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Surplus Holsteins To Be Auctioned

On June 17 a sale of surplus purebred Holstein heifers and a few bulls from State institutional farms will be held at the Upper Peninsula State Fair grounds, Escanaba, starting at 12 noon, reports B. Dale Ball, coordinator, Institutional Farms and Herds, Michigan Department of Agriculture.

Fifty-four heifers and seven bulls, some of which are ready for service, or a total of thirty-one head, will be offered for sale. These cattle are consigned from the various state institutional farms. Again this year all surplus female animals from institutional farms are being sold at public auction sales. This gives all breeders a chance to bid on the animals, states Mr. Ball. The cattle being sold are from ancestors that have been on official testing for production for many years. Many are from high producing dams, especially the bulls, which have dams with records of 571 to 740 pounds of butterfat per year.

All production records will be converted to a twice a day milking so that purchasers can more easily compare them with records made under regular farm conditions.

C. B. Smith, from Williamston, will be the auctioneer.

Rural Family Shows Now Being Televised

A new television program aimed at rural families is being relayed by Michigan State College to six Michigan TV stations.

Called "Country Crossroads," the program features such things as lawn care, fishing, freestyle swimming, jam, handling bulk milk, keeping eggs in the summer and outdoor cooking.

The show is produced by the MSC Cooperative Extension Service and features county agricultural agents, 4-H agents, home demonstration agents and extension specialists. It is presented over WWJ-TV, Detroit; WOOD-TV, Grand Rapids; WXYZ-TV, Lansing; WPAQ-TV, Ann Arbor; WKZZ-TV, Kalamazoo, and station WKNX-TV, Saginaw.

Fox squirrels bring forth their young in either leaf nests or hollow trees. Conservation department studies show more are found in Michigan in the security of a hollow tree than in the open nest. Generally, one brood of three youngsters is born to a female each year.



PITIED PUP—Shot by a burglar, "Daren," a boxer owned by J. E. Dobrick of Chicago, Ill., was helped by the crook who bandaged his wound and fed him a T-bone steak from the Dobrick refrigerator. Seen above, "Daren" gets more sympathy from pretty Rosemary Eredon, an attendant at a Chicago animal hospital.

4-H Judging Team To Visit England

Michigan's national champion 4-H Club dairy cattle judging team will take part in the International Dairy Judging Contest in July at the Royal Livestock Show in England. The Michigan purebred dairy cattle associations are heading up the fund raising.

All the dairy breed groups have done their part in raising funds for the trip, points out Nevels Pearson, assistant state 4-H Club leader, who will accompany the team. Some groups gave outright cash gifts and others sold calves to raise money for the travel fund. The team will leave June 30, cross the Atlantic by plane and arrive July 2 in England. The show will be at Blackpool, north of Liverpool. Also on the trip will be stops at the Jersey and Guernsey (Channel) Isles—where those breeds were developed—and a tour of France, Belgium and Holland. They will see the home of the Holsteins in Schleswig-Holstein before returning July 25 by plane.

The team members are David VanDeinevel of Hart, Robert Meyer of Ypsilanti, Marilyn Type of Traverse City and Donald Proctor of Chelsea. They won national honors at Waterloo, Iowa, and VanDeinevel was top entry in the contest.

TO PRODUCE MORE
Fewer farmers will earn more in 1950—producing more for more people, predicts Lawrence L. Boger, Michigan State College farm economist. He expects the farm population to drop from 23 to 21 million while the national 179 million. Farm production, with 100 as the 1935-39 base figure, is 141 now and will be about 169 in 1960, Boger forecasts.

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Use Chemicals To Control Weeds

The corn farmer has some friends—chemicals—when wet weather slows cultivation and the weeds grow, reminds Boyd R. Churchill, Michigan State College farm crops weed control specialist.

Chemical weeding of corn, at very reasonable cost, is a big help in wet weather, notes Churchill. In years of normal cultivation, he adds, weeds usually can be controlled without chemicals. In any case, it's a good idea not to forget the old methods of cultivating weeds out and keeping them down in the beginning with clean seed.

Farmers can use 2, 4-D as a spray when corn is only a few inches high, or even after the last cultivation, says the MSC weed control specialist. The time to use spray on corn depends on field conditions; some growers spray when corn is small and others use it when corn is high.

On heavy soils, there's an advantage in using 2, 4-D as a pre-emergence spray, before the crop comes up, suggests Churchill. It will take more chemical but the advantage is in temporary control of annual grassy weeds—as well as annual broadleaf varieties. It will keep a field clean for two or three weeks if rains prevent cultivation.

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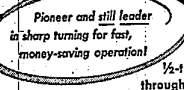
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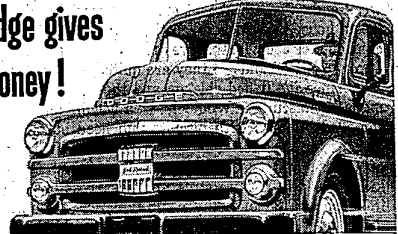
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