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PARKING AREAS ON FARMS PREVENT GOUGES AND RUTS

Now is the time to do something about those ruts and gouges in your lawn or farmyard landscape — those places torn up by your guests when they dislodge their automobiles.

If you set up parking areas in the farmyard, you can avoid ruts and gouges next spring and make your guests a lot happier. Joseph T. Cox, extension specialist in landscape architecture at Michigan State College, suggests locating parking areas in out-of-the-way places by your driveway, will be clear.

Some farmyards, says Cox, can have parking areas simply by making the driveway ten feet wider. If right angle parking is better suited to your farm, don't forget to make the parking stalls at least ten feet in width, too, in order to prevent smashed fenders.

If you want to have parking near the door of your house, a circular drive or turn around may be your best bet — that is, if it fits your yard. This makes a less likely route for the city driver who isn't aware of what can happen in the average rural driveway in the early spring.

Cox also cautions that parking stalls or niches need to be well drained to prevent a spring break-through. That means a gentle slope to the drive edge and plenty of coarse clinders or gravel.

The Grist Mill

By ED ALCHIN
County Agricultural Agent

Farm work has progressed well on the light, sandy soil farms in Oakland County during the past two weeks with a great many acres of oats and some corn ground plowed. However, the farms on heavier soils are finding the going much slower with rains causing critical delay.

The soil testing laboratory has been going full blast in the office now for over a month. Farmers are really taking advantage of the service as never before. About 200 samples were tested and mailed out in the past week.

Just a reminder, if you want to get your soil test report back in time for fertilizing your corn, now is the time to get them in because indications are that the lab will be kept busy right up to planting time and it may be some delay in getting your report to you.

Rainy days are a good time to check over your tools and equipment for corn planting and hay harvesting coming up. As soon as the weather breaks you know you are going to be tied up in the field long hours and some delay later in locating parts and assembling machinery can mean an awful lot to you.

Upping Planting Rate Will Increase Corn Yields, MSC Cropsmen Reveal

Don't be stingy with your seed when you're planting corn if you want the best yields.

Michigan State College farm cropsmen suggest planting 16,000 plants per acre? Layton V. Nelson, MSC extension farm crops specialist, says you can estimate the rate roughly this way: If your planter is set to drop 10,000 seeds per acre, you are getting approximately 16,000 plants per acre. How do you know you're getting approximately 16,000 seeds per acre? Layton V. Nelson, MSC extension farm crops specialist, says you can estimate the rate roughly this way: If your planter is set to drop 10,000 seeds per acre, you are getting approximately 16,000 plants per acre.

On top soils in southern Michigan, 16,000 plants per acre gave an increase in yield of 11 1/2 per cent over plots which averaged 10,500 plants per acre. In Kent County, 15,600 plants per acre upped the yield 35 per cent over plots that contained 7,800 plants per acre. In another experiment on lighter soils the yield increased three per cent when 15,600 plants were used instead of 6,800 in the control plot. Nelson believes that right planting rate on lighter soils is between 10,000 and 12,000 per acre.

Thicker plantings usually result in smaller ears of corn. But Michigan research shows that the best yields are obtained when ears average about a half pound. Large ears often weigh three-fourths of a pound.

STATE DESTROYS IMPORTED JAPANESE GLADIOLUS CORMS

Because the Michigan Department of Agriculture is vigilant in keeping diseased nursery items from spreading infection within the state, 1,673,500 gladiolus corms from Japan recently were condemned and destroyed.

The shipment was cleared at a port-of-entry in California, and was consigned to a Michigan firm, according to C. S. McIntyre, director of the Department. The shipment was condemned, however, by three inspectors of the Department's bureau of plant industry, of which C. A. Boyer is chief.

Mr. Boyer said the state could ill afford to permit plant diseases of gladioli to enter Michigan, which itself is the nation's largest producer of gladioli for corms. During the past few months the Department's inspectors have been certifying for purity in excess of 50 million gladiolus corms produced by Michigan gladioli growers.

Before work is completed this may even run 75 million corms, Mr. Boyer said. There were 12 varieties of gladioli among the 1,673,500 Japanese corms condemned by Michigan inspectors and destroyed. The shipment was found to be infected with fusarium rot, horvitz rot, curvularia, Helminthia dry rot, scab, fusarium yellows and general injury from penicillium rot, according to Mr. Boyer. He also said he found considerable mite injury as well.

FARM CALENDAR OF EVENTS
April 23 and 26, National Land Judging School and Contest, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
April 30 - May 1, Michigan Home Economics Assn. meeting, Detroit.
May 2, 8 National Home Demonstration Week.
May 3, Michigan Association of Produce Market Managers, Sarinau.

When Michigan first came under the jurisdiction of the United States in 1796, it was in the Territory northwest of the River Ohio, usually called the Old Northwest. States made from the Old Northwest are Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin.

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Potato Men Urged Not To Boost Acreage

Michigan potato growers who increase their acreage this year can't expect help from the government's surplus purchase program. That's the word from George N. Moss, Michigan State College marketing specialist.

The purchases are made under what the government calls "Section 32" funds, and the produce goes mostly for use by welfare agencies, school lunch programs and eligible institutions.

The purchase plan is not a direct price support program. The Section 32 funds are very limited and are used only to soften the consequences of seasonal market gluts. The U. S. Department of Agriculture's acreage and marketing guide for Michigan suggests that growers in this state should not increase their potato acreage over that of 1953 in order to help avoid surpluses.

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Spraying Calendar Supplement Available

A supplement for Michigan State College's 1953 spraying calendar is available at county extension offices.

The new publication, called "Spraying Calendar, 1954 Supplement," includes information on the control of diseases and insects that were troublesome to growers in 1953. Included among the pests discussed are: apple scab, fire blight of apples and pears, brown rot on peaches and cherries, cherry leaf spot, aphids on apples, European red mite and two-spotted mite, oriental fruit moth on peaches, lesser peach borer and plum curculio on peaches, plums and cherries.

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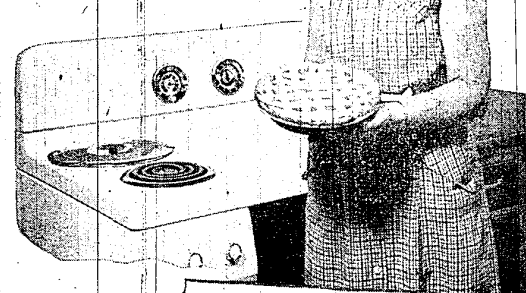
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2 tablespoons flour 1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup strained honey 3 1/2 cups diced rhubarb

8-inch unbaked pastry shell

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