

Vacation Aids Life to Alfalfa

Protection for Michigan's 1,200,000 acres of alfalfa involves a vacation for the acreage in September and early October. The Michigan State College farm crops department is making the warning.

Farmers who will need plenty of alfalfa hay and pasture next year to maintain production of meat and dairy products should avoid cutting or close grazing of alfalfa and alfalfa-brome grass pastures during September and early October on fields intended for harvest next year.

During this critical fall period, plants store food reserves in their roots to make them more winter hardy and provide organic food needed to start vigorous growth in the spring. Good storage of such reserve food in the roots is only possible with plants having a vigorous leafy top growth which manufactures starch and sugars for root storage.

Plants cut or closely grazed while fall weather is still warm are forced to start growth and use up root reserves. The plants do not have time to replace these reserves before cold weather stops all growth. The critical period for alfalfa is early September for northern Michigan, mid-September for the central part of the state and late September to October 15 in southern Michigan.

A 10 to 15-inch top growth is advantageous to alfalfa throughout the fall. If this is pastured or advanced killing frost and continuous cold weather, injury to the alfalfa is far less serious than removal of such growth in September or early October.

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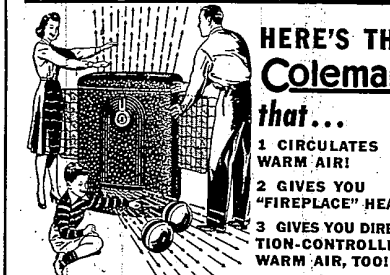


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AT THE REDFORD THEATER



Coming to the Redford Theater Friday, and running through Monday, are two fine pictures, the double feature attraction, "A Woman's Face" with Joan Crawford and Melvyn Douglas and "Topper Returns" with Joan Blondell, Roland Young, Carol Landis and Billie Burke.

The story of "A Woman's Face" concerns Anna Holm, played by Joan Crawford, who is being tried on the charge of murdering Torsten Barrington (Conrad Veidt). As various witnesses testify, flashbacks show the action described to tell the story...

DEFENSE EFFORT TESTS METTLE OF RAILS AND TRUCKS

CHICAGO.—All-out defense efforts, plus more civilian jobs and faster pay envelopes, resulted in a 17.9 per cent increase in freight car mileage handled by American railroads in the first six months of 1941 compared with the corresponding period of 1940.

With peak traffic periods still ahead, the increase for the entire year of 1941 over 1940 is expected by some authorities to total at least 5,000,000 carloads.

"Threats of a possible shortage of freight cars later on," says an agricultural bulletin, "make it advisable for farmers to place their orders as soon as possible for supplies such as fertilizers, machinery, etc., that run into tonnage. It should be emphasized that not only railroads, but trucks, as well, are being called on to carry an increasingly heavy traffic load."

"Agriculture is being called on to reduce food in larger quantities as part of the defense program. Farmers can accomplish this effectively if their soil is given the benefit of fertility-building plant foods. By ordering such supplies now they can reduce the strain on the nation's transportation system and assure themselves of adequate quantities later on."

the wife of a noted plastic surgeon, played by Melvyn Douglas, Anna meets the doctor. He restores her to her natural beauty. Barring obtains for her the position of governor of the young son of Consul Barrington, Torsten's uncle. She and Torsten have plotted to kill the child, that Torsten may inherit the family fortune.

Anna is happy in her new surroundings and is attracted to the child. When Torsten arrives for his uncle's birthday celebration and orders Anna to kill the child that day, she refuses. Later in the day the guests go for sleigh rides, and Torsten gets the boy into his sleigh. Anna confides in the doctor, and they pursue Torsten's ride, warning him of Torsten's intentions. Anna is free to begin a new life.

Some Types of 'Safe' Driving Offer Dangers

A safe driver is one who obeys all the traffic rules and regulations. This is the belief of all motorists. But along comes Jimmy Lynch, daredevil stunt driver, and despite this belief. His theory is that the motorist who obeys "all safety measures" is on many occasions a menace to himself and to others on the highways.

Motorists jam on the brakes when a tire blows out. Lynch says a driver loses control of his car more readily and an accident is likely to follow. The correct thing to do, according to Lynch, is to increase the speed of the car about five miles, thus bringing the car under control. Then the brakes should be applied gradually.

Lynch also upsets the belief that one should put his best tires on the front wheels. He believes, he says, from experience, that there is more danger when a rear tire blows out. The best way to come to a fast stop is to brake slowly several times instead of jamming on the brakes for a sudden stop.

He also holds a contrary opinion to that of most authorities regarding fast driving. His opinion is that a slow driver causes the greater number of accidents, because a slow driver is often lulled into a false sense of security. It is also a strong temptation for the driver behind him to pass and risk a collision. On the other hand, the motorist who drives fast is conscious of his speed, is more alert and his reflexes act more quickly if an emergency arises.

924,000 Dairy Cows in Michigan's Herds

Keep Belinda well fed and comfortable if she is to earn her share of an annual income in Michigan of \$55,240,000.

Who is Belinda? She is typical of the 924,000 dairy cows that are in production on Michigan's 143,000 dairy farms, according to A. C. Baltzer, extension dairyman at Michigan State College.

He has devised pointers on what it takes to keep Belinda producing. Her production is important for milk and cream, for supplying 500 creameries that annually produce 90 million pounds of butter, to 51 cheese factories which make 16 million pounds of cheese and to eight condenseries that turn out 120 million pounds of evaporated and concentrated milk products each year.

To keep Belinda well fed, she ought to have 20 pounds of alfalfa daily, or even more if she wants more water should always be available. Alfalfa should run between a third to a half bushel daily and grain would be between 5 to 12 pounds daily depending on the quality of alfalfa hay and whether she is producing 20 pounds of milk daily or up to 35 or more pounds of milk.

Deep straw bedding or sawdust or shredded fodder are recommended. Good ventilation and windows for sunshine are included. Baltzer suggests reducing drafts, cleaning yards clean, fighting lice and feeding tagworms.

Does the process pay with a good cow? Baltzer claims it does. An average cow stall requires 18 square feet of surface. A healthy, good producer can give an annual rental return of \$170 a square foot, but a poor cow would return "rent" of but \$1.50. Similarly a good cow pays back 60¢ an hour for labor, but a low producer gives a farmer only 18 cents an hour for the same work.

Short Courses at M.S.C. Fill Many Jobs

Wanted: A man to operate a farm.

Wanted: Man to manage dairy herd.

Wanted! Wanted!

There are so many requests filed in the office of W. Tenny, short course director at Michigan State College, that he takes new pride in the careers of the 17,000 who previously have taken short courses during the college. A new first and second year 16 weeks course opens Monday, October 27, at East Lansing.

Jobs are open, but training is necessary, Tenny declares. Many of the job openings include appeals from men who have purchased farm property but are forced to rely on experienced operators to manage the farm produce.

Poultry, fruit, power machinery, livestock, dairy and sheep flock management are included in the opportunities available to youths trained at Michigan State College in the winter months.

Shorter short courses confined to specific subjects open January 8 for eight weeks of training. These courses usually attract persons already participating in the special fields, but who seek additional training and training.

Catalogs and information concerning cost of tuition, books and board and room are available by writing R. W. Tenny, Short Course Director, Michigan State College, East Lansing.

How important, often, is the pain of guilt, as a stimulant to amendment and reformation.—John Foster.

LOCALS

Miss Anna Thayer entertained the Neighborhood Club at the James Eastman home Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Delane spent Sunday in Toledo with Mrs. Daines (father, Fred Moser and her sister, Mrs. Vera Tussing and family.

The Walter Durham family spent the weekend at their cottage at Atlanta, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Grand were their guests.

Mrs. Ethel Thayer and Mrs. Arnold Cook spent Tuesday in Pontiac.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hager of Flint and their daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Newville, and children Billy and Betty of Linden visited their aunt, Mrs. Phoebe Ross Sunday.

Miss Rose Phelps of Urbana, Illinois is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Gilbert Miles and family this week.

Mrs. Horace Hastings and Mrs. Grace Williamson of Detroit called on Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bowman Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Seebald and Mrs. Lena Oldham and Mrs. Mae West attended a social meeting in Grand Rapids Friday, Mrs. Oldham taking part in the ceremonial.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lamb visited relatives in Jackson Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burnett and son Daniel, Mrs. Elizabeth Burnett of Highland Park and Mrs. Nicholas Shenkel and daughter Judy of Toledo spent from Wednesday until last Sunday in Chicago.

Mrs. Elizabeth Burnett remained for a visit. While there they visited Mrs. Mitchell and their aunt Mrs. Frank Decker who is Mrs. Shenkel's mother.

Miss Anna Thayer will be hostess to the Universalist Missionary Society Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lamb and daughter, Marietta were callers Sunday in Northville on Mr. Lamb's sister, Mrs. Lily Angell.

The Past Matrons will meet Thursday with Mrs. J. L. Hogle.

Mr. and Mrs. Karit spent the weekend with her daughter, Mrs. G. Raymond Powell on Lakeview street.

Sunday evening guests at the F. H. Maas home were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bolens and family of Detroit and Mrs. Louise Maas and daughter, Minnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Sars Harger left Friday night on a trip to California.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Osmus and family spent Saturday in Breckenridge.

Guests of Mrs. Frances Halsted at dinner a week ago Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Adams and son Harry and Mr. and Mrs. George Hake of Plymouth.

Mrs. Delos Hamlin has been confined to her home with a sprained ankle.

The Sunshine Harmony group of the Methodist church will meet for a dessert luncheon and business meeting with Mrs. Glenn Green on Shawanawase street on Thursday, October 2, at 1:30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cook expect to have as their guest for this coming weekend their niece Catherine Harlan who teaches at Rockford.

Miss Lorna Bell of Grace Hospital, Detroit visited her parents Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Bell Sunday.

Quite a number of persons from here attended the annual harvest festival at the Livonia Church Sunday.

Mrs. Edward Alexander and children spent the weekend with Mrs. Alexander's mother, Mrs. Jessie Murphy at Bad Axe.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Eaton and family and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Westfall and daughter Diane attended the sixtieth wedding anniversary of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bartenfeldt at the home of Lora or daughter, Mrs. Ellen Walton at Oxford Saturday night. A dinner was served at noon to the immediate family.

Fire Tagged as Public Enemy No. 2 in State

Fire ranks with crime on Michigan public enemy list.

A total of 327 fires and property destruction exceeding ten million dollars is the state's 1940 fire bill, according to a survey completed this week by the fire marshal division of the Michigan State Police.

Information from approximately 550 Michigan communities was collected in completing the most comprehensive fire survey ever taken in a state. Virtually every community in the state contributed its records to the completeness of the record-upt.

The section on fire causes was particularly informative. It disclosed that even in the field of fires Michigan was the "autonomous state" with its own second highest known source of fires. Records show 4,250 fires of such origin, with the list of known causes lead with 4,500 fires due to sparks on wood roofs.

Flying matches are its other hazards but fire is not responsible for nine aircraft fires occurred during the entire 12 months. "Old Man Carelessness" is as conspicuous in the fire picture as he is in the highway accident field. The survey shows him responsible for 1,353 fires in the period covered by the survey.

There were 37,257 fires in the state in 1940, according to Arnold C. Renner, chief of the fire marshal division of the Michigan State Police, who made the survey. His complete compilation of the causes follows: Aircraft fires, 9; automobile or truck fires, 4,250; bonfires (igniting buildings), 131; carelessness, 1,353; careless smoking, 1,838; children's playing with matches, 849; defective chimneys, 2,097; defective electrical appliances, 890; defective stove pipe, 121; false alarms, 3,551; grass fires, 3,593; incendiary, 155; kerosene, 223; old stoves, 635; oil burners, 223; other causes, 5,874; overheated stoves, 1,254; petroleum used to start fires, 66; rubbish fires, 1,088; sparks on non-combustible roofs, 153; sparks on wood roofs, 4,500; spontaneous ignition, 247; unknown, 1,814.

Included in the 267 who lost their lives in fires during the year were three firemen. The record shows 495 firemen injured in fighting Michigan's Public Enemy No. 2.

To Auction Steer At Lapeer Dinner

When a live steer ambles into the banquet hall at Lapeer, Wednesday, October 15, the diners are to be treated to something new in a combination entertainment and education.

The steer is to be sold on the hoof at auction, with Andy Adams, Litchfield, crying the sale. The stunt is designed also to attract attention to the annual Beef Cattle Sale scheduled for Thursday, October 16.

Sponsors of the event include the Michigan Beef Cattle Breeders, Inc., the Lapeer Chamber of Commerce and the extension service of Michigan State College.

Forty purebred beef animals are expected to be consigned by prominent Michigan breeders to the sale.

For the banquet program the preceding evening, arrangements are being made by J. L. Bolander, head of the marketing division of the State Department of Agriculture, George A. Brown, G. A. Brannaman, and E. L. Benton of the animal husbandry department of the college, and E. C. Hart, Lapeer county agricultural agent.

A morning educational program precedes the sale at Ann Arbor on Thursday. The demonstration will show visitors the differences on the hoof and in the carcass of choice beef animals and animals that only grade "common."

Purpose of the sale, as in preceding years, is to distribute some of the better purebred blood lines now available in Michigan. Sponsors hope to further stimulate interest in starting more purebred breeding herds on Michigan farms. These herds subsequently will supply more feeder calves and steers for cattle feeders located within the state.

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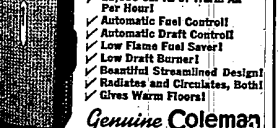
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