Gardner (right) talks over an article in the current Quarterly Bulletin, station agricultural publication with Dr. C. M. Hardin (left) who succeeds him as director. A member of the Michigan State College staff since 1922, Director Gardner became head of the department of horticulture and was named director of the experiment station in 1938. He is a member of numerous scientific societies and author of several bulletins and three books. Dr. Hardin, who has served as assistant director since 1948 became director July 1. He joined the college as a member of the agricultural economics staff in 1944.

## Beetle Traps Being Set Again

Approximately 7500 Japanese Beetle traps will be set in various locations in the southern half of the lower peninsula to determine whether Japanese Beetles are present in the area, reports C. A. Boyer, Chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry of the Michigan Department of Agriculture. Crops are threatened with destruction whenever an area becomes infected with this pest. Japanese Beetles are lured into the traps by use of an artificial bait. Each year, after the infected areas are located, the ground within a radius of 500 feet of the trap where the beetles were caught is treated with DDT or lead arsenic in order to kill the larvae of the beetles that may hatch out.

The Japanese Beetle is considered one of the most dangerous pests that has ever invaded the United States. Several areas in this country, where it has not been controlled, have suffered considerable damage to food plants, states Mr. Boyer. This system of trapping Japanese Beetles and subsequent treatment to kill the larvae has been carried on in Michigan since 1932. The success of this program is shown by the fact that in 1947, when beetles were trapped in Michigan compared to 1948 when only 253 were found. The largest number of traps will be located in southeastern Michigan, particularly in the Detroit area.

The Japanese Beetle is a "hitch-hiker", therefore, the traps are normally placed in the vicinity of railroad terminals, airports, bus depots and ports. Production of clean eggs should be one of the big aims of the successful poultryman, says Michigan State College poultry specialists. Eggs that get dirty and have to be cleaned lose quality more rapidly than eggs which are produced clean.

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## Interest Shown In Hay Driers

Barn hay driers have attracted a lot of attention recently and many Michigan farmers are thinking of installing equipment for higher quality hay.

Information on barn hay driers can be had at county agricultural agents' offices. A preliminary report on driers by W. H. Sheldon and D. E. Want, MSC agricultural engineers, and S. T. Dexter, MSC farm crops specialist, is now in the hands of Michigan agents.

## Farm Safety Week Plans Scheduled

National Farm Safety Week, to urge elimination of costly and unnecessary farm accidents, is to be observed from July 24 to 30 this year.

Agricultural leaders are now planning to stress all phases of farm safety during the week to help cut the annual toll in lives, injuries and money.

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INCREASED RATES for long distance telephone calls between Michigan points, effective July 2, 1949, have been authorized by the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Last December, Michigan Bell requested rate increases for both local telephone service and long distance service within Michigan so it might continue giving the kind of telephone service the people of Michigan demand.

The Public Service Commission's order provides only for that part of the application which requested an increase in long distance rates (including rates for teletypewriter exchange service messages) within the state. But it will provide urgently needed revenue until the Commission is able to finish its investigation of the complete request and rule on it.

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Initial-period rates for NIGHT PERSON-TO-PERSON calls are increased 5¢ to 45¢, depending on the distance.

Rates for each additional minute, which are approximately 1/3 of the initial-period rate, are increased proportionately.

The initial period for 10¢ calls on the new rate schedule is 4 instead of 5 minutes and for 20¢ calls, 3 instead of 4 minutes.

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