

Michigan Had Four at County Life Ass'n Meet

The Michigan Junior Farm Bureau was represented at the recent annual meeting of the American County Life Association held at Purdue University by State President Dick Anthony of Cass county; Robert Gilbert of Gregory, Washtenaw county president; and Arnold Bartlett, Hillsdale county member, were Michigan's official delegates. Miss Lola Dunning, new president of the Kalamazoo county J. F. B. was present and was in charge of Friday evening's banquet.

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The World Uses Most of Us Pretty Well

Inventory of What We Have is Likely to Make Us Feel Better

By Mrs. Edith M. Wagar
 We are on the last lap of 1940. It's approaching the time for inventories, not only for our worldly goods but of our accomplishments during the year just slipping away.
 No doubt many of us started the year with good intentions—we meant to turn over a new leaf—we were going to take it a bit easier and do some of the things we had always wanted to do but some way or other we just never had the time. We meant to be a better neighbor—to be more friendly.
Always a Waiting List
 We meant to do some things within our own community that we had long known should have been done but no one seemed to be ready to push it and there were many other things that we had intended to do during the year. But for some reason a goodly portion of these things are still on the waiting list. . . . Doesn't it seem too bad that we can always take the time to attend a friend's or a neighbor's funeral but we don't just seem to get around to it to stop in—as we're going by to say a word of cheer or to give them a handful of flowers from our own garden that means so much to those who are suffering and many times low in spirit?
A Time for Thanksgiving
 Thanksgiving this year meant more to me than for many years in the past. I was really thankful that we as a nation could be thankful.
 We cannot comprehend what it all means when we get radio reports such as we have had, of cities being bombed and the people fleeing for their lives leaving their homes and all that they have, not knowing what the future has in store for them in the way of family life or business.
 Home, be it ever so humble, should mean more to us than it does these days. We can share what we have, be it ever so little, with the Red Cross so as to help care for those who thru no desire of their own have been forced to accept terrible hardships.
 Our crops perhaps were not all that we had hoped for and the prices still are not what we feel they might be. No doubt the weather has caught many of us with unhusked corn and beans still to be thrashed and beets still to be harvested—yet with all of the disappointments and delays we can see something ahead for each and every one of us.
We Don't Buy Christmas Spirit
 Perhaps our Christmas fund has been cut short and we cannot spend as we had planned, yet there's none of us but could make the holiday season merry and happy even without the usual amount of money with which to buy.
 When we pause long enough in our holiday rush to realize that Christmas is in commemoration of the birth of the greatest advocate of peace, good will, simplicity, love and charity that the world has ever known, I wonder how we can reconcile ourselves to the extravagant habits far too many have allowed themselves to acquire.
 How much real Christmas spirit enters into the fur coat or the diamond ring or the radio that will take all the following year to pay for on the installment plan?
 There's many and many a youngster who is lavished with so many toys and gadgets all at one time that Christmas is nothing to look forward to and he grows up to expect what cannot be afforded.
 1940 was a Year!
 And as we approach the New Year we can look back on 1940 and find that it wasn't so bad after all, especially here in Michigan. It could have been a lot worse. We all know that, for we had no great disasters as visited some other parts of our country and those were not many.
 To be sure we had a general election but that only added excitement and entertainment to what might



MRS. WAGAR

have been a monotonous time and after it was all over and the votes counted, didn't we all appreciate the lull!

My greatest regret is, that it's too bad people and politicians cannot be as sensible and honest and truthful before an election as they are afterward.

Take an Inventory!
 Before we put up the 1941 calendar, let's tabulate our actual belongings—maybe it will do us all good. Let's be reasonable in our values for when we overestimate our worth—we fool nobody but ourselves. We should be square with ourself at all times for by so doing we will be more apt to be square with all others.

After we've taken this farm inventory I'm sure most of us will be more satisfied with the way the old world's using us and we will feel that we can pay those Farm Bureau dues and pledge our share to the church and can participate in community affairs. No doubt many will feel that they can afford a day or so once in a while to help build up the farm organizations that have been serving them thru the lean times as well as when everything was going good. What a Farm Bureau we might have if all would do their part in giving of time and financial support, and some loyal co-operation! Somebody has carried the load and responsibility this far. Who's going to pick it up and carry it on?

We Can Improve Things
 What we as farmers do in 1941 will reflect tremendously on how agriculture stands in '51. It's a challenge to all of us to do our utmost as we go along for success usually comes step by step and not at one long jump.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for the many kind messages we received at Annual Meeting time. They were all appreciated far more than you may think. It was the first annual meeting that I did not attend in 21 years but there comes a time to all of us when we must forego some of the accustomed practices. Don't for a moment think I didn't miss the handshake and the cherry how-do-you-do that has always been so generously extended.

O. H. Fleming Was a Pioneer Co-operator

Michigan agriculture lost one of its pioneer workers in the farmers' co-operative movement when Mr. O. H. Fleming of Shelby passed away November 1 at his home at Shelby, Oceana county, at the age of 81.

Mr. Fleming was one of those who organized the Michigan State Farm Bureau at the Michigan Agricultural College, Feb. 4, 1919. He helped organize the Shelby Co-op, Inc. He located the site for the business and was an officer and director for many years. As a progressive farmer and outstanding citizen, he was active in the County Farm Bureau, was chairman of the Shelby library board. He was a deacon and trustee of the Congregational church for 50 years. He had been a member for 67 years.

A few years back he attended the American Farm Bureau convention at Pasadena, California. His vitality and interest in farm affairs and everything about him excited the admiration of his younger fellow travelers. He is survived by Mrs. Fleming, his son George, who operates the home farm. Also by two daughters, Mrs. Newell Gale, and Mrs. Wilson Beam.



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How Can Democracies Meet This World?

Background Material for Discussion in December by the 197 Community Farm Bureau Groups

By KEITH A. TANNER
Membership Relations & Education
War and National Defense

War talk fills the air. Many people state that it is impossible for a democracy to go to war. Emergencies demand immediate action; speed is essential and this has meant the delegation of war time power to one individual. Thus, we are not following the principles of a democracy. But the questions advanced at present center around the national defense problem. Can this emergency be met through regular channels or does more power necessarily need to be vested in one man? At the present we find our chief executive with more power than any peace time president in the history of the United States.

Many state that our present national defense is an emergency major equally as important as any war crisis. In order to facilitate the speed necessary for our protection, we must delegate these powers to a limited few. Democratic practices are too slow to demand consideration at the present.

Others state that the democratic bars should only be let down when we are engaged in war. We are now meeting a peace time emergency and war privileges should not be granted to the few. They are of the opinion that our American democracy can meet and should be allowed to meet the national defense problem.

Financing national defense is another problem faced by the democracies as well as the central powers. It is estimated that six nations spent over fifty billion dollars this past year for arms. Britain has increased her spending to twenty billion dollars annually. But in comparing the United States with Canada, we find that even though the United States has three times the population, it is only spending, at the present time, one-third as much on her army and navy. If the United States gears her defense spending with that of the other countries, what will be the reaction of our people to a means of meeting these expenses?

Universal Selective Military Training We have just changed our historical attitude toward military training and military service. This is the first time in our country's history we have had to ask the American public to line itself up voluntarily and wholeheartedly behind selective military service. There were many conceptions which had to be broken down before some of our people agreed to conscription. People had to tell themselves that a big military machine would not further fascism here; that it would not turn out regimented puppets and bullies. Fascist and Nazi tendencies exist in the souls of people; people either possess these tendencies or they don't. Those possessing such tendencies like fighting and regimentation and uniforms. Historically speaking, a democratically administered defense machine for our protection should not change this policy. Many feel that we may never have to fight at all, but this depends upon how big and how efficient we build our military machine.

After analyzing the pending situation, it seems that universal selective draft is the only really democratic way to build up a good defense program. But how does a democracy wish to train boys who are sent to these peace time camps? Should they be trained only in military matters or should a portion of their time be devoted to vocational instruction and the teaching of citizenship?

The Citizen Army The citizen army according to many should be trained in two phases; first, defense training, and second, civil life training. It should be an educational institution in at least three respects: (1) to teach the citizen army the fundamentals of modern, mechanized war — how to handle modern war machines, with all trills, such as dress parades, cut to the minimum; and (2) vocational and mechanical training should be taught the citizen army so it will be

an asset to him when he returns to civil life, and (3) the new army should be instructed in citizenship which will adjust them to democratic home situation rather than making them feel as regimented hopefuls. Coupled with the above, they hope that every effort will be made to raise the citizen army's health average and that instructions in health and sanitation will be featured.

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We have been able to acquire this gold because of our gold devaluation step of February 1934 at which time the United States government stated that it would purchase gold, until further notice, at \$35.00 an ounce instead of the previous, \$20.67.

There are those who say that the further notice will never come and that we will eventually have ninety-nine percent of the world's monetary gold. At which time, many are of the opinion, the rest of the nations will repudiate gold as money and will start using something else for money, leaving us to hold the bag.

But regardless of all this, gold is still a rare metal. It is the only money that will buy commodities everywhere in the civilized world, and practically everybody would rather use gold for money than any other substance even though England started to go off the gold standard in 1931. Those making a study of gold, state that our real threat lies in the fact that our politicians have complete control over our gold hoard. They gained this control back in 1933 when gold hoarding was forbidden and all monetary gold was called in. They will not loosen their hold on this gold until public opinion pries them loose.

They have the power to devalue the gold dollar's value. The politicians clipped the gold dollar's value from 100 cents to 59.04 cents, when they increased the price of gold from \$20.67 to \$35.00 an ounce in February 1934. There is nothing to stop them from doing this again if they feel so inclined.

Our national debt should increase to the point where people began to talk too loudly, the dollar might again be clipped, possible to 50c gold or less. The profit from this action could be applied to the national debt. But the blows of this act would be felt by those holding bank accounts, annuities, life insurance and bonds, and all types of debts. These debts would be payable in less valuable dollars. This would lead us into financial and business chaos, with the possibility of some form of dictatorship stepping in to help pick up the pieces.

These folks feel that the people should have a hand in managing their supply of monetary gold. Some even advocate that the people should have the right to hoard gold and that congress should place gold in circulation. This would of course get the control of the gold out of the hands of a few.

The public quite generally is wondering how we will be able to trade with the Central Axis Powers when we have most of the world's

gold. Some say the gold situation resembles a game of marbles. When one of the players has lost all of his marbles to the other, he has two alternatives; he can borrow from the other if the second party is agreeable, or he can think up a new game which does not need marbles. It looks as though we may be playing a new economical game.

Hitler has been using the barter system for quite some time and it may be our alternatives to follow suit if we wish that market. No matter who wins the war, we will still have the gold and the fighting nations will have spent most of their resources on the war. This again seems to indicate the necessity for bartering.

Agriculture and Changing Conditions The three players on the economic stage are labor, industry and agriculture. Each has its part to play in order that the show may go on. But confusion on the economic stage is witnessed when any one of the players tries to steal the show, because this usually cannot be accomplished unless at the expense of the other two players. The economic show should have a three star billing.

Agriculture has for many years depended upon foreign markets. The war has limited these European outlets until we are practically dependent upon domestic markets for our agricultural products. Large surpluses of food and fiber has been piling up to increase the perplexity of the situation.

It is true that the business index is increasing rather rapidly and the consumer should have more dollars with which to purchase food. More than he has had for many years. But the 3 to 6% more food purchased by the consumer will be greatly over balanced when we consider loss of foreign exports, and the presence of farm surpluses.

War hysteria has made us desirous of some of that southern hospitality. We have been very eager to gain the recognition of Central and South America. But South America, agriculturally speaking, raises the same products we do. If we wish to gain their favor through trade, we must recognize their farm products. It is true that we may furnish them with industrial exports, but what are we going to take in exchange for them? Thinking in terms of money or gold is rather wishful thinking. If South American products are considered, what about our agricultural surpluses?

We have established ourselves as the world's greatest exporter of armaments and munitions. Foreign countries are using their available money and exchange credit to purchase munitions from the United States. They are making their food and fiber deals with exporters who do not have war equipment for sale and have a more convenient credit policy for the purchase of agricultural commodities. Many feel that these agricultural trade policies are becoming rather well established and it will take many years to change them.

Farmers must be willing to meet the challenges of their own profession. Progressive agriculture will only result when the farmers are willing to assume responsibility for the solution of their problems, and will take the initiative to work together to voice the opinion of agriculture — one farmer alone will never accomplish this.

Theodore Roosevelt once said, "Much can be done for the farmer by the government, but even more can be done through co-operation among the farmers themselves."

Community Farm Bureau Activities

By KEITH A. TANNER
Membership Relations and Education

The following activities were taken from the various Community Farm Bureau groups' minutes. How do some of your group projects compare with these activities?

Brookside Community Farm Bureau, Newaygo county

We had a general discussion about the exhibit we won first prize on at the Fremont Fair, and how to make it better another year.

The motion was made and supported that we invite the Garfield Community Farm Bureau and the newly organized Dayton Community Farm Bureau to meet with us at our next regular meeting on December 12th.

We then discussed filling out our "Farm to Prosper" blanks. Marguerite Smith and Neva Chrysler were appointed to write a story to be entered for the group.

Lawrence Community Farm Bureau, Van Buren county

Max Brown told us about the recreational work being done through the Community Councilor for which the local group subscribed \$5.00. The council is active and the recreational work is advised with a regional leader to supervise the work.

Mrs. George Schultz announced the organization of a Farm Bureau Chorus and urged members who are interested to join—following this Mrs. Thor Hagberg gave us her oration which was to be presented at a Speakers Contest in Lansing.

Sodus Community Farm Bureau, Berrien county

A motion was made that the Sodus Farm Bureau Booster sponsor a Scout Cub-Pack and that \$2.00 be allowed for Den mother fees.

Hastings Community Farm Bureau, Barry county

Motion was made that we have a question box to decide the local topics for discussion in our groups.

South Thornapple Community Farm Bureau, Barry county

The secretary was introduced to write Mrs. Shirley Blood of Hastings to get information about the Farm Bureau Scrap Book.

Archie Community Farm Bureau, Grand Traverse county

The chairman urged all members to keep the group active in order to promote legislation of benefit to us and urged us to get in touch with Senator Brown in regard to his stand on the amendment to the marketing agreement.

East Leland Community Farm Bureau, Leelanau county

A motion was made and carried that the chairman appoint a committee consisting of three to investigate the matter of having a community group scrap book.

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