

## Right Type Of Seed Insures Good Lawn

The secret of a good lawn this spring lies among other things in the type of seed that is planted, stress Michigan State College scientists.

Suited to Michigan climate are Kentucky bluegrass, red fescue or rough bluegrass, point out James Tyron, soil scientist, and Buford Griebel, botanist and plant pathologist. These varieties can be planted without a nurse grass

such as redtop or domestic ryegrass, but the average lawn-grower will get better results with a nurse grass. A white clover mixture is also good.

Their new Cooperative Extension Service bulletin E-224, "Growing Beautiful Lawns," is available from county agricultural agents or by writing to the Bulletin Office, Department of Information Services, Michigan State College.

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## FARM NEWS

HOLSTEIN HERD  
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TOPS PRODUCTION

One of the outstanding herds of the country, from the standpoint of milk production, is the Holstein herd owned by the Lapeer State Home and Training School, according to D. Dale Ball, coordinator of State Institutional Farms, Michigan Department of Agriculture. Last year 33 cows in this herd had each produced more than 100,000 pounds of milk in their lifetime. The average size of the group of cows was 11 years and 11 months.

Fifteen of these cows are daughters of King Bessie Plus, 11th, and a prize daughter of Sir Pansy Pearl Ormsby. Both of these animals were former herd sires, which shows the breeding value of good proven sires.

The top record of these 33 cows was 154,332 pounds of milk produced by Michom Lady Farming. The average dairy cow in Michigan produces less than 30,000 pounds of milk in her lifetime. Each of these cows produced between three and four times that of the average Michigan dairy cow.

Of 127 cows in Michigan receiving awards for 100,000 pounds of milk production in 1952, fifty-nine of these cows were from state institutional herds.

## BEE-GEE

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Annual Michigan Livestock Exchange  
Meeting In Lansing This Week End

The 31st annual meeting of the Michigan Livestock Exchange will be held in the Hotel Olds in Lansing Saturday, March 14, starting at 10:00 a.m. Arthur J. Ingold, president, announces that over 800 Michigan livestock producers are expected to attend the 1953 event.

Thirteen official delegates were selected at the local district meeting to represent the 535 consignors from Oakland County. The officers of this group are President Lucius Lyon of Milford, vice-president Alfred Hank of Wixom and secretary Allen McCrovy of South Lyon.

R. H. Walton, Michigan Livestock Exchange manager, states that an outstanding program has been arranged. Speakers of national prominence will appear on the daytime session. This will include P. G. Wilson, manager of the National Livestock Producers Association; Charles Flyg, director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture; Jack Yeager, executive secretary of the Michigan Farm Bureau; and Dale Butz of the Michigan State College Agricultural Economics department.

A program of special interest to the ladies will be highlighted in the afternoon under the chairmanship of Mrs. Harry Whitaker, state chairman of the Michigan Farm Bureau Women. V. B. Bligher of the department of meat merchandising of the National Livestock and Meat Board will present a demonstration, "New Ideas with Meat," and W. R. Cumming, manager of the Indianapolis Producers Marketing Association, will discuss the ladies' part in problems of livestock marketing.

Following the business and education sessions, a banquet is planned again this year with several outstanding professional acts as

Grass Fires Harm Soil,  
No Advantage To Farmer

By W. E. BOSSERMAN  
Assistant County Agent.

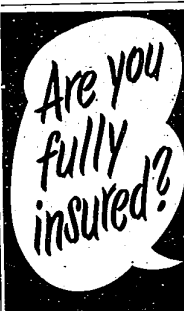
Each year about this time, I make it a point to write an article warning against grass fires and, each year after I write the article, I still see many people destroying nature's good organic matter by careless burning of grass.

An example of the damage that is done by the grass by burning is exemplified by an incident which I observed two years ago. A piece of grass had been burned and, as usually is the case, a definite line made where the burning stopped. The latter part of June of that year I noticed that where the grass had not been burned, it was two to three inches taller than where it had been burned.

Here are a few disadvantages of burning grass: It destroys organic matter, injures the grass roots thereby giving more freedom for weeds to grow, and is dangerous where it burns near trees as it injures the bark so that the tree is killed.

Some false advantages are: that it destroys weed seeds, which does not because the weed seeds are already shattered and fallen to the ground and are protected; destroys unsightly dead grass — the unsightly dead grass acts as a mulch, conserving moisture for the present year's growth of grass, so DO NOT BURN GRASS!

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Testimony On Regulation  
To Be Heard March 12

A hearing will be held by the Michigan Department of Agriculture in the Pontiac Hotel, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on Thursday, March 12, to discuss the ruling of the Michigan Department of Agriculture that all red tart cherries sold for processing must be graded.

The man whose misadventures as a "male war bride" are familiar to millions, is a native of Antwerp, Belgium. A broadly educated man, he planned to become a college professor and studied in Belgium, France, Germany and America. At the present time as an American citizen, he lives in New Jersey, writing novels and articles on foreign politics. He is in great demand as a speaker and teacher and frequently appears on radio and television programs. Because of his intimate knowledge, repeated visits and constant contacts with sources of information in 27 countries, he serves various businesses as a consultant on international affairs.

The hearing will be for the purpose of hearing testimony on whether the regulation should remain as now written, or whether changes should be made in it.

The regulation was promulgated by the department in the spring of 1952 following request from both growers and processors.

The regulation makes it unlawful to sell red tart cherries for processing unless such cherries have been graded by Federal-State inspectors.

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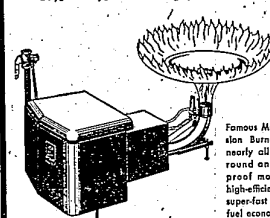
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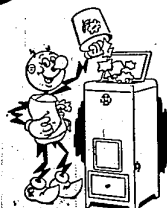
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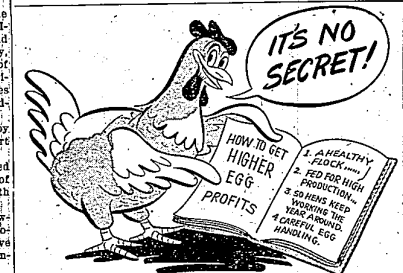
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## Poor State Corn Land Hurts Average, Profits

Michigan could cut off one-fourth of its corn acreage and boost average yields on the other three-fourths for a bigger total corn yield and more profit, says Dr. Lloyd M. Turk, Michigan State College soil scientist.

Poor soil, poor drainage, too much dry, eroding land and growth of corn in areas where the season is normally too short cuts Michigan's average. It was 37.5 bushels per acre for the past 12 years, including the unusual 50-bushel average in a rare corn season in 1952.

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