

Soil Conservations To Hear Bromfield At Forum on Nov. 10

Seventy two per cent of Michigan farm land is under attack from erosion and a large percentage has been wholly lost to food production, the Michigan Committee of Friends of the Land, a non-profit, non political body formed in 1939 to work with the state and federal conservation authorities revealed this week in an announcement that it would conduct a public forum on the subject at the Ruchman Memorial Building, Detroit, Nov. 10.

Mrs. Allen Sheldon is vice chairman of the committee, headed by James Ingalls, of Ann Arbor, and she has appointed Mrs. William C. Howe of Tilghay Road and Mrs. Joseph Hinshaw of Pon Valley to handle reservations for tickets for the two sessions of the forum, afternoon and evening. Tickets are free. They are also taking reservations for an evening dinner. Their telephones are 2081 and 482, respectively. Arrangements may also be made through the committee's Detroit office, 2154 Buhl Bldg., C.A. 6514.

The principal addresses at the forum will be delivered by Louis Bromfield, author and operator of a large Ohio farm, Hugh Hammond Bennett, chief of the soil conservation service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, The University of Michigan Extension Service is cooperating with the committee.

The national loss annually from erosion is \$44,000,000. Water needed for industrial uses as well as more food production can be obtained if greater public interest in proper soil conservation methods is aroused, the committee feels.

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Red Cross, Hampered By Shortages of Material, Keeps Staff Intact

Many changes have been experienced in the production of work of the Oakland County Chapter, American Red Cross, as well as the other services, Mrs. Sheldon Noble, chairman of Special Volunteer Services of the Chapter, pointed out this week.

Four years ago, immediately following the declaration of war in Europe, the Chapter expanded the entire program, including production, to meet the needs of the war relief program. Since that time larger and larger quotas of surgical dressings, garments, knitted articles and kit bags for service men have been filled. Volunteers quickly rallied themselves in workroom, surgical dressing and knitting groups in all parts of the county. An efficient group of volunteers in chapter headquarters set up a system of cutting, distribution, packing and shipping. As quotas became larger there were many changes in policies, directions, and instructions.

Material Becomes Scarce
However, within recent weeks quite the most surprising change has become evident. Sufficient garments to meet the demand have been completed and surgical dressing quotas have been filled. At the present time, very small quotas are being assigned because materials are hard to secure.

In spite of this fact, what assignments are made should be completed within the specified time and volunteers are requested to still attend their workrooms on the regular day. Also, the production committee realizes that at any moment enormous quotas may again be assigned, dependent upon the need. It is most important that workrooms and surgical dressing rooms remain as active as possible. Many groups of women are anxious to be assigned work to be done at their own club meetings. With very few garments on hand for the established workrooms it can be readily understood that additional work cannot be assigned to the hundreds of club groups in the county. It is suggested that individuals wishing to sew, knit, or make surgical dressings contact the workroom in their own vicinity.

Scattered throughout the county are 80 workrooms and 13 surgical dressing rooms in order that the majority of individuals may have ready access to them. Volunteers throughout the county have been able to solve the transportation problem by pooling their cars so that one woman drives other women to a workroom only once in several weeks. In this way all volunteers are transported at a small amount of gas.

Other Volunteers Needed
Even though production is at the present time at a low ebb many other volunteer services are highly important. Registrations are now being taken for an evening Nurses'

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13,000 Men And Women Fought Recent U. P. Fires

LANSING, Oct. 27—P. J. Hoffmaster, director of the state conservation department, praised today the efficient and gallant work of the volunteer members of the newly created Forest Fire Fighters' Service during Upper Michigan's recent 11-day forest fire emergency.

Pointing out that although 235 fires got started during the danger period, the area burned over was kept under 9,000 acres, Mr. Hoffmaster commended the quick and effective action of these volunteer crews all over the state in keeping the damage from so many starts down to a comparatively low acreage.

The director stated that this recent fall fire threat was the first chance that this volunteer organization had had to "show its stuff." The FFPS was organized early in the spring by the Office of Civilian Defense, with the cooperation of the conservation department.

and the United States forest service, when it was realized that the manpower shortage would create a critical lack of trained fire fighters during the 1942 danger periods. At that time about 13,000 patriotic men and women volunteered their time and energy to learn the rudiments of forest fire fighting techniques in order to be trained and ready for any fire emergency.

These volunteer fighters have been used on many small fires during the spring and summer, the director stated, but this recent alert was the first time that they have gone into action en masse. "And to these 3,000 volunteer fighters who mobilized for this emergency must be attributed a major share of the credit for keeping so many fire starts down and saving critical timber from destruction," he said.

The director also commended the enthusiasm of the women members of the volunteer service who went directly to the fire headquarters at the scene of several of the fires to feed the fire fighters and the state and federal troops who were called into action. Other women early members went to various emergency fire headquarters in order to do the necessary clerical work.

Especially commendable is the

action of the FFPS, the director commented, when the seriousness of the hazard is compared with the amount of damage done. Bernard McTiver, superintendent of the Lake Superior state forest, declared that this was the worst fire hazard he has experienced in all his 17 years as a forester in the Upper Peninsula.

Highway Traffic I-3 Under 1942

LANSING, October 27—Traffic volume on Michigan trunklines dropped 8.1 per cent in September as compared to August, State Highway Commissioner Charles M. Ziegler reported this week.

Compared to a year ago the September count showed a 32.8 per cent decrease. 46.1 per cent in comparison with September, 1941. Sharpest decreases were noted in the thumb area, the northern part of the lower peninsula and in the upper peninsula. As in previous check ups, traffic remained comparatively stable in southern industrial centers of the state because of war production plants.

STATE OF MICHIGAN—The Probate Court for the County of Oakland.
At a session of said Court, held at the said County on the 27th day of October, A. D. 1943.
Present: Hon. Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.
In the Matter of the Estate of Florence Baker White, Deceased.
Lou A. White, executor of said estate, having filed to said court a petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased, and before said court.
It is Ordered: That two months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.
It is Further Ordered: That the third day of January, 1944, at nine o'clock in said county, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims against said deceased.
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Air Cadet Test At Pontiac Nov. 3

Major Harry C. Olson, President of the Detroit Aviation Cadet Examining Board will conduct the third local Army aviation mental test at 1:15 p. m. on Wednesday, Nov. 3, in the Pontiac High School cafeteria. All young men between the ages of 17 and 26 years, inclusive, married or single, may take this test.

The examination is designed to test the aptitude and general knowledge of an individual as a pilot in training. Those passing this test will be given their physical examination at Selfridge.

Taking this test does not obligate the candidate in any way. No one will be called into air cadet training until he is 18 years of age. If he is in the military he may have six months after his 18th birthday to continue his education.

For further information inquire at the U. S. Army Recruiting Information Center in the lobby of the Peoples State Building, Pontiac, Mich., the Veterans of Foreign Wars at 221 S. Saginaw street, or the Civil Air Patrol at the Municipal Airport on Sundays.

Beef Cattle Herds Increase

Oakland county is one of the 15 counties in Michigan that have 150 or more farms operating beef breeding herds, the M. S. C. animal husbandry staff at East Lansing reports. There are nearly 8,000 such farms in the whole state, with over 45,000 beef breeding cows and heifers listed.

Farmers who raise their own young stock face less risk than feeding cattle purchasers, says G. A. Brantman, of the M. S. C. When cows are wintered on roughages and cows and calves fed in summer largely on pasture, costs of feeder animals usually run far below those on recent markets.

Even with beef breeding herds within the state, it pays to produce the 14-cent-a-pound beef calf instead of the low quality eight-eighths-a-pound grade. Farmers who raise and feed low-grade cattle market feed labor and other investments in a low-priced product.

Present conditions offer an opportunity to build a farm herd of quality, according to Professor Brantman. Good bulls may be purchased more cheaply now than at breeding time next summer. The bull may safely run with the herd during the winter with little labor or expense.

---A Lesson to Him

DEAD
Flying Cadet Charles Chaparr of East Field, N. Y., was caught off guard in the air by his instructor who dived down on him unexpectedly, so Chaparr has to be "dead" for the rest of the day.