Pictures from 12 County Farm Bureau Circus at Lapeer

Several thousand Farm Bureau members and their guests gathered at the Lapeer High School on June 30 to enjoy the annual circus and horse show sponsored by the Lapeer Farm Bureau. The event featured a variety of performances, including a horse show, a dog show, and a clown act. The circus was an afternoon performance before the grandstand and a half-mile run at night. At night the local town West-Burn Dance show performed from the Farm Bureau on a stage that entertained under the lights.

Falmouth Co-op Annual Meeting.

Falmouth—Co-op, the oldest and largest agricultural cooperative in St. Clair County, held its annual meeting on Tuesday, July 4. The meeting was held in the school auditorium and featured a presentation on the cooperative's activities and financial report.

ALLEGAN ADDS 102 MEMBERS TO ROLL

Edmonds Believes County Will Want Place This Year

Edmonds County, new member of the Farm Bureau, was founded in 1952 and is one of the youngest counties in the nation. The county has a population of over 1,000 and is located in the southern part of Michigan, near the border with Ohio.

RUST GET TO LATEH WHEAT CROP

Wind生于 Boreas from West

Wind born Boreas from West.

The Boreas wind, blowing from the west, brings cool and refreshing winds to the countryside. The image evokes a sense of renewal and hope for the crops. The wind is personified as Boreas, a god of the west wind, and is associated with the goddess of the harvest, Persephone. The wind is also associated with the god of the underworld, Hades, who Wooed Persephone and took her with him. The image suggests a connection between the wind and the harvest, with the cool and refreshing winds of Boreas bringing forth a bountiful harvest.

Consumers Connects 8,900 to Farm Lines

FARM LINE

From the Consumers Cooperative Company comes this message: "The company's farm lines have been expanded to serve an additional 8,900 customers. These lines have been added to the existing network of farm lines, which now totals 12,000 customers. The expansion is part of the company's efforts to improve the quality of service and to meet the needs of farmers and rural communities.

Worn Out Pastures Can Be Restored

A good and entirely natural method for improving worn out pastures is to turn them to the rotation method. This involves plowing up a pasture, and pasturing the stock on it, and then letting it rest for a season or two before plowing up again. This method of pasture management is both natural and effective, and it helps to maintain the fertility of the soil. The soil is left in a natural state, and the pasture is allowed to rest, which helps to prevent the depletion of nutrients. The method is simple and effective, and it helps to ensure a sustainable and healthy pasture for future generations.
What We Are Doing

A Visit to Farm Bureau Folks and Coops in the Thumb, and to the Co-op Cherry Canning Plant at Hart

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FARM BUREAU

July 15, 2023

As a visiting editor for the Michigan Farm News, I had an opportunity to visit the Thumb area of Michigan and to see some of the unique programs and operations that are taking place there. The Thumb is a region known for its rich agricultural history and its commitment to sustainable farming practices.

At the farm bureau office in Port Huron, I was greeted by a team of dedicated workers who are committed to supporting local farmers and promoting sustainable agriculture. They showed me around the office and gave me a tour of some of their facilities, including a large greenhouse where they grow a variety of vegetables.

The next stop on my tour was the Co-op Cherry Canning Plant at Hart. This plant is one of the largest cherry canning operations in the United States and is known for its high-quality products. I was impressed by the efficient and clean operations at the plant, and I had the opportunity to see how the cherries are processed and packaged for distribution.

Overall, my visit to the Thumb area was a rewarding experience. I was inspired by the dedication and hard work of the farm bureau staff and the cherry canning plant workers, and I believe that these operations are an important part of Michigan's agricultural heritage.

Hiram on Whiskers

The Farm Bureau's 'Hiram on Whiskers' event is a popular annual event that brings together farmers and their families for a day of fun and fellowship. This year's event was held on Saturday, August 1, 2023, at the Farm Bureau's headquarters in Lansing.

The event featured a variety of activities, including games, music, and food, and there was a special appearance by the Farm Bureau's beloved mascot, Hiram. Many attendees were seen wearing Hiram-themed clothing or accessories, adding to the festive atmosphere.

The Farm Bureau's 'Hiram on Whiskers' event is an important part of the organization's mission to support and promote agriculture in Michigan. It is a fun and informative way for people to learn more about the importance of agriculture to our state's economy and quality of life.
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Two dollars will be harvested by the entire country for every dollar spent on farm products, according to a report by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The report states that 1.6 billion dollars will be received by the farmers and their products and labor, but they have to pay for machinery, supplies, and labor, as well as transportation and other expenses, in order to raise the crops. According to the National Industrial Conference Board, the study indicated that the landowners have to work hard for the income they receive.

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THERE'S TROUBLE ON MICHIGAN REA

Mr. Graham Aiken, Major Purpose of REA Groups

In a signed article in the July 15 issue of Great Lakes Farmer, Graham, a student at Michigan State College of Agriculture, observes that the REA is in serious condition. He states that the REA is in serious condition and that it should be reorganized in order to provide more efficiency.

MOST PACKAGED TO WIN SALES

Mills, Campbell, and England, other REA administrators, have made the point that it is much easier to sell products when they are in packages. They believe that this is because the consumer is more likely to buy a product when it is packaged.

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FRUIT PRODUCTS PLANT PICTURES

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This is a picture of the fruit products plant.

Junior Farm Bureau

Personal Ornament Among Young People

BROTH REUNION

President and Mr. R. W. Brooks visited here Tuesday evening and were entertained by the Junior Farm Bureau.

BERRIE COUNTY

BERRIE COUNTY JUNIOR FARM BUREAU SET TO MEET IN BREVARD

LILLIAN JONES gives us the good news that the Berrie County Junior Farm Bureau Co. will sponsor one of the Junior Farm Bureau events this year.

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Then turn to the next page for more information.
A Short History of the Farm Bureau in Michigan

The Michigan State Farm Bureau was organized in 1919, established the Michigan Farm Bureau at that time. The organization was formed to serve as a voice for farmers and provide a platform for advocating policies that would benefit farmers and agriculture. The Michigan Farm Bureau has a long history of fighting for farmers' rights, promoting agricultural education, and advocating for policies that would benefit Michigan farmers and the state's agricultural industry.

Farm Bureau Services, Inc.

Farm Bureau Services, Inc., is the largest provider of insurance and financial services to farmers and rural residents in the United States. The company offers a wide range of products and services, including life insurance, annuities, health insurance, and auto and home insurance. Farm Bureau Services, Inc., is a member-owned company, which means that its profits are returned to its members in the form of lower premiums, dividends, and other benefits.

Farm Bureau Services, Inc., has a long history of serving farmers and rural communities, and its mission is to help farmers achieve their goals and protect their families and their farms. The company's commitment to farmers and rural communities is reflected in its support for a wide range of initiatives, including education programs, research projects, and community service projects.
A Visit to the Farm Bureau Fruit Canning Plant at Hart

For several weeks during July the Farm Bureau Fruit Products Co. plants at Hart and Coloma churned upwards of 150 tons of cherries daily. They serve 150 farmer members of the Ocean Fruit Growers, Inc., in Oceanav and Mason counties, and the members of nine co-ops associated as the Fruit Co-operative Canning Company in Berrien and Van Buren counties.

At Hart, Superintendent Wilson Beam and his force processed as high as 26,000 No. 2 cans and 10,000 gallon cans of cherries daily. At Coloma, Superintendent Durst Beem said his crew accounted for another large pack. Both plants packed large quantities of fresh cherries to supply for the bakery and preserves trade. The hurried cherries are quick frozen and hold at near zero temperatures.

The venture has been well worth while for farmers. Last year, in their first season together, the Ocean Fruit Growers Inc., realized the prevailing market price for their crop, and knew their competition helped that price. Furthermore, their final dividend, paid in stock, together with the undistributed surplus, was sufficient to pay for the factory.

In their organization, these groups have made much use of information on farmers' co-operative business gathered by the State College Economics Dept.'s. These pictures of Hart plant operations are from the file of the economist's dept. for an illustrated lecture on the work of a farmers' co-operative canning plant.

Three rows of cherries from the picking tables come to this line for an automatic belt taking cherries to the gillters. They are washed in moving water and carried on rails. At the top they drop on a belt, from which dividers are made for each gilter.

Eight mechanical giltters like this. Total capacity 12,000 lbs. of cherries per hour. Four units are No. 2 gilters; four are gallon giltters. Both giltters are نفس the same length. Plunge at top gilter gets through 240 lbs. while lower gilter handles 48 lbs. by boiler rows.

A very few minutes have elapsed. Cans coming down golden belt, in most shining rows from the giltters. Vents are being made and openings have been made. They are in the golden pack line.

Spray of water fills the can (rear) as they travel into the precut track. Black and fast they go spacing out in their boxes, with their labels already adhering to their boxes. This process drives the air out of the pack.

This young man takes the finished gilter pack from cooler to worders. Probably half an hour has elapsed since the cherries were rolling free from the rinsing tanks.

Let's go back. Where the gilter cans and cherries finish the facing gilter are passed on to the precut track. Cans packed daily here to their weight station and then to a water bath for No. 2 packs.

Great Lakes, one of the attractive labels created by the Farm Bureau Fruit Products Co. for his cherry pack. Others are Red Skinned and Honora Sages. Both grapes can peaches, pears, strawberries, and tomatoes.

Cans come into the plant flat and in boxes. These young men carefully guide them into stage and faster than that with some 30 wires efficient in the handling of any eye.

Additional Hart Plant pictures on Page 6.