

● **Pond Care**

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rats, and to see that fish have a plentiful supply of food. Monthly applications of a complete fertilizer, such as 10-10-10 or 10-15-15, at the rate of 500 pounds per acre of water per year will help maintain proper water color for fish growth. A pond owner with crystal clear water is headed for trouble with excessive weed and algae growth, Smith said.

If the farm pond already contains much growth of algae or pond scum, Smith recommends treating with bluestone (copper sulfate) at the

rate of one pound of the chemical to every million lbs of water. To figure the pounds of water in a pond, multiply the length times width times average depth of the water, and then multiply the cubic feet by 62.5 pounds.

Bluestone at the recommended rate should not harm fish, Smith said, but it is advisable to get a permit from fish warden Robert M. Betts, 2272 Manor Ridge Drive, Lancaster, before treating the pond.

One of the most common problems with fish growth in farm ponds is overcrowding. Smith recommends farmers permit fishing of bluegills at all times and urge fishermen to remove every one that is caught. Bass spawn only once per year while bluegills will reproduce several times and soon grow into an imbalance with the bass.

If the pond is extremely overstocked and fish are small and stunted, Smith said, the pond may have to be drained and all the fish removed or killed with rotenone powder.

Extreme caution must be taken to insure that rotenone does not run out of the pond into a public stream as this material will kill all fish. When restocking, Smith

said, it might be well to consider the use of golden shiners instead of bluegills. The rate is 400 golden shiners and 100 bass per acre of water. The shiners are not a food fish, but make a good food supply for the fast growing bass.

Ponds are an important investment on many farms and farm families should make good use of this valuable part of the farm, Smith said.

● **Egg Sanitizing**

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Hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., but these will not be all-day sessions, Lawless pointed out. "Poultrymen may drop in at any time," he added, "and, if they so desire, bring some of their own eggs for black light examination."

The test, he said, will reveal impurities that remain on the shell and which could possibly carry germs. Detergents and soap, although costing about three cents a case less to use, are ineffective against germs that are killed by recommended sanitizing agents, Lawless explained.

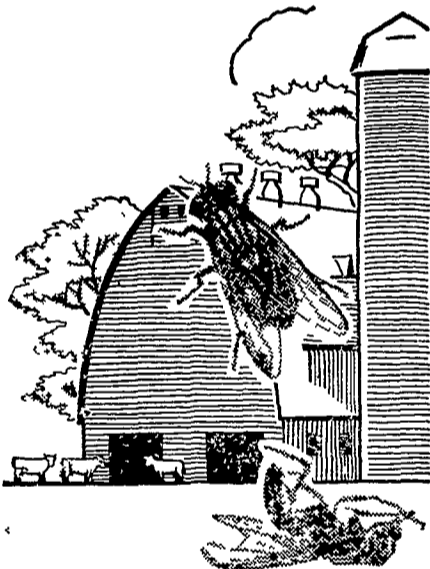
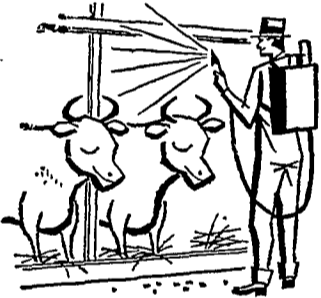
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ing out the conservation practice on the land."

For farmers who may not fully understand just how ACP works, Mr. Seldomridge explained that the program's purpose is to encourage the establishment of soil, water, woodland, and wildlife conservation practices needed in the public interest. The program, therefore, has an incentive type of approach to the problem — it "shares the cost" of sound conservation measures which the farmer would not carry out without such assistance.

Funds for this purpose are authorized by Congress in recognition of the fact that the Nation's natural resources are vital not only to the farmers and ranchers who operate the land but also to the health and well-being of each citizen, both now and in the future.

ACP practices to promote conservation measures are selected to meet local as well as national conditions. Each county has a list of the practices, specifications, and cost-share rates approved for local farmers participating in the program.

In brief, the farmer obtains ACP cooperation by filing a request with the ASC county committee for ACP cost-sharing before carrying out the practice. He receives a definite notice from the committee of the extent to which his request has been approved. After completion of the practice, the farmer certifies this by filing the necessary report form with the county office. His cost-sharing assistance, in the form of either cash or a purchase order for a conservation service or material, usually covers about half the cost of the approved practice.

Farmers who wish further details about ACP are urged to call at the ASC's County Office.

● **Livestock Tour**

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the tour will be taken up in traveling to and from Ohio. Farms will be visited in the Archbold-Wauseon area, a highly concentrated beef and livestock center, as well as farms near Bowling Green and Fremont, Ohio. According to Smith, the purpose of the educational tour is to observe some of the larger and more successful livestock operations in the area.

A limited number of buses, perhaps two, will be contacted for the trip and advance reservations and deposits will be required. Reservations will be made on a first-come-first-served basis, Smith said, but no reservations will be made until plans are complete and cost figures have been established.

The tour is being sponsored by the county extension service and arrangements are being made with several Ohio county agents and livestock specialists.

The county committee on arrangements includes C Warren Leminger, Denver R2, chairman; David Buckwalter, Jr., Lititz R3, J Harold Frey, Marietta R1, Robert Johnson, representing the Lancaster Livestock Exchange, Eugene Hoover, Lititz R3, Harold G Robber, 1623 Book Road, Lancaster, Ira L Rutt, Peach Bottom, John W Sangrey, Conestoga R2, and Eugene Wisler, New Holland R1.

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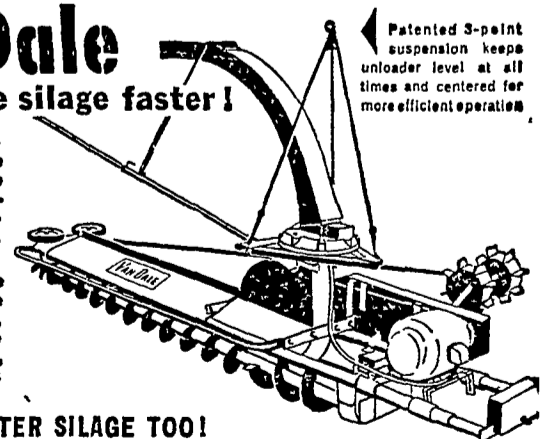
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