

### Bunny Colony Falters On Michigan Island

Cottontail rabbits will again be protected on Beaver Island this fall, but conservation department game men are not optimistic about their future there.

Though protected from hunting during the last three years, cottontails on the island have failed to increase.

A colony of 57 rabbits, live-trapped in southern Michigan, was released on the island in 1950 to see if the animals could take hold.

Biologists say that food and cover conditions on the island, considerably different from those of cottontail rabbits are accustomed to, probably have served to limit growth of the bunny colony.



### From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

#### It's Fine To Be Fooled - Sometimes

Handy Peters entertained for the ladies of the Auxiliary the other night—and had the ladies believing for a while that he's the best marksmen ever.

Handy put on a great act. He set up a whole bunch of balloons on a muslin backdrop and then took out his pea-shooter. He shot blindfolded, standing on his head, every which way—and broke a balloon every time.

No wonder Handy impressed the ladies. What they didn't know—till the show's end—was that Buck Mulligan was hiding be-

hind the backdrop improving on Handy's aim with a hatpin.

From where I sit, we all get things "put over" on us now and again. When it's good-natured—fine! But, some folks would like to fool the rest of us into believing it's wrong to enjoy an occasional glass of beer—just because they prefer something else. For real American tolerance and neighborliness these people are simply "off target."

Joe Marsh

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# FARM NEWS

### 25-YEAR DAY BIDS VISITORS TO LAKE CITY

Potato farmers, turkey raisers, beef cattlemen and conservationists—all types of farmers from all over Michigan—will be heading for Lake City in Missaukee County on Wednesday, August 12.

The occasion will be an open house and field day to mark the 25th anniversary of the Lake City Experiment Station, operated by Michigan State College to find the answers to farm problems through field research.

Morning arrivals will take wagon tours of the station. Included in "stops" will be farm fish ponds, eye seedlings to control potato scab, brush control with chemicals, Hereford and Angus beef herds, loose-housing barns for livestock and experiments in conservation and grassland farming.

Farm wives visiting the station will find that Ashley Berridge, the superintendent all of the 25 years, has planned special exhibits and a program for them.

During the forenoon they will get suggestions on sprouting potatoes and meat and will see a demonstration of how to catch, clean, fillet and cook or smoke fish.

Here's an interesting way to cook beef liver. Dip slices of young beef liver in flour which has been seasoned with dry mustard and chili powder. Fry in shortening or bacon drippings until browned, four or five minutes per side. That's the advice of MSC home economists.

### State Farm Management Tour Slated For Saginaw County On August 6

Many Oakland County farmers are being hurt by falling farm prices. Farmers are finding that while prices of things they have to sell are going down, prices of things they buy aren't giving much. As a result, profits suffer all around, but some farmers are hurt worse than others.

Three farms which have shown a profit in good times and have been visited on the annual State Farm Management Tour. The state-wide tour will be held in Saginaw County on August 6. Farms to be visited will be typical family farms, and farms presented will be as applicable here in Oakland County as in Saginaw County.

Loren Black, Saginaw County Agricultural Agent, is general chairman of the tour. In announcing the tour Black said, "I feel that the tour will be a real opportunity for farm folks because we all know that efficient management of the farm business is becoming increasingly important every day."

Since drainage will make more efficient production possible on many Michigan farms, the tour will start with ailling demonstration at the John and Fred Sahr farms, 7 miles east of Saginaw, Mich. The Sahr's are heating the soil by keeping machinery costs low through joint ownership. They get high yields of beans, wheat and corn through the liberal use of fertilizer and green manure.

### Hay Yield Given Boost With Lime

About two million acres of legumes will be planted in Michigan this year and one-third of this acreage will probably fall, says a Michigan State College soils specialist.

The big reason for these seed failures is an acid soil condition, or lack of lime, according to E. D. Longnecker. He advises farmers to apply lime this summer or fall. Lime is just as effective for next spring's planting and there won't be the worry about getting it during the spring rush, he says.

If lime is applied in adequate amounts it will be effective for many years, Longnecker adds that soil tests are the only means of discovering whether the soil needs a lime application.

He reports that one ton of lime per acre to medium acid Avonring County soil raised the alfalfa hay yield 800 pounds per acre. The lime cost \$4.50 per acre to spread, but the alfalfa's value went up \$8 per acre, Longnecker estimates that return from the proper use of lime should be nearly ten times the cost.

Farmers can get soil tested by sampling their own fields with instructions available from county agents. The Production and Marketing Administration will do the job at no cost. Samples can be tested at laboratories in the counties or at M. S. C.

Order immediately when it is found out how much lime is needed, Longnecker advises. Orders can be placed through county agents, the PMA or directly with lime contractors.

### Store Wheat Right, Says County Agent

By ED ALCHIN  
County Agricultural Agent

Proper storage of wheat this year may be more important than ever since wheat may have to be kept in storage for a longer period of time than usual due to surpluses in storage the country over. Cleaning the bins properly and getting the proper moisture content when storing are important musts for farmers this year.

Sweep out, if possible, vacuum bins which grain is to be stored. If time allows, spray with methoxychlor, three tablespoons per gallon of water. Granary should dry thoroughly before grain is stored.

To check the moisture content in the field before combining use the salt test method. Take about one-half cup of wheat and one-fourth teaspoonful of salt, mix thoroughly in a paper cup and let stand one minute; pour out the mixture and if the salt is dry and unclumped, the wheat is below 14%. If clumped and sticking to the grain, then the wheat is over 14% and too damp for safe storage. Be sure not to start the combine before the dew is off in the morning or after dew falls in the evening. Do not leave warm grain in the bags in the field during the evening hours since moisture will collect on the bags.

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### FARM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- August 3 - 21, Michigan State College Summer School Course in Marketing Livestock and Meats
- August 6, State Farm Management Tour, Saginaw County.
- August 7 - 8, Michigan, Ohio and Indiana Beekeepers Meeting in Angola, Indiana.

### Wheat Vote Set For State Growers

About half of Michigan wheat farmers can vote Friday, August 14, on national wheat marketing quotas proclaimed by Secretary of Agriculture Benson.

Quotas will apply to farmers planting 15 or more acres of wheat this fall—and therefore, only they can vote, explains Clarence E. Prentice, Michigan State College farm economist. As extension marketing specialist who has been very close to the wheat situation for many months, Prentice was recommended, in mid-July to be state administrator for the new Michigan Production and Marketing Administration committee.

Secretary Benson has set the national wheat allotment for 1954 at 62 million acres—a reduction of 15.5 million acres. This 20% cut will be allocated to states and counties on basis of 10-year wheat production history, notes Prentice, with adjustments for unusual trends.

Michigan farmers will know, before they vote, their exact 1954 allotment, Prentice advises. Individual allotments will be based on the past two years' production. Michigan's exact allotment will be computed in Washington.

If two-thirds of the voting farmers favor quotas, the wheat price support will remain at 90 per cent of parity; if more than one-third vote "no" support will drop to 50 per cent for all farmers. Under quotas, excess production will carry a penalty of 45 per cent of the parity price. Without quotas, Prentice doubts that support prices would be effective.

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