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### GAME MEN TO FOLLOW RELEASED HEN PHEASANTS

Pheasant hunters operating in certain areas next fall are going to be bagging releases of genetically wild and regular game farm cocks which the conservation department will have a special interest in checking.

Some 2500 males to be hatched and segregated at the state game farm at Mason, offspring of wild parents which were live-trapped last year, will be tagged and released along with a like number of regular game farm cocks. Purpose is to uncover possible deficiencies of game farm stock.

With exception of the Dansville state game area, releasing locations have not been named as yet. Game men will follow the two groups of hens from the start of the nesting process. They will compare breeding behavior, hatching dates and other relevant factors, but will depend on hunter band returns for the all-important survival check of offspring.

Project actually commenced last year with the trapping of 190 hens from the Thumb area. They were mated with a wild strain of males. Eggs from these wild females were hatched and the broods were raised separately from game farm youngsters. Game workers had only 400 second generation male young to release with an equal number of regular farm stock prior to the 1949 hunting season. Consequently the number of leg band returns is expected to be insufficient to provide reliable information.

Pheasants have resisted domestication through the years. Hunter report card returns have indicated only one in 10 of the game farm cocks released are reported shot. Recognizing the fact that many hunters do not report banded birds shot, game biologists still believe more than one-third of the released birds are bagged.

### Can Fill Nutrition Needs With Economical Meals

In planning your family's meals around the basic seven food groups you will find some fairly abundant and relatively inexpensive selections in each group.

Some suggestions for the leafy green and yellow vegetable group are made by Winston Osborn, Michigan State College home economist. You need at least one serving daily from this group. Carrots will give more than enough for one day's vitamin A needs for adults and children. Green beans give about one-fifth of one day's needs. Winter squash gives about four-fifths of a day's needs. These recommendations are based on one serving. Second servings from this group will add to the vitamin A requirements.

"First-Footing," a Scottish custom, means that the first person to visit you on New Year's Day must bring a bottle and give you a drink for good luck.

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Foster Hickey

Foster Hickey of Fairgrove, Michigan, whose wheat was judged best in Michigan at the recent State Show, is shown with a sample of his grain and the Philip W. Pillsbury trophy which he won for his achievement.

Hickey, who farms 480 acres in Tuscola county, exhibited a sample of Yorkwin soft white winter wheat. He already has five trophies which were won at previous grain shows.

The winning sample of wheat, as well as that of the second place winner, John Wilk of Alma, Michigan, will be entered in a national wheat contest to Minneapolis later this year, where trophies and cash prizes and an all-expense trip to Minneapolis will be offered.

### Seven Midwestern Study Grants Given

Seven scholars began new research and writing projects last week under a \$5,055 fund approved by a Michigan State College committee administering a \$20,000 grant from the Rockefeller Foundation, New York.

The grants bring to \$7,655 the total allocated for the study since inception of the long-term project in July, 1949, according to Dean Lloyd C. Kinnison, chairman of the committee.

Selected in the second group were: Dr. R. H. Pierce, Ohio State University; Dr. Richard S. Current, Mills College, Oakland, California; Dr. Albert H. Markwardt, University of Michigan; Dr. John P. McCormick, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri; Jackson E. Towne, MSC librarian; and Clyde E. Hansen and Dr. Bernard J. Duffy, both of the MSC department of literature and fine arts.

Cool equipment and cool ingredients help to make a tender, flaky pie crust. Handle pastry quickly and after mixing, let the pastry stand five minutes. Then shape it into a ball, using as few motions as possible, suggest Michigan State College home economists.

While beavers are not uncommon in southern Michigan, few families are known to maintain a household along side a well-traveled highway. State game biologists spotted one lodge, at least a year old, adjacent to U. S. 12, four miles east of Galesburg in Kalamazoo county.



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### STOVES CAN BE KEPT LIKE NEW WITH RIGHT CARE

Do you know how to keep your electric range looking like new even though it may be several years old? It can be done with proper care, advises Evelyn Zwemer, who teaches home management at Michigan State College.

Electric ranges finished in synthetic enamel or porcelain enamel require an occasional washing in warm soapy water. It is not advisable to wash the porcelain enamel when the range is hot. It will crack or check the enamel. Chromium-plated parts require only washing, drying and rubbing with a soft cloth.

When an acid, such as vinegar or lemon juice, is accidentally spilled on the enamel surface, wipe it off immediately with a damp cloth. Although progress has been made in producing acid-resistant porcelain enamels, acids should be removed as soon as the oven has cooled, using a mild abrasive if necessary. It is a good practice to wipe out the oven with a damp cloth after baking or roasting, since greasy deposits will become burned on the lining and are difficult to remove.

Even shelf supports and heat distributors, if they are removable, may be taken out and washed with soap and water. Spilled food should be removed as soon as the oven has cooled, using a mild abrasive if necessary. It is a good practice to wipe out the oven with a damp cloth after baking or roasting, since greasy deposits will become burned on the lining and are difficult to remove.

Michigan State College will originate four short programs on research in the field of home economics for the American Broadcasting company starting February 11. The broadcasts will be heard on the American Farmer program.

### MSC Tells of New Broadcast Series

The first of the series, to run on consecutive weeks, will tell what home management research has done for the homemaker. Dr. Irma P. Gross, head of this department at Michigan State College, will discuss research done at the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station and at other land grant colleges.

Programs are broadcast at 12:30 p.m. each Saturday but some stations carry the American Farmer at a later hour. Interested listeners may refer to radio program listings for the time of the American Farmer program in their locality.

It's hard for a cow to keep up production when standing around in a cold rain or snow. The cow that has to break a skin of ice before she can drink won't be very interested in producing milk, says Michigan State College dairy-men.

### Great Lakes Water Levels Take Upward Turn

January Great Lakes levels inched upward with exception of Lake Superior, according to U. S. Lake Survey report received by the Conservation Department.

Lake Superior lowered .13 of a foot from the December measurement while gains were registered in Lakes Michigan - Huron, .06 of a foot; St. Clair, .46; Erie, .78; and Ontario, .61 of a foot.

In spite of the upward fluctuation, Michigan - Huron mean levels are the lowest since 1938. Seasonal upturn is to be expected, but ordinarily comes later in the year.

January mean levels above sea level are Superior, 602.25 feet; Michigan - Huron, 578.34; St. Clair, 574.42; Erie, 571.79; and Ontario, 545.22 feet.

Michigan ground water levels showed a definite recovery from the all time low recorded last November, but test well gauges in north central Michigan still are below the 10-year average of 2.18 feet for January. Conservation department hydrologists report an average ground water stage of 1.34 feet, a rise of .24 of a foot over December readings.

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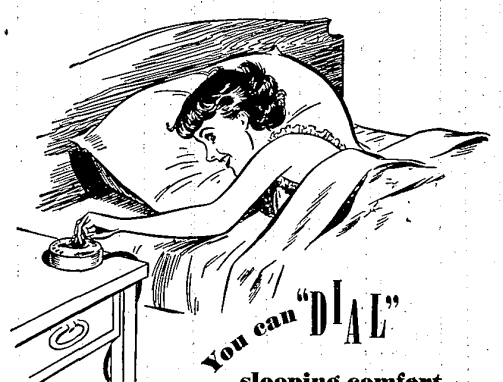
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