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Many Oakland County Farmers To Attend MSC Farmers' Week Program

Oakland County farmers will find many features to interest them at the Farmers' Week program at Michigan State college, January 26 to 30.

County agricultural agent Karl D. Bailey says that each day during the week will stress certain subjects. This is in addition to the general interest program which is scheduled daily.

Evening programs are scheduled for each night in the MSC auditorium or the fieldhouse or at both places.

Departmental meetings will begin Monday, January 26, with Dairy Day. Members of the various breed associations will hold their business meetings, elections of officers, and luncheons.

Tuesday will feature sugar beets and horses and all departments will begin their meetings on that day. Livestock day will be Wednesday with meetings scheduled for swine, sheep and cattlemen. The following day, Thursday, will be highlighted by the auction of prize steers, swine and sheep, and turkey growers' sessions. Friday's program will be made up of muck farm, beekeepers and soil conservation operators. Muck programs will continue on Saturday.

County 4-H Holds First Annual Meet

The first annual meeting of the Oakland County 4-H Agricultural Association, Inc., was held at Devens Cables, Blainfield Hills, Thursday evening, January 8. The meeting was attended by 50 township representatives and guests. In the business meeting following the banquet, a financial report for the year was given by Thomas G. Crichton, treasurer. Mr. Crichton reported expenditures of \$4,869 and an income of \$5,500. The secretary's report was given by Mrs. Elwyn Younker of Oxford. Clare G. Fuller, vice president of the association read the new constitution and it was adopted.

Robert Porritt, Route 1, Pontiac, was formally introduced as the new service club representative on the Board of Directors.

Patricia Carson and Virginia Carson, White Lake Club members, entertained those present when they sang selected 4-H Club and special songs. Lucille Hangoo, Drayton Plains Club 4-H Club member and junior leader was on hand to play the piano.

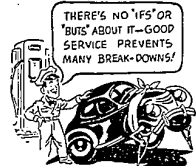
A report of the 4-H Club program for the year was given by R. Lynox Lewis, county club agent. The report showed a continuous increase in 4-H enrollments from 639 members in 1942 to 2,112 project members in 1947.

Karl D. Bailey, County Agricultural Agent, introduced Miss Josephine Hoke, new Home Demonstration Agent, and Paul Allen of the Board of Supervisors. The representatives from this area on the County 4-H Association are Mrs. A. J. Heslop of Northville and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Grace of Southfield and Farmington.

Rust Preventives Save Valuable Farm Machinery

The old saying "more farm machinery rusts out than wears out", is a good one to heed these days. E. C. Savoie, agricultural engineer at Michigan State college, says that rust can be easily licked by the use of rust preventives.

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NEW HOME AGENT



JOSEPHINE HOKE

Miss Josephine Hoke became Oakland County Home Demonstration Agent recently as a result of action taken by the Agricultural Extension Committee of the Oakland County Board of Supervisors, home making at a Texas High School for 2 years. Since 1943, she has been a Marketing Specialist for the United States Department of Agriculture and spent most of her time in Michigan.

The program of Home Extension Work is carried on through a system of local leaders headed by a County Committee of which Mrs. Arthur Simons of South Lyon is chairman.

The county has the highest enrollment of any county in Michigan, according to Karl D. Bailey, County Agricultural Agent.

The committee which approved Miss Hoke's appointment include: Howard Hillman, Richard E. Dean, Paul Allen, Wesley J. Duncan and Samuel C. Halsey.



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Breeding Troubles Can Cause Cow Loss

During the past year approximately nine per cent of the dairy cattle in Michigan were sold for slaughter because of difficulties in getting the cow settled with calf.

George Parsons, extension dairyman at Michigan State college, points out that in many herds this means the loss of good breeding stock which has been developed over a period of years. In addition to the direct loss of the animal, the dairy man also loses the good inheritance for production which could be passed on to sons and daughters.

Many dairymen realize that there is a further loss in those cows requiring extra services. This means that the cow is dry for a much longer period than usual. With feed costs high and feed scarce, this means additional expense.

The specialist points out that when artificial insemination is used, cooperation between the dairyman and the inseminator will help to discover the breeding problem.

HOWARD McCracken TO PARTICIPATE IN WCAR BROADCAST

The Oakland County Extension Service broadcasts a program two days a week to promote new ideas in the field of agriculture and home making. The broadcast can be heard over radio station WCAR on Monday and Friday, 12:45 noon.

On Friday, January 16, the subject will be "The Home Extension Program for 1948" with Mrs. Maurice Young, Pontiac; Mrs. Arthur Simmons, Wixom; Miss Josephine Hoke, Home Demonstration Agent, and Karl D. Bailey, County Agent, participating.

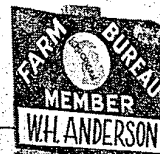
On Monday "The County Farm Bureau" will be discussed by John Rees, Holly; Alfred Haxom, Wixom; Howard McCracken, Farmington; Milton Miller, Oxford and Mrs. Earl Clark, Clarkston.

Swine Day will be held at Michigan State college on Wednesday, January 28, 1948, during the 1948 Farmers' Week program.

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The Roll Call for Membership Will Start January 15

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