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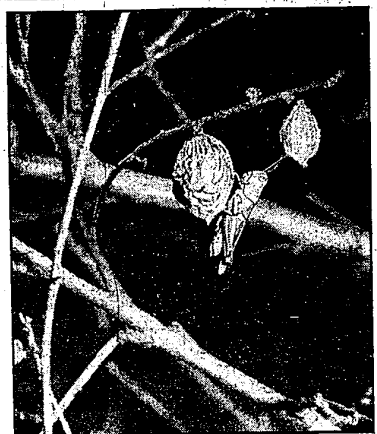
FARM NEWS

Blue Comb Disease Easy To Cure If Caught In Time

Having trouble with blue comb in your chicken flock? You are if the birds are droopy, their combs are darkening and they have severe diarrhea.
If the birds have blue comb, the disease hits the entire flock and you'll see a drastic drop in feed and water consumption. There also will be a severe cut in egg production. What can you do about it?
Dr. S. C. Schmitt, extension poultry pathologist at Michigan State College, says you can stop the disease in three to five days if you watch for the early stages.
He recommends putting an antibiotic — either aureomycin or terramycin — in the drinking water. You can purchase it from a dealer who carries poultry remedies. The label on the container will tell you how much to use.
If the disease is more than five days old, however, antibiotics will be less effective. In that case, Dr. Schmitt recommends using potassium dichromate in the drinking water — one level teaspoon of the chemical per four quarts — and adding molasses with the mash — three pounds of dried molasses to each 100 pounds of mash. If you use stock feeding molasses, five pounds per 100 pounds of mash will be needed. Feed the molasses for ten days.
"If you are in doubt about whether your chickens have blue comb, you can submit an affected bird to the poultry diagnostic laboratory at MSC in East Lansing."

Cooperative Hunt Plan Offer To Close Soon

Farmers wishing to organize a Williamson Plan hunting cooperative should make application for tickets and boundary, state and zone signs not later than September 1, the conservation department points out.
The basic plan is for farmers on two or more square miles of adjoining lands to band together and pool their lands as a unit, thereby providing for a regulated harvest of the area's farm game and a control of trespass problems.
All tickets and signs are provided free to the farm groups who ask for the program.
State game workers are available to explain the plan to farmer groups unfamiliar with it.
Last year, about 50 groups of northern Michigan farmers opened 170,000 acres to controlled hunting under the plan.
For the best cure of sheep foot rot in Michigan, make a foot bath out of 30 per cent copper sulfate and do a good job of trimming the diseased portion of the foot, say MSC sheep specialists.



PIT-IFUL SIGHT—Drought-stricken Missouri has its troubles doubled by a plague of grasshoppers that are eating everything the drought didn't burn up. So voracious are the insects that they strip peach trees of foliage and even eat the fruit, leaving the pits hanging on the branch. Photo shows a common sight in the peach orchards.

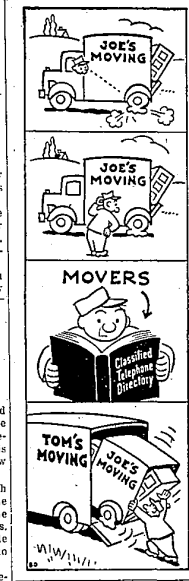
Study Of New Farm Support Laws Before Fall Planting Recommended

Before you plant wheat this fall, a closer look at the new "emergency" provision of the farm price support law is recommended.
Under this ruling you will have to stay within your average allotment of all crops on your farm in 1955 to be eligible for supports on any crop. That is emphasized by Clarence Prentice, Michigan Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Administrator.
For example, this year if your wheat quota was ten acres, you could still sell a 15-acre crop, but without price supports. Now, however, if you exceed your wheat quota you won't be able to get support prices on corn or any other crop.
Total acreage allotments will also be in effect for all farms which have more than ten diverted acres in 1955. Diverted acres are those which have been forced out of production of cash crops by allotment restrictions.
For example, if you had to cut down more than ten acres on your wheat crop you won't be able to shift those acres over to another cash crop. You will not be able to have more acres of cash crops this year than last.
You will have to leave the diverted acres idle or put them into hay, grass, or other non-cash crops.
The Agricultural Conservation Program is helping farmers with cost-sharing to put these acres into soil building crops.
Here again, a farmer will have to stay within the total acreage allotments for his farm to be eligible for any supports. Prentice adds that state ASC officials do not know as yet whether there will be other crops under allotment other than wheat and corn for 1955.
Michigan ranks 17th among the states for corn acreage. At the same time it ranks 14th in the amount produced, according to 1953 figures from the Michigan Department of Agriculture.
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TREES, SHRUBS FOR WILDLIFE HABITAT OFFERED TO FARMS

Farm planners in the conservation department's game division are again preparing planting plans for cooperating land owners having five or more acres located south of the Bay City - Muskegon line in Michigan.
Trees and shrubs that provide food and cover for wildlife are given free of charge to farmers who wish to take part in the farm game restoration program.
The plantings also serve the farmer as living hedges, windbreaks, erosion-stoppers and future Christmas trees.
A post card sent to the department's game division at Lansing 26 will bring a game biologist to plan for the up-coming fall and spring seasons.
To date, about 2500 cooperators are listed under the continuing program, started in 1948. About 7,400,000 evergreens, shrubs and multi-trunk rose seedlings have been distributed.

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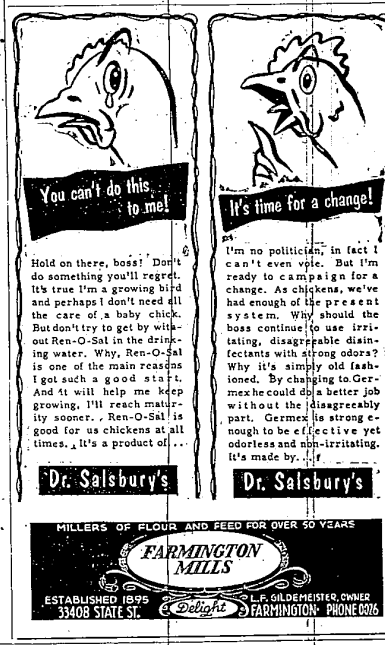


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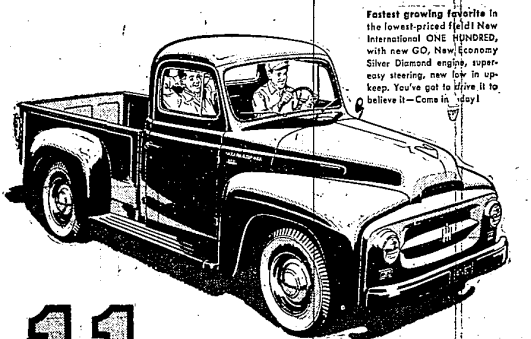
By **HD ALCHIN**
County Agricultural Agent
A summary of the Oakland County farm situation at this time would indicate that crops and livestock are not doing as well this year as they have for the past few years.
Although hay crops were much better than expected due to June rains, wheat and oats came on well because of the same rains. The wheat crop has been a little better than average according to most farmers' reports.
The setback has come as a result of drought through July and into August which has held corn on many farms to a standstill. Pastures have been negligible during this period with many farmers having to feed dry feed to keep production up. This could easily have a had effect on feed supply later in the year. Many farmers report difficulty in preparation of wheat ground for the fall seeding because of hard soil conditions.
Potato growers with irrigation report good stands, but those without irrigation say the crop is below average. All in all, the 1954 growing season to date has been only average for the best part and below average generally. Maybe this is nature's way of helping to take care of farm surpluses.

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