



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

## Cream Whips Main Street Traffic

Big traffic jam in front of the office last week. Thought everybody in the county was coming in to buy *The Clarion*, but they weren't.

Seems a 5-gallon can full of Whitey Fisher's truck, spilling cream all over the street. Our cop on duty, Tiny Fields, the traffic so Whitey could pick up the can. Tiny was about to wave the cars on when a kitten ran out and started lapping up the cream.

Well, traffic piled up, but Tiny paid no heed. Light changed

green three times. After the kitten had enough, Tiny waved the traffic through.

From where I sit, this was just a "Tiny" demonstration of the way people in our town are. They're usually pretty considerate and tolerant. If one of our neighbors prefers a good glass of beer to his friend's coffee at dinner, it's just each to his own taste and everything's "smooth as cream" between them.

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## CORN PICKER A PICKPOCKET IF NOT ADJUSTED

A corn picker out of adjustment can pick your pockets of profits pronto, remind extension agricultural engineers at Michigan State College.

They advise that right now is a good time to make some of the pre-season adjustments to make the picker all set for harvest. If the machine is not in the right adjustment, you may take a loss of ten per cent of your corn crop. And a few hours of working on the corn harvester might save \$10 to \$15 hundred of corn per acre, they estimate.

Some of the parts to check for wear and adjustment include the husking bed, snapping rolls, the elevator, bearings, chains and slip clutches.

And, the engineers add, this is a good time to make a safety resolution for the corn harvest season: "I will never get off the tractor seat nor adjust the machine without first throwing the picker out of gear."

Beef will be plentiful in the markets during September — especially beef of the intermediate and lower grades from grass-fat animals from the range country. This meat is particularly well-suited to stews, pot roasts and the wide variety of dishes made from ground beef.

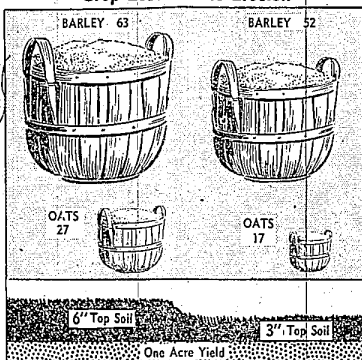


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## FARM NEWS

### Crop Loss Due to Erosion



When a field is losing topsoil, top yields are being lost too, a recent Wisconsin study reveals. On a one acre testing plot as much as 11 bushels of barley and ten bushels of oats were lost when three inches of topsoil were washed away. U. S. Department of Agriculture workers who performed the experiment explained that "when the topsoil goes, the organic matter and nitrogen go with it." They suggested that some of the nitrogen and matter can be replaced by manuring the field, thus partially correcting the erosion damage.

## Sheep Men Can Choose New Rams At Michigan State College Sept. 28

Flock owners in southern and central Michigan who need a ram this fall will be coming to Michigan State College for Ram Day on Monday, September 28.

Leading purebred breeders in the state will bring some of their best rams to the college's livestock pavilion and offer them for private sale. Graydon Blank, MISC extension animal raiser, says there will be an excellent selection.

The more common breeds will be represented and the rams will be priced according to age and quality. The animals are placed in pens according to price and the flock owner makes his own selection. All rams are expected to be in pens by 10:00 a.m.

Last year \$1 rams were selected at Ram Day.

Northern Michigan sheep raisers also will have an opportunity to buy a good ram at the Ram Truck event. Blank advises farmers to see their county agent as soon as possible to inform him of the breed and age of ram they want and the price they wish to pay. A ram will be selected by MISC animal husbandmen for the flock owner and delivered to the Ram Truck stop nearest his farm.

The stops are scheduled at:

- H. Wetzel farm, one mile west of Ithaca, 10 to 12 a.m. on September 28.
- Julius Schaeffer farm, one mile north of Clare, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. September 29.
- Fairgrounds, West Branch, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. September 30.
- Joe Lilly farm, near Glennie, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. October 1.
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## INCREASE YIELD ABOVE AVERAGE FOR EACH ACRE

Michigan farmers could double their profit margins on wheat by increasing yields per acre from the state average to the top possible output per acre, reports the Middle West Soil Improvement Committee, in a statement made public in Chicago recently.

Michigan wheat yields can be boosted from the present 10-year state average of 24.7 bushels per acre to about 50 bushels per acre according to information compiled by agronomists.

"In the production of every acre of wheat, there is a basic cost of about \$30," says the statement. "At \$21 per bushel this would leave \$10 net profit per acre at 20 bushel yield levels."

"But when yields are increased to 40 bushels per acre, the profit margin is greatly increased because the basic production cost is spread over a greater number of bushels."

These yield increases, says the committee, are made possible by better management practices, including the use of fertilizer. Midwestern agronomists point out that it is profitable to use from 300 to 500 pounds of fertilizer per acre on wheat. Top wheat yields per acre are not possible on most farms without the use of fertilizer.

"If Michigan farmers are to get all the fertilizer they can profitably use on wheat this fall," says the committee, "they should contact their dealers now to make arrangements for delivery when the plant food is available."

"Manufacturers point out that it will not be possible to put out all the fertilizer needed for wheat in a four-week period this fall. The distribution of fertilizer will have to be stretched over a longer period, starting in August and September."

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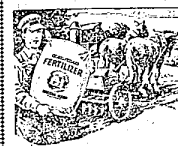
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