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FARM FEATURES**Hand-Made Thermos Jug**

Mrs. George Stacey, of Riverdale, is shown filling a thermos jug that anyone can make without buying any materials. An ordinary glass coffee can is just the right size to be securely anchored within a half-gallon pail by packing with newspaper which acts as an insulator. Farm labor specialists of the Michigan State college extension service point out that the resulting improvised jug will withstand danging from a tractor, and thus can be kept handy at all times.

LARGE GROUP TO ATTEND DAIRY DAY PROGRAM

More than 500 members of Michigan's dairy breed associations are expected on the Michigan State campus at East Lansing next Thursday, February 5, for Dairy Day.

When announcement was made that Farmers' Week was an impossibility due to heavy enrollment at the college, dairy department officials started making arrangements for the five breed associations to meet and plan their events for 1947.

Dr. Earl Weaver, head of the dairy department at MSC, will preside at the opening session at 10:30 a.m. in Fairchild Theater. A. C. Baltzer, extension dairyman, will speak briefly in this session which includes the members of all the breed associations. Charles Flay, director of the Michigan depart-

ment of agriculture and Dr. C. F. Clark, state veterinarian, will report on the progress of the Bang's disease testing program. Awards to outstanding lifetime dairymen will be made by Miss Sarah VanHoozen Jones, member of the State Board of Agriculture and vice-president of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

The afternoon will be occupied by annual meetings of the individual breed associations in Peoples Church. The Guernsey breeders, however, will hold their meetings at Hotel Old, Lansing. The Michigan dairy herd improvement association supervisors will meet with the dairymen and have a program of their own in Peoples Church during the afternoon. Various breed associations will elect officers.

Farmers, dairymen, and members of the breed associations will find that many interesting features have been planned for the 1947 Dairy Day.

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County 4-H Club Leaders Honored

Oakland County 4-H Club leaders and council members were honored by a special banquet given at the Drayton Plains School Auditorium, Wednesday night, January 22nd.

Seventy-eight leaders and guests attended the banquet and the leaders' training meeting which preceded the banquet.

Special recognition was given to the leaders with the longest number of years of service, and to the members of the board of the 4-H Agricultural Association. The eight leaders with seven or more years of service were, Mrs. Alfred Hutchinson, Drayton Plains, 15 years; Karl Rhodes, Route 3, Pontiac, 13 years; Mrs. Kenneth See, Drayton Plains, 9 years; Mrs. Alton Staser, Rochester, 9 years; Mr. Lester P. Childs, Brooklands, 9 years; Thomas Crichton, Rochester, 7 years; Miss Grace Ward, Rochester, 7 years; and Bruce Carpenter, Pontiac, 17 years.

The leaders were entertained by the Barber Shop Quartet — "Platichio Four" of Rochester. A special tribute to leaders was given by Mr. Nevels Pearson, Assistant State 4-H Club Leader.

Plan 1947 Crop Rotation Now

A good, carefully planned system of crop rotation is your best guarantee for soil fertility maintenance and improvement.

County Agricultural Agent Karl D. Bailey says that winter is the best time to plan the rotation that you are going to follow in the coming year. If you outline a rotation system for 1947, you will have a firm foundation on which to build your future cropping program. Individual crops vary in the requirements of nutrients that they draw from the soil. A balanced rotation will equalize these demands and help you to build your soil.

Cultivated crops are, on the whole, destructive to soil fertility. Their effect should be balanced by including in the rotation such soil building crops as alfalfa and clover.

Green manure crops will insure a good supply of organic matter. The particular green manure crop that you choose will depend largely on your system of farming and the texture of your soil.

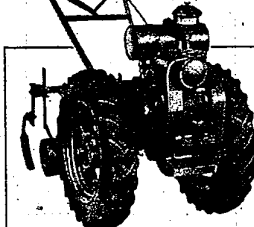
One of the highly recommended practices for heavy soil is to seed sweet clover with oats or barley in spring and plow it under the following spring when it is ten to twelve inches high. The soil can then be fitted for beans to be followed by wheat or another spring grain with an inter-seeding of alfalfa or clover. Corn can follow the hay crop. In this five year rotation, a hay crop and one sweet clover green manure crop should be effective in maintaining the required amount of soil organic matter. In addition a good supply of nitrogen will be added.

County agent Karl D. Bailey adds that the first step is to plan what crops are to be raised.

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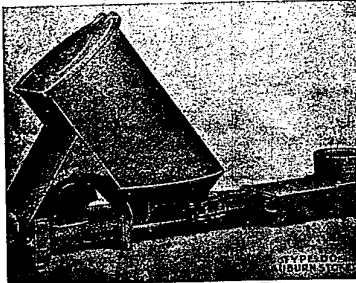
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For Thomas A. Edison, high school and college were an ancient building, the Young Men's Society Library, on Jefferson Avenue, just a few doors east of Woodward. Between runs, he buried himself in its

books, devouring them, not by subject or author, but by shelf and section.

Throughout his life, this thoroughness was characteristic with him. It was the quality that carried him through three thousand unsuccessful theories before he invented the incandescent lamp—fifty thousand abortive experiments before he created the storage battery. "Genius," he was fond of saying, "is one per cent inspiration, ninety-nine per cent perspiration."

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