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Fred VanNorsdall

The Michigan State Farm Bureau lost a good friend and one of its first state officers when Fred VanNorsdall, St. Joseph County Farm Bureau member at Three Rivers, passed away in August.

Directors of the Michigan State Farm Bureau and Farm Bureau Services, Inc., in extending their sympathy to the VanNorsdall family, said of him:

"He was a good friend and a faithful fellow worker. His help and advice in the early and most trying days of the Farm Bureau were indeed most important contributions towards its establishment as a permanent and successful farm co-operative to serve farmers throughout Michigan.

The Juniors Mean Business

The W. K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek is a remarkable institution. It was organized and placed upon a permanent financial basis by Mr. Kellogg for a single purpose . . . to help people help themselves.

There are many approaches to a program like that. The Foundation's approach is that of education. The people of Michigan, and particularly rural Michigan, are familiar with the Kellogg Foundation's scholarships for rural young people and for school teachers, school board members and others interested in rural schools.

Young men and women of the Junior Farm Bureau and the Kellogg Foundation took an immediate liking to each other at a summer camp in late August at the Foundation's Pine Lake camp in Barry county.

\$69 a Month Family Income

There are 80 million people in the United States who live in families whose average cash income does not exceed \$69 per month.

Milo Perkins, director of marketing for the United States Department of Agriculture, is authority for that statement. He made it in an address to the central labor union at Minneapolis.

Mr. Perkins was not reported as having a method for improving the purchasing power of so large a proportion of our total population of 131,000,000. Until that situation is improved by some set of circumstances, it is obvious that large numbers of city families who would like to see farm prosperity must continue to operate on lean food budgets.

An increase in farm income or in industrial income can start better times, Dr. John C. Coulter, economist for the Nat'l Manufacturers' Ass'n told industrialists and Michigan farmers at the farmers' and industrialists' conference at Michigan State College last summer.

The Feed For One Egg

Hens that are profitable egg producers are hens with good appetites. And they'll average just under a half a pound for feed for each egg laid.



Hiram on Sorghum

I like my maple syrup when the year is at the spring And it's just the stuff on pancakes in the winter time, by jing!

And it's not the season for that bland and cloying sweet! For the sorghum's out in tassel and I sense a stronger treat.

You have to learn to like the stuff (my Marthy never tried) But once you cultivate the taste, why then you're on my side.

There's a crispy autumn tingle there; a characteristic tang That no tin-corn molasses has, nor any pink meringue.

I have a little sorghum patch down there beside the lane And tomorrow I shall slash the leaves from off the slender cane!

The juice will be steam-processed in a shiny copper vat Till its excellence coagulates (two days it takes, for that)

And my gastric eye envisions how I'll smear that noble spread On a good thick crusty section of Marthy's warm fresh bread . . .

In the 18th annual egg laying contest at East Lansing under supervision of the Michigan State College poultry department, the egg production through the first 11 months required an average of .49 of a pound of feed per egg.

The farm management department at the college was asked to consult its records for farm flocks. In a year's time the average hen in farm flocks laid 157 eggs.

Given good birds from egg laying strains, and proper housing conditions, feed that has the variety to keep the birds healthy and interested in their feed is the one we want.

Behind the Wheel (Continued from page one) won it in an FFA judging contest at the Ionia Free Fair.

Views Progress Made By Farm Women (Continued from page one) mated at \$5.00 per day, there would have been a cost of \$565.00, all of which was covered by the insurance plan.

ADULT EDUCATION "The measure of the strength of the co-operative movement everywhere is the adult education movement associated with it."

LIVESTOCK REGISTERED HEREFORD BULLS and heifers. We have a nice selection. Sensible prices.

REGISTERED OXFORD YEARLING rams and ram lambs. Quackenbush and McKerron breeding.

REGISTERED HAMPSHIRE BOAR, 14 months old. Out of a choice dam and a \$500 boar.

WATER SOFTENER HARD WATER TROUBLE? SEND US a sample of the water.

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS MICHIGAN SEPTIC TANK SIPHON and bell as recommended by State College Agr'l Engineering dept.

FARM WORK WANTED MIDDLE AGED MARRIED MAN wishes job on farm by year.

SINGLE MAN WANTS WORK on dairy farm. Good experience. Would like tenant house for parents and self if possible.

The Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau

Mrs. Pearl E. Myers, Director for Michigan

SCRAP BOOK CONTEST FOR PUBLICITY CHAIRMEN

In order to further the interest in the Farm Bureau publicity, I have patterned after a plan used successfully in other states, and that is of holding a publicity scrap-book contest.

I hope all of you newly appointed publicity chairmen will feel this plan is worthwhile and will get your group acting on it.

Respectfully yours, Mrs. Emma Porter Women's Publicity Chairman Dryden, Michigan

WOMEN'S SPEAKING CONTEST ANNOUNCEMENT

Finals in the women's speaking contest on the subject of Consumer-Producer Relations will be held at the time of the Farm Bureau annual meeting at a time and place to be announced after the Farm Bureau Women's Conference at Lansing, October 17.

PUBLICITY SCRAB-BOOK CONTEST RULES

- 1. The publicity chairman may compile the scrap-book or may delegate some other person to do so. 2. Entries, to be eligible for the award, must be compiled by a Farm Bureau member.

the last tax receipt, and is an intelligent student of the application of the Agricultural Adjustment Act.

Michigan's Fur Crop Contrary to the common notion, about three-fourths of the total value of Michigan's fur crop is produced by the better agricultural areas of the southern half of the lower peninsula.

Few Forest Fires This Year Happiest men in Michigan over the heavy rains at this season of the year are the state's forest fire fighters.

Classified Ads Classified advertisements are cash with order at the following rates: 4 cents per word for one edition.

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- 5. Only those items will be counted in which the words "Farm Bureau" appear in the body of the article. Reference may be to local, county, of national Farm Bureau. 6. The chairman may enlist the co-operation of others in sending in items of Farm Bureau publicity and in clipping items from the papers.

11. The best entry will be awarded a prize of \$7.00; second prize will be \$5.00; and the third prize \$3.00.

13. The three highest scoring books become the property of the Michigan Farm Bureau Federation.

END OF THE GARDEN RELISH

- 12 medium onions 1 large or 2 small cabbages 8 medium carrots 4 green peppers 4 red peppers (mangoes) 2 tablespoons salt 1 quart vinegar 2 teaspoons celery seed 6 cups sugar 2 teaspoons dry mustard.

SUGGESTIONS ON GRASS ENSILAGE

State College Has Published A New Bulletin On Subject Michigan farmers planning to feed grass or legume silage this winter should remember two feeding tips offered by staff members of Michigan State College.

Hay silage should be combined with dry hay in the feeding program and, with good silage and hay making up a large part of the ration, should be fed in accordance with standards indicated for equal dry matter in good hay.

Filling silos with chopped alfalfa or grass is beginning to take its place in the farm program of many of the state's farmers, especially those lo-

cated too far north to grow corn advantageously.

Alfalfa silage may be fed in place of all corn silage or may replace part of the hay.

If hay is fed on a one to three ratio, feedings should be so timed that milking will not follow immediately. Silage usually is fed following the morning milking and hay in the afternoon.

Additional information on the subject of making and feeding hay crop silage may be obtained through the newly issued bulletin, circular 173, "Silage from Hay Crops."

Largest White Pine

Largest white pine in Michigan is claimed by Luce county and is located near Betsy Lake on the Grand Marais-Paradise road.

Premises should be cleared of leaves, brush, weeds, old paper and trash to reduce fire hazards.

HEALTHY HENS LOTS OF EGGS with a CONCRETE POULTRY HOUSE FOR healthier, more productive flocks, build your poultry house of concrete . . . easy to insulate, light and airy, permanent.

PORTLAND CEMENT ASSOCIATION Dept. W10-4, Old Tower Bldg., Lansing, Mich. Feedings Floors Concrete Poultry Houses Hog Houses Storage Cellars Berms Milk Houses Silos Concrete Making

DURING 3 YEARS... 37 CHECKS FOR YOUR FAMILY! Do you know about State Farm's Two-Purpose Life Insurance Plan?

GET HOT! Oil Burning Space Heaters \$49.95 Our new oil burning heaters are made by Lomergan at Albion, one of the largest manufacturers of high quality oil burners in the country.

More Deer In National Forests

The number of deer in the National Forests has been doubling every ten years since 1908, the annual big game census showed this year, according to the Forest Service more than half the 160 National Forests list more than 5,000 deer.

NECESSARY TO POULTRY DIET

No single food is more essential to profit making in this mineral affects egg production and health. Oyster Shell is the most reliable source of calcium.



All progressive Dealers Everywhere

SEVERING THE FEED INDUSTRY DRIED SKIMMILK Dried Buttermilk Dried Whey Condensed Buttermilk Gorton's Cod Liver Oil

KILL RATS WITHOUT POISON YOUR MONEY BACK IF RATS DON'T DIE

SAY YOU MUST HAVE BEEN EATING VITAND

VITAND VITAMIN A and D OIL For Poultry and Animal Feeds

PARSONS' Pure Sheep Fat

No Monotony In Fall Days on the Farm

It's a Time When So Many Changes Take Place In Farm Affairs

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR

September, the month that seems like "good-bye summer and good morning autumn" is gone. And what a change came during that month! Threshing was finished...

So Many Things To Do We are always glad to have the corn cut in the fields north of the railroad...

Pre-convention Meetings Oct. 14-17

Who's Indifferent? I heard a while ago a public minded man say some rather harsh things about the farmer's indifference to things away from his own farm.

A Farm 40 Hour Week I wonder just what would happen if the farmers did go on a 40 hour a week?

PARSONS' Pure Sheep Fat

Joined Farm Bureau in Aug. & Sept.

One hundred twenty-nine families joined the Michigan State Farm Bureau during August and September...

- BERRIEN COUNTY BARODA Carl Gampel EAU CLAIRE William A. Wagner NILES Robert E. Malone CASS COUNTY CASSOPOLIS Max H. Wright & Son MARCELLUS R. C. Whittier & I. M. Wilcox W. M. Bartlett F. C. Prowley & Varney Everett F. E. Parker & W. H. Mundt NILES Chet Follmer GRATIOT COUNTY MIDDLETON Abner Bellinger HILLSDALE COUNTY NORTH ADAMS North Adams Co-op HILLSDALE Guy Reppert John Garton William Kline Ralph Gubgee E. D. Stiversson Ray S. Baker JEROME E. E. Bowsman JONESVILLE W. M. Glasgow Edwin Houseknecht NORTH ADAMS Edgar O. Thorp OSSEO Hoyt Miller Roland J. Nichols Fred Brott Fred Denismore PITTSFORD Clifton Lyon E. DETROIT INGHAM COUNTY LANSING HOWARD JOHNSTON IONIA COUNTY BELDING Bert McNaughton KENT COUNTY GRAND RAPIDS Tunis Van Stright LENAWEE COUNTY ADRIAN Lenawee County LIVINGSTON COUNTY HOWELL Elmer Turner CENTER LINE Louis E. Busch Edwin Halmich Anthony Denryter Raymond Grabel Hugo Rinke Herbert Collin Leonard Delamilleure Joseph & Loretta Halmich Arthur M. Stricker E. DETROIT HAZEL PARK Julius DeHont Joseph Tessmer EDWARDS FRASER Emil & Henrietta Lietz Rudolph Minda MT. CLEMENS Wm. Warner Wm. Ploetz Joseph Priester Fred Schulze Lambert Mettler Fred Schulze Edward Schneider Paul Faulman Carl Schoenberg Oscar Beste Mrs. Henry Artzler NEW HAVEN George Frink NORTH BRANCH Henry Ruhlman JOHN RACHOW ROMEO MACOMB COUNTY UTICA Flora Hartlein Russel Meirow Fred L. Dill Henry Meirow J. C. Mursby Otto Busch Wm. Redowski Arthur Priehs Fred Frehe William Abey Otto Sippel Mrs. Henry Degrandchamp Mrs. Heleebuyck VAN DYKE Albert Stricker Alfred Foerster WARREN Elmer Hartsig E. H. Peck & Son Walter F. Schuster Fred Almstadt Leo Julp Fred Pruhs John Fuhrman John Redowski Louis Wolf Paul Redowski Arthur Weig Barth Rinke Frank Rinke John A. Rinke Henry Busch Christ Zorn Ed Boettcher William Zorn Miller Brothers Caroline Schnoblen Geo. P. Mertz & Son Lawrence Baumgartner Mrs. J. Melvin Reid YALE John Norris MONTCALM COUNTY SHERIDAN J. R. Studley NORTHWEST MICHIGAN (Benzie, Leelanau, Gr. Traverse) LAKE LEELANAU Albert Priest CEDAR C. W. Loeffler LAKE LEELANAU Donald Moore MESICK SUTTONS BAY William Horn Carl Kiesel Mrs. R. D. Hill Jacob & Wm. Boone Marie & George Bonner TRAVERSE CITY Adolph Eckland William Brown Gerald Olson Clifford Fouch Wm. Ansoerg WILLIAMSBURG L. D. Hoxie Frank Dean Nell C. Moorison OAKLAND COUNTY HAZEL PARK John DeDecker Michael Kutchey ROYAL OAK Seymour Cromie CHESANING Lawrence Stewart L. H. Harris Davenport Terry Earl E. Bablon NEW LATHROP Joseph H. Eickholt ST. JOSEPH COUNTY CONSTANTINE Wilbur Klett THREE RIVERS Mrs. Clyde Dimmick TRI-COUNTY FARM BUREAU (Antrim, Charlevoix, Kalkaska) James Heers VAN BUREN COUNTY DECATUR C. C. Roby HARTFORD Harold Kemp LAWTON H. Mac Brown PAW PAW W. J. Rumsey

PRE-CONVENTION MEETINGS

Ogg, Brody and Powell to Discuss Annual Meeting Matters

Delegates and others who may be interested are to be given a preview of legislative matters and the annual state Farm Bureau convention this year in a series of district meetings to be held October 14-17 inclusive.

A Close Call When lightning struck the metal flagpole atop the new 100-foot high Turin forest fire observation tower in southern Marquette county, it destroyed the flag, melted several feet of a telephone line, and made Robert Bezi, towerman on watch thankful that both flagpole and phone line were well grounded.

There are 865 Farm Bureau legislative minute men in Michigan County and Community Farm Bureaus.

Pay Farm Bureau Dues to These Co. Secretaries

Effective September 1, 1940, nearly all County Farm Bureaus have taken over the collection of Farm Bureau membership dues.

- Bethlehem Stormproof Galvanized Steel Roofing takes the worry out of winter winds. When you've roofed with Stormproof, thawing snow and ice can't siphon or blow through to ruin valuable tools and implements, either. Stormproof is designed to cling tight to the roof and really seal out moisture. Triple barriers prevent penetration of water through side laps. Double drains take care of any water that gets under the overlapped edge. End laps are guarded by a three-ribbed siphon seal. No sticks, battens or special tools are needed to lay Stormproof. There is no bending or crimping to do in applying these sheets to any type of roof. Even nailing is kept to a minimum, yet Stormproof is easy to put down to stay. A coating of pure zinc protects against corrosion, or, for extra resistance and even longer life, copper-bearing Bethlehem Galvanized Sheets can be specified for a few cents more.

Pay Farm Bureau Dues to These Co. Secretaries

- SEE OUR LOCAL AGENT For Further Information, Write Mich. State Farm Bureau, State Agt., 221 No. Cedar, Lansing 4 STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTO INSURANCE COMPANY BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

Advertisement for State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance Company, featuring a car and a person.

Advertisement for Stormproof Roofing, featuring a person on a roof.

Advertisement for American Cyanamid Company, featuring a plant and a person.

Advertisement for Unico's Fly Spray, featuring a can of spray and a fly.

Advertisement for New Huron Oat, featuring a bag of oats and a person.

Advertisement for Michigan Bell Telephone Company, featuring a telephone and a person.

RED CROSS WAR RELIEF IN EUROPE AND FAR EAST

Special Efforts are Made to Help Children in All Areas

The American Red Cross is providing relief to war refugees not only in Europe, but in the Far East as well.

Red Cross funds are all turned over to the American Advisory Committee in Shanghai under whose direction they are disbursed.

Children Come First Because of the threat of hostilities at Hongkong in recent days, many civilians have been evacuated to Manila, Philippine Islands.



One of the horrors of modern war is the suffering caused to little children. Helpless and feeble, they are unable to look after themselves.

During the past year, although it has endeavored to help all refugees, the American Red Cross has made special efforts and provisions for the care of youngsters.

Soon after outbreak of hostilities in Europe thousands of children's garments, made in the United States by the loving hands of Red Cross women of all faiths were on their way for distribution to little Polish boys and girls.

8,000,000 Refugees in Europe When Finland was attacked, again the American Red Cross made special efforts to help the children in their hour of trial.

Although the acreage of hay and pasture makes grass America's biggest crop, harvesting methods and equipment have changed slowly.

Grass silage and various methods of preparing it are already coming to be well known, mostly in dairy regions.

Now they are also working on methods and equipment for producing grass silage. Implement manufacturers, too, have been busy.

Help for British Red Cross In anticipation of large-scale needs in England, shipments of supplies have been going forward to the British

Voting Record of Michigan Members of Congress

Relating to the legislative program of the American Farm Bureau Federation during the First and Second Sessions, and Third Session (to Aug. 1, 1940) of the Seventy-Sixth Congress, January 3, 1939, to August 1, 1940.

NOTE—The subject matter in this voting record does not represent the entire legislative program of the American Farm Bureau Federation on which Congress acted or failed to act.

P.A.—Paired Against P.F.—Paired For G.P.—General Pair Pr.—Present

D—Dead R—Resigned (-)—Not sworn in when vote was taken

\*—Announcement made that if present would have voted "yes" #—Announcement made that if present would have voted "Nay"

Senate

Table with columns for various legislative bills and Senate members' voting records (FOR, AGAINST, etc.).

House

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FIVE COMMUNITY FARM BUREAU SECRETARIES WIN

State Farm Bureau Awards For the Excellence of Their Reports

Five Community Farm Bureau secretaries won the annual award given for making reports of the local organizations to the State Farm Bureau office.

The winners of the awards for September, 1939, to September, 1940, Community Farm Bureau year are: Mrs. Ralph Barnes, Bethany Community Farm Bureau, Gratiot county.

All of the Community Farm Bureau secretaries are responding in grand shape and the following group gave the winners a hard run: 1. Blumfield—Buena Vista—Saginaw County.

Discussion Leaders Confer Oct. 2 to 16

Discussion leaders and legislative minute men from more than 150 Community Farm Bureaus are attending one of a series of regional training schools for discussion leaders during the period Oct. 2 to 16.

The meetings are sponsored by the Michigan State Farm Bureau membership relations dept. Keith Tanner is in charge for the Farm Bureau.

2—Lansing—Farm Bureau Assembly Room—Ionia, Clinton, Ingham, Montcalm, Shiawassee, Genesee and Eaton.

14—Ann Arbor—Michigan Men's Union—Livingston, Washtenaw, Monroe, and Lenawee.

15—Hart—Farm Bureau Store—Manistee, Mason, Oceana and Newaygo.

16—Traverse City—Hotel Traverse—Northwestern Michigan and Tri-County.

Michigan Has Radio Detective Station

On a 160-acre tract in the Allegan state forest near Dunningville, one of the nation's eight "monitor" radio stations is listening in on the American air waves.

Advice to farmers by C. B. Dibble, Michigan State College extension specialist in insect control, includes two other factors for good fumigation, the temperature must be high enough and a sufficient quantity of satisfactory fumigant must be used.

When weevils go to work on a bin of grain and fumigation is necessary to save the supply, it takes a tight bin, well lined, to gas the pests successfully.

STAMP PLAN HELPS CUT EGG, BUTTER SURPLUSES

Two Million Persons Using Stamps for Surplus Farm Commodities

The 2 million persons who today are getting surplus farm commodities under the Food Stamp Plan are bettering both their diets and farmers' incomes.

Blue stamps exchanged over the counter in July bought 1,710,000 pounds of butter, 2,194,000 dozen eggs, 3 1/2 million pounds of pork products, and 18 1/2 million pounds of cereal products.

On August 1, 132 areas in 47 States had been designated by the Department of Agriculture for operation of the Stamp Plan, and of this number 98 had actually begun operations.

Garfield Community Farm Bureau Park

Roadside picnic spots are no novelty in Michigan, but when members of a Community Farm Bureau select a location, clear the site of brush, install tables and a stone fire place, and dedicate the spot to public enjoyment, that's news!

Our president noted the attractive spot along the highway near his home. He suggested its roadside picnic possibilities to our Community Group.

The area is shaded by stately hemlocks. A creek fed by springs runs through the plot on its way to the Muskegon river.

We met in July for a half day of hard work. We made enough progress to feel inspired. August 2 we met again with potluck dinner at noon, and more work.

This project is entered in the Farm-to-Prosper contest in which five County Farm Bureaus are interested. Whether Garfield Farm Bureau wins a prize or not, the community and the public will be the gainer.

200,000 partook of the Ohio State Farm Bureau barbecue at the State Fair Sept. 17. Twenty steers and 45,000 buns were required.

Advertisement for State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance Company, featuring a car illustration and text: 'If YOU INJURE Someone...'

Advertisement for Michigan Livestock Exchange, featuring text: 'LIVE STOCK PRODUCERS...'

Advertisement for Farm Bureau Services, Inc., featuring a tractor illustration and text: 'Electrac Model "HG" \$9200...'



# Principles of Democracy, Topic for October Meetings

Background Material for Discussion this month by the Community Farm Bureau Groups

By KEITH A. TANNER  
Membership Relations and  
Education

**FORWARD**—The State Committee on Discussion selected as the theme for the 1940-41 discussion year, "Saving Democracy Through Co-operation." This article on "Principles of Democracy" is the first in the series. The discussion topic for November will be, "What do we mean by Co-operation?"

Many of our democratic ideals originated many centuries ago with such thinkers as Aristotle. That Greek philosopher, in his time, reminded the people that the citizen of a democracy does not have to be a political philosopher himself, nor does he have to be able to initiate policies. But he does need to know his general objectives in life and then select leaders who will carry out these objectives.

### Can We Trust the Common People?

Thus we see that a democracy requires knowledge and participation. The common man in America has year after year been afforded an increasing amount of knowledge making it possible for him to participate wisely in helping to solve the affairs of his nation. But even with this increased knowledge available, many of our citizens are asking, "Can we trust the common people?"

In reply to their question, I like to refer to Theodore Roosevelt and his statement—that "the majority of the plain people will day in and day out make fewer mistakes in governing themselves than any smaller class of body of men will make in trying to govern them."

Dr. George Gallup (Gallup Polls), Director American Institute of Public Opinion, states, "these surveys show what the ordinary American does think about the questions of the day. The results have been a shock to many of the critics of democracy. Instead of showing selfishness and shortsightedness, instead of tending to 'follow the leader' the American people have been revealed as very often far in advance of traditional minded politicians."

### Let "George" Do It

But again I have heard individuals state that we ourselves are a greater danger to our country than any "fifth column". We are indifferent to these priceless things democracy affords us, so indifferent in fact, that we make subversive actions easy. The difference between us and those who do not like our type of government is that they work all the time and we, who profess to want democracy, work to preserve it when it suits our convenience to do so.

The difference between freemen and serfs is the right to vote. A man was never free until he had the right of suffrage. This is the one manner in which we have to safeguard every effort to undermine our democracy. It grants us the power to enforce good and constructive government. But we will never be able to do this by letting "George" do all the voting.

We must assume our part in making our society and government what we want it to be. It is true that a democracy affords us certain privileges and rights that no other government affords. But let's not forget that for every right and every privilege, we have a duty to perform. If we wish to continue to receive these things which a democracy permits, we must perform those duties which will preserve that form of government.

### Are We Becoming Soft?

When we shift responsibilities and allow "George" to do things for us, we are not being democratic—we are allowing ourselves to become soft, disinterested, and heartless. John Adams once said in words to this effect—that we need not worry about killing democracy, just let it continue until the people become soft and it will commit suicide.

### Democracy Defined

Noah Webster states that "a democracy is a government by the people—a government in which supreme power is retained by the people and is exercised by their representatives." In case of a political democracy, the supreme and final authority rests with the citizens. It is a type of government of a progressive, enlightened people who should have an understanding of the problems which confront the citizen and its success rests upon free and universal education.

### Underlined Principles

A democracy implies freedom and liberty for the individual and assumes that the individual is important. It emphasizes human dignity. It is further assumed in a democracy that if all the people have considerable freedom and liberty, the desire for personal betterment will result in de-

### CREDITS ON PURCHASES Help Pay Farm Bureau Dues!

**NOTICE TO MEMBERS:** Purchases of Farm Bureau Brand dairy and poultry feeds, seeds, fertilizers, fence, binder twine, oils and gasoline, farm machinery, sprays and insecticides, harness, paint, tractors, roofing and electrical appliances from Farm Bureau dealers are eligible to membership credits when declared.

**MAIL YOUR DEALER SALES SLIPS** to the Michigan State Farm Bureau, Membership Dept., 221 North Cedar Street, Lansing, about every three months.

**BE SURE** Farm Bureau brand goods are entered on slip as "Farm Bureau Alpha", "Milkmaker", "Mermash", etc.

\$10 annual dues mature life membership; \$5 annual dues do not, but participate in Membership Credits, which reduce the amount of dues payable.

Life members receive their Membership Credits in cash once a year.

MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU  
Lansing, Michigan

velopment of initiative, industry, productivity, and a high culture.

It is not possible, in a democracy, for all individuals to have complete freedom, because the wishes and desires of various citizens often conflict. Consequently, a social democracy is an adjustment between individual values and the demands of society. It is sort of a hybrid which recognizes the freedom of the individual and the wishes of the group. A democracy is never complete nor perfect. It cannot be created by the mere adaptation of a liberal constitution. We will have to grant that it is a slow evolutionary development and that its existence depends upon the practice of a great many techniques which are in the hands of the people themselves. They must be interested in learning about these techniques and in performing them if this type of government is to function effectively. A continuous educational program is essential, if a democracy is to survive and grow.

### The Question of Voting

A democracy is organized for the people and is not an end in itself. It gives the low income groups influence and power. All citizens have to vote. But many citizens do not accept the responsibility of studying the political issues and candidates, and of expressing their views in the elections. There is need for a greater acceptance of responsibilities by citizens of a democracy. Voting is as much our business as milking cows, picking fruit and planting our crops.

In addition to our daily occupation, we must put in extra work on a program of study in order that we may know how we can best serve our democracy. The one big hope for democracy is that people will work overtime, without pay. In a democracy, it is the people's privilege to work overtime for the bettering of their government. But in a dictatorship all of the direction comes from the top

and you will not be working overtime for your government but for the government.

### Importance of Small Democratic Groups

Political democracy in a large country such as ours rests on the thousands of democratic institutions at the crossroads, such as the non-profit mutuals and co-operative associations, the club groups in the schools, churches and communities.

Groups such as your own Community Farm Bureau enhance the safety of the individual's freedom as well as the security of the state. Our democracy was built around the town meets and its security rests on individuals working together in co-ordinated democratic organizations. Constructive thinking comes from groups where individuals exchange their experiences, ideas, and opinions with their fellow-neighbors; from groups where the individual realizes that it is important for him and the group to know how their government functions, its purposes, laws, sources and uses of its income, procedures in elections and all of the problems dependent upon the individual's participation for their solution.

If the principles of democracy are to be maintained and preserved, it is up to "We, the people."

The common people can be trusted if they make up their minds to think clearly and will enlighten themselves on the problems of the day. They must follow through by performing those duties which are the foundation upon which our forefathers built this government of ours.

It is up to us whether we allow ourselves to become softer than the last several decades have made us.

It isn't a question of whether they are going to allow democracy to slip away from us, but a question of whether we are going to take stock in ourselves and do our part to preserve these things we so desire.

It's a case of you and I and we; let's not shift these responsibilities over to they and them.

## As They Report...

By KEITH A. TANNER

From the secretaries' minutes we learn that many of the older Community Farm Bureau Groups are sponsoring worthwhile activities. Through this column, we hope to keep informed as to their projects.

### Lincoln River Community Farm Bureau Mason County

"It was moved and supported that the Community Farm Bureau give \$5.00 to buy soft ball equipment for 4-H boys—Farm Bureau group pay for gas to take calves to fair."

### Sauble River Community Farm Bureau Mason County

"Sponsored a tea at the township hall Saturday and Sunday during Freese's homecoming. On Saturday they served both tea, cakes and wafers to fifty visitors. On Sunday tea was again served from two to five o'clock—serving over one hundred individuals."

### Brookside Community Farm Bureau Newaygo County

The painting of mail boxes was one of the projects carried on by members of this group.

### Amber Community Farm Bureau Mason County

Sponsoring a "Cub" boy scout troop.

## CORN BORER TROUBLE CALLS FOR CONTROL

### Take Care of the Stalks as Borers Spend Winter There

Corn borers spend the winter in corn stalks. It is difficult to find the pests wintering in other plants except weeds growing in heavily infested fields.

This information is from Ray Hutson, head of the Michigan State College entomology department. He reports an increase of corn borer in Michigan the past season. He tells us how to kill corn borers:

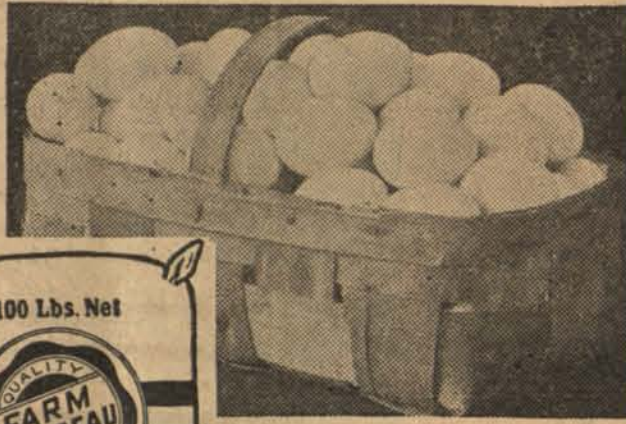
If the corn is cut, cut the corn low, four inches or less; ensile or shred the fodder, plow under all stubble cleanly by May 15. If the corn is not cut, plow under whole stalks completely or bunch the stalks, burn and plow under remaining refuse.

No practical method has been devised for killing the adult moths that lay the eggs nor for destroying the eggs or borers on the plants in the summer. The fall and spring control measures are effective, however. When corn fodder is shredded just for use as bedding it has been proved the increased absorption of plant food more than pays for the shredding and the borer control is free.

Increased strength or new infestations of the borer have been apparent this year in Gratiot, Gladwin and Isco counties. These areas are not in the corn belt, says Hutson, yet to the growers involved the loss of feed is serious and can be more so next year if control measures are not adopted.

"Corn Borer Control by Good Farming" Extension Bulletin No. 59, from which the above information was taken, may be had without charge by writing the Michigan State College Bulletin Dep't, East Lansing.

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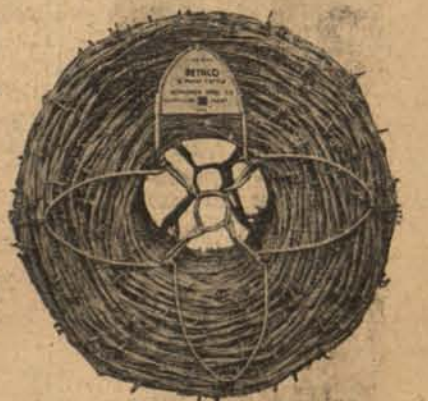
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