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FARM FEATURES

County Youths To Attend 4-H Show

Oakland County will be represented at the State 4-H Show and girls. R. Lynox Lewis, County 4-H Agent, announced this week.

This show, scheduled for August 31 to September 3, will be held at Michigan State College in East Lansing. Officials estimate a record number of exhibits and more than 1,400 animals which the 4-H members will bring to the show.

According to word from A. G. Kettunen, State 4-H Club Leader, this year's show is expected to be one of the largest on record. The delegates will come from every county in the state and will be housed on the campus in the MSC quonset village area.

All livestock exhibits, except horses, will be housed in the new Macklin Field Stadium. Horses will be shown in the riding horse barn. All garden, home economics, crops, and handicraft exhibits will be housed in the college auditorium.

Thursday, September 2, has been chosen as "Farmers' Day" and farm families who are visiting the campus are invited to inspect the 12 experimental plots and livestock. Specialists from the school of agriculture will be on hand to explain the experiments and to consult with farmers on agricultural problems.

Grasshopper Control Suggested By M.S.C.

Michigan farmers are being troubled by grasshoppers in some areas. Ray James, extension entomologist at Michigan State College, reports.

While the infestation is spotty, most counties of the state have a grasshopper problem to some extent. Favorite haunts of the "hoppers" are pastures, orchards, and gardens.

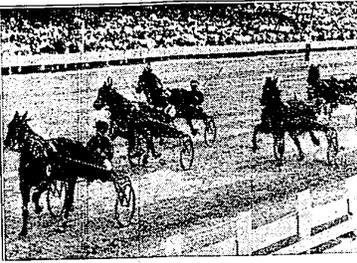
James advises poison bait as grasshopper control. The bait can be mixed in small amounts by using bran or a mixture of bran and sawdust. For six pounds of the mixture or the bran to six ounces of sodium fluosulfate (obtainable from the drugist) and moisten to when squeezed. Six pounds, spread thinly, is sufficient to cover one third of an acre. The bait should be put out in the morning.

Care should be taken to keep the poison bait from children and animals, James cautions.

Farmers with badly infested crops can get information on other control measures from their county agricultural agent.

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STATE 4-H SHOW, FARMERS' DAY TO BE HELD AT M.S.C.

Michigan State College will be the destination of many rural youths August 31 - September 3, when the annual State 4-H show convenes.

Also scheduled for the week is the Farmers' Day Program on September 2.

In telling of plans for the show, A. G. Kettunen, state 4-H Club leader, indicates that this year's show will be one of the finest. Exhibits are expected and they will bring approximately 1,400 head of livestock. Several thousand other exhibits in the handicraft, crops, and home economics divisions are also expected.

All livestock, with the exception of horses, will be housed in the new Macklin Field stadium. Horses will be shown in the riding horse barn. Other exhibits will be shown in the college auditorium.

A full week of activities has been planned for the 4-H boys and girls while they are in East Lansing. Evening programs will be held in the auditorium at 8:00 on Wednesday and Thursday nights and will feature top-flight entertainment, including WJL's youth chorus which is featured in the radio show, "Make Way for Youth."

Since many farm families come to the MSC campus for the big youth event, Farmers' Day has been set as Thursday, September 2.

During Farmers' Day, the college farms and barns will be open for inspection so visitors may see the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station. Members of the school of agriculture staff will be stationed at various locations to explain the experiments and to consult with farmers on agricultural problems and techniques.

Big Grain Eaters
 It has been said that if the rats of America could be controlled, enough grain would be saved that way alone to feed all the hungry peoples abroad. One of the most important steps in rat control is to make all buildings rat-proof.

Red Cross Water Safety Program Well Attended

According to Mark Smith, chairman of Water Safety, of the Oakland County Chapter American Red Cross, the summer water safety program of the chapter has had an attendance of 6800. Twenty four weekly classes have been directed by authorized water safety instructors, assisted by Red Cross senior life savers. Beaches and pools visited by the Red Cross staff, 24 in number, have been located in all parts of the county in order that there might be county wide attendance.

As more and more individuals engage in water sports, states Mr. Smith, dangers are increased, particularly for those who do not know how to swim, or those who are not conscious of their own personal safety in the water.

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While great success has been achieved in most cases where birds were raised by this method, some poultrymen have been troubled by the birds getting sore feet and hocks. Growers of Broad Breast Bronze turkeys have encountered some difficulty. Red advises Charles Reed, extension poultryman at Michigan State College.

The trouble arises when the heavy tons get tired and sometimes develop from constant standing on wire or slats. To rest their feet they sit on their hocks until they are sore. As a fast resort, the bird rests on its breast until it becomes sore, blistered, and bruised. This results in a loss to the grower because of the poor flesh condition of the breast and from the birds not being able to walk to the feed.

Reed suggests a solution that has been used with success on some eastern states. The confinement pens are reconstructed and under the section of the pen that is covered by roof, about one-fourth of the floor area is made of solid flooring covered with a deep layer of clean, absorbent litter or straw. This gives the large, heavy birds a place to go and rest their feet when tired from walking or standing on the wire or slatted floors and reduces the amount of sore feet and hocks affecting the birds.

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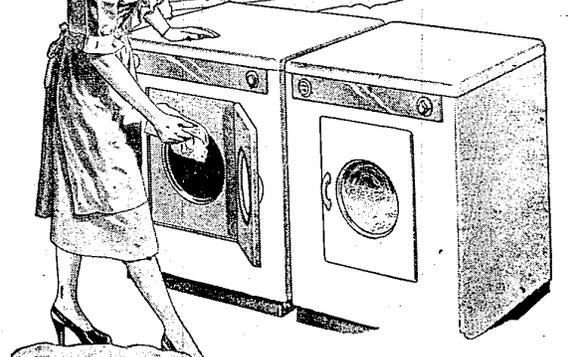
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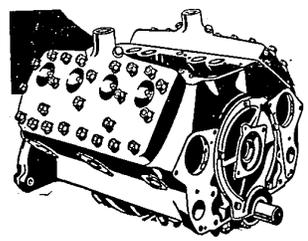
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