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FARM NEWS

MSC Offers Bulletins On Vegetable Growing

Two publications in growing
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at the Bulletin Office, Department
of Information Services, Michigan
State College.

One bulletin is called "Subur-
ban and Farm Vegetable Gardens"
and the other is entitled "Grow-
ing Vegetables in Town and City."
Both U. S. Department of Agri-
culture publications, they present
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AUSTRALIA BOUND—"Mooseheart Prince" takes a last look at
one of his many descendants before taking off on a long trip to
Australia where he will sire a Holstein dairy herd. Until now
sire at Mooseheart, Ill. he was sold to the Australian government.

Scientists Use Trailer Laboratory In State Disease Control Work

A quarter of a century ago, Mich-
igan was the first state in the
nation to declare cattle free of
tuberculosis due to the construc-
tion testing program that was
started some years earlier, ac-
cording to Dr. Lee Davidson, state
veterinarian, Michigan Depart-
ment of Agriculture.

During the past 15 years, a simi-
lar state-wide cattle testing pro-
gram for Bang's disease control
has been under way. Before long
it is hoped that the two million
head of cattle in the state may be
disease free.

The latest move in Bang's dis-
ease control work in cattle was
started in Michigan about 18
months ago when the Abortus
Ring (ABR), or what is now com-
monly called the milk ring test,
was introduced into the state to
aid in the blood testing program
already in use.

Dr. R. L. Alkire, Brucellosis
field supervisor of the U. S. De-
partment of Agriculture, and the
Michigan Department of Agri-
culture, cooperating, state that the
ABR test is a herd test and that
a blood test must be conducted
upon the reacting herds in order
that individual reacting animals
may be identified. Its advantages
are that an area may be rapidly
screened at regular intervals and
newly infected herds located be-
fore the infection becomes widely
spread.

One phase of the Bangs testing
program during the past year has
included the use of a laboratory
trailer in the twenty-seven coun-
ties under the test and slaughter
area plan in the northern portion
of Michigan's lower peninsula. In
February, 1953, the initial test of
herds was completed through the
collection of milk and cream sam-
ples at dairy plants. Included as
part of the project was the follow-
up blood testing of all milk react-
ing herds. The trailer laboratory,
presently located at Reed City in

Danger Of Rabies Now At Peak

Rabies is on the increase, es-
pecially among fur-bearing ani-
mals, and this is the time of year
when the disease can be spread
widely.

Dr. Glen W. Reed, extension
animal pathologist at Michigan
State College, says that this is the
time of year predatory animals
such as dogs, skunks and other
wild animals tend to roam. If
they are infected with rabies, the
disease is spread rapidly.

If rabies is suspected, says Dr.
Reed, remember these points.
1. Don't kill any animal you
can catch. You can't be sure it's
rabies until there is an examina-
tion of the brain in the laboratory.
Have the veterinarian place the
animal under observation.

2. Symptoms of rabies usually
show up in the animal within two
weeks after biting a person.
3. Don't be panicky after being
bitten. The first thought is to
capture the animal and place it
under observation. The second
is to wash the wound or scratch
thoroughly with warm, soapy wa-
ter and get to a physician imme-
diately.

CORN GROWERS CROP AGREEMENT DUE MAY 31

Oakland County corn growers
are warned at this time by County
PMA Chairman Walter A. Cook
that Commodity Credit Corpora-
tion loans and purchase agree-
ments for the 1952 corn crop must
be completed before May 31, 1953,
to be eligible for the price support
rate.

Mr. Cook points out that No. 3
grade corn or better is supported
at \$1.66 per bushel, delivered as
shelled corn to any elevator ap-
proved for handling corn for the
CCC.

Loans may be obtained on any
eligible corn produced by the ap-
plicant provided it is stored in
good farm storage. The producer
may obtain a purchase agree-
ment which guarantees him the
support price at time of delivery.
All loans and purchase agree-
ments terminate as of July 31,
1953, and CCC will arrange for de-
livery as soon after that date as
possible.

Service charges on farm stored
corn loans is one cent per bushel
with a minimum charge of \$3.00,
while on purchase agreements the
service charge is one-half cent per
bushel with a minimum charge of
\$1.50.

All notes on corn are non-re-
course notes bearing interest at
2 1/4% per annum, which means
that if the corn is delivered to
CCC no interest is charged.

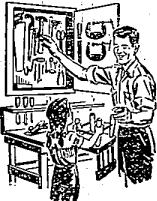
Mr. Cook advises any one inter-
ested in a corn loan or purchase
agreement to contact the Oak-
land County PMA office, 18 South
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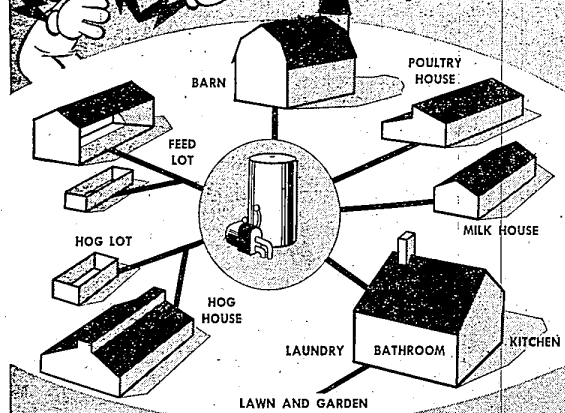
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