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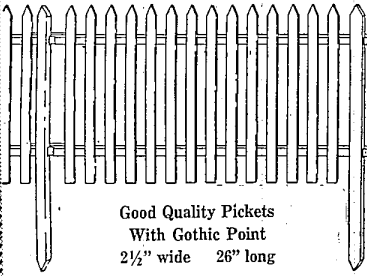
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Again this year Governor G. Mennen Williams in his Dairy Month Proclamation stressed the importance of maintenance and improvement of Michigan's dairy industry. Over 80% of Michigan's 140,000 farms depend upon dairying for a large part of their income, said F. M. Skiver, Chief of the Bureau of Dairying. About 1200 milk and cream processing plants are operated in the State, maintaining thousands of full-time, well-paid employees to process and deliver milk, butter, cheese, ice cream and evaporated milk. Michigan is also one of the large producers of dry, whole milk and dry, skim milk.

Improvement of quality is the constant goal of the Department of Agriculture, Skiver said. Better cooling, better sterilizing of equipment, and better processing methods are continually being stressed by inspectors of the Department of Agriculture. Improved methods of packaging and marketing are being constantly studied for the benefit of consumers.

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28822 8 Mile - Phone 1597Governor Williams Signs June
Dairy Month Proclamation

Governor Williams and the Michigan Dairy Month Committee enjoyed the Michigan Ice Cream while signing JUNE DAIRY MONTH proclamation. The Governor was also presented with a generous package of Michigan butter. The Committee was Chas. Stone, American Dairy Assn.; E. M. Skiver, Michigan Department of Agriculture; Bruce Clothier, Michigan Milk Producers Assn.; Lewis Morley, Chairman; Stanley Powell, Michigan Farm Bureau.

M.S.C. Study Shows Economic
Changes In Business Of Farming

There may be a long way to go before the farm economic picture changes as fast as the farmer changes shirts — but it seems to be catching up. John Doneth of the Michigan State College agricultural economics department has lumped together the figures from about 250 farm account farms in the dairy-general and corn-livestock farming areas of central and southeastern Michigan. He created the imaginary farm "Rolling Acres," operated by "Mr. George Bowers," to represent the average conditions on these farms and illustrate the risks and sudden changes possible in the business of farming.

In 1948 the Bowers' net income took a drop of \$1,200 (29 per cent) from the peak of \$4,665 in 1947. It declined another \$900 in 1949. In 1950 it showed a gain of \$1,200 which was a 50 per cent increase. These changes occurred without any drastic shift in the organization of the farm or in methods of operation.

During the same three years, their farm expenses rose steadily. In 1948 costs jumped \$700, the following year they were up another \$300, and in 1950 they rose another \$400. In three years costs increased 22 per cent, and totalled \$8,253 last year.

Most of the farmers in this study are better-than-average farmers, operating larger-than-average farms. Doneth points out. But the changes and problems here are typical of those on thousands of other Michigan farms, he believes.

Here are typical major changes in the Bowers' economic picture of the last 10 years — the "Changing Decade."

1. Both total income and expenses have more than tripled. Bowers now spends over twice as much to

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Good coverage is highly important and requires enough nozzles and correct pressure. Nozzles should be adjusted to meet the spraying and dusting requirements of each crop treated. Needs vary with the crops and should be considered each time a different crop is treated. The entomologists emphasize that nozzles of dusters and sprayers can be too close or too far away from crops. Canvas trailers can be used with the dust to improve coverage, provided they do not damage the crop mechanically or scatter disease.

Nails, glass, wire and other objects which cattle might swallow or step upon, should be picked up. Protruding nails in mangers or partitions should be removed.

ANNOUNCE DATES,
LOCATIONS OF
GRASS DAYS

Six Grass Day demonstrations will be held in Michigan's lower peninsula between June 15 and June 26. Tours start at 9:30 a.m. Brief speaking programs will be held at 1 p.m. Haymaking, seedling and silage demonstrations will be conducted in the afternoon.

June 15: St. Clair County, Franklin Kells farm, 4 miles east, 2 miles north of Emmett on Bryce Road. Director C. V. Ballard, speaker.

June 16: Saginaw County, Matthew Borsenik farm, 1 mile west of Brant. Dr. Ralph Hodgson, speaker.

June 20: Montcalm County, Arthur Litch farm, 3 miles northeast of Stanton. Dr. Ralph Hodgson, speaker.

June 22: Manistee County, Florida Dantz farm, 5 miles northeast of Manistee. Dr. Ralph Hodgson, speaker.

June 23: Oscoda County, Arnold Handrich and Son farm, one mile east of Fairview. (Some demonstrations on nearby Harold Sharp and Clifford Shantz farms). Dr. Ralph Hodgson, speaker.

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