

# NEW FARM ACCOUNT BOOKS AVAILABLE AT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL OFFICE NOW

Horrors of January! The Oakland County Extension Office is well supplied with Income Tax Instructions Bulletins put out by the Michigan State College Agricultural Economics Department. These bulletins are available free to farmers who desire them. They will be mailed to anyone who wants to drop a card to the Oakland County Extension Service, 1250 West Boulevard, Pontiac.

Information in the bulletin gives farmers a lot of clues as to proper procedures in making out Form 1040F and 1040A. All necessary tables and charts are included. Of a special interest in the bulletin is the use of Schedule D (another income tax form) which is thoroughly explained.

The new Farmer's Account Book, published by Michigan State College, uses Expense and Receipt headings as found on Form 1040F.

To save a lot of trouble next year, now is the time to obtain one of these Account books. Your local bank may have a supply — if not, we would be able to furnish one to you at a very nominal cost from the Oakland County Extension Office.

## HANDLE WITH CARE

A farmer who sees his neighbor manhandling or mishandling livestock on his way to market has a right to take offense — because it is costing them both money, according to Michigan State College meat specialists. Average losses from bruised animals lower the packinghouse price for all. Farm-ers might find it profitable to organize a National Handle-Animals-With-Care Club.

Pasturing of winter wheat this winter and spring is not recommended in most Michigan areas.

# FARM NEWS

## MSC Station WKAR Gets Safety Award

Michigan State College's radio station, WKAR-AM-FM, has been selected as one of two educational stations in the nation to receive the National Safety Council's Public Interest Award for exceptional service to farm safety.

The award commended WKAR's work in the field of farm safety by the station's use of farm safety notes, broadcasting special farm safety announcements, and making special tape recordings on farm safety for distribution to commercial stations.

The other educational radio station to receive an award was KUOM, St. Paul, Minnesota, the University of Minnesota station. Thirteen commercial stations also received awards including WHPB, St. Joseph, Michigan.

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**BABY BEEF TRIO**—So rare they are born only once in every 600,000 bovine births, triplet Aberdeen Angus calves line up for Willard Hearn of Tipton, Tenn. The calves starred at the International Livestock Show in Chicago as the main attraction.

## Crops Specialist Advises Buying Certified Oat Seed For Best Yield

Farm-to-farm salesmen, selling seed oats at high prices for out-of-state companies, are operating in Michigan, according to reports received by Stuart C. Hildebrand, farm crops extension specialist at Michigan State College.

These "new" varieties may be practically unknown or unadapted to Michigan. They may sell for more money than Michigan-proved varieties that yield as well or better, farmers are advised by Hildebrand. He is secretary of the Michigan Crop Improvement Association.

Great performance claims are made for these "new" varieties but the quoted tests were in other states or countries — not by the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station. Prices are exorbitant when compared to Michigan-grown certified seed, the best in the state for varietal purity.

"For instance, one variety being sold is Nemah," explained Hildebrand. "Yield tests in Michigan in 1950 and 1951 show Nemah will run two-to-five bushels less per acre than the Clinton variety. Nemah is more suited to Kansas and Nebraska."

"If Nemah seed is being sold, there is no point in buying it — at higher prices — in preference to Clinton. The two varieties are sisters, very similar in all respects, including yield and test weight. We have known Nemah as New York Clinton."

Hildebrand recommends that Michigan farmers seeking the best oat yield and the greatest economy in seed insist on performance records that apply to Michigan conditions. Plant Michigan-recommended varieties. Clinton and Eaton oats still have the best records in most locations; Kent performs well in some areas and on

light soils; Bonham does well in northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula; Bonda is Michigan-recommended even though not certified.

The best bet, according to Hildebrand, is to patronize your local elevator or seed dealer. He will have seed of recommended varieties at reasonable prices. The farm crops specialist urges that it pays to use Michigan certified seed.

Better dairy herd management is the first treatment for mastitis.

## BANKS OFFER SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COURSES

Bank scholarships for eight-week agriculture and home economics short courses starting January 12 at Michigan State College will be awarded in many counties about January 1. Interested youths or their parents can obtain full details from their county agricultural extension office.

The cost of room, board, tuition and books will run about \$170 for an eight-week course. Students with satisfactory grades may transfer the credits, if they wish, to a regular four-year college course.

## CODDLE CONCRETE

Concrete sets up more slowly in cold weather and may freeze before setting. In freezing weather, reminds Charles N. Hinkle, Michigan State College agricultural engineer, it will pay to warm gravel, sand and water separately and cover concrete laid outdoors for four or five days with canvas or straw.

Weed seed, organic matter and mixed varieties in cheap seed can undo a big part of the summer's work, warned MSC farm crops specialists.

## Spear Fishing Season To Open January 1

The general spearing season for ice fishermen will get under way January 1 and will remain open through February on most inland waters, the conservation department announces.

Each year, the popular spearing season draws large numbers of anglers seeking northern pike, muskellunge, lake trout, and many other species, all listed in the 1953 fish law digest. The digest is now available through license dealers.



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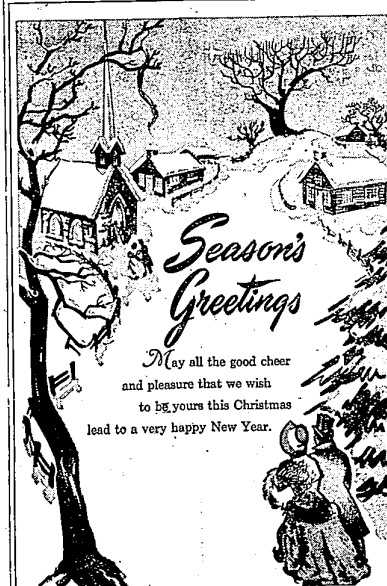


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