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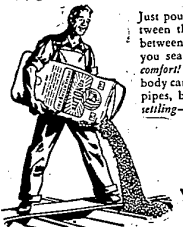
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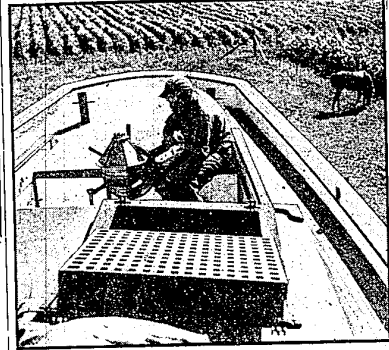


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FARM NEWS



SUBURBAN SAILOR—While a horse—and it's not a seahorse—grazes idly near a field of soybeans, Robert Fate, a machine company foreman, installs a wheel on the 45-foot schooner he built in a pasture near his home in Chicago's suburban Park Ridge. The boat, which required three years of spare time to construct, is Fate's third, his first being a 20-footer, his second a 42-footer.

Protect Fruit Trees From Rodents Now, Says Assistant County Agent

Now is the time to think about protecting your fruit trees from damage by mice and rabbits, reports Willard E. Bosserman, assistant county agricultural agent. He says "think about it" because now you are busy picking apples.

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CECIL BROWN AROUND THE WORLD Brought To You by STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE COMPANY SATURDAY CKLW — 7:50 p.m. Local Agency M. J. Brown 33636 Grand River (U. S. 16) Farmington Phone 0757

but mice and rabbits do untold damage to fruit trees by gnawing them at or near ground level. There are certain things that can be done to prevent this damage. One is the use of a mechanical protector. The best protector is a wire mesh or hardware cloth put around the trunk. When these are used make them large enough so that they will not have to be replaced for several years, and shove them into the soil one or two inches.

It is also helpful to take away trash and sod for about 18 inches from the trunk, and if labor is plentiful, some clinders, gravel or sand can be placed around the trunk. Sod near the trunk makes a wonderful place for mice to harbor, so the removal of this sod will help considerably.

If any fall pruning is done, branches left on the ground will also make good cover for mice. When also make good cover for mice. When also make good cover for mice.

MSC AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIST VIEWS '52 BEAN SUPPORTS

Michigan farmers who raise dry edible beans are asking themselves, their county agents and Michigan State College specialists, "Should I make use of the government price support program this year?"

The difference between the current paying price and the support guarantee price is causing many farmers to wonder about it.

Clarence Prentice, Michigan State College extension agricultural economist, said that the decision depends largely on the price of beans at the time the producer is ready to sell them.

Producers in the state are eligible this year to take part in the price support program, and it is the same over the whole state for each specific class of beans. Pea or navy beans, red kidneys and cranberries are supported this year.

Growers have the option of storing beans on the farm or in an approved commercial warehouse up through next April. The grower then can turn the beans over to the government on that date or dispose of them before April 30, according to the program rules.

Support prices on cleaned and bagged pea or navy beans is \$7.34, red kidneys \$9.25, and cranberries \$8.61. Expected handling, cleaning and bagging charges are 95 cents a hundred for white beans and \$1.25 for the colored beans, plus the picking charge.

State Bounty Payments For August Increase

State bounty payments increased in August and also are higher than for the same month last year, the conservation department reports. Bounties cost the state \$14,015 for 1,250 foxes, 414 coyotes, 301 bobcats and one wolf as compared to \$8,510 in July for 1,418 foxes, 70 coyotes, 31 bobcats and two wolves. August 1950 payments totaled \$10,840.

Foxes must be turned in at a department district office rather than the local township clerk's office. This became effective September 28. The other species already are bountied at district offices.

RECOMMENDS RAT CONTROL TO AVOID GRAIN LOSS

Rats and mice are beginning to look around for a nice spot to spend the winter and that too-to-bellied corn crib ranks toward the top of the list of likely places. Jim Boyd, Michigan State College agricultural engineer, has the pests which eat or spoil many dollars worth of grain apiece during a season.

The first step in your control program this fall should be a double-barrelled effort to poison those you have and end the lease on those you can't poison. This ending the lease should start with getting rid of all piles of junk, boards and other places where rats and mice might harbor around buildings.

Plug up all holes in foundations so they can't get under your buildings, Boyd recommends. If old buildings have refuse piled up under the floors and an open crevice under the floor so there's an open space of 12 to 14 inches.

If you're erecting new buildings, leave the same amount of space to keep rats from going into the buildings through the floor. Before storing corn this fall plug up all holes in the floor which rats might use as a doorway to a new home.

Another problem is keeping them from crawling up the foundation and into corn cribs. A rat shield—a piece of tin between the sill and foundation extending out about six inches and bent slightly down—will stop them cold there.

Honey Locust Rates As Good Lawn Tree

If you're searching for a tree for your lawn, consider the honey locust, says F. L. O'Rourke, superintendent of Michigan State College's Hidden Lake Gardens near Tipton.

It's not a new tree, he points out, but is native to all the Midwest and is unexcelled as a lawn tree. A special feature is that leaves appear a little late in the spring and thus allow the grass to get a good start before summer temperatures cut down the lawn growth.

All summer long, the foliage throws only a partial shade on the grass beneath—just enough to keep the ground cool for good grass growth and yet discourage the usual run of broad-leaved weeds.

O'Rourke also reports that the honey locust may be planted in industrial areas since it is very tolerant of smog, smoke and soot. The trees are also quite resistant to storm breakage.



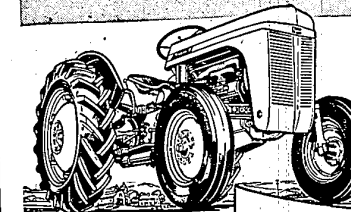
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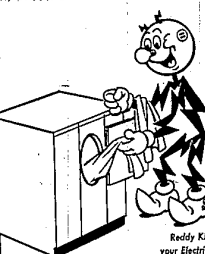
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