

Soil Conservation News

By Larry Tripp  
Soil Conservation Planner

Our score card has been sent in for the Goodyear Contest, sponsored by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. The Soil Conservation District in Michigan with the outstanding performance during last year will receive \$1000 to use in furthering soil conservation work in their district. The three outstanding soil conservation farmers in our district this year were selected by the board of directors at their July meeting. If the Oakland district should win the contest each of these farmers is entitled to a cash award.

Mr. Anderson J. Hath of Milford was one farmer selected. He has strip cropping, contour planting, and terracing at work on his farm, along with a heavy fertilization program and good crop rotation. He also planted 3000 pine saplings on land not raising for regular crops or pasture.

Jerri and Wilfred Holmwood, Apple Lake, White Lake, another selection by the directors, have done very well in pasture improvement, strip cropping, waterway seeding, etc.

Mrs. Robert H. Flint, Gilbert Farms, Birmingham, was selected as outstanding for her contribution in being one of the first in the district to start on a specialized grassland type of farming. This means no row crops, just hay and pasture crops, with an occasional small grain crop when reseeding is necessary.

Many hilly farms must eventually turn to this type of farming or be gradually squeezed out of cultivation by competition from better and less erodible land.

After your Soil Conservation District directors approved an application of a farmer group application, the next step is to have a soil specialist map the soil types, land slopes, and past erosion damage for each farm. This serves as an inventory of the land and a basis for the farm planning which is done at a later date.

The mapper who does this work in our district is Nils Dahlstrand. Soil Conservation Service maps are made in Howell, Michigan. He maps farms in Oakland, Livingston, Shiawassee, Genesee, and Washtenaw Counties. When he is out mapping he carries a three foot soil auger so he can see what is below the soil surface, a map case slung over his shoulder, an acid bottle, and a soil test kit in his pocket. If you should see a bright-eyed young blond fellow walking around with this array of equipment, you will know who he is, and what he is doing.

So far he has mapped 18 farms and 3400 acres of farm land in our district alone. Mr. Dahlstrand's experienced eye sees many things which go unseen by most of us. I always appreciate an opportunity to hear his comments on soil conditions and land use. If you get a chance, corner him for a few minutes, but don't hold him too long for we need a lot of mapping done before the snow flies next winter.

Lamprey Cutting Fish Catches

Commercial fish production in all Michigan waters of the Great Lakes amounts to only 7,000,000 pounds for the first five months of the year. The conservation department discloses, with the lamprey, the weather and some pollution, ignoring the blame from fishermen. The total May catch was a below-normal 2,372,000 pounds.

The better than average haul for the entire 12 months last year exceeded 30,000,000 pounds.

May reports received by the department's fish division from commercial fishermen reveal Lake Superior is the only location where lake trout production still is holding up although more lampreys are turning up in the nets. The May take increased 50,000 pounds over April to reach 353,000 pounds.

A sharp decline to 23,000 pounds in the Lake Michigan catch of lake trout was registered as compared to past May production figures ranging from 120,000 to 320,000 pounds. With only 12 pounds of trout taken in May, the five-month total from Lake Huron hit a new low of 181 pounds.

One bright spot in the May reports is the continued above-average normal haul of 412,000 pounds of whitefish from Lake Michigan. Commercial fishermen reported an average Lake Superior take of 55,000 pounds of whitefish. The 52,000 pounds taken in Lake Huron marked a marked decrease compared to previous hauls.

The netting of yellow pike from Saginaw bay produced only 38,000 pounds with the drop attributed by fishermen to pollution. Yellow pike prior to 1944 averaged 1,000,000 pounds.

The May commercial catch of all species including yellow perch, chubs and others from the Michigan waters of the Great Lakes was 534,500 pounds from Lake Michigan, 658,600 from Lake Huron, 64,000 from Lake Superior, and 267,000 pounds from Lake Erie.

Hot Weather Care Advised For Stock

Hot weather is just as hard on animals as on people. Michigan State College veterinarians are advising precautions to prevent livestock losses during the hot summer months.

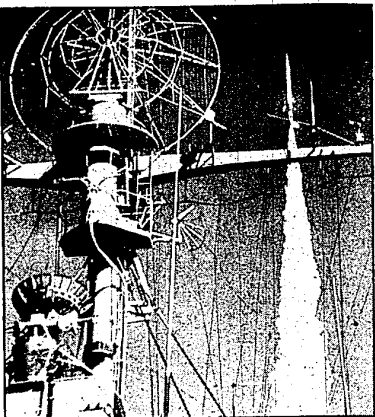
Shade should be provided for cattle who are outside so they have ample opportunity to get out of the sun.

Shipping is particularly hard on livestock. Good ventilation in the trucks is especially important in hot weather.

Now you have an open-top truck, shade the animals with canvas. Or if the truck has a grain body, remove the slats. Don't put too many animals in a small space.

Many livestock producers find it's wise to ship at night when the weather is cooler. Cleaning and disinfecting the truck should be done carefully since summer heat helps promote disease germs.

Men are sometimes accused of pride merely because their accusers would be proud themselves if they were in their places.



NAVY ROCKET REVEALS NEW DATA—A Navy Aerobee rocket, at the right, zooms skyward from its shipboard launching platform some 700 miles off the west coast of South America. Instruments in the nose of the rocket revealed that cosmic ray intensity above the atmosphere at the geomagnetic equator is twice as great as had been estimated, a fact which scientists believe was valuable in the understanding of nuclear forces. The data was obtained at an altitude of more than 65 miles.

NYLON NETS NEW THREAT TO FISHING IN GREAT LAKES

A new threat to the Great Lakes commercial fishing industry—in introduction of nylon netting which fishermen to pollution. Nylon, as much as 300 per cent, and hence further depletes fish supplies, will be aired at a special conference in the U. S. courthouse in Erie, Pennsylvania.

Possible regulation of the new type nets will be discussed at the meeting, which will be attended by Dr. John Van Oosten, chief of the Great Lakes fishery investigations for the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Fred Westerman, Michigan conservation department fish chief, as well as conservation officials of Canada and other states including Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Commercial fishing operators and representatives of net manufacturers also are invited to the hearing.

A few Michigan, other Great Lakes states and Canadian commercial fishermen now are using this expensive but more effective netting which hangs in the water better, has better wearing qualities, sharper twine and requires less twine to catch the same quantity of fish. Many Great Lakes operators who have large investments in cotton or linen fishing gear view the new nets with alarm, and one Canadian fisherman's association already has gone on record as favoring control of the tonnage of fish taken with these nets providing it is done on an international basis.

The race of mankind used to fish did they cease to aid each other.

No More Beer Parties In State Park Areas

Use of state parks for king-size beer parties is to land future offenders in jail, warns A. C. Elmer, conservation department parks chief.

Broken bottles, constitute a hazard throughout the park and especially in the beach area.

Chief offenders have been noted at the Waterloo recreation area near Chelsea and at J. W. Wells park near Menominee, although park rangers at the Pontiac lake recreation area report some vacationists are utilizing boats as floating beer gardens.

Townline News By Mrs. Lyman Bush PHONE 1522-32

In answer to requests from many readers: Townline is the extreme western boundary line of Farmington Township, bordering Novi Township. Haggerty Highway is the Townline. The Townline territory, so far as this column goes, begins south of 13 Mile Road, and takes in approximately a four-mile-wide strip through to Eight Mile Road. The majority of the Townliners are farmers, and right now they're having a busy season. So if all the Townliners will call up their correspondent, they'll have a lot more news to read... and it won't take much time off the crops.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wiley of 10 Mile Road visited the latter's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Klingstad of Franklin Village Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gaffney of Grand River Avenue entertained at dinner Sunday Mr. and Mrs. John Palacky, son of Edna and nephew Jerry, of Farmington, and Jerry Palacky, son of Manchester, and the Bricketts, of Wayne. The occasion marked the birth anniversary of Mrs. John Palacky and Mrs. Jerry Palacky. Mrs. Brickett is a sister of Mrs. Gaffney.

Mr. and Mrs. Spicer visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Buchart on 10 Mile Road Sunday. The Spicers' son, who had been visiting his grandparents, returned home with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Miller and family of Wayne, and Mrs. Miller's grandmother, of Kansas, called on Mr. and Mrs. Louis Price of 10 Mile Road Saturday. Mrs. Price is Mr. Miller's sister.

Miss Mary Hols spent two days last week visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bidwell and family at their new home in Northville. Mr. and Mrs. Frazer Hols called on the Bidwells Saturday night and brought their daughter home with them.

Townline is pretty busy these days. Plum and apple picking is keeping everyone busy—but it's a pleasant aroma surrounding your correspondent's home, right in the center of the plum and apple orchards.

Mrs. Edward Gottschalk was pleasantly surprised Friday morning when her brother, Pte Arnold Broecker arrived unexpectedly from his camp at Bolling Green airport in Washington, D. C. He is slated in the Air Force seven months ago, going to Texas before his assignment in Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Broecker of Metamora, Michigan, came down to

spend the day with their daughter and family, also.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Bush and sons called on the A. W. Bidwells in Northville Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Palacky and nephew, Jerry, left Sunday for Manchester, Michigan. They will spend four days there looking over son Jerry's farm, while Jerry and his wife and daughter, Linda, take a short vacation.

Miss Freida Bidwell, recently of 10 Mile Road and now of Northville, has accepted a teaching position in the consolidated schools at Twinning, Michigan. She will teach eighth grade mathematics. Miss Bidwell is the eldest daughter of the A. W. Bidwells.

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TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT: Please take notice that by order of the Board of Education of School District Number 5 Fractional of Wayne and Oakland Counties, Michigan, a special election will be held in said School District on the 25th day of September, 1949, for the purpose of authorizing the use of funds in the Building and Site Fund.

**THEREFORE TAKE NOTICE THAT any qualified elector of said School District who is not already registered upon the registration books of said School District may register at the following times and places.**

1. Commencing Saturday, August 27, 1949, and continuing through and including Saturday, September 17, 1949, at the Board of Education offices in the High School: Week days except Saturdays — 8:30 o'clock A.M. to 4:00 o'clock p.m.
2. The last day of registration will be Saturday, September 17, 1949, on which date registration will be taken at the Board of Education Offices in the High School, continuously from 8:30 o'clock a.m. until 8:00 o'clock p.m.

To be eligible for registration, a person must be a citizen of the United States, over 21 years of age, a resident of the State for 6 months and of the School District 20 days prior to the date of the election.

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of School District Number 5 Fractional (Farmington, Livonia, Redford Townships) Wayne and Oakland Counties.

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