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4-H Exposition Opens Aug. 15

The 4-H Exposition will be held August 15 to 17 at the Great Oaks Farm, corner of Rochester and Hamlin Roads, 2 miles south of Rochester.

4-H Clubs will enter nearly 500 exhibits. The boys and girls will show cloths, canning, flowers, garden produce, dairy, beef animals, horses, sheep, swine, poultry and rabbits.

The livestock will be judged on Friday starting at 9:00 a.m. Each club member exhibits his or her own animal. Parents and friends are invited to watch this event.

Demonstrations will be given Saturday morning at 10:00. One that has already been set up will be of "Making of Salads" by two girls in the White Lake Club under the leadership of Mrs. J. A. Smith.

The Saturday afternoon program is the final and big event. There will be the livestock parade. Special awards will be given for the "Best of Show" exhibition and for showmanship with other livestock.

All events on Friday and Saturday are open to the public. The boys and girls are glad to have friends come.

JAPANESE BEETLE CONTROL WORK UNDER WAY

Approximately 6,000 Japanese Beetle traps were set out the last week of June and the first week of July, according to a report received from Charles Figy, Director of the State Department of Agriculture. Traps have been placed at the following locations: Detroit 2,000, Flint 515, River Rouge 255, Ecorse 200, Melvindale 100, Wyandotte 25, Royal Oak 25, Plymouth 25, Ypsilanti 25, Ann Arbor 50, Bay City 50, Hart Huron 50, Jackson 50, Lansing 100, Saginaw 50, Adrian 25, Kalamazoo 50, Cadillac 25, Reed City 25, Big Rapids 25, Negaunee 25, Grand Rapids 1500, Muskegon 100, Muskegon Air Port 25, Grand Rapids Air Port 25, Holland 25.

As a result of extensive control work during the past few years, says C. A. Boyer, chief of the Bureau of Plant Industry, fewer beetles are being found than a year ago on the same date. The Department is desirous of picking up every beetle which might already be present in the State or might be introduced by means of a common carrier. The beetle is a great "hitch hiker" and with the flow of tourists into Michigan, it has many avenues of entry.

To date two beetles have been found in Kalamazoo, nine in Detroit and six in River Rouge. Soil treating programs were started this week in areas where beetles were found. This treatment calls for the use of 500 pounds of arsenate of lead per acre and one soil treatment is good for a period of 6 to 8 years.

State Apple Growers Like Quality Varieties

The four outstanding representatives of high quality apple varieties available to consumers today are the four leading apple varieties grown in Michigan. A recent survey made by the American Pomological society reveals that Jonathan, McIntosh, Northern Spy and Delicious are Michigan's leading varieties. Cooperating with the pomological society in the survey were the American Nurserymen's association, Michigan fruit growers and the department of horticulture at Michigan State college.

Dr. H. B. Tukey, head of the department of horticulture at MSU, says, "Intentions to plant" surveys showed these four varieties leading. The varieties voted to be discarded by Michigan growers, Dr. Tukey said, were the lower quality varieties of Ben Davis, Duchessa and Wolf River.

Michigan growers, Dr. Tukey revealed, are out to make 1946 a good crop year with fruit of good quality, size, color and finish. This they hope to offer the consumer in comparison to the 1945 crop, which due to unfavorable conditions, was one in which the growers were not proud of their product.

On even the best roads — every mile you travel, the chassis of your car is taking a beating. Automobile Club of Michigan advises that you, check those springs, brakes and shock absorbers at least twice a year.

"Children should be seen and not heard" is the caution expressed by Automobile Club of Michigan to every motorist.

STATE PROMOTING PASTEURIZED MILK PROGRAM

Director of Agriculture, Charles Figy, states that recently several hundred display cards advertising and promoting the sale of pasteurized milk and cream were distributed to milk dealers in resort areas. These cards were given to dealers approved for license by the Bureau of Dairying of the Department of Agriculture. Director Figy states that it is the Department's desire to aid all consumers in securing pure, safe milk and that the signs were designed to attract all consumers where safe, pasteurized milk is available.

Because of the enthusiastic response to the use of these signs, the Department's supply became exhausted before all milk distributors received their placards. In view of the reception given this program, the Department anticipates making this program statewide in the near future.

Several additional inspectors from the Bureau of Dairying have been placed in the resort areas this year to better enable the Department to maintain a closer check on milk supplies being used in resort areas and to better supervise the methods of plant operators. Director Figy states that this program for additional and closer inspection is in line with an approved quality milk program for all of Michigan.

While the milk supply in some resort areas is not sufficient to meet the needs of the current tourist population, most areas have a constant supply of good milk. The quality of milk is constantly improving and it is the goal of the Department of Agriculture to improve the supply and have all pasteurized milk available in resort areas.

Lake Shipments
Six-sevenths of the iron ore and limestone used in steel-making come down the Great Lakes, and important water routes which cannot be bypassed by movement over any other route. One-tenth of the steel made in this country and a third of the world's grain supply follow a similar route.

Rain Signs Vegetables
Vegetables grow faster in rainy weather and use more fertilizer. So to guard against plant food being short in periods following rain, it's good idea to add more fertilizer in manure for later crops.

Assistant Agent May Be Hired

Edmond W. Alchin, of Webberville was the candidate appearing before the Agricultural Extension Committee of the County Board of Supervisors, Monday, for the position of Assistant County Agricultural Agent.

Authorization to hire an agent was made by the County Board in April but qualified men have not been available to date. The appointment is made by the State Board of Agriculture from candidates approved by the County Committee and State Division of the Michigan State College.

Mr. Alchin is 30 years old, married and has two children. He was born and reared on a dairy farm near Webberville owned by his father, George H. Alchin. He graduated from the Michigan State College in 1938, specializing in dairying. His college activities included membership in the Dairy Club, Block and Bridle Club and the Dramatics Club. Following graduation he was employed by the Michigan State Farm Bureau and later taught Vocational Agriculture at Chebanig 2 1/2 years. Alchin spent 30 months in the U.S. Navy finishing with the rank of Lieutenant.

Mr. Alchin will assist County Agent Karl D. Bailey in an expanded extension program in Oakland County working mainly on livestock improvement projects. Members of the County Agricultural Extension Committee approving Mr. Alchin's appointment are: Howard Williams, chairman; Daniel Shea, Robert L. Poe, Wesley Duncan, Glen C. Wilkins.

Snakes' Teeth
A snake's teeth are pointed back and used to prevent escape of animal captured for food.

Bat Skin
The skins of bats are used to make pocketbooks and tobacco pouches.

Daily Newspapers
Daily newspapers in the United States increased from 908 in 1880 to an all-time peak of 2,461 in 1916, but at the start of World War II the number had fallen to 2,147, according to a 20th Century Fund study.

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