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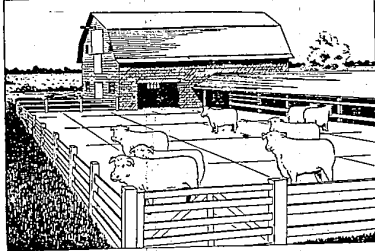
PEACH TREE LIMBS MAY BE BROKEN BY FRUIT WEIGHT

Many peach tree branches are being broken down because of an abundance of peaches. "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." If, in early summer when the peaches were small, they had been thinned the load would have been lightened, and the fruit bigger and much better in quality, reports Bill Bosserman, assistant County Agricultural Agent. If the damage has already been done, in some cases the tree can be repaired, and others the broken branches can only be pruned off.

Where large branches are broken down with only a small strip of bark left, it is probably best to leave it in until the fruit has ripened and prune it off after the fruit has been picked. A good job of pruning in the spring and a good job of thinning in early summer will prevent much of this peach tree damage.



EXPERIMENT STATION TESTS PROVE PAVED BARNYARD INCREASES PROFITS



A paved lot or feeding floor increases farm profits. Tests at two midwestern state agricultural experiment stations have shown the dollar and cents value of a paved lot for the cattle feeder. In one test, a group of steers in an unpaved lot actually lost weight over a 28 day period, sloshing around in the mud. Not only did each animal weigh less after the muddy spell, but each ran up a \$10 feed bill. In the other test, the paved feeding lot more than paid for itself in the first year in reduced labor costs, saving of manure, added gains in beef poundage and gains in hogs following the steers.

Warns Against Insect Damage

Farmers were warned to check their stored grain for bran bug and weevil damage if they want to avoid the cost of spoiled grain. Ray L. Jones, extension entomologist at Michigan State College, advised farmers to examine their stored grain every week or two for possible infestations.

As a preventive measure against the profit-eaters, Jones said that grain should be dried out and cooled down as soon as possible after harvest. Any conditions that tend to keep temperatures and moisture high in the grain are ideal for insect damage.

Fumigation is the best way to get rid of bran bugs and weevils once they infest the grain. There are several points to keep in mind in fumigating for the pests.

The granary must be tight enough to prevent the fumigating material from escaping through the walls and floor during the process. Temperature of the grain must be above 65 degrees Fahrenheit, when the work is done.

Jones recommends a mixture of three parts of ethylene dichloride and one part of carbon tetrachloride for fumigating. Both substances are poisonous and must be used with great care. Avoid breathing the fumes.

One gallon of the mixture to 200 bushels of grain is needed. Air tight covers must be placed over the top of fumigated grain.

The Grist Mill

By ED ALCHIN
County Agricultural Agent

The Hessian Fly-Free date is September 16 for Oakland County. At that time most danger of fly infestation of wheat will be past, so govern your planting accordingly.

Thanks to Vern Spencer of Wixom and Bill Cutler of Michigan State College, the dynamic ditching demonstration last week was real success. Our office can now supply farmers with more accurate information as to cost and feasibility. If you have a problem, give us a call or drop us a card.

The "Family-Sized Farm" meeting held at Clarkston was the scene of a very lively discussion last week Thursday when 76 farmers and their wives met to talk over the United States Department of Agriculture's program and policy as reported by agencies in Oakland County. We were happy to see the action taken by this group. A thorough study of agencies and their functions will be made by individuals and farm groups throughout the county before recommendations for changes in the function of any agency will be made. I was proud to see such a fine attitude on the part of Oakland County farmers.

Iodine deficiency, common in Michigan, may cause abortions, still-born pigs, or hairless pigs.

Fall Brood Sows Need Calcium, Phosphorus

Make sure your fall brood sows get plenty of minerals, swine specialists at Michigan State College warn hog raisers of the state. Unborn pigs require lots of calcium and phosphorus which may be taken from the mother's bones. Poor bone strength in the sow results if these minerals aren't replaced.

A mixture of two parts steamed bone meal, two parts finely ground limestone and one part of iodized salt selfed will protect the sow and prospective pigs.

New Machine Aids Breeding Research

A long-time study of the problem of infertility in dairy cattle, partially financed by the Michigan Artificial Breeders' Cooperative, is gaining momentum at Michigan State College with the addition of new laboratory equipment to study several new phases of the problem. A. C. Baltzer, MSc extension dairyman and secretary-manager of the cooperative, reports that an electrophoresis, Swedish-designed apparatus for studying protein fractions, has been given to the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station to aid in the fertility studies.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Easy Makes His "Cat" Tread Lightly

Driving home on Three Ponds Road yesterday, I was flagged down by Easy Roberts' boy Skeeter. "Take it slow," he advised. "Dad's crossing this road with our tractor, just beyond the bend."

Around the curve I saw why Skeeter stopped me. Easy had laid two rows of old truck tires across the road, and was driving his new "Cat" tractor over them!

"More trouble this way," Easy explains, "but it does keep those tank trucks from tearing up the asphalt when I have to cross over to our other fields. After all, the

roads belong to all of us—and I guess I'd get mad if someone else chwed them up."

From where I sit, Easy is my kind of citizen. He doesn't just give democracy lip service. He honestly believes it's his duty to consider the other fellow's interests. Whether it's the right to use the public highways or the right to enjoy an occasional glass of beer, Easy's out to protect his neighbor's "right of way."

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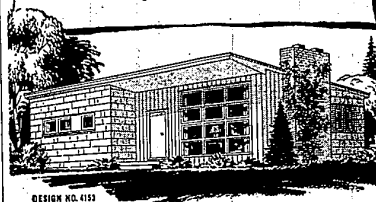
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