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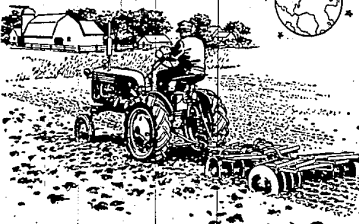
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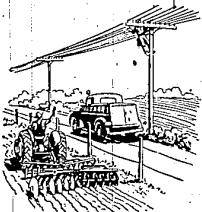
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## 4-H Club News

JOHN TROCKE, 4-H Club Agent

The Oakland County Judging Teams went to state eliminations August 12 and 13 at Michigan State College, East Lansing.

Those on the Dairy Judging Team for Oakland County were Ronald Voorhees, White Lake; Bill Ludwig and Ed Rossman of Oxford; Jack Tindall of Clarkston; Dick Spies, Lake Orion and Karl Rhodes of Franklin. Many hours of practice judging were spent before the state eliminations.

The Animal Husbandry Judging team was composed of Gene Burkhardt, Sally Schlichter, Joan Berens, Valerie Schmidt, Donna McNeil, Ginger Carson. It was undoubtedly the prettiest judging team of those judging hogs, horses, beef cattle, and sheep.

The Garden Judging Team was made up of Glenda Burkhardt, Margaret Verrast, Melvin McKeachie, Pat Carson, and Marilyn Voorhees.

Those who judged poultry at Michigan State College were David Wiggins, Nancy Hilton, Dick Sands and Jack Rahlff.

The Oakland County 4-H Fair this year will have over 1,000 exhibits of summer project work. Clare Fuller, fair manager, says that the fullest display of farm machinery will be at the Oakland County 4-H Club Fair.

## Complete Bang's Test In UP Counties

County-wide tests for Bang's disease have been completed on all cattle over six months of age in Alcona and Alcona counties, reports Dr. C. F. Clark, State Veterinarian, Michigan Department of Agriculture. Because all the infection located was in less than 5 per cent of the herds and in less than 1 per cent of the cattle, these two counties are eligible for reaccreditation as modified accredited Bang's disease-free counties, stated Dr. Clark.

In Alger County, testing was completed June 27 on 321 herds in which 346 cattle were tested. Five herds, of 126 per cent of the herds tested, were found to have 13 reactor animals, or .35 per cent. In Lucerne County the tests were completed July 1. Of the 129 herds tested containing 331 cattle, only one herd was found to have one reactor animal—a percentage of .33 herds and 12 infected cattle.

Schoolcraft and Menominee counties in the Upper Peninsula have recently qualified for reaccreditation, according to Dr. Clark.

Planting a winter cover crop that will add organic matter to the garden soil when plowed under next spring is something that can be done to improve next year's garden.

## PLANT LEGUMES ON WHEAT LAND, MSC RECOMMENDS

Farmers who are finding their wheat acreage allotment much below the acres they intended to plant to wheat this year may find it an appropriate time to make a legume seeding. Carter M. Harrison, farm crops specialist at Michigan State College, says early August is the best time to plant to get a good stand of legumes in normal years.

Ground which was being prepared for wheat seeding this fall but which cannot now be planted because of alfalfa seedling regulations, can easily be prepared for a good alfalfa seedbed, Harrison reports. A good, firm seedbed is required for an alfalfa seeding. Harrison advises that the soil be tilled to firmness and that, if needed, be applied at once and worked in ahead of seeding time.

The best recommended seeding practice is applying the fertilizer in one operation and the seeds in another. Fertilizer needs to go deep—at least three or four inches beneath the surface. About 400 pounds of 0-20-20 fertilizer for the average soils is recommended for a legume seeding.

In the seeding operation, 8 lbs. of good adapted alfalfa seed and 4 pounds of bromegrass seed to the acre is adequate. Harrison suggests mixing the bromegrass seed with about a half-bushel of oats to get better coverage. All seeds can be planted on top of the ground if the seeder is followed by a cultipacker. It is very necessary that the alfalfa go on the surface as the tiny seeds will not germinate if they get too deep into the soil.

Early August seedings usually get well established when early fall rains come and are not troubled with weed competition like spring seedings of legumes, Harrison pointed out.

Trade winds always blow from an easterly direction toward the equator.

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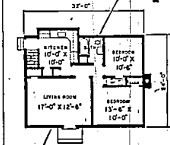
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## The Grist Mill

By ED ALCHIN

Oakland County Agricultural Agent

All those farmers interested in dairying in Oakland County will certainly want to attend the Dairy Clinic to be held August 25, at Commerce Park near Commerce. The Extension Dairy Planning Committee has planned a very fine program for the day, including a talk on "Farm Policy" by Mr. Woody Varner of the Michigan State College Economics Department. Mr. Varner has a very fine story to tell, and would be heard by a lot of folks. James Reid of Farmington will be chairman of the meeting.

The District Fruit Tour came off as scheduled on August 11. Rain, however, spoiled the morning sessions to some extent, but fruit growers heard a very interesting discussion by Michigan State College representatives, Dr. Fukey, Mr. Sherman and Mr. Houtman of the Horticultural Department.

Two dairy barn demonstrations were held last week: one at the Frank Ruggier Farm near Milford and the other at the Springrove Farms near Holly. The demonstration was a trial on the use of a new chemical known as Lindane for residual control of flies. The California Chemical Corporation did the spray work and it will be most interesting to see the results in effective control of flies.

Thanks to John Rees, manager of Springrove Farms and Frank Ruggier for their cooperation in putting on this program.

As a general rule, late summer seedlings of legumes are most satisfactory when done just before the fall rains. The seedbed should be well prepared and supplied with lime and fertilizer before the seed goes into it.

Variations in milk tests are common during the summer months, say Michigan State College dairy men. Milk tests are always lowest during the summer months.

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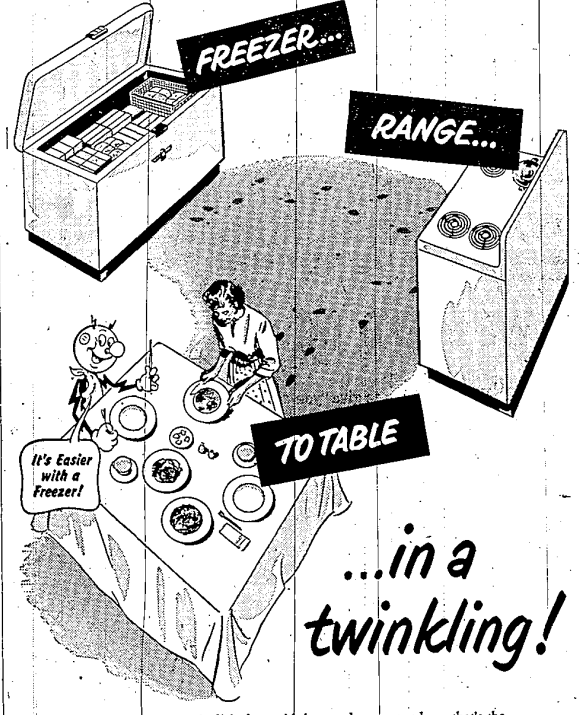
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