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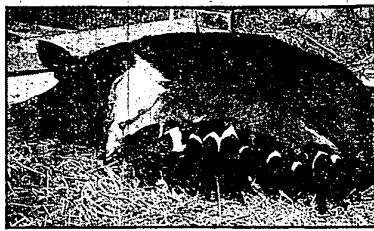
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4-H Clubs Attract Non-Farm Youths

Although you normally think of 4-H Club work for rural boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 21 years, Michigan's 1950 membership, included 12,000 non-farm youths. A. G. Kettunen, state leader at Michigan State College, East Lansing, cites the fact that nearly 70 per cent of the membership was in youth not living on farms.

The program, which reaches more youth than any other organization celebrated National 4-H Club Week March 3 to 11. The week was used by the members, leaders and friends of the organization to acquaint others with the program.

Kettunen points out that local clubs, aided by 7,000 local volunteer leaders, reached nearly 60,000 boys and girls in Michigan last year. Clubs are organized for the

young people who are interested in agriculture, homemaking and community activities and who want to "learn by doing."

County extension offices coordinate the program in each of the counties through county agricultural agents, 4-H Club agents and home demonstration agents. The program is financed jointly by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, Michigan State College and local county governments as a part of the Cooperative Extension Program.

Clothing projects were the most popular among the more than twenty available to girl members. More than 15,000 girls took part in clothing work and entered their resulting accomplishments in local, county or state competition.

Handicraft, with 12,000 participating, was the leading project for boys. Some girls, too, entered project work in this field.

Many county organizations used this week to interest more youth in the 4-H Club program.

**Name E. B. Hill To
Farm Credit Board**

E. B. Hill, professor of agricultural economics at Michigan State College, has been named to serve as director of the Farm Credit Administration of St. Paul. This office provides credit resources for farmers and farm organizations of four states—Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota.

Hill, an authority on farm management and long identified with Michigan agriculture, will be one of seven members of the board. Henry J. Welch, Ionia farmer, serves as the other Michigan representative and is chairman of the board.

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Writing in the February issue of Michigan Farm Economics, cooperative extension service publication, Hoglund said that early-cut roughages are high in protein and usually contain the same milk-producing power as grain.

He defined good quality hay as "hay containing a high proportion of legumes and harvested in the early bloom stage."

**Soil District Men
Re-Elect Officers**

Michigan's 65 state soil conservation districts apparently agree with the program of the Michigan Association of Soil Conservation Districts. At a recent meeting at Michigan State College, delegates re-elected all officers. They included: Herbert Van Aken, Eaton County; president; Ray Anderson, Manistee County; vice-president and James Boyce, Allegan County, secretary-treasurer.

Special certificates of merit for aid to soil conservation work were awarded John Beardslee, Shiloh, Washtenaw County; K. K. Vining, former Kent County agricultural agent, and Morris Fonda, Detroit, president of the Soil Conservation Society of America.

Russell G. Hill is executive secretary of the organization.

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More than 4,000 Spartan alumni participated in the first annual fund-raising program of the college. The Roll Call is designed to provide supplementary finances each year for special college projects not provided for in the budget.

Davidson said most of the money will go for student scholarships, faculty fellowships, research projects and new equipment. Included

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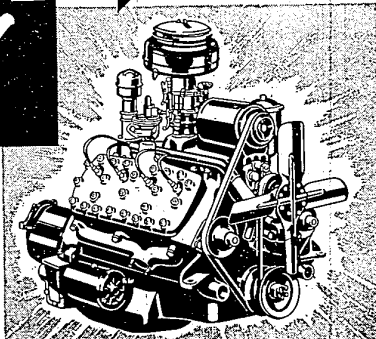
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