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Check On Winter Feed Supply Now

Checking up on what your feed supplies will be like this winter is good farm business. A little extra thought to feeding problems is recommended by A. C. Baltzer, extension dairyman at Michigan State college.

Grain fed to cows now that grain is more abundant will pay off in terms of keeping cows in condition to produce effectively, he believes. A grain mixture of 400 pounds of oats, 200 pounds of wheat, 200 pounds of corn and from 100 to 150 pounds of protein concentrate is recommended. Such a mixture fed at the rate of at least one pound for each three and one-half pounds of milk produced is suggested for cows milking over 20 pounds of milk daily.

It's also very important to store an abundant supply of roughage in the forms of hay and silage. Additional silage may be stored in temporary or pit silos.

Baltzer says that farmers who filled the silo with grass or molasses grass silage in June have a splendid source of feed which is adaptable to meet conditions facing dairymen at the moment.

Fortifying the feed situation by having grass silage fed during the early fall pays off. It is expected that more and more farmers will plan to fill silos in 1949 with grass and molasses grass silage to maintain higher levels of milk production.

LOCAL PARACHUTIST SERVES WITH ARMY IN HONSHU, JAPAN

Private Lewis E. Howard, a parachutist from Farmington, is currently serving with the occupation forces in northern Honshu, Japan, with the 11th Airborne Division. His primary duty is that of Court Marshal Clerk for the 127th Airborne Engineer Battalion. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Howard of Farmington.

Pvt. Howard entered the Army in April 1947 at Detroit, and was sent from there to Fort Lewis, Washington, to take a basic course in Engineer training. Upon completion of this training he was sent overseas to Japan, and upon his arrival, he volunteered for duty with the 11th Airborne Division. He received his Airborne Training at the Matsushima Army Airfield, Yamato, Japan. This training consisted in part of calisthenics, endurance running, and the fundamentals of parachuting accompanied by the duties of an Airborne Soldier. Then on December 1, 1947, with Class 41, he was graduated as a parachutist authorized to wear the wings characteristic of all airborne soldiers.

Before entering the Army, Howard attended Farmington High School.

Farmington Guernsey And Twins



"Brook-Lynn" of Dunrovin Farms, 34515 12 Mile Road, Farmington, showing off her twin calves, "Molly" and "Polly", born August 25. A Junior 2 year old, "Brook-Lynn" in 1947 produced a record 12,477 lbs. of milk, 628 lbs. of butterfat. Earl Smith, manager of Dunrovin Farms, is pictured with "Brook-Lynn" and his son, Raymond, and daughter, Theresa, have their attention on "Molly" and "Polly".

RUSTED TOOLS CAN BE BROUGHT BACK TO GOOD CONDITION

Have you ever had trouble with tools rusting? There are few people who haven't accidentally left a saw in the wet grass over night or had a favorite hammer grow rusty. Carl F. Albrecht, agricultural engineer at Michigan State college, points out that prevention of rust is easier than getting rid of it but that a few steps will bring tools back to good shape again.

If just a light coating of rust has formed on the tool, the chances are you'll be able to rub practically all of it off with a rag soaked in kerosene or light oil. The oil will also act as a seal and prevent further rusting.

But for the real bad ones, rusted so severely that they're pitted, more drastic steps are needed. Albrecht advises starting with a mild abrasive — pumice stone and oil, for example. If that doesn't do

Good Diet Is Needed For Firm Egg Shells

Is your flock producing eggs with firm shells? Cracked or checked eggs bring less money, points out J. M. Moore, extension poultryman at Michigan State college.

The specialist advises that egg shells can be improved by providing the birds with direct sunlight (not through glass). In the fall, the birds should have plenty of fish oil and other vitamin D supplement.

Calcium carbonate as found in oyster shells and limestone must be present with the vitamin D to make good egg shells. Moore believes poultrymen should encourage birds to eat plenty of this material.

Plan FFA Fat Stock Event For October 5

Members of the Future Farmers of America are looking forward to the day of October 5 when they go to St. Johns for their annual fat stock school and sale.

George Brown, head of the Michigan State College animal husbandry department and Conrad White of the agricultural education division are working together on plans for the day. The FFA boys will bring their stock to the event where they will be judged and then auctioned to high bidders. An educational program on livestock is also planned.

The event is to be held at the St. Johns stock yards and a number of premiums are offered.

October 3-9 Set For Fire Prevention Week

Ask yourself this question: Considering the costs of fire in losses of lives, property and food, can anyone afford to allow fire hazards around the farm?

National Fire Prevention Week will be observed this year beginning the week of October 3. A nationwide campaign for the elimination of fire hazards is planned for this week.

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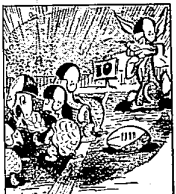
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