

FARM FEATURES

Speakers Listed For Farmers' Week

Visitors to the Michigan State College Farmers' Week program from January 24 through 28 will hear a number of outstanding speakers at the general programs now being arranged.

Each department of the school of agriculture will hold meetings during the morning. They will stress the special problems of farmers and will be held in various locations on the East Lansing campus. The general programs will be held in the MSC auditorium during the late afternoon and evening.

Tuesday afternoon's speaker will be Carl P. Thompson, professor of animal husbandry at Oklahoma A. & M. College, Stillwater, Oklahoma. He will present an interesting talk on "meeting the challenge of today's farming." Two programs will be presented in the evening, one in the auditorium featuring a travel talk on the West Indies, and another in Jensen fieldhouse with a band concert and variety boxing.

Speaker for the Wednesday afternoon program will be Fred W. Heinzel, secretary of the Missouri Farmers Association, Columbia, Missouri. He will speak on "Farmers Helping Themselves." Departmental banquets and a program on conservation will make up the night meetings.

For the Thursday afternoon session, Senator J. W. Fulbright of Arkansas will be featured speaker. He will give his views on the United States in Foreign Affairs. As a member of Congress, he has traveled much in foreign lands and is recognized as an authority on international problems. The evening program will again have two choices — a travel lecture on India, or a band concert and basketball game with MSC playing Wayne University.

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INTEREST HIGH IN FARM BUILDING



Construction of rural buildings with native materials has gained great interest in Michigan. This shows a barn raising near Fairview, Michigan State college is offering a new short course in rural building.

MSC EXPERT FINDS SMALLER GARDENS REPLACE ORCHARDS

The home orchard was an institution in America half a century or more ago, but it is being replaced by the fruit garden of modest design in the opinion of Dr. H. D. Tukey, head of the department of horticulture at Michigan State College.

The disappearance of the old home orchard was due largely to insects and diseases of all kinds. Commercial fruit growers, with special skills and equipment to fight insects and diseases, gradually took over the production of fruit and supplied the needs of both city and country people.

Yet, Dr. Tukey believes, there is a place for fruit around the home. The possibility is brought about by a better understanding of the kinds of fruits best suited to the home, plus simplified equipment and spray materials for pest control.

First of all, he states, a home planter should consider a modest fruit garden. He should think first of the small fruits, such as strawberries and raspberries, and be careful not to overplant. Then, if he wishes to go further and plant trees, he should think of small trees and again take care not to overplant.

Peaches, cherries and plums are most suited to home use, followed by pears and apples. The newer dwarf forms of apple and pear are proving satisfactory when good stock is secured.

So far as competition with commercial fruit production is concerned, Dr. Tukey believes experience shows that the best advertising for fruit is fruit itself. He points out that the man who has a small fruit garden in his backyard is the fruit grower's best customer.

Windbreaks in North Dakota. Seventy per cent of the farmsteads in the western half of North Dakota lack tree windbreaks to protect their homes and livestock.

Warmer Hen Houses Can Mean More Eggs

No one likes to work in a cold, damp place and that goes for the hens, too. A chilly, wet hen house can cause egg production to take a nose dive these winter days.

Michigan State College poultry specialists say that this doesn't mean you should close all fresh air inlets, however. Stiffness can be just as bad for production.

The moisture and frostiness of ten comes from warm air hitting the cold walls of the hen house and condensing.

This frost can be prevented by insulating the house, increasing the ventilation, or setting up a fan to move the air. The flock will thank you, too, and pay off in increased egg production.

Care of the Soil
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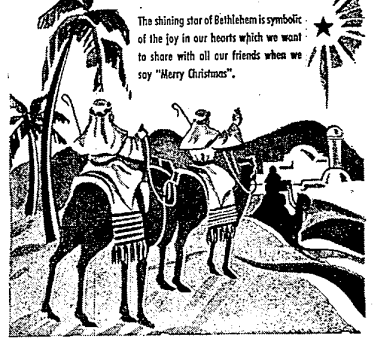
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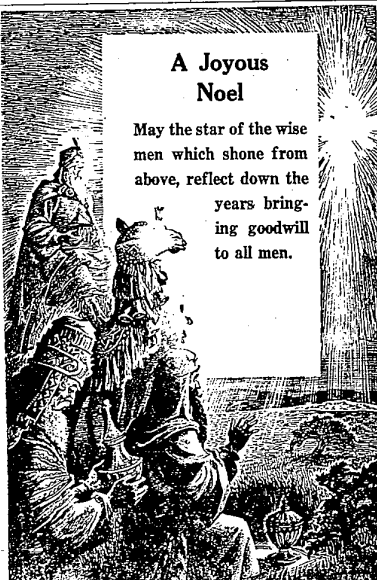
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