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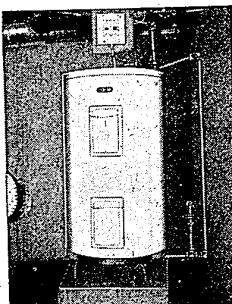
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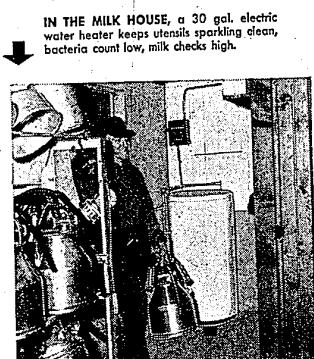
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# FARM NEWS

### SICK TRACTOR GIVES SYMPTOMS TO AILMENTS

The color of the exhaust may be the indication of what is wrong with your tractor engine, says Robert G. White, extension farm machinery specialist at Michigan State College.

If the "tractor's" exhaust pipe fumes black smoke, for example, it is getting more gas than it needs. The air-fuel mixture must be too rich. Or, says White, the black smoke may mean an improper fuel level or a plugged air cleaner.

When your tractor fumes bluish smoke, the engine is burning oil. Oil in the combustion chamber means that valves or piston rings are worn or stuck.

White suggests having a mechanic find out the trouble and repair it before the job becomes more costly.

### Watch Strawberries CLOSELY For Moisture

Probably some of you are already picking ripe strawberries. It may seem a little fatigued now, but a week or real dry weather would be the stop short and irrigation will be needed to keep the crop coming in.

On the west side of the state, irrigation water has already been applied to strawberries because of dry soil. Last year, the crop was cut in half because of dry weather during the latter part of the picking season. If you have irrigation facilities, keep a close watch on your soil moisture.

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### Michigan Economist Forecasts Farm Income In 1953 And 1954

Dr. T. K. Cowden, head of the department of Agricultural Economics, Michigan State College at East Lansing, addressing the eighth annual convention of the American Plant Food Council recently, predicted that "agricultural net incomes will be lower in 1953 than in 1952 by something like ten per cent," that "in 1954 we will likely have some further decline," and following "bearing an all-out war . . . agriculture may be headed for another period similar to that which existed between 1932 and 1936" which was marked by "fairly good industrial activity" but in which farm costs remained relatively high in relation to the income received by farmers.

"It is my judgment, in my judgment, to expect farm returns to continue at the levels that have existed during most of the last inflationary decade," he said.

From 1942 to 1952 farm prices (major plant foods) is up 230 per cent. The acres of crop land have remained practically unchanged. Crop production per acre has increased 200 per cent. The American people are today virtually eating on science, and they will do so to an even greater degree in the future."

Viewing a long-time outlook for agriculture and assuming no all-out war, the Michigan economist said he did not foresee "a shortage of food in this country," but at the same time did not mean that "all the world will be well fed, well housed, and well clothed." He added that he could not see "a very bright future for the small, inefficient farm."

### HOLSTEIN SHOW SET FOR PONTIAC ON JULY 29

The Annual Black and White Holstein Show will be held on Wednesday, July 29, at the 4-H Fair Grounds, Ferry and Wallace Boulevard, Pontiac, starting at 10:00 a.m. All farmers with registered Holstein herds are urged to participate in this show. One or two cattle from your herd would be appreciated.

This is not only for Holstein breeders, but all dairymen in the county are urged to attend and take part in the judging contests. 4-H Club members with Holstein dairy calf projects are invited to exhibit and compete for prizes.

Those planning to participate in the show should take care of getting their cattle blood tested now. The following requirements must be met regarding tests for Bung's disease:

1. All cattle over 12 months of age must be blood tested, unless they were vaccinated within the last year when they were between four and eight months of age.

2. Vaccinated cattle must be accompanied by an official vaccination record.

3. This means that all animals over 21 months of age, whether vaccinated or not, must be blood tested.

Adolph Engler of Lake Orion and Don Hickmott of Oxford, officers of the local Holstein Association, urge all dairymen in the county and anyone else interested to attend this show.

### Use Of Insecticides Effective Against Worms

Just about everybody has an ornamental tree or shrub that has aphids, scales, worms. This is the worms, if in large enough numbers, will defoliate a tree. There are trees in Oakland County to which this has happened.

Spring canker worm, sometimes called the measuring worm, is about one and one-fourth inches long and, in its process of moving, will loop the center part of its body and pull it hind part forward, thus its name — measuring worm.

This insect can be controlled with most insecticides. Some insecticides that are most effective are DDT, arsenate of lead and methoxychlor.

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### Michigan Ranks Fourth In Number Of Tree Farms

Michigan, ranking fourth in the nation in the number of certified tree farms, added six more recently and raised the total to 315 now dedicated.

At present, about 670,000 acres of Michigan forest lands are listed under the program, started in 1948.

### Park Visitor Totals Decline In Michigan This Year

About 1,600,000 persons have visited Michigan state parks so far this year, a decline from the two million that had entered the parks to this date last year, the conservation department reports.

Camp permits have also slumped slightly; 1,364 have been issued to date while 1,550 had been issued to June 1 last year.

Grand Haven, Holland, Bay City and Dodge City are again the leading parks with a combined total of about 575,000 visitors to date. Rochester — Uluda is leading the recreation areas with a total of 113,000 visitors.

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