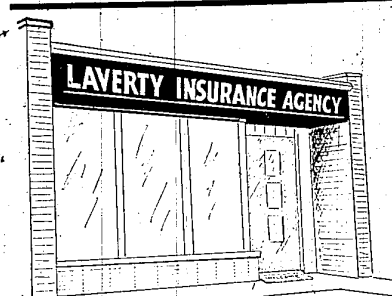


## Game Men Expect Heavier Smelt Run By April 1

Smelt are expected to start running in Michigan streams in about two weeks, fisheries workers here generally expect the little silvery fish start moving upstream to spawning beds late in March, with first runs often reported from Grand Traverse county waters.

The season opened officially on March 1, but diggers will, as usual, wait for the heavy runs in late March and early April.

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## FARM NEWS

## PRESENT HIGH OF SOYBEANS CONFUSING

Don't be fooled by the current record prices for soybeans. Prices can come down to or below the support price of \$2.22 per bushel before you can harvest a crop, Michigan State College agricultural economists warn.

According to the results of an analysis of the fats and oils situation, all the beans needed could be produced on an acreage no larger than used in 1952, the economists say.

The 1954 acreage probably will increase, however, the economists predict, because of the high current prices and because of control on other crops like wheat and corn.

With average yields this year, the economists advise, supplies of soybeans would be heavy enough to depress the price to or below support level. They suggest making your production plans with the expectation of getting a support price rather than the current high price.

## IFYE Delegates Named For 1954

Two Michigan farm youths have been assigned to countries in the 1954 International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE) program.

Mary Rogers of Palmyra, Lenawee County, will be the IFYE delegate to Brazil; Norman Lasko of Chatham, Alger County, will be the IFYE delegate to Finland.

Miss Rogers, a senior at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, has been a member of 4-H Club for nine years. Lasko, enrolled at Northern Michigan College of Education at Marquette, has been a 4-H Club member for eight years.

Two other Michigan 4-H Club youths have received tentative appointments which may be confirmed for the 1954 program. John First of Ionia, and Rhoda Kelly, of Lansing, expect to be assigned to Israel and Greece.

All delegates are scheduled to embark on the IFYE missions in June.

## MERION BLUE FOR NEW SOD, NOT PATCHING

Merion bluegrass is a very promising new lawn variety, but James Tyson, turf specialist at Michigan State College, does not recommend using it for re-seeding bald spots in old lawns. The seed is expensive and should be used only if the lawn is to be broken up, fertilized, and re-seeded, he explains.

Bald spots in old sod indicate unfavorable conditions and the struggling old grasses would not give new seedlings much cooperation.

"Extension Bulletin 224, 'Growing Beautiful Lawns', is available from county agricultural agents and the Bulletin Office, Department of Information Services, Michigan State College.

Bituminous coal moves by barge over the Ohio River at the rate of 28 million tons per year.

## Writer Anticipates Competitive Era For Dairy Farmers In Michigan

Michigan farmers who have not been able to show a profit from their dairy enterprise in the past year will be in serious trouble after April 1, when the dairy support price drops to 75 per cent of parity.

That is the conclusion of Edwin B. Jones of Michigan State College's agricultural economics department. Writing in the current issue of Michigan Farm Economics, Jones makes these additional points: Farmers who are unable or unwilling to improve their operations should seriously consider leaving the dairy business. The support price drop will mean that many farmers will have to make major adjustments.

One way many farmers will be able to reduce their costs of producing milk is to use more and better quality roughage and less protein and grain.

Since milk prices will decline rather drastically, while some other farm prices will remain about steady, some farmers can profit by turning to other farm enterprises as a means of increasing income. Milk producers in the Detroit milk shed for example, will have their checks reduced by about \$40 per month if they continue to ship the same amount of milk as in 1953.

Replacement of poor quality cows will be especially important in the months to come. Cull cows which were profitable to keep in 1952 and 1953 may need to be sent to market in 1954.

Strange as it may seem, says Jones, some farmers will find it to their advantage to increase the size of their herds by adding good cows so that land, labor and investment can be utilized better, even though the price of milk declines.

"For the months ahead," concluded Jones, "it appears that dairying will experience one of its most competitive eras. Dairy farmers who weather the storm and adjust their enterprises to the conditions will be more efficient producers and thus earn the right to compete for future production."

## LEAPFROGGING INTO MONEY? TAKE IT EASY!

Raising bullfrogs for the restaurant trade is not a quick and easy way to leapfrog into the big money, cautions Charles Shick, game management extension specialist at Michigan State College.

He has had inquiries about the frogging business, he reports, and most of them originated with people, reading glowing accounts about the business and its easy money.

Over-optimistic reports of success in raising frogs in southern states may mislead people. Shick points out that the longer growing season in the South makes bullfrogs mature two or three years sooner than they do in climates like Michigan.

It starts with a tadpole, cautions Shick, and it takes about three years to turn a newly hatched tadpole into just a small bullfrog. Then, it may take two or more additional years to grow the frogs big enough for attractive "valley" of froglegs on restaurant menus.

A permit must be obtained from the Michigan Department of Conservation in Lansing before a person can enter the commercial frog "ranching" business.

## Name Worthington To 4-H Foundation

Howard S. Worthington, of Birmingham, has been named the executive director of the 4-H Club Foundation of Michigan. The foundation was established two years ago to expand and augment the 4-H Club program operating in Michigan through the Cooperative Extension Service of Michigan State College.

Worthington was graduated from the School of Agriculture at Michigan State in 1945 and spent two years as an assistant director of alumni relations at MSC before going into insurance sales.

Worthington will begin his new duties on April 1 and will be housed temporarily with the 4-H Club department at MSC.

## PACKING EGGS CORRECTLY MEANS HIGHER PRICE

Just how important is it to pack eggs with their large ends up was shown in recent tests by Michigan State College's poultry department.

The test started with eggs grading 50 per cent "AA" and 50 per cent "A". Nearly all of the eggs which were packed with large ends up were full of "A" quality as determined by candling at the end of 14 days. But those packed with the small end up averaged a "B" quality.

The interior quality of eggs which can be determined by candling is an important factor in wholesale grading, the poultrymen explain. To grade "A" or better, an egg must have a well-centered yolk. And the yolk has a tendency to rise in an egg packed with the small end up. This causes the egg to grade lower when it's candled. That means a lower price.

## STATE FORESTRY SERIES PUBLISHED BY U-M SCHOOL

A new series of publications dealing with "Michigan Forestry" has just been released by the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources.

Aimed at a rapid and low-cost means of releasing both general and technical forestry information, the series is composed of papers written by the school's faculty, staff members and students. The series will be mailed to other schools, experiment stations, administrative forestry agencies in Michigan and Wisconsin, key industrial people in the Lake States and other persons requesting copies.

Copies of "Michigan Forestry" may be obtained by writing the U-M School of Natural Resources, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

## STATE TO SHIP FREE SEEDLINGS TO FARMERS

More than 650,000 pine and spruce seedlings about 400,000 nuttallian rose plants and assorted fruit-bearing shrubs will be shipped free and postpaid to farm game cooperators, starting about April 1, state game workers say.

W. C. Ryder, in charge of the project, says the young seedlings will come day after day under the expanding southern Michigan habitat improvement program.

Farm or blocks of land of five acres or more below the Muskegon - Bay City line may be included under the program.

Depending on weather, Ryder says, the young plants will be shipped so farmers will receive them before heavy work schedules start this spring.

The habitat program has been in operation since 1948. At last count, about 3300 farms were included.

The world's annual production of the six precious platinum metals is estimated at only about 20 tons. More than half of the output is platinum itself, with the remainder mostly palladium.

There are sixty licensed livestock auctions in Michigan. The first was established in the Wolverine State in 1935.

## Extension Group Studies Two Lessons At Meeting

The ladies of the Farmington Eight Mile Extension group met at the home of Mrs. Frank Platz of Eight Mile Road March 17. Two lessons were presented by the leaders. The morning session was "Infant and Nutrition" and in the afternoon "New Fabrics and Their Care" was discussed.

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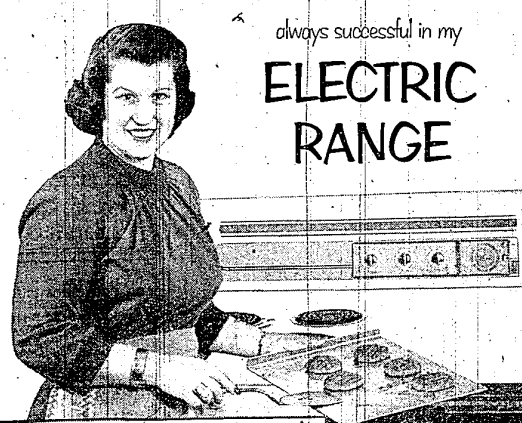
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1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar  
1/2 cup nuts, chopped  
1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream butter and sugar together. Add beaten eggs. Sift dry ingredients together and combine. Add nuts and vanilla. Beat well. Mold into rolls, wrap in waxed paper and chill overnight in refrigerator. Slice. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake. Yield: approximately 5 dozen.

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