**MILK INQUIRY COMMISSION NEARS END OF ITS INVESTIGATION**

**SMALL MILK FIRMS SAY BIG DEALERS SEEK MONOPOLY; COMMISSION HEARS ABOUT PRICE CUTTING, INTIMIDATION**

Big Dealers Squeeze Little Companies Financially By Changing Bottle Styles, Inquiry Board Told; Retailers Deny the Charges; Stock Manipulation Charged

**HEADING AUGUST 27 and 28**

**Detroit—When the Commission of Inquiry into the Cost of Milk resumed its hearings in Detroit, August 27-28, two things developed in the examination of witnesses:**

**First,** witnesses agreed that the small milk distributor and the retail dealer class are apparently "quite generally impressed" that the big distributors' tactics are out to get their necks and eventually to effect absolute control of the milk industry.

**Second,** distributing concerns, big and little, have engaged in a cutthroat bidding for retail milk outlets with cash and special discounts offered grocery and other stores.

**August 26, 1931**

**WILLIAM H. KRUSE,**

**Assistant Editor of the Farm Bureau News,**

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**Scrapped $1,250,000 worth of glass last year.**

**The big companies re-adopted the old controls, with their bottles becoming small again.**

**Some of the unethical practices said to have been employed by the big distributors include cutting the price of milk to small dealers and then demanding that the small dealers charge more for milk than the larger dealers.**

**Mr. Fenner woreied the Commission:**

"If this is going to continue, we must have $2,000 or $3,000 a month more."

"The big companies are making no charge for bottles and have been asked to give about $2,000 or $3,000 a month for this service."

**One move to force small dealers to take over the company and this "non-producing" company was set up as a realty company.**

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**What Other Witnesses Said**

**Interesting to note was the testimony of Mrs. A. P. Mills, Michigan State Farm Bureau president, who said:**

"The Michigan State Farm Bureau has always been a leader in the fight against the big distributors."

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"The law authorizing the Commissioner of Agriculture to investigate the milk industry was passed in 1928."

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"The Michigan State Farm Bureau is the only organization that has been able to stand up to the big distributors."
Says Detroit Health Bd. Should Limit Milk Area

(Budget for five more days)

MICHIGAN MILK PRODUCERS' ASS'N.

Each member of the association is required to produce an equal amount of milk, regardless of the amount of land they own or the amount of milk they sell. The association is required to keep its books and records open to inspection by the state auditor, and to furnish any information that may be required by the state auditor or the state commission. The association may not enter into any contract or agreement with any person or corporation for the purpose of selling milk or milk products.

Governor Roberts has asked the legislature to provide for the operation of the association, and the legislature has granted the request.

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Mrs. Wagar Sizes Up Two Farm Meetings

By Mrs. Edith M. Wagar

I attended two farm meetings recently that have made a lasting impression on me. In one, every day just what they affected my soul, and I wanted to share these thoughts with you. The meeting was held at the Little Rock, Arkansas, High School, and was sponsored by the Arkansas Farm Bureau.

The theme of the meeting was: "The Farmer and His Family". The speaker was a well-known agronomist and author, Mr. A. B. Smith.

Mr. Smith began by stating that the farmer is a leader in his community. He is the one who works the land, feeds the family, and produces the crops that feed the world. He then went on to discuss the importance of education in agriculture, and how it can help farmers stay up-to-date with the latest farming techniques.

He also talked about the importance of family unity in farming. He said that a family who work together can achieve more than a family who don't. He shared stories of farmers who have succeeded with the support of their families, and others who have struggled without it.

Mr. Smith ended his talk with a message of hope. He said that even in the face of adversity, farmers can turn things around. He encouraged farmers to keep working hard, and to never give up.

The second meeting was held at the State Fair in Little Rock. The speaker was a well-known economic expert, Dr. J. E. Brown.

Dr. Brown began by discussing the current state of the economy. He said that while things are tough right now, there is hope for the future. He talked about the importance of investing in education and training, and how it can help farmers become more competitive.

He also talked about the role of government in supporting farmers. He said that while the government can't solve all the problems, it can provide some relief. He discussed the various programs available to farmers, and how they can benefit from them.

Dr. Brown ended his talk with a call to action. He said that farmers need to work together to solve their problems. He encouraged farmers to reach out to each other, and to share their experiences.

I hope that these meetings have given you some insight into the challenges facing farmers today. As we move forward, let's remember to support our farmers, and to work together to make agriculture a viable part of our economy.
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EXTRREMELY BAD BURGEI S

The Dairymen's League, cooperative dairy association of Michigan, met in Convention in New York with 1,000 delegates, all of whom would carry the message of the dairy farmer to the vast public outside of the state. The League's message is one of cooperation, of the importance of high standards and of the need for constant improvement in the dairy industry.

A thoroughbred is not a happenstance animal; the stock of any animal or breed must be a long line of family achievements, lengthy pedigrees, etc. You can't buy a thoroughbred for a tract of land. You must have a thoroughbred, a well-bred animal, one that will produce offspring of the same quality. The thoroughbreds that we buy today are the result of years of selective breeding.}

Ruin Would A Fire

State Milk Buildings Insurance Co. of Mich.

The State Milk Buildings Insurance Co. of Michigan is offering a 5% reduction in premiums for all milk producers in the state. This offer is being made to encourage dairymen to purchase insurance on their milk buildings. The reduction is available for both new and renewal policies. The company is also offering special rates to producers who have multiple policies.

Get away from ordinary Competition

Produce eggs that are better, different and more profitable. Mersham (16% or 16.5%) or Mersham (16% or 16.5%) eggs are the answer to your egg needs. Mersham eggs are produced by laying hens that are free to range and enjoy the natural environment. They are fed a diet of organic foods and are not subjected to the stress of modern egg production systems. The result is eggs that are higher in nutritional value.

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This question Mr. Fair put to Mr. Wright. He said he had been often asked what the dairyman could do to prevent the milk dealers from taking their milk.

MILK FAIR

Mr. Wright, director of the Detroit Live Stock Exchange, said that the question was asked because of the increasing number of dairy dealers, who were seeking to buy milk from dairymen.

KIRK PATRICK WHEELER

Barnes Dairy Co. also had a good offer, and had a number of customers who wanted to buy milk directly from the farm. Mr. Wheeler stated that the dairymen should not be afraid of the dealers, but should be willing to work with them to develop a satisfactory arrangement.

WILLIAM G. PICKELL

Mr. Pickell, a dairyman from southern Michigan, said that he had been approached by a number of dealers who wanted to buy milk from him. He stated that he had decided to sell milk through the Michigan Dairy Commission, because he felt that this was the best way to get a fair price for his milk.

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