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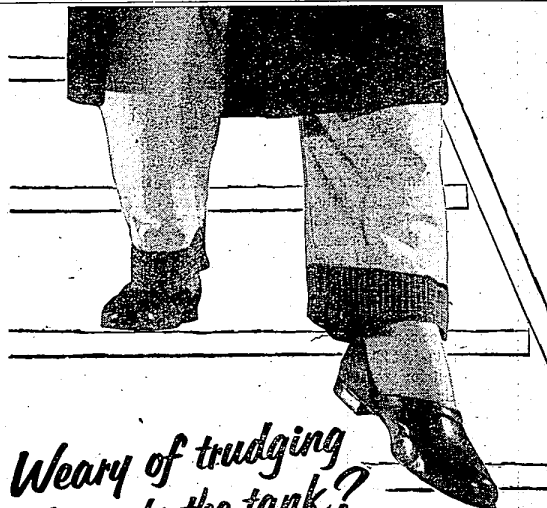
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FARM NEWS**Correct Practices Given
For Best Potato Yield**

It's early yet for planting potatoes but not too early to make those plans on how you will get 100 bushels of potatoes per acre. Some pointers passed along by those who are producing 400 bushels every year are:

Plant potatoes before June 1. However, the soil must be warm or the seed will rot. Sometime during the month of May is a good time to plant your potatoes.

Most growers used certified seed, and planted 21 bushels per acre. They spaced the potatoes 13 inches in the row and the rows 34 to 36 inches apart.

The average amount of commercial fertilizer was 750 pounds per acre of 4-16-16, 3-12-12, or 4-16-8. Eight fungicide sprays were applied and four insecticide sprays. Their average yield was 500 bushels per acre.

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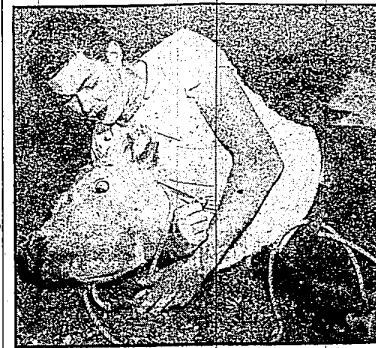
A delicate, soft meringue will be fluffy, tender, fine textured and it will stand in soft peaks that become golden brown when baked, remind you of home economists. The most satisfactory proportion of sugar to egg for such a meringue is two tablespoons of sugar per egg white.

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COWED CALF—Gene Haslett of Mariposa County, Calif., is declared the winner in a calf scramble. The youth, a member of the Future Farmers of America, subdued the animal at the Junior Grand National Livestock Exposition in San Francisco, Calif.

**Growers Urged To Supply Data
On Wheat For PMA Commitment**

Wheat growers were urged this week to have necessary information on hand when their county committees call on them in the near future. Their help is urgently needed to bring farm-program records up to date, in preparation for possible acreage allotments and marketing quotas on the 1954 wheat crop.

This appeal follows a recent announcement by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson that the U. S. Department of Agriculture would immediately start the preliminary work necessary in case production and marketing controls are required for the next wheat crop.

According to Walter R. Cook, chairman of the County PMA Committee, certain information from farmers is absolutely necessary in order to do a sound administrative job of setting equitable acreage allotments for individual farms. Farm allotments will be determined by the County PMA Committee, with the assistance of the

**Don't Work Wet Soil,
County Agent Advises**

By ED ALCHIN
County Agricultural Agent

In making farm calls around the county over the past couple of weeks, I have observed farmers out in fields trying to plow or harrow land that was just too wet to be worked. Experience tells us that soils, especially those with some clay content, can have their structure ruined by cultivation and running heavy machinery over it when it has a high moisture content. If your soil plows up chunky and is hard to work, one of the primary causes is probably working it when it's too wet.

Selecting an oat variety at this late date may be important in the long run. Early maturing varieties such as Eaton may be best since it may beat the hot, dry weather in forming grain in the heads. If the only reason for planting oats is to get a seedling, at this late date, I would leave the oats and just seed it.

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**NEW PROGRAM
WILL FURNISH
MORE FARM AID**

Farmers in five Michigan townships are going to get even more help from agricultural agents than they have in the past.

D. B. Varner, director of the state's Cooperative Extension Service, said assistant county agents will be hired in widely distributed townships for the experimental program. They will work with the regularly assigned agents in the counties where the townships are located.

Director Varner said the program is designed to determine how much agricultural efficiency can result from a more intensive application of scientific findings which the extra agents will help carry to the farmer. A complete survey will be made of agriculture within the townships accepted for the program before the work is started. Then, at the end of five years, another survey will determine what advances have been made in increased efficiency and income.

Farm advisors working with a relatively small number of people, Varner believes, will step up farmers' use of proved results of research. Studies show there is a lag of 10 to 15 years between the release of scientific knowledge and its general application by farmers.

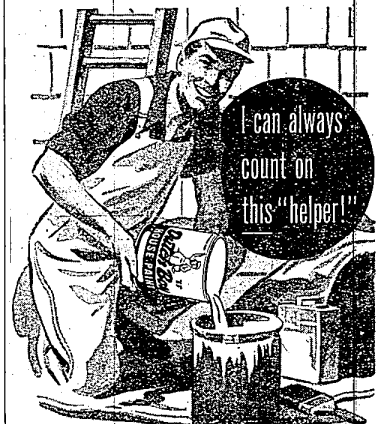
With the rapid increase in population and the limited acreage available for increased production, Varner indicated, such a time lag might prove disastrous during the next 20 years.

**Michigan Schedules 124
County Fairs This Year**

Starting with the opening of the state's fiscal year on July 1, 124 fairs and shows are scheduled to be held in the state, according to Clarence L. Bolander, Michigan Department of Agriculture.

As usual, the first fair of the season will be at Lake Odessa on July 3 and 4. Other fairs of interest to persons in this area are the Oakland County 4-H Agricultural Association Fair in Pontiac on July 11 to 15; and the Wayne County 4-H Fair Association, on Quirk Road, Belleville, July 11 to 16.

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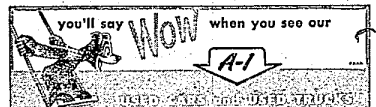
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