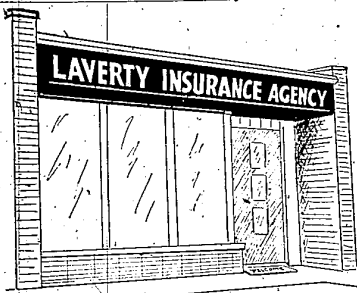


Continued population growth, high consumer incomes and possible increases in milk consumption all point to an expansion in the demand for fluid milk.

The numbers of marriages and divorces in Michigan during 1954 kept about the same balance as in previous years, with 50,000 marriages to 14,000 divorces.

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Michigan Farmers Expand Wildlife Cover Program

Southern Michigan farmers are beginning to make wider use of the state's farm game habitat program.

Sportsmen's money is used in the program to provide free trees and shrub plantings to farm operators below the Bay City - Muskegon line in southern Michigan. During 1954, a total of 657 farm planting projects were started, hiking the total for the state to 3558 farms now included under the program.

The free plantings serve two main purposes. The primary function of the work is to provide food and cover plantings for wildlife, but farmers like the program because it gives them hedgerow fences, windbreaks and erosion-stopping ground cover.

Signing up under the program does not mean a farmer has to throw his lands open to hunting. The choice of whether or not to allow hunting on his lands remains his, and if he wants no hunting, so be it. The theory, from the sportsman's view, is that more plantings and more wildlife contribute to the general welfare of conservation. On that basis, the sportsman pays the shot for the work through license fees and taxes paid on hunting equipment.

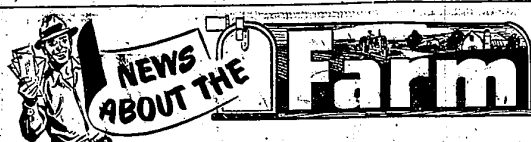
The state administers the program and any Michigan landowner south of route M-20 can start on the program by dropping a post card to the conservation department's game division at Lansing 26, Michigan.

The 40th annual Farmers' Week will be held on the MSC campus February 7 to 11.

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The proper selection and use of even a small number of dwarf trees, flowering shrubs and ground cover plantings can do much to beautify the small contemporary home of today.

That advice was given to the fourth annual Michigan Landscape Gardeners Conference January 6-7 at Michigan State College by Dr. Donald Wyman, ornamental horticulture expert of the Arnold Arboretum, Massachusetts. The conference at Kellogg Center was sponsored by the Michigan Landscape Conference and the MSC Department of Horticulture.

Dr. Wyman suggested many varieties for the landscape gardeners to use to develop the smaller lots being utilized today. Promoting the use of more small trees, Dr. Wyman suggested the small maples, Chinese dogwood, European hawthorne, star magnolia, crab apples and silver holly.

Advocated as attractive small shrubs were the box-woods, Japanese quince, dwarf evergreens, bayberry, holly, low lilacs, primrose cross and others. Ground-cover plants suggested were the little barberry varieties, English ivy, memorial rose, ornamental grasses and others.

The other highlights of the conference were talks on lawn construction and maintenance by Dr. James S. Tyson, and Dr. C. M. Harrison of MSC.

Careful management in livestock feeding this year may mean the difference between profit and loss, MSC agricultural economists believe.



Michigan Milk Sent To Milk-Loving French Premier Mendes-France

If the French Premier, Mendes-France, who favors milk as his beverage, is starting a trend from certain other drinks to milk, producers and processors of dairy products in Michigan and other parts of the United States certainly want to encourage it.

Last week Michigan's agricultural director, G. S. McIntyre, placed a carton of milk aboard a plane at the Capital Airport at Lansing for delivery in New York City to Miss Eleanor Maley, 18, of Great Meadows, Minnesota, who is the American Dairy Industry's "Milkmaid of the Milky Way."

In New York City, Miss Maley received milk from 47 other states and, together with a milk dispensing machine, took a plane for the French capital. In Paris she presented the milk and the dispenser to Premier Mendes-France.

Michigan dairy leaders said they felt this Milk Salute was well deserved by the French Premier for his outstanding contribution in the dairy industry's program of increasing consumption of milk and dairy foods.

Meanwhile in Michigan, plans were rapidly going forward for the Michigan Dairy Food Festival from February 10 to 19 when the value of milk products as a nutritious and economical food will be featured by milk producers and processors, both chain and independent grocery stores, pharmacists, hotels, restaurants and others.

In Michigan the value of milk accounts for about a third of the annual cash income of the Michigan farmer. Last year the value of the state's cash farm crops was approximately 713 million dollars.

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Good housing management should be practiced at all times. That means clean and sanitary surroundings, good ventilation and ample feed and water space. Control rats with rat-proof building construction, clean premises and, if necessary, commercial rat poison.

Chickens are almost constantly in contact with litter, especially when confined to the laying house. Litter which is permitted to become damp is a menace to flock health. Keep the litter clean and dry.

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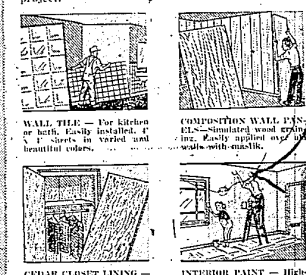
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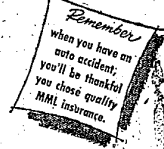
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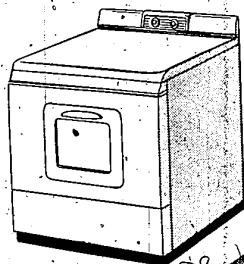
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