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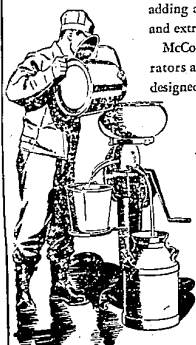
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FARM FEATURES

Increase Farm Profits By Adopting
Soil Conservation Plan, Bailey Urges

The beginning of a new year is always a good time to make plans to improve the farm business, county agricultural agent Karl D. Bailey declared this week.

One of the important bases of a successful farming program is a good soil conservation plan. The agent advises Oakland county farmers to consider these resolutions for more profitable farming and to

1. Establish a cropping program suited to the capabilities of the soil of the farm.
2. Make adequate use of legumes.
3. Apply liming materials to acid fields.
4. Plan lime applications at least a year ahead of legume seedings.
5. Apply adequate applications of phosphate and potash with all legume seedings.
6. Use more alfalfa-bromegrass meadow land for pasture.
7. Establish sod in all water-courses to prevent gullying.
8. Keep a living, growing crop on the land at all times.
9. Work across the slope wherever practical.
10. Plow down a legume sod in Michigan State College and crop to be grown.
11. Cooperate with the Oakland County Soil Conservation District.

ANNUAL MEETING
OF LIVESTOCK
EXCHANGE HELD

The Oakland County section of the Michigan Livestock Exchange held its annual meeting at the Independence Town Hall in Clarkston Friday, December 19.

The Michigan Livestock Exchange has 25,000 farmer members and is held its annual meeting at Lansing March 27, 1948. Present at the meeting from the Michigan Livestock Exchange was Mr. Ike Walton, Manager, Mr. Don Stuart, Extension Specialist at Michigan State College discussed "Why Michigan Needs An Organized Marketing Program".

County agricultural agent Karl D. Bailey discussed "The Livestock Market" and led a discussion on marketing livestock.

John R. Rees of Holly and Lucius Lyon of Milford were elected secretary and chairman of the county group for the ensuing year. Delegates elected to the Lansing meeting included the following: Herbert Baynes, George Perry, Irving Orr, Ralph Jones, Fred Deckman, Almond Mann, and William Edgar, all of Clarkston; Melchett and Dorr, both of Holly; Howard Wilson, Lake Orion and Alfred Haack, Wixom; Clarence Gellis, Rochester.

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Livestock feed adequate protein perform much better in many ways, says G. A. Drannaman, Michigan State college animal husbandry specialist. They eat more, make faster gains in weight and make more gain for the feed consumed. They also acquire more finish or fatness and sell higher on the market.

Right now is a profitable time to make use of protein-rich feeds. The prices of standard feeds, like the oil meals and tankage, are but little above corn prices, while their value in the ration is much greater. Beside the protein content of such feeds, most of them contain minerals and vitamins that are of added value. The various mixed feeds with high protein should be bought on the basis of protein content as compared with straight-by-product feeds, such as soybean oil meal or tankage.

Steers and heifers weighing 700 pounds or more will fatten to "lean" or "good" finish in four to five months on corn silage if fed adequate protein. This helps to save grain for other purposes.

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Bailey Urges Use
Of Farm Records

Five minutes a day keeping farm records is time profitably spent, says county agricultural agent Karl D. Bailey.

More and more Michigan farmers are keeping account books every year. With farm business becoming more and more complicated every year, a well-kept farm record book is a great aid in analyzing year's business. Income tax reporting will also be much less complicated and more accurate if a farmer has an annual farm record.

The start of the new year is an excellent time for farmers to begin keeping records. Many farmers have found their wives so interested in the farm account plan that they keep the records. Keep the books handy to the dining table makes it possible to record the day's transactions each day after the evening meal.

The Michigan Farm Account Books are available from county agricultural agent Bailey's office or from the farm management department at Michigan State college. There are two types of books. The tan book is especially adapted for those who have found it difficult to keep records in the past.

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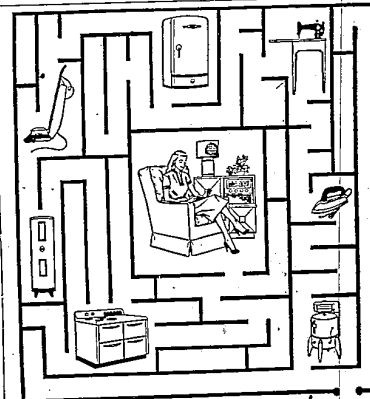
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