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**Bailey Gives Tips On Potato Harvest**

Extra care in harvesting potatoes will prevent much loss from spoilage suggests Karl D. Bailey, county agricultural agent. Rough handling causes cuts, bruises and peeling. The agent says a little extra care will result in better potatoes to market during the winter months.

Consumers are demanding a well graded, clean and attractive bag of potatoes and Bailey believes the farmer taking extra effort to please the consumer will get more profit in the long run.

Under cool, cloudy conditions, potatoes should be allowed to remain on top of the ground an hour or two to let the skins set. But if the sun is bright, gather them before they get sunscald.

Potatoes should not be shoveled or dumped roughly into bins. Potatoes with bad cuts should be culled out. They may start rotting and that will claim many of the tubers.

**COUNTY 4-H CLUBS HONORED AT STATE SHOW**

Oakland County was well represented by over 40 4-H boys and girls who attended the 33rd annual State 4-H Club show, August 3-11, September 1, 2, 3 at Michigan State College.

The County made outstanding news with entries and winnings in the Guernsey Classification Dairy Cattle and in the Sheep Division. Miss Josephine Hoke, Home Demonstration Agent of the county extension office attended the Club Show. Mrs. Kenneth Kim of the Bloomfield 4-H Club, Birmingham, also accompanied the Oakland County delegation.

Oakland County 4-H Club Leaders were paid special tribute on Thursday night, September 2, when 4-H Clover Awards of Service were presented by Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Price, General Agricultural and Livestock Agent of the New York Central Railway System. Those eligible to receive these awards in this special ceremony were:

Mrs. Alvin Staser, Rochester; Mrs. Kenneth See, Drayton Plains; Jay Osterander, Walled Lake; Mrs. Stanley Kipp, Pontiac; Mrs. Grace Ward, Rochester; Thomas Crichton, Rochester; Mrs. Doreen Benson, Pontiac, all received Gold Clover Leaves for 10 years service as 4-H Club Leaders.

Karl E. Rhodes, Route 3, Pontiac, received a Pearl Clover Leaf for 15 years service and Mrs. Alfred Hutchinson, Drayton Plains, a diamond Clover Leaf for 20 years service as a 4-H Leader.

**SPRAYS TESTED ON APPLE TREES FOR PRE-HARVEST DROP**

Preharvest drop of apples may be effectively controlled with concentrated applications of naphthalene acetic acid. So say three Michigan State College Horticulturists, A. E. Mitchell, Walter Toenjes, and C. L. Hammer. The specialists conducted their tests at the Graham Experiment Station during the 1947 season.

Applications of the hormone varied in concentration from 10 to 100 parts per million and were made during the early evening hours when there was only a slight breeze. A careful check was made on the number of apples dropped prior to harvest by the trees of each treatment, as well as those dropped by the untreated trees.

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**AQUEDUCT, L. I. — SOUNDPHOTO** — This unusual "nick of time" photo shows Jockey Schweizer in a somewhat strange riding position as he is about to be tossed from Parslight on the second time around the Aqueduct race track. The race was won by Look and Key.

**County Agent Urges Farmers To Check Stored Grain Regularly**

Bran bugs and weevils are big enemies of grain stored in granaries, points out county agricultural agent Karl D. Bailey. He urges farmers to inspect their stored grain regularly from now on for evidence of damage by these insects.

Damp grain tends to heat and it is in heated grain that these pests may be at work. Bran bugs and weevils can cause grain to heat enough to cause great damage in addition to the injury done by their feeding. Warm weather during the fall is very favorable for grain insects.

Fumigation is the best means of getting rid of bran bugs and weevils once they infest grain. Ray L. James, extension entomologist at Michigan State College advises that careful attention must be paid to the conditions under which fumigation is done. The granary must be tight enough to prevent the fumigating material from escaping through the walls while fumigating is being done. The temperature of the grain must be above 65 degrees Fahrenheit when the fumigant is done. The fumigant should be used according to directions obtainable from the agent's office.

James recommends a mixture of three parts of ethylene dichloride and one part of carbon tetrachloride for fumigating. The carbon tetrachloride is essential because ethylene dichloride is explosive, when used alone. Both substances are poisonous and must be used with great care. Avoid breathing the fumes. The mixture is used at the rate of one gallon to 200 bushels of grain.

**BEAN HARVEST PLANS SHOULD BE MADE NOW**

The 1948 field bean crop has been going through trying conditions throughout the growing season but the answer to whether the harvest will be good, fair or poor will come soon.

H. R. Pettigrove, field bean specialist at Michigan State college, advises farmers to make their choice of harvesting method now. He points out that the field stacking method is perhaps the surer way, but many growers feel it is a rather hard and tedious job. Some prefer to combine from a windrow

and others bring beans to the barn for threshing.

Well-built bean stacks provide effective insurance against weather damage, and threshing can be done when convenient.

Beans that are windrowed with some green leaves usually require at least three or more days of curing before threshing. This means taking chances with the weather during that period. Beans that become wet in the windrow discolor and more culling is necessary.

**Mounting Fire Loss**  
Total of 498 U. S. cities having more than 25,000 population reported a fire loss for the year 1947 of \$177,079,182.00, amounting to an average loss per person of \$3.70 for the \$3,477,534 inhabitants of this group. The 1948 figure was \$2.90.



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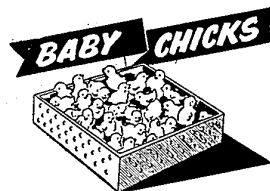
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