

Too Much Tillage

Horse Sense Needed Now That Horses Are Gone

Farm equipment has become modernized while tillage methods are often still in the "horse and buggy" days, claims John R. Guttay, research soil scientist at MSC.

When there was horse power on the farm, land needed more working—or at least farmers thought it did—to get a firm seedbed for good soil, and seed contact. This usually meant four or five trips over a field.

Today, the same number of operations with a tractor—or more, it's so much easier—causes a tight compact soil with just about every square inch of ground pressed under heavy tractor wheels. The result is poorer yields than expected.

Proper seedbed preparation is one of the most important steps in good soil management. Excess working destroys soil granules, hastens the "burning up" of organic matter and makes more water loss through evaporation. Guttay stresses. With tractor power, excess tillage is more common than uncommon, the MSC soil scientist regrets.

Think first about the plowing, suggests Guttay. The main reason for plowing is to cover trash, crop residues and growing vegetation. It's easy to fit a seedbed with all this turned under. If the plowing job is poor and the growing plants are mixed with surface soil, many will keep growing—this means added labor in weeding.

Good plowing also means plowing when the soil is just right—not too wet, Guttay reminds, and this is even more true on heavy soils.

Most farmers plow soil when it's too wet—thinking of the old days when horse power was not gathered into a powerful tractor.

With the rapid work possible with a tractor, farmers will find it pays to wait until the soil is not so wet, suggests Guttay. That does not mean any time the tractor can cross a field without getting stuck, he explains.

Many farmers plow today with tractors at a much earlier date than they would have in the horse days, adds the soil scientist. Horses would have tired trying to plow such wet ground.

Very sandy soils can be plowed at almost any moisture level, he admits.

The thing to remember, says Guttay, is that experiments have proved that very little tillage is needed after a good job of plowing.

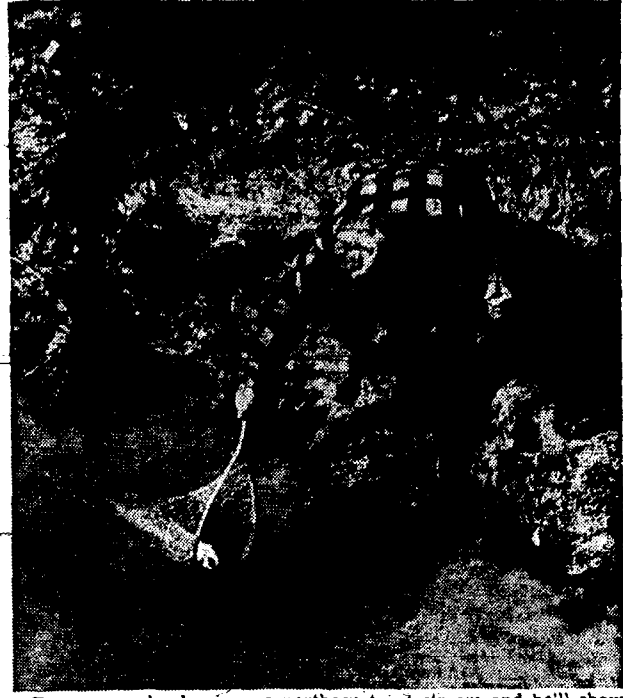
After plowing, the main job is to smooth soil enough to aid planting. This can be done by pulling a spike-toothed harrow—set shallow—or a similar implement behind the plow; in this way, it's all done in one operation.

If plowing was done at the right time, it's time to plant, immediately. Guttay recommends following a practice of plowing only as much as you can plant in one day. This uses the soil moisture to greatest advantage.

For late-planted crops, such as beans, it may be risky to delay plowing until planting time, cautions Guttay. Growing vegetation may exhaust the soil water. In this case, it may be necessary to plow earlier, still using a leveling device behind the plow. Then, just before planting, use some tillage implement moderately, he points out, to get rid of weeds.

Forget the horse and buggy methods when you're using tractors. Wait until the ground is ready and you're ready—then till fast, good and as little as necessary. The fields will show it pays.

Moment of Triumph



Turn an angler loose on a northern trout stream and he'll show you the recipe for a happy answer to cares of a busy world. The extended spring rainbow season opened April 11 and was followed by the recent general opening of all trout streams on April 25. This fisherman was busy at his favorite sport along the Au Gres River when the conservation department cameraman happened along.

Advise Better Weed Control to Improve Pasture Lands

The secret to having good pastures is keeping weeds down, says a Michigan State College plant physiologist.

Burford H. Grigsby, MSC weed control specialist, suggests that very weedy pastures can be profitably plowed and reseeded. But for pastures which cannot be plowed, or where grass is worth saving, Grigsby has some suggestions.

Some weeds can be checked by mowing at the right time of the year. Wild Carrot, dock and bull thistle should be mowed when in the bud or the first flower stage to prevent spreading of seed. Two or more seasons of mowing will be needed to control carrot, bull thistle and chicory, Grigsby says. Mowing will probably not check spotted knapweed, Canada thistle, hoary alyssum and orange hawkweed.

Weeds can also be controlled by applications of 2, 4-D. The spray applied when plants are young and growing, will control most annual and some biennial weeds. Grigsby warns that spraying will cause some damage to legumes, but he adds that established white clover and alfalfa are seldom destroyed by properly timed spraying—when there is less than two

inches of new growth. "Early spring, while legumes are still dormant, or late fall, after the first killing frost, are the best times to apply 2, 4-D for the control of pasture weeds," he says. "Very weedy pasture may be harmed less by spray than by weed competition."

Brush in pastures can be killed by: Foliage sprays, applied during the growing season when the brush is in full leaf; cut-stump treatment, spraying the stump after cutting it near the ground; and the basal-bark method, treating the lower 10 inches of the trunk with oil spray.

Home gardeners can treat seeds right in the packages with a dust of Arasan or Phygon, suggests Edward A. Andrews, Michigan State college plant pathologist. It will cut down on garden disease.

EXTENSION CLUB MEETS
The Wednesday Waggers Extension Club met at the home of Harriet Malpass on April 24th. The lesson on "Restyling and Accessories" was given by Mrs. Swoboda. After the lesson, a delicious tea was served.

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Treating Seed Is Good Insurance, Farm Agent Says

Charlevoix county farmers may not boost their legume yields by treating seed, but it's good insurance, reminds Ed Rebmman, county agrl agent.

Rebman passes along some tips on work done by the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station and in other states.

Treating legume seed with a fungicide seldom increases yields of hay or seed, says E. A. Andrews extension specialist in plant pathology at Michigan State college. It does assure a more uniform stand and helps to save seed.

Andrews points to some experiments over several years by the University of Wisconsin that show stand increases of from one to 14 per cent by using seed-treatment fungicides.

These treatments help control diseases caused by damping-off and root rot fungi in the soil, notes Andrews. The fungicides do not interfere with nodulation if they are applied a week or more before planting and seed is inoculated with nitrogen-fixing bacteria at planting time.

Vandice, hygon, Arasan and Orthocide are the effective fungicides that Andrews recommends for small seeded legumes.

Do not treat sweet clover seed because it can be injured under certain conditions, Andrews cautions.

All but Bandid are available in powdered form, Rebman advises, and are used at a rate of four ounces per bushel of seed.

Soybeans benefit from two ounces of Arasan or Spergon per bushel.

Barbara Greenman Wed To Edward Shank At Gaylord

Mrs. James McLaughlin announces the marriage of her daughter, Frances Cain, to Ralph Ridgeway of Sacramento, California on April 26th. The wedding took place in a garden of flowers. The couple's home address will be 510 23rd street, Sacramento, California.

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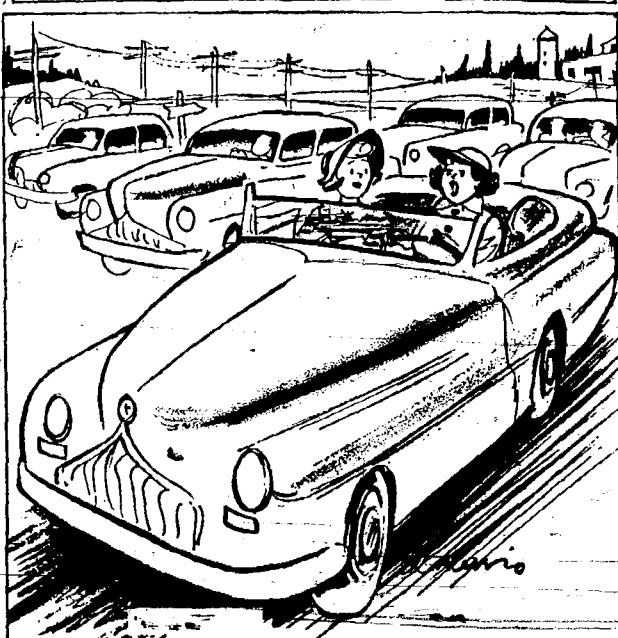
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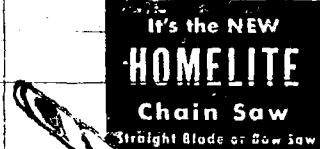
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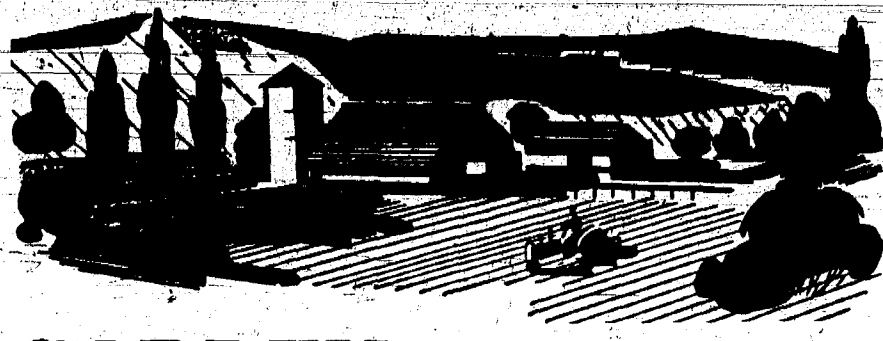
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THIRD GRADE

Adeline Bowersman
Mary Jane LaPeer treated her classmates with cupcakes in honor of her tenth birthday. She entertained several friends, at her home after school on Friday.

In arithmetic we have concentrated on carrying and borrowing for some time. Most of us understand the process very well now so this week we are learning how to multiply numbers.

In science we have experimented with seeds in various kinds of soil. We planted the beans and corn near the outside of a glass jar so we could see how the roots started. We are using black soil, brown soil and sand.

We have set May 15th for "coin card" day. Each one has had since Christmas to see how many different mints or pennies they could get. There has been quite a lot of competition among some of the members.

FIFTH GRADE

Elizabeth Mosher
Alfred Nelson has left our school and has gone to Utah with his parents.

We have started adding and

subtracting fractions.
We have finished the United States and its territories in Social Studies. We are now studying Canada.

Agnes Zoulek and Gerald Misner brought Spring flowers.

FINKTON NEWS

Pvt. Paul Wilson left Sunday for duty in Washington State. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson, Miss Neva Wilson and Miss Merilyn Lewis took Paul to the Airport at Traverse City.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Colman and family of Detroit spent the weekend with Mrs. Colman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson.

Elaine Lavanway was the first to make a purchase from the new gift shop in Shepard's General Store at Chestonia.

Mrs. Minnie Beal and LeLand Beal were Sunday dinner guests at the Clyde LaPeer home Sunday.

Those to attend the Youth Ben-



(Courtesy of Charlevoix Courier)

Gordon Freedman (seated left) and Robert Bridge (right) were among the Charlevoix county residents who attended the annual meeting of the United Health and Welfare Fund of Michigan at East Lansing Thursday.

Pictured with the pair are Mrs. John Porter of East Jordan, Mrs. Walter Corneil, former East Jordan resident now living in Grand Rapids and Karl Vogelheim (standing) of Rogers City.

They were among the 200 per-

sors representing 32 Michigan counties who attended the meeting at Michigan State College Union Building.

Dr. Warren B. Cooksey, Detroit Physician and president of the United Fund for the past three years, reported that the fifth annual Fund Campaign staged last

fall raised a total of \$2,112,270 or three times the amount raised in the first campaign in February, 1949. The funds were raised for 28 United Fund member agencies.

The United Cerebral Palsy Association Multiple Sclerosis Soc-

ety and Leader Dogs for the Blind, three agencies financed through funds raised in United efforts, gave demonstrations of their work.

Officers and Advisory Committee members were elected with Dr. Cooksey continuing as acting president until the executive committee names his successor.

Charlevoix county residents elected to the Advisory Committee were Mr. Bridge, Harry Jennings of Boyne City and Theodore F. Malpass of East Jordan.

IMP-LINGO

By THE IMP

III. JORDAN.

So the Seniors were doing okay on their rummage sale? Go to it, kids, maybe the Frosh won't have to lend them their money after all. What a relief, hey Frosh?

Oh boy, I hear that band trip was fun. Pop bottles stolen (How about that, Fred), walking on the room (Jim?). A plaid skirt always being left behind (Judy). And—last but not least, Darlene. What was that you found in your room?

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Barrick was Sunday caller's at the Asa Beal Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Bunker spent Sunday afternoon with the Sam Lewis family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Glassford of Detroit were weekend callers at the Edward Lavanway home.

alumni feels like? One thing I don't get. The Senior Class doesn't seem to be very "Senior-ish"—but I s'pose a Senior is a Senior—personally, I'm a little sick of the term myself.

I think that the newest lovin' couple in school is doing okay. How about it, (or aren't you saying.) S. P.

And S. M. has been frequenting a certain town around here. That ring is heavy on her finger, isn't it?

How is K. L. Coming? She was having a bit of trouble with her wayward b. f. Hope everything added up to a total of okay doke.

Saw Sally and Peter chasing a silly little white ball around the tennis court lately. They're going to be real tennis champs if they stop scrapping.

With Your COUNTY FARM AGENT

By Ed Rebman

Poultrymen might try a "crazy" life on chickens with success-pulling shelters and brooder houses from one green pasture to another.

Chickens are not good foragers and can't do much on dry grass. If they have short green succulent growth, however, they may save a poultryman 10 per cent or more of his feed bill. Here are some tips from J. M. (Mac) Moore extension poultry specialist at Michigan State College:

Succulent range means green grass three or four inches high, with the coarse growth trimmed away, and the range should be on clean ground, where chickens haven't roamed for two years.

Sally S. was really surprised last week. Seems Norm got a pos-itively be-autiful new light blue '53 Ford. Love that car.

How is Chemistry coming, E. G. Hear you've been having quite a romance with a test tube—cold at that.

Well, what'll it be? Cold, snow, or rain, or sun, warmth buds, grass and flowers?

Spring has sprung
The grass is riz
I wonder who
This Imp-limp is.
"The Imp"

Soil testing is of major importance in determining fertilizer needs, Ed Rebman suggests that farmers plan now to take samples of all fields that they will be seeding next year. Taking samples is easy and you may find out how by contacting the extension office at Boyne City or calling the P. M. A. office.

Chicken raisers could take some tips from some turkey growers, who move their brooder houses around. Chickens with enough feed don't like to travel more than 100 feet but they will if the houses are moved.

Ladine and ladino-alfalfa mixture make good chicken pasture. The alfalfa will be green in August when you want some short green feed. They even like quack-grass, and they will "eat it until they kill it out," in case you want some help on that.

One hundred chickens will handle a half acre of pasture very well in dry weather, but when it's growing stronger, you may need some help from cows in keeping it down. Chickens and hogs should not graze the same areas, however.

Some poultrymen find it pays while the poultry graze on another—and then alternate. Shelters will kill grass if left in one place for two weeks for one week it's ok.

Little Farmers' Week held in 28 Northern Michigan counties during January, February and early March reached more than 8,000 people. Ed Rebman, county agr'l agent—stated that Charlevoix county's Little Farmer's Week was very well attended.

E. A. Henner, district supervisor for the Michigan Cooperative Extension Service, says the events were well attended in most counties. Planned as a concentrated series of four or five afternoon-meetings in one week, the events have several advantages. One of the greatest is the minimizing of travel by Michigan State College specialists, who are speakers at the events. Specialists rotated about the five adjoining counties during a week.

Most agricultural agents reported that they reached from 50 to 100 per cent more farmers in the series of meetings than they previously reached with an occasional meeting throughout the winter months.

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