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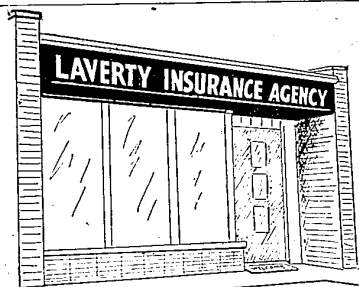
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Youths To Exhibit At Detroit Show

The "Silver Anniversary" livestock show in Detroit in early December will mean silver in the pockets for more than 470 4-H Club livestock exhibitors.

It will be the 25th annual Detroit Junior Livestock Show, at the Fair Grounds on December 7, 8, and 9.

A record entry list will compete for awards and the top dollar on the auction block. Maurice Hill, assistant state 4-H Club leader in charge of the event for Michigan State College, says 471 advance entries have been made from nearly 35 counties.

A total of 447 steers are entered by 312 exhibitors with Gratiot County sending the largest number. Swine will come from 19 counties with 69 pens in all. Isabella County club members have entered 15 pens to top all other counties. Tuscola County, a perennial winner in the lamb show, has the most entries with 10 pens out of the 49 entered.

Animals will be entered Tuesday, December 7, judged December 8, and sold at auction starting at 1 p.m. on December 9. Detroit livestock interests and business men will entertain and fete the visitors during their three days in the motor city.

BOOKLET ON FARM WATER DISPOSAL SYSTEM AVAILABLE

Safe-guarding water supplies and providing adequate sewage disposal are problems often faced by farmers.

Water supply systems should be planned to meet daily needs with ample allowances for future increases in household and livestock interests and business men will entertain and fete the visitors during their three days in the motor city.

With water on tap, approximately 40 to 50 gallons of water are used daily per person. The average daily livestock requirements include 30 gallons for each dairy cow for drinking and servicing; 12 gallons for each steer or beef cow; 12 gallons for each horse; 2 gallons for each pig; 2 gallons for each sheep; and 4 gallons for each 100 chickens.

Because hauling water is a costly, time-consuming operation, adequate storage is advisable. Most farms need tanks having at least 3,000 gallon capacity, assuring several days' reserve.

Use of concrete for cisterns, cell-casings, pump houses and pump pits helps assure a safe, sanitary water supply. Concrete watering tanks keep water fresh and clean for healthy livestock. In addition, concrete also plays an important role in safe sewage disposal systems.

Interested farmers may obtain a free new booklet entitled "Concrete Structures for Farm Water Supply and Sewage Disposal" by writing the Portland Cement Association, 2148 Michigan National Tower, Lansing.

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"CANDY" BRINGS SWEET PRICE—Bonnie Jean Fassett, 11, goes for a \$73.92 pig at Kansas City, Mo., on "Candy," judged Grand Champion Steer of the American Royal Livestock and Horse Show. Auctioned at \$5.05 a pound, the 1210-pound Black Angus brought owner Eugene Fassett, right, of Alexandria, Ill., the jackpot price.

Success With Poultry Flock Depends Substantially On Good Husbandry

Success with poultry depends as much on good husbandry as on quality birds or good housing. Persons known to have consistently "good luck" with their poultry operations are usually not merely lucky. They just know from experience that certain practices succeed and other fail.

The laying flock should be observed carefully and regularly. A good poultryman notes the first sign of feathers in the litter and he notices birds that are slow to come off the roost in the morning. He periodically weighs a few of the birds to keep an accurate check on the physical condition of his flock.

This attention to detail is more or less second nature to the experienced poultry raiser. The results of such close observation enable him to anticipate trouble before it has reached serious proportions and to do something about it.

Fowls of all sorts are highly responsive to regularity in feeding. Interruption in the feeding schedule causes birds to become irritated and fretful and may reduce feed consumption with a corresponding loss in production. It is wise to set up a regular feeding schedule and to stick to it.

The flock should have plenty of feeders and waterers — at least one foot of feeder space for every four birds and one 2-gallon waterer for every 100 birds. Fill the hoppers about two-thirds full with clean mash, making sure that it is mixed with mash remaining in the feeders so that birds eat both old and new.

Ventilation should be regulated so that the poultry house is kept warm and dry. Clean, fresh air minus drafts is essential. It is at the county extension office.

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BEEF PROMOTIONAL CAMPAIGN WAGED BY PRODUCERS

The nationwide beef promotion campaign, which has been in full swing for a number of weeks and will continue through most of November, is an outstanding example of how a basic food industry is dealing with a sales problem by using its own initiative and resources.

Cattle population is at an all-time high, and, as a consequence, the volume of beef on the market is unusually large. The long drawn-out drought in some cattle regions has also pushed marketing beyond the normal level. The beef people decided that the way to deal with the situation was to greatly intensify their promotional activities, to show the housewife that beef is a good buy, and thus to bring about greater consumption.

Packers and retailers have cooperated enthusiastically with the producers. The Department of Agriculture has lent a helping hand: The vegetable industry is another participant in promotions tying in vegetables with beef. The emphasis is on the inexpensive cuts of beef, such as those used for stews — these are as nutritious as the most costly steaks and make fine eating when properly prepared. All kinds of attractive recipes are being publicized, along with other written and spoken material. The upshot is that just about everyone in the country who reads newspapers and magazines, listens to the radio, or watches TV, is getting the best story about new reports or advertising.

It will be interesting to learn the results of this campaign, when the figures are finally tallied. Meanwhile, it's encouraging to see a major segment of agriculture working to solve a real marketing problem through its own efforts.

Rain Won't Knock Wheat Allotment, States ASC

Wheat farmers won't be penalized on their 1955 wheat acreages if rains keep them from planting up to their 1954 allotment, according to an Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee ruling.

Clarence Prentice, state ASC administrative officer, reports that the same base farmers had for next year will be carried over for next season. County committees used the base figure of 1952 and 1953 acreages to figure out the 1954 allotment.

A total of 470 boys and girls will exhibit livestock at the Detroit Junior Livestock Show December 7-9.

The information is designed for people who plan to farm in Michigan, for farm planning and development, for farmers who plan to move and farm elsewhere in the state, for the use of agricultural industries, marketing and selling agencies.

The publication is called Special Bulletin 206, "Types of Farming in Michigan." It is available at the county extension office.

Evergreens, Shrubs Need Protection

It is overcast weather for shrubs and evergreens.

Unless you give them protection this winter you may have to buy new plants next year, warns Bill Love, extension municipal forester at Michigan State College.

Love offers these hints on protecting ornamentals against drying winds, ice, heavy snow, and other winter hazards:

Mulch around evergreens and shrubs with leaves, straw or something similar to stop repeated freezing and thawing and deep freezing of the soil.

The up-limb-stemmed plants so they won't break under snow and ice. Burlap tied around vines and roses helps protect them against cold.

Mound up soil around roses and put on mulch to cut down winter injury to grafted plants.

Plant shrubs far enough from the eave line to keep water from dripping on them and freezing.

Love adds that it is a good idea to shake the snow off evergreens after a heavy fall.

ELIMINATES LUMPS

To assure a smooth product when mixing dry milk solids with water, use a bowl and beater. A quart jar with tight screw lid may also be used. Place two cups of cool water in jar. Sprinkle ½ cup milk powder on the water and screw on lid. Shake vigorously until lumps dissolve. Mix in remaining 2 cups of water. Store in refrigerator.

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