

County Farm Bureau Women Hold Meeting

Mrs. Dewey Stover entertained the Oakland County Women's Farm Bureau at Stone Crest hall Tuesday, November 15. A potluck luncheon was served at 1 p.m., followed by the regular business meeting. Election of officers for the group

will be made at the December meeting, it was reported. The organization is also planning a Christmas party for the Sister Kenny polio ward at the Pontiac Cottage Hospital. Mrs. Whitaker was elected state chairman, succeeding Mrs. Newell. The Oakland County women won third prize in the state poster contest, receiving \$25.

FARM FEATURES

Takes "Scare" Out Of Budgets

"Since most of us don't have all the money we'd like for our family spending, a lot of talk goes around about stretching the family dollar and making family budgets," states Lucile Ketchum, extension specialist at Michigan State College.

The home management authority suggests that if the word "budget" scares you — just forget the word. Think instead about planning to take that trip you have been wanting for three years, or the new refrigerator you are saving for, or the music lessons you hope that Sally can have next year.

There are so many claims against every dollar that it pays to take plenty of time to discuss family goals and to decide which ones head the list. If your family is like most of them, you will have to make some choices. You can't have everything. But everyone in the family will feel better about over and considered what is most important.

You can't ignore necessities, of course, whether you call it "planning a budget" or "figuring a way to get money for a trip." You will have to consider rent and fuel and groceries, a new overcoat for father and a snow suit for Jimmy.



WATCHING OVER CLEO—Sunny Hill's Queen, right, watches over her calf, Sunny Hill's Grand National Cleopatra, at the Cow Palace in San Francisco, Calif., during the Grand National Livestock Show. Cleo, 11 hours and 55 minutes old when her picture was taken, was the center of attraction for the kiddies at the show.

Hens Lay Better When Rid Of Lice

Hens can spend more time laying when they can stop scratching lice and mites, says Dr. C. H. Cunningham, Michigan State College poultry disease specialist.

To avoid trouble this winter, he advises control of the pests in the fall. Lice and mites usually multiply rapidly during cold weather and quickly infest the poultry and laying house.

Control of body lice can be done by dusting chickens with sodium fluoride or a five per cent DDT powder. If you use sodium fluoride, be sure to wear a respirator or a piece of damp cloth over your mouth and nose. Release the birds into the open air as soon as they have been treated.

If you use a DDT treatment for lice, it may be repeated in three or four weeks if the first dusting does not kill all of them.

The other pest, the red or roost mite, is too small to be seen easily, but large numbers of them can cause a bird to be unthrifty, weak from loss of blood, and restless on the roost.

For red mites, painting the roosts with nicotine sulfate is very effective. You can also help control them by spraying the litter, roosts, and nests with a 10 per cent solution of cresol.

Check and double-check measurements before you buy material for draperies, advise home furnishings specialists at Michigan State College. Use a yardstick for measuring the windows — a tape measure of ten stretches. Take the measurements from the top of the rod to the length desired — sill, edge of apron or floor. Add sufficient length for the heading, casing and hems.

Crops and Soils

By Fred Bettel, Asst. County Agent

Reed's Canary Grass is a hardy, coarse, leafy perennial grass which tends to grow in dense bunches and spreads underground by creeping root stalks. It makes its best growth on fertile, moist, swampy soils and is especially suited to swampy locations or lands which frequently overflow.

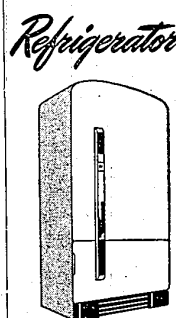
An early spring seeding is preferred along with a generous application from 300 to 400 pounds of an 0-9-27 fertilizer. In event that you were unable to plant your Reed's Canary Grass last spring or early, this fall, late fall seedings can be made at this time and the seed will not start germination and growth until early next spring.

Reed's Canary Grass should be sown from four to six pounds per acre. New seedling should not be pastured or cut the first season because the plants establish themselves slowly.

During winter months when cows spend more time indoors, it's wise to keep their bodies free from caked mud, chaff, manure, dust and loose hairs. Michigan State College dairymen say this is important in keeping down the bacteria count of the milk.

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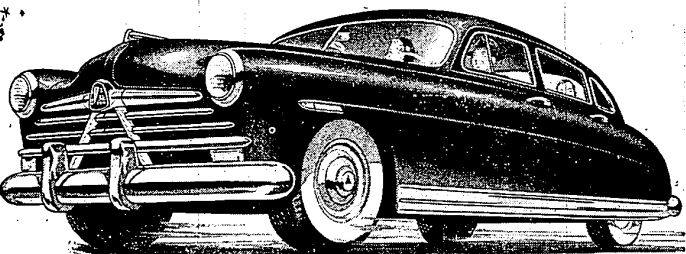
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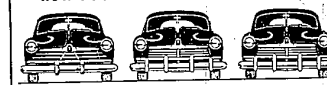
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