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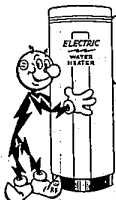
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**FARM NEWS****SOIL LABORATORY
BUSY SINCE MARCH,
SAYS AGENT ALCHIN**

By ED ALCHIN
County Agricultural Agent

The Oakland County Soil Test-
ing Laboratory has been working to
full capacity since the first of
March. This indicates that farm-
ers are indeed making a big step
in the right direction in determin-
ing their fertilizer needs.

The laboratory has been run-
ning 100 samples a week for about
six weeks at this time and we ex-
pect to continue at the same
pace until after corn planting. The
laboratory can inform farmers how
much and what kind of fertiliz-
ers to apply, since we can test for
phosphorus and potash and make
recommendations as to the
analysis of fertilizer best suited
and how much to apply to keep
the soil content up to normal level.
We also test for lime.

Most tests indicate that gener-
ally Oakland County farms are low
in phosphorus and medium in
potash where the soil has a clay
content. In the more sandy soils,
it seems to be low in both phos-
phorus and potash. I believe it
would really pay to have your
soil tested if you have not done
so. One good method to use is to
test those fields that you are going
to put small grain on each year.
Then in four or five years you will
have tested every field on the farm.

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SPRING AND FALL,
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**Modern Tillage Methods Needed
For Best Results From The Soil**

Farm equipment has become
modernized while tillage methods
are often still in the "horse and
buggy days", claims John R. Gut-
tay, research soil scientist at Mi-
chigan State College.

When there was horse power on
the farm, land needed more work-
ing, or at least farmers thought
it did, to get a firm seedbed for
good soil and seed contact. This
usually meant four or five trips
over a field.

Today, the same number of op-
erations with a tractor — or more,
it's so much easier — causes a
light compact soil with just about
every square inch of ground pro-
ved under heavy tractor wheels. The
result is poorer yields than ex-
pected.

Proper seedbed preparation is
one of the most important steps
in good soil management. Excess
working destroys soil granules,
hastens the "burning up" of or-
ganic matter and makes more wa-
ter loss through evaporation, Gut-
taway explains.

Many farmers plow today with
tractors at a much earlier date
than they would have in the
"horse" days, adds the soil scien-
tist. Horses would have tired
trying to plow such wet ground.

Very sandy soils can be plowed
at almost any moisture level, he
admits.

"The thing to remember, says
Guttaway, is that experiments have
proved that very little tillage is
needed after a good job of plow-
ing."

After plowing, the main job is
to smooth soil enough to aid plant-
ing. This can be done by pulling
a spike-tooth harrow — set shal-
low or a similar implement be-
hind the plow. In this way, it's
all done in one operation.

If plowing was done at the
right time, it's time to plant, im-
mediately. Guttaway recommends
following a practice of plowing
only as much as you can plant in
one day. This uses the soil mois-
ture to greatest advantage.

For late-planted crops, such as
beans, it may be risky to delay
plowing until planting time, cau-
tions Guttaway. Growing vegeta-
tion may exhaust the soil water. In
this case, it may be necessary to
plow earlier, still using a leveling
device behind the plow. Then,
just before planting, use some tillage
implement moderately, he
points out, to get rid of weeds.

Forget the "horse and buggy"
methods when you're using trac-
tors. Wait until the ground is
ready and you're ready — then till
fast, good and as little as neces-
sary. The yields will show it pays.

4-H Clubs To Sponsor
Two Achievement Days

The Oakland County 4-H Clubs
are jointly sponsoring an Achieve-
ment Day, which will be held in
Pontiac on April 24 and 25 at
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completed by club members dur-
ing the winter months.

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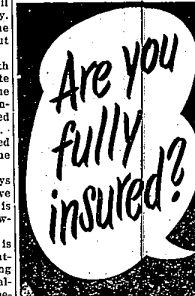
**MSC Experiment Station
Seeks Identical Calves**

There is need for some more
identical twin heifer calves for re-
search work of the Michigan Agri-
cultural Experiment Station,
points out Dr. Carl F. Huffman,
Michigan State College, dairy re-
search specialist.

Any farmer that has this one-
set-in about 2,000-births visit to
his farm should contact the Dairy
Department, Michigan State Col-
lege, and a representative will
come to see about buying the
calves.

The twins must be identical, Dr.
Huffman notes, for checking of re-
search data, especially in feeding.
The college has some sets, one set
having been given to the college
recently. The college wants heifers
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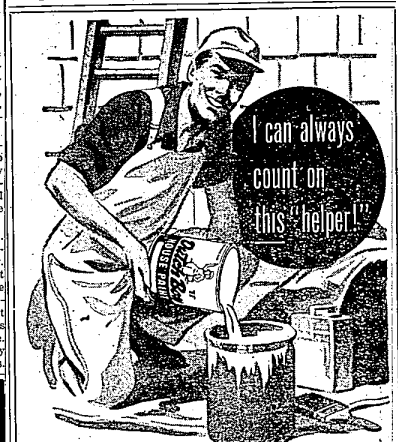
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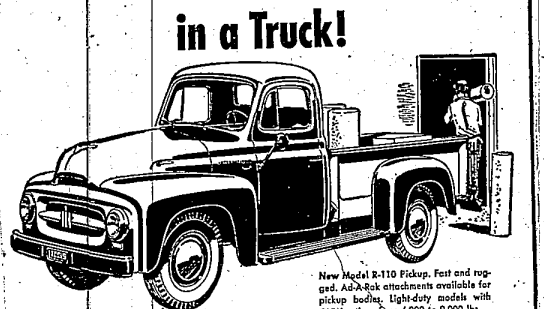
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