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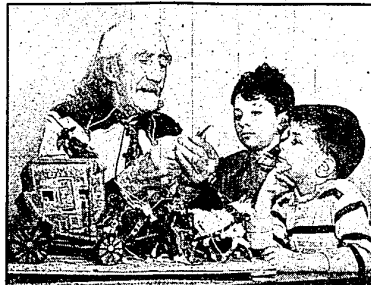
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## Dairy Production Of State Herds Revealed

At 15 of the state institutions maintaining dairy herds, according to Alton B. Clark, Coordinator, Bureau of Institutional Farms and Herds, Michigan Department of Agriculture, 1159 cows produced 1,291,024.7 pounds of milk during November. This compares with 1208 cows for the same month in 1948 that produced 1,256,290.1 pounds of milk. This production represents 1.4 pounds of milk per capita for all of the people in the institutions.

During the month 17 bulls and 61 surplus females were sold from the institution herds. Twelve of the institutions maintained poultry flocks totaling 9173 laying hens which produced 161,853 eggs, according to Clark's report. This compared with 9345 laying hens which produced 158,532 eggs during the same month last year. The state institutions having dairy herds are Girls' Training School at Adrian, Caro State Hospital, Coldwater State Home and Training School, Michigan State Sanatorium, Howell; Ionia State Hospital; Michigan Reformatory, Ionia; State Prison of Southern Michigan, Jackson; Kalamazoo State Hospital; Lapeer State Home and Training School; Mt. Pleasant State Home and Training School; State House of Correction and Branch Prison, Marquette; Newberry State Hospital; Pontiac State Hospital; Traverse City State Hospital; and Ypsilanti State Hospital.

A pure affection, concealing, forgetting self, forgiving wrongs and forestalling them, should swell the lyre of human love.



**LAST PONY EXPRESS RIDER**—"Broncho" Charlie Miller, last of the pony express riders in the U. S., fascinates Russell Messer, 4, right, and Fred Ferro, 8, with tales of the old West and a look at his own model stagecoach. Kids dropped in at his New York home to help the old frontiersman celebrate his 100th birthday.

## SOIL CONSERVATION STORY TO BE TOLD AT FARMERS' WEEK

Ten years of working together to establish soil conservation practices will highlight the soil conservation program to be held on Thursday, February 2, of Farmers' Week at Michigan State College. A group of farmers living near Bostwick Lake in Kent County will tell how for the past ten years they have reduced water and wind erosion and increased crop yields through soil conservation practices. Of interest to farmers from the "heavy" soil areas will be a discussion of soil conservation problems on Michigan's heavy flat lands. Water management and soil structure of these lands will be featured.

A panel discussion led by Arthur Blauch of the MSC agricultural economics department, will consider the question, "Is More Emphasis on Soil Conservation by Farmers Justified in Light of Mounting Crop Surpluses?" A group of Michigan rural people will take part in the program.

## Dry Storage Best For Fertilizer

If you have your next year's fertilizer supply or expect delivery soon, you'll want to heed the storage hints given by MSC soil scientists.

They advise storing fertilizer sacks only in a barn or some other dry building that has flooring off the ground. With earth or concrete floors, put fertilizer on blocks or boards.

If sacks are of burlap, keep piles close together to reduce circulation of air. Caking can be reduced by piling sacks only seven or eight high. Keep broken bags separate from the main pile since loose fertilizer soaks up moisture faster than that in the bag.

## Calcium Needed For Egg Shells

Since an egg shell is largely calcium carbonate, hens must have plenty of this mineral.

One of her sources of calcium is the feed which she receives each day. The other is the calcium that is present in her bones.

Hens get a big part of their calcium from the laying mash, but a hopper of oyster shells or other calcium carrying material should be kept before the hen so she will be sure of an adequate supply.

There is often as much independence in not being led, as in not being driven.

## PMA Conducts Corn Survey

Corn growers in Oakland County were urged last week to cooperate fully with Production Marketing Administration community committees who are now conducting a survey of farms throughout the county. Walter R. Cook, Chairman of the County PMA committee, said that the committees are already at work gathering reports of corn acreage during the past 3 years.

These reports will be used to establish individual farm acreage allotments for 1950 if corn allotments should be announced by the Secretary of Agriculture. The allotments would be based generally on the farm's corn acreage history for 1947, 1948 and 1949.

"Any farmer who operates a farm which produced corn in any of the years 1947, 1948 or 1949, should contact the county PMA office if he is not visited by a committee member within the next few days, Mr. Cook said.

"If any farmer will be producing corn in 1950 on a farm where no corn was planted during the period 1947, 1948 or 1949, he should file a written request for a corn acreage allotment with the county PMA office. The last date for filing such a request is January 20, 1950."

As allotments have been announced for the 1950 corn crop, they will apply to every corn farm in Oakland County.

The survey is particularly important, according to Mr. Cook, because the new price support law directs that price supports on the 1950 corn crop be set at 50 per cent of parity of cooperators.

Whenever corn supplies at the beginning of the marketing year exceed normal by more than 20 per cent, corn marketing quotas, as well as acreage allotment, must be proclaimed. Quotas may not be put into effect, however, unless at least two-thirds of the growers voting in a referendum approve their use.

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## Farmer Reports Fight With Arctic Owl

One of the arctic owls forced south from the Canadian tundra in search of food hit a cherry farm near Traverse City at the wrong time — the bird not only failed to get in a tit with farm owner Celia Carroll.

According to her report to conservation department representative Ebb Warren: "I was crossing a field when I saw this enormous bird, which at first I thought was an eagle. The bird kept coming straight at me, diving when within 50 feet. It came so close I threw up my arms for protection and ran for the house. By the time I had my shotgun out the owl had started for the woods. I did get in a couple of shots but managed to only rattle its feathers. The arctic owl was white as paper and must have had a wingspread of at least six feet."

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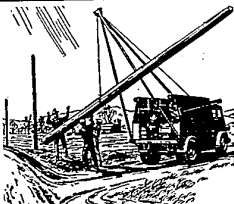
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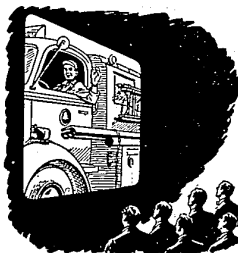


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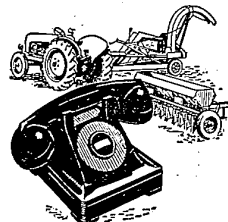
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### THE FARMER AND THE TELEPHONE

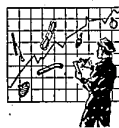
If you made a list of the equipment that helps the Michigan farmer work his farm efficiently, more probably, you'd undoubtedly include the telephone. For the telephone is one of the world's greatest time-savers . . . and time is money on the farm. The telephone is important for ordering supplies from town, getting the latest market prices, selling, or simply talking over mutual problems with friends and neighbors. It's easy to see how a telephone on the farm is worth a lot more than it costs.



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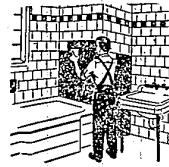


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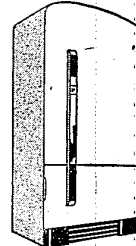
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