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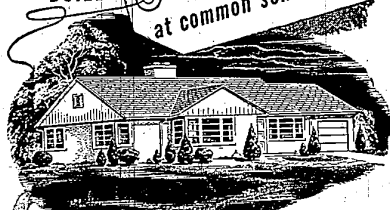
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FARM FEATURES

WHERE THE TALL CORN GROWS—Carol Pohl, 17-year-old Mendota, Ill., farm girl, stands on a ladder but still fails to reach the top of an 11-foot cornstalk. Carol was crowned queen of the Sweet Corn Festival, which attracted thousands to Mendota, the Midwest's "corn capital."

**STORY OF BEANS
SPOTLIGHTED AT
MICHIGAN FAIR**

Michigan beans will be spotlighted in the agricultural exhibit at the Michigan State Fair at Detroit, open until September 11, according to H. R. Pettigrove, Michigan State College farm crops specialist.

The story of Michigan beans, how varieties are developed, cultural practices required to grow them, how harvested, processed and packed, will be told in the exhibit. A feature will be a demonstration of the electric eye grader which sorts good beans from defective ones.

This exhibit, in the agricultural building, is a cooperative effort by many groups including the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Michigan State College, Michigan Bean Shippers association, elevator, growers and processors of the famed Michigan product.

Small cups of baked beans will be served each day with the principal bean growing counties each year in the agricultural exhibit.

Last year potatoes were spotlighted.

**Michigan To Have
Large Peach Crop**

Again it is anticipated a large peach crop will be harvested in Michigan, according to the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service prediction of four million bushels. According to Erich Kerlikowske, Secretary of the Commission of Agriculture, Michigan Department of Agriculture, peaches like some other fruit crops, will be harvested earlier this year than usual. Already some of the early varieties are being picked and most of the big crop apparently will be ready ten days earlier than usual.

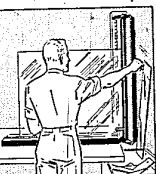
In years gone by, generally Golden Jubilee, Hale Havens and South Haven varieties are harvested shortly before the first of September, followed by Elbertas. Reports of growers, substantiated by inspectors of the Bureau of Marketing and Enforcement, indicate the quality of peaches this year is unusually good, the size large, and apparently there are no indications of brown rot which is always a problem with the peach crop.

PLANT COVER NOW

There is still time to protect bare fields from erosion from fall and winter winds and rain. Russell G. Hill, Michigan State College soil conservationist, advises. The planting of rye or some other cover crop will save much soil and give an excellent green manure crop to plow under next spring. Rye will also provide late fall and early spring pasture, Hill suggests.



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Selling the old laying flock in the fall is a good way to help control avian tuberculosis in the pullet flock and also in the swing flock.

Recent research in Illinois has shown that mixed flocks of old and young chickens have more tuberculosis than young flocks. No flocks in 48 all-pullet flocks had tuberculosis, while 22 of 59 mixed flocks had the disease.

According to Dr. Ralph Belding, poultry pathologist at Michigan State College, tuberculosis control in the flock is important. The disease lowers the birds' vitality, makes them more susceptible to other diseases and increases death losses.

Adopting an all-pullet flock program will also help control tuberculosis in swine, too. About 90 per cent of the disease in hogs came from infected chickens.

Dr. Belding lists these steps to help in the control work:

1. Provide separate lots for your swine and poultry.
2. Raise the pullets on a clean range away from the hens.
3. Clean and disinfect laying houses after selling the old flock and before moving pullets into them this fall. He advises that crop be used to disinfect houses and equipment where a diagnosis of tuberculosis has been made.

Creep feeders will keep beef calves from losing their baby fat. MSC livestock specialists have found.

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Crops and Soils

By Fred Bettel, Asst. County Agent

The fly-free date for planting wheat this fall has been established as September 16.

Each year the Michigan State College Entomology Department determines at what date the late eggs of the Hessian Fly are laid for the spring brood. This year, Mr. Ray James, Extension Entomologist for Michigan State College, has set this date as September 16.

Mr. James says that the Hessian Fly lays its eggs on the blades of new wheat in the fall. This brood winters in the wheat, emerges the following spring and the spring hatch is the one that causes the damage to the wheat.

So to avoid the Hessian Fly damage to wheat next summer, don't plant wheat until after the 16th of September this year.

Michigan State College dairy specialists say an average dairy cow needs at least an ounce of salt a day. A good practice is to mix one pound of iodized salt with each 100 pounds of grain ration.

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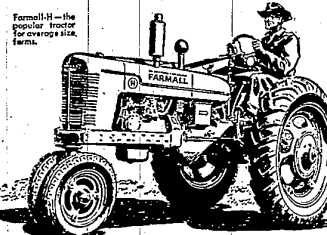
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