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Mr. George Cronin of Detroit found out recently. When he arrived home from his nighttime job at 3 A.M., he sat down to read for a while. His wife was visiting in Chicago so he was alone in the house.

When he got up to go to bed he felt a tingling in his arm. Seconds later he collapsed to the floor with a stroke.

Although he was barely conscious, Mr. Cronin knew he must somehow reach the telephone many feet away. With tremendous effort, inch by agonizing inch, he finally made it.

The operator who answered was Rosa Gies. Speaking with great difficulty he mumbled the telephone number of a friend, Miss Gies telephoned the friend who soon was at Mr. Cronin's side. Meanwhile, the operator remained on the line in case she could be of further help.

Mr. Cronin is now well on the way to recovery. After the incident he expressed his gratitude in person to Miss Gies. For her helping hand and his telephone had spared him hours of discomfort.

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# FARM NEWS

## Dairy Inspection To Be Expanded

Need for milk inspections on farms supplying manufacturers of butter, cheese and ice cream will naturally be met this year by the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

This was explained last week by J. L. Littlefield, assistant chief of the Department's bureau of dairying in a talk at the two-day Dairy Fieldmen's conference at Michigan State College. The entire field force of the bureau of dairying was on hand.

The chief of the bureau, P. M. Skiver, said farms supplying fluid milk outlets in the state have long been subject to Department inspection just as Michigan was the first state to have a compulsory milk pasteurization law. Fluid milk retail sales in the state total about three million quarts a day, Mr. Skiver said.

He said the importance of even limited farm inspection of suppliers of butter, cheese and ice cream plants may be realized when it is known that Michigan stands sixth in production of both butter and ice cream, ninth in cheese, and fourth in evaporated milk.

This new field of inspection will be limited because of size of staff but dairy inspectors will attempt to cover as much as possible, Mr. Skiver said.

Michigan stands 10th in the number of milk cows, and 8th in total production. In 1953 there were 5,629,000 pounds of milk produced in the state. The cash income from dairymen was about 2.5 per cent of the total cash farm income. It amounted to \$133,825,000 for Michigan dairymen, Mr. Skiver said.

## FARM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 14, Michigan Hereford Breeders' Bureau, Livestock Pavilion, Michigan State College.

May 17, Chicken of Tomorrow project weighing.

May 18, Michigan Hereford Breeders' Field Day at Pioneer Ranch, Cheboygan.

## Now's the time to Make it Milk!

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**KEEPING WARM**—At chicken farms throughout Europe, incubators are at a premium, so achenes like the above are not uncommon. These six-hour-old chicks seem quite content in the arms of a young Hamburg, Germany, lass. And she seems quite content, too.

## Mow Driers Permit Better Quality Hay, Convenience To Farmers

"Making hay while the sun shines" was a good slogan for grandfather but today's top farmers put their faith in hay mowers and worry less about the weather.

A mow drier permits storing of hay with 4 moisture content of 30 to 40 per cent, explains Robert L. Madex, agricultural engineer at Michigan State College. It insures hay having the same quality in the mow that it had when it was cut in the field. It also is good insurance against burning down a barn with spontaneous combustion — even in rainy weather.

Hay headed for a mow drier can be cut earlier in the season when the forage crops have a higher feed quality, adds Madex, and about 10 per cent more hay can be taken from the field. When hay moisture is above the 30 per cent mark, the leaves and stems stay on.

A mow drier works very well in a hayting program where a forage chopper leaves the farm engineer. Long hay and baled hay can be handled with a mow drier but chopped hay works better. The drying system design depends on the size and arrangement of the hay mow generally.

## Foreign Markets Handle Surplus Dairy Products

The U. S. Department of Agriculture is promoting the use of milk in foreign countries where the "perfect food" is in short supply. The USDA is selling butter, condensed and nonfat dry milk solids to exporters who are shipping the items separately from the U. S. to foreign countries.

The butterfat and nonfat dry milk solids then are to be recombined into fluid milk in the foreign country by mixing with water, key.

## Work Required To Grow Top Quality Tomatoes

"Growing tomatoes that look like a color ad in a slick magazine can be done, but it takes a lot more than just setting out plants. If you want to grow tomatoes the correct way, a new publication from Michigan State College horticulturalists will be helpful.

The publication, Extension Folder F-142, "Tomato Growing in Michigan," tells about recommended varieties, how to treat the soil, how to prepare the soil, how to start seedlings and how to set out plants so they'll produce top quality fruit. The folder also discusses cultivation, irrigation and mulching, how to improve early set by spraying, staking and pruning, how to get the best insect and disease control, and how to harvest and market the crop for the best profit. Your county agricultural agent will give you a copy.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

## The "Write" Prescription

Noticed three half-finished letters lying on the counter down at Jones' Drug Store last week. "Writing three at once, Doc?" I asked.

"No," Doc said, "you are—you and the rest of the town. These are for the boys from our town who are at the National Guard encampment."

"Everyone who comes in adds a line or two, and when a couple of pages are filled, I mail them. That way the boys hear from folks who might not write otherwise. They sure do enjoy it."

From where I sit, little things can add up pretty big. A few short notes make a letter. Boys from our little town help build up a strong National Guard to protect our freedom. Even freedom is made up of a lot of things — living where we like, voting the way we think is right, choosing between coffee, tea, or beer at dinner. And anything that adds up to freedom gets my stamp of approval.

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