

New Corn Allotment Applications Available

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FARM NEWS

Farm Meeting Set For Pontiac

"Barnyard Economics", the 1954 model, will be discussed by agricultural specialists and Oakland County farmers at 1:30 p.m. January 5 at Pontiac in the County Office Building, 1 Lafayette St.

This is one of several area meetings being sponsored in Michigan by the Cooperative Extension Service, local bankers, and the Agricultural Economics Department of Michigan State College. The program will include the information from Oakland County agricultural agent, Ed W. Alchin, and farm management specialists Warren Vincent and Jim Nilsen.

Areas to be covered are "What's New on Income Taxes and Farm Records", "What To Look for in '54", and "What Farmers Can Do To Meet the Present Cost - Price Squeeze". Mr. Alchin urges all Oakland County farmers to attend what he terms "an outstanding farm management program" which no farmer can afford to miss.

The first part will cover changes in income taxes affecting farmers, some suggestions on how you can make some tax savings, and how Michigan's new business credit plan affects you as a farmer. Making the best use of the new income tax record book will also be included in this discussion.

The second part of the program will include a short report on a recent survey showing what changes 400 Michigan farmers plan to make in their farming operations for 1954. With this will be a brief report by the specialist as to what he thinks the coming year holds for farmers.

The third and main feature of the program will include a discussion and illustrations on what Oakland County farmers can do to keep net incomes up when farm prices are falling.

Mr. Alchin says that if you have questions on any of these subjects, be sure to bring them to the meeting. Plenty of time will be allowed for questions and discussion. The meeting is one the entire family will enjoy, and farm wives are especially invited to attend along with their husbands.

Budget Check Shows Gains

When you're making those good resolutions for 1954, chances are the matter of money and the family budget will be included.

Whether or not you believe in making a financial plan and keeping accounts to see how the plan turns out, you may be interested in another way of knowing where you stand financially.

More and more families want at least a quick summary of how they progress financially from year to year. They often avoid making such a financial summary, claiming that they don't understand it. But after all, an asset is no harder to understand than a vitamin, points out Dr. Irma H. Gross, head of Michigan State College's department of home management and child development.

A "balance and net worth" sheet made out at the beginning of each year by husband and wife together will tell quickly of a family's financial progress.

The sheet will consist of two parts, Dr. Gross explains. In part one, you'll find the balance for the year just ended.

First, add your yearly income (from all sources) to the amount of cash you have on hand and in your bank balance.

Second, figure (as accurately as you can) your expenditures and savings for the year ended.

Third, subtract the total obtained in step two from the total found in step one. The resulting figure is your year-end balance.

In part two, you'll figure your net worth.

First, add the year-end balance you just found to your assets (what you own). Assets will include such items as savings account, cash value of life insurance, market value of owned home, government bonds, cash value of car, etc. This list should be exact.

Second, add up your liabilities (what you owe). Liabilities might include your home mortgage and the money owed on installment purchases.

Third, subtract your liabilities from your assets. That gives you your net worth as of January 1.

If you keep this record sheet, next year you can summarize 1954 and compare your 1954 net worth with your 1955 net worth to see what progress you have made.

FARM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 5 - 6, Michigan Farm Bureau Institute at Michigan State College.

January 6, MSC short courses start in commercial floriculture, elms and farm supply, farm equipment service and sales, nursery and landscape management, and horse-shoeing.

To Head M. M. P. A. In 1954



Left to right: seated, H. F. Simmons, secretary - manager; I. K. Maynard, president; standing, Jack Harvey, vice-president, and William Brisson, treasurer.

At the recent organizational meeting of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Milk Producers' Association, officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President I. K. Maynard of Oshtemo; vice-president Jack Harvey of Ypsilanti; treasurer William Brisson of Flint; and secretary - manager H. F. Simmons of Pontiac.

Officers are chosen by the directors who are elected by the 450 delegates from all parts of the state who represent the 15,000

members of the association at the annual meetings held each year in November at East Lansing.

The delegates by resolution formulate a program to be carried out by the officers and directors during the coming year.

Plan New Series Of Grass Institutes

Five departments at Michigan State College will join forces with county agricultural agents soon to finish laying plans for 12 Winter Grass Institutes, February 23 through March 11.

Teams of extension specialists from soil science, farm crops, agricultural engineering, dairy and animal husbandry departments will take part in the 12 programs emphasizing grassland farming. Host county agricultural agents also will be aided by agents from adjoining counties in the programs, lasting from 9:45 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

The county schedule, with specialists, will be as follows:

February 23, Jackson: February 24, Kalamazoo, and February 25, Newaygo, with James A. Porter, soil scientist; Leyton Nelson, farm cropsman; Graydon Blank, animal husbandman; George Parsons, dairyman; and Robert G. White, agricultural engineer.

February 26, Gratiot County, with Paul Reed, soil scientist; Milton Erdmann, farm cropsman; Graydon Blank, animal husbandman; George Parsons, dairyman, and Willard A. Cullen, agricultural engineer.

March 1, Monroe; March 2, Livingston; March 3, Washtenaw; March 10, Oakland, and March 11, Sanilac, with Paul Reed, soil scientist; Milton Erdmann, farm cropsman; Graydon Blank, animal husbandman; George Parsons, dairyman, and Willard A. Cullen, agricultural engineer.

March 3, Arenac; March 4, Alpena, and March 5, Kalkaska, with Edward D. Longnecker, soil scientist; Dennis L. Clamann, farm cropsman; Wilton L. Finley, animal husbandman; James G. Hays, dairyman, and Robert Maddox, agricultural engineer.

MSC SESSIONS ON PESTICIDES START JANUARY 22

One hundred manufacturers and sales of pesticides - including rotenone and weed killers - are expected at Michigan Insecticide - Fungicide Institute meetings January 21 - 22 at Michigan State College's Kellogg Center.

Reports on new materials and new handling methods will be made by workers of Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station and industry leaders. Outstanding speakers in various related fields are being contacted by Dr. Franklin Sherman III, of the MSC entomology department, working with Institute Secretary - Treasurer Stanley Oliver of Jackson. Maurice Haven of Pontiac will provide. Institute business sessions are planned the second afternoon.

Michigan's leading apple producing counties in order of their standing in national rank are Berrien, Van Duren, Kent, Oceana, Oakland and Allegan.

More than 90 per cent of all the pea beans grown in the United States are produced in Michigan, mainly in the Thumb district.

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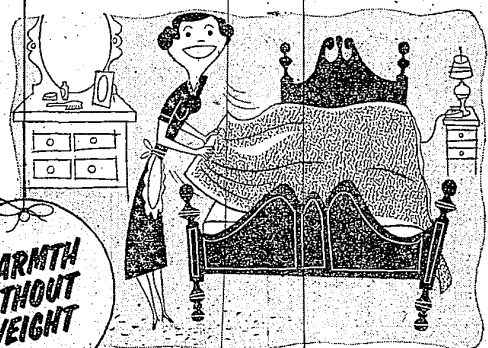
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