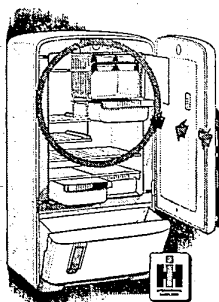


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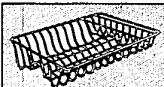
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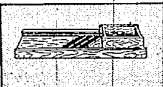


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Gather Nov. 2

When the women of the Oakland County Home Demonstration Club gather for the annual Achievement Day, November 2, they will have Mrs. Charles Houser, an active worker in state religious work and wife of a Grand Rapids pastor as their speaker. Mrs. Houser is a member of the first mission of family life of Congregational Churches and on the committee of Home and Family Life Council of adult education. Mrs. Houser was a delegate to the National Conference on Family Life in Washington.

Mrs. Josephine Lawler, Oakland County Home Demonstration Agent, states that many women in the county are busy working on this Achievement Day program. The Food and Table Demonstration Committee consisting of Mrs. Ralph Larson of Holly, Mrs. Vernon Green of Royal Oak and Mrs. William Edgar of Clarkston are busy these days getting favors and table decorations ideas together. The Reception Committee consisting of Mrs. Lefroy Barnes of Oxford, Mrs. Roy Pittenger of Milford, Mrs. Wesley Roberts of Royal Oak, Mrs. Russell Harvey of Rochester, and Mrs. J. H. Goodwin of Birmingham are busy getting registration cards ready for this event.

Mrs. Lawler also reports that clubs are beginning to send their reservations in for the luncheon, which will be given at noon on November 2 at the Central Methodist Church in Pontiac. Every club is asked to send a statement giving the approximate number in the club who plan to attend the Achievement Day program and also the exact number of those who plan to come to the luncheon at the noon hour. All reservations should be in Pontiac at the County Agricultural Office not later than October 22 so that the women of the Methodist Church will know the food order they will need to make out.

Highlight of the morning program which is planned to start at 10:00 a.m. is a style review. Featured in the Style Review will be the home extension leaders who have attended dressmaking schools in the county this year and members of the clubs who have completed dresses following the classes taught by local leaders. Mrs. Arthur Simmons of Milford, the county chairman of the Oakland County Executive Committee, will also give a report of the National Home Demonstration Council meeting which was recently held in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Mrs. Simmons was one of the few women from Michigan who was able to attend this conference. Highlight of the afternoon program will be the main speaker, Mrs. Charles Houser, introduction of the new officers to the executive committee will be made in the afternoon and the club with the highest number of reading points will be presented a book during the afternoon program.

All home extension members and those interested in home extension activities are eligible to attend the Achievement Day Program.

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Beal was the first recognized work in developing hybrid corn and scientists have continued his search for higher yields through the years. When it became evident what hybrids offered, agricultural colleges and state extension services began "preaching the gospel" of hybrid corn.

Michigan farmers were quick to realize the benefits that hybrids bring. In 1936 only one-half of one per cent of the state's corn was hybrids. This year more than 83 per cent of the corn acreage was planted to hybrids. The average for the United States is about 78 per cent.

Farmers estimate that they get about 22 per cent greater yields from hybrids when the growing season is favorable.

Despite the bumper crop in Michigan this year of almost 81 million bushels, research work continues to find new and better hybrids that husk more cleanly with mechanical harvesters. Farm crop scientists at the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station carry on

numerous plant breeding projects to make the present-day hybrids even better. Each year they plant many acres of hybrids in all parts of the state and publish the results so that growers can compare yields and choose the hybrid best suited to their location.

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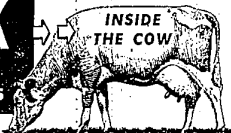
Overall tests showed it took 2.11 services, on the average, to get a cow with calf in natural service in the MSC herds. With artificial breeding, it took an average of 2.53 services per animal. The report was based on nearly 3,000 natural services and less than 1,000 artificial services.

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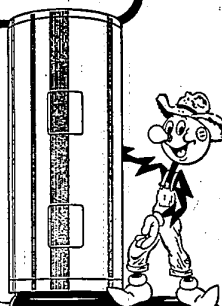
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