

FARM FEATURES

NOTICE

The Township Zoning Board will hold a regular meeting at Farmington Town Hall (corner of Grand River and Farmington Road) on December twelfth (12), 1950, at eight thirty p.m. Any person or persons having interests in Farmington Township, or their duly appointed representatives, shall be heard relative to any matters that should properly come before the Township Zoning Board.

This notice is given pursuant to Act One Hundred Eighty Four of the Public Acts of Nineteen Hundred Forty Three, as amended.

THE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD

by EDWARD MOSEMAN, Chairman
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The Michigan State College farm crops department has cooperated with the U. S. Department of Agriculture and six other experiment stations to help prove the value of Blackhawk. Average yield, from 57 locations, was shown to be 23.9 bushels per acre. Seed was increased in 1949 under specification. Information on seed sources can be obtained from the Michigan Crop Improvement Association, E. Lansing, or from your county agricultural agents.

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Advise Early Start For Farm Agreement

Foundation for a successful father and son farm operating arrangement often begins very early in the son's life, says H. S. Will, Michigan State College agricultural economist.

The spirit of father and son working together often starts during the son's active participation in 4-H Club and FFA work. There the father and son develop habits of planning and working together, Will advises.

He states that a son should develop a plan for financing his share of the business so that he can get an early start in working toward the father and son farm operating arrangement.

It's always a good idea for those considering a farm operating agreement to talk with fathers and sons who have successfully operated a farm together. He advised both father and son to study the factors which contributed to its success.

Another thing of importance when the son is mature and ready to enter this relationship is to discuss the prospective venture with a county agricultural agent, vocational agricultural teacher, or college agricultural economist, Will says.

"He believes that an agreement should be made in writing. And if a record of the preceding year is available it should be gone over by father and son to determine whether there is sufficient income for two.

A set of books available to both father and son should be available at all times after the agreement has begun.

Improper stabling and lack of good bedding are among the most common causes of test injuries in cows, say Michigan State College dairy specialists.

Records from Michigan Dairy Herd Improvement associations show that it takes three cows producing at a 200-pound butterfat level to return as much income above cost of feed as one cow producing 400 pounds of butterfat a year.

OAT GROWERS FEAR SPREAD OF STEM RUST

Michigan farmers who grow oats have their fingers crossed and are watching development on the spread of a new race of stem rust which damaged crops as much as 20 percent in parts of the Midwest in 1950.

It is race 7 of oat rust and M. E. Turner, official of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in charge of barley eradication in Michigan reports it was found in Gratiot and Alger counties in 1949. It was generally distributed this past summer. Turner says the new race of stem rust affects most varieties of oats grown in the Midwest including Bonham, Kent, Clinton, Benton and all the new Bond crosses. These make up 85 per cent of the Michigan crop.

Turner works in cooperation with plant pathologists at Michigan State College and the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

The new race 7 has been present in New England for several years, but has been found on barley bushes in New York several years ago. It first appeared in the central states in 1949 and in 1950 it was found in many states in the oat producing area of the Midwest.

The 1950 season in Michigan was "ideal" for rust, according to Turner, who pointed to high moisture and humidity and a late crop. Damage, however, was relatively small for all grains, amounting to less than one per cent of the crop. Most of that came in late maturing fields. In Michigan, barley rust damage work has resulted in 81 per cent of the land area being cleared of the bush in which the stem rust carries over from fall to spring.

Michigan State College agricultural authorities say young stock can be kept in a pen where hay can be self fed and silage fed once a day. The pen does not have to be heated or closed. In fact, a straw shed makes a good shelter for young stock.

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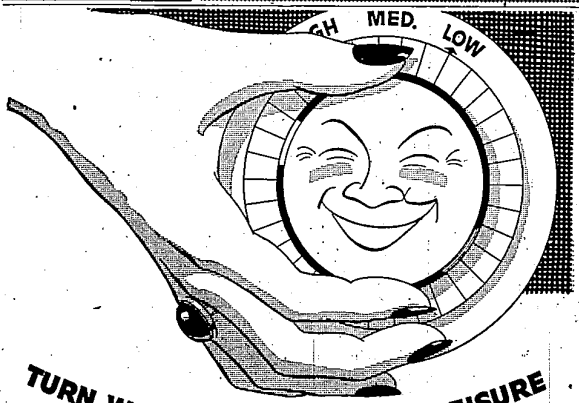
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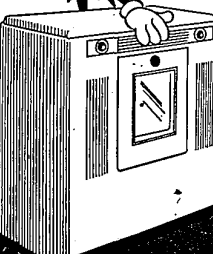
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