

Speakers Named For Farmers' Week

An impressive list of outstanding speakers from over the United States and Canada are being assembled for the thirty-sixth annual Farmers' Week program at Michigan State College.

The annual mid-winter educational event for Michigan's rural people is scheduled for January 29 through February 3 on the East Lansing school's campus.

James G. Gardiner, Canadian minister of agriculture, and Henschel Newsom, new master of the National Grange, have been added as general session speakers. Gardiner has been minister of agriculture in Canada for more than 15 years. He will speak Wednesday afternoon, January 31, on "Common Problems of Good Neighbors."

Grange Master Newsom is from Indiana and will speak on Thursday afternoon, February 1. He is an outstanding farmer and this will be one of his first addresses since he replaced the late Albert Goss in November as head of the farm organization.

William Lawrence, science editor of the New York Times, is Tuesday's general session speaker.

Another speaker of national reputation, Oris V. Wells, chief of the bureau of agricultural econom-

Pine Tree Plantings Help 4-H Club Camp

Barry County 4-H Club members are maintaining buildings and providing recreational equipment for their county 4-H Club Camp with the proceeds from pine tree plantings made ten years ago.

On the camp area, near Lake Algonquin, club members planted seedlings ten years ago. Each year the present members harvest trees in thinning out the forest. They are sold for Christmas trees and proceeds are used to paint and repair buildings, buy new boats and generally improve the camp area.

For the U. S. Department of Agriculture, has been obtained for the Farm Management banquet on Thursday evening, February 1. Departmental sessions will list authorities in the many fields of agriculture and home economics from many states and from the Michigan State College staff.

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WEST OF THE BORDER—Though the threat of World War III is hanging over Europe and the world, there seems to be little evidence of tension along the West German-Russian zone border-line in such towns as Selsbach, Germany, where this farmer-plants his fields only 300 yards from the Russian zone. Other farmers, who have farmland in the Russian zone, require special passes to cultivate fields over the boundary. All are complacently resigned to the fact that tomorrow draughts of war may rumble over their crops.

Early Care Needed For Dairy Calves

Careful attention to a few pointers in raising dairy calves often means a more successful job in getting the calf off to a good start, report members of the Michigan State College dairy department.

Feeding, they say, is the first consideration. Feed milk at the rate of one pound a day for each 10 pounds of calf weight. This means eight pounds of milk for an 80 pound calf, which would normally be fed in two feeds of four pounds (about two quarts) each per day.

Fast drinking often leads to scouring troubles, the dairymen say. Drinking can be slowed down by elevating the pail in a rack or manger. Many farmers use nipple pails and find them helpful. A caution in using a nipple pail is to be sure it is kept clean.

Most dairymen prefer to start calves at about two weeks of age on whole grains. A mixture of three parts whole oats, three parts shelled corn, and one part linseed oil meal or soybean oil meal has been used quite successfully. This is fed until about three months of age, when a ground grain mixture should be fed. A satisfactory growing mixture is 150 pounds of ground oats; 100 pounds of yellow corn meal; 100 pounds of wheat bran; and 50 pounds of high protein concentrate. Many dairymen just feed the regular herd ration.

Clean, dry, well-bedded pens that are free from drafts are also a "must" to eliminate danger from colds and pneumonia. Some dairymen are using slatted or grated floors which are raised above the regular floor level. This aids in keeping the bedding dry and also reduces the amount of bedding needed.

Rabbit Hunting Continues In Northern State Only

Answering numerous inquiries, the conservation department again is pointing out that legal rabbit hunting continues after December 31 in the northern lower and upper peninsulas only.

Rabbit hunting in the southern third of the state ended December 31, runs through January 31 in the northern lower peninsula and up to March 1 in the upper peninsula.

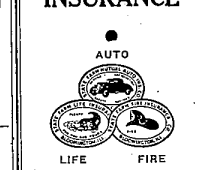
The board bill for every farm rat is two dollars a year.

U. P. Deer Move Into Winter Feeding Areas

Upper peninsula deer have moved into their winter yarding areas a month earlier this winter season. Conservation department district game men note the whitetails now are yarded even in the Escanaba "banana belt". Snow depth as high as three feet is reported in northwestern sections.

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