IF IT'S HELP YOU NEED, HELP OTHERS AND SUCCEED



WE HELP OURSELVES AND EACH OTHER IN THE FARM BUREAU

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Behind

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 1941

Kalamazoo County's New Agricultural Community Center

the Wheel

With J. F. Yaeger, Director of Membership Relations

WIN HONORS

I have always argued that Farm Bureau folks are among the "cream of the crop". Here's a bit more evidence

During Farmers' Week at Michigan State College the judging team representing St. Joseph county placed second among 30 teams participating in the judging events. It took first place in judging sheep. The team was made up of Henry Gleason, Charles Beal and Owen Custer. Mr. Gleason is president of his County Farm Bureau, Mr. Custer is president of the Junior Farm Bureau in St. Joseph county and Mr. Beal is chairman of the 1941 Farm Bureau rol call committee.

In individual competition, Mr. Cus-

KALAMAZOO JR.

AGR'L CENTER

All Farm Groups Helped

Build It

A Dream Realized

15 months they would have the use

Little did they dream that within

member, placed Board of Supervisors and

and third in the BUREAU STARTED



high with his cross J.F. YAEGER of Spotted Poland Boar and Chester White sow. He won 3rd on individual showing, 2nd on the

Kalamazoo county's new agricul heavy weight pen, 1st on heavy weight carass and won the trophy for tural community center, a project started a little more than a year ago the grand champion carcass.

row exhibited by

Mr. Gleason won

fifth in his class

and third in the

cass class. Harry

Gleason, Henry's father, also a loyal

Farm Bureau

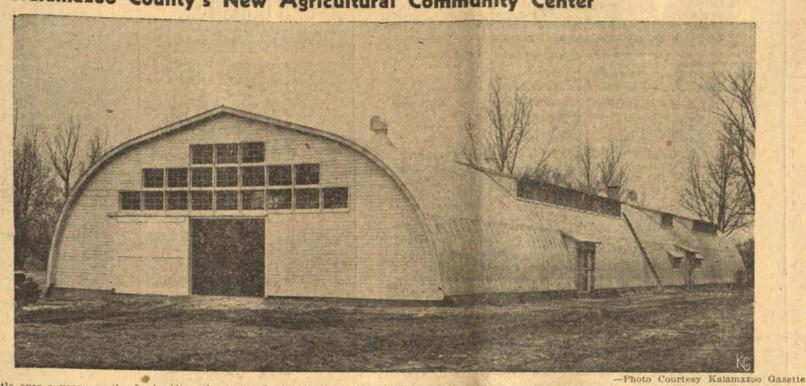
by the Junior Farm Bureau and sup-The Branch County Farm Bureau ported by the other farm organizawas also represented in the winning tions and interests of the county, will class. Herman Cox rode on the band be dedicated Saturday afternoon, wagon at the Thursday evening ses-March 8 sion by virtue of his winning first

Presidents of the Michigan State place with his Belgian mare (sired and Junior and Farm Bureaus, the by Lowenstein). Master of the State Grange and offic-Other Farm Bureau folks won jals from Michigan State College who honors, too. We mention these to illhave co-operated in working out the

ustrate our point. designs for the building, will take MEANING? part in the dedication.

We ran across the following in It was just a year ago in January that the Kalamazoo County Junior Branch county:

"We favor legislation authorizing Farm Bureau invited 10 representaorganization of farmers under A. F. tive farm leaders of the county to go of L., C. I. O. or an independent or- to Lowell to inspect the 4-H club ganization giving farmers the same building erected there a few months rights as other labor-to strike, to before.



A little over a year ago the Junior it and presented it to other farm | The building will seat 1,500 persons. | committee is now working on a ten Farm Bureau of Kalamazoo county groups and the county board of super- It is equipped to handle most any year program of development for the ter was third high man in the state. had an idea for a county community visors. It became a co-operative pro- farm event-The board of supervisors entire acreage in the interests of A purebred Poagricultural center. They developed ject for all farm groups in the county. and 104 acres of land. A planning zoo county. has invested \$18,000 in the building farmers and other citizens of Kalama land China bar-

CONVENTIONS **BOG DOWN** LEGISLATION

By STANLEY M. POWELL

Political considerations have impeded legislation the past two weeks. Tuesday, February 18, Republicans held their county conventions throughout the state, February 19 & 20 the Democrats were in their state convention at Grand Rapids. This week the Republicans had their state convention in Grand Rapids. Action on many matters has been held up until after the conventions. On other questions the legislators may not want to go on record until after the April election

State Aid for Schools School legislation is among the important problems which apparently are being held up until the political skies clear. The house committee on viding a new formula for the distriwill be opposed by larger cities which have been receiving much more generous consideration under the present

law Tourist & Agr'l Advertising The senate and house experienced

117 FARM BUREAU MEMBERS WATCH SOLONS IN ACTION

Gratiot, Midland, and Isabella Folks Visit Farm Bureau and Legislature

Bureau members visited State Farm Bureau headquarters and the legislature, Wednesday, Feb. 26. Seventyeight came from Gratiot county, to-29 from Isabella county.

The visitors first toured the Farm Bureau Services 4 story warehouse

R. V. Tanner, 54, a leader in Mich- at 728 E. Shiawassee street. They igan's farm affairs for more than 25 inspected inventories and displays of education has before it H.B. 92 pro- years, died suddenly at his home a great variety of Farm Bureau comnear Jackson, February 24. Mr. Tan- modities and supplies.

most prominent farmers, and could headquarters their guests were Sencount everyone as his friend. He was ator D. Hale Brake of Stanton, Senapresident of the County Farm Bureau tor Jerry T. Logie of Bay City, and new members, Farm Bureau employes and guests from other helped found the seed service of the They discussed interestingly matters

Michigan State Farm Bureau in 1920, before the legislature, and commend- vited to attend. It will be a big evening. and was associated with the Farm ed Farm Bureau folks for their inconsiderable difficulty in arriving at Bureau for the advancement of a good telligent interest in public matters. an agreement relative to the terms seeds program for more than 20 years. Farm Bureau leaders were praised the expected size of the gathering, reservations must be made, of Senator Bishop's bill for advertis-For several years his farm was used for their attention to legislative deing the tourist and agricultural adby Michigan State College experiment velopments, and for co-operation with vantages of the state. It now appears station in soils study work. In recent the lawmakers for constructive meathat about 1/5 of the total amount years Mr. Tanner had specialized in provided in the bill will be devoted sures. seed production on the home farm. to the advertising of agricultural prod-In the afternoon the group visited He was known widely as a producer ucts. Commodity groups participatof seed corn, and for his work on hying in such advertising will do so on they were introduced by Rep. Smith. brids. the basis of putting up 20% of the In the senate they were fortunate to Mr. Tanner was associated with the college extension service for several hear an interesting discussion of the money themselves and getting 80% Post bill, relative to reorganizing the years. First as county agricultural agent in 1916 in Mason county, and State Dep't of agriculture. They after the war in Barry county. He heard a heated debate on a bill rela-**ANNUAL MARCH 5** served as a captain of infantry during tive to ending Sunday hunting in American participation in the world Gratiot county.

They're Building **Farm Bureau Fast**

County Farm Bureaus are Rolling up Imposing Totals of New Members in First Half of Brody Roll Call Campaign

They're building the Farm Bureau membership in Michigan these days of late winter, and they're building it fast!

The State-wide roll call for membership in honor of Clark L. Brody passed the half-way mark February 28. Hundreds of families have accepted the invitation to membership extended them by other families in the Farm Bureau. Many County Farm Bureaus have reached or nearly reached the quotas they set long before they had talked to all the families in their invitation list. They are continuing and expect to roll up record memberships.

Berrien Has 1,000

Berrien County's 200 volunteer workers met Feb. 26 and counted 1,000 members, an increase from 709. They are going on. Van Buren has added 221 new members and expects to make it 400. Kalamazoo turned up with an increase of 100 the first count. One Van Buren township reports 50 new members. Clinton county has 153 new members, first report, Barry 86, Livingston 82, Eaton 100, and so on. Reports are incomplete at the halfway point, but they indicate that the Farm Bureau is due for a thumping increase in membership.

The 1941 membership campaign in 600 townships by 55 County Farm Bureaus is a roll call for memberships in honor of Clark L. Brody, executive secretary of the State Farm One hundred and seventeen Farm Bureau since 1921. The roll call ends March 31.

Everybody in the Farm Bureau has a hand in this membership effort. County Farm Bureaus' directors and members gether with 10 over the line in Mid. are running their own shows. Directors and employes of the land, but members in Gratiot, and State Farm Bureau are assisting in all counties as volunteer workers. The membership campaign closes March 31.

Brody Roll Call Dinner April 9

Wednesday evening, April 9, the 1941 Roll Call totals will be announced at a dinner in honor of Mr. Brody at the bution of state-aid for schols. This her was one of Jackson county's At noon at dinner at Farm Bureau Union Memorial building at Michigan State College. County Farm Bureau directors, roll call campaign workers, old and almost continuously since 1925. He Representative J. B. Smith of Alma. farm organizations associated with the Farm Bureau are in-



picket, to maintain prices in any state where a majority of the farmers belong to a bargaining union.

"Social security for farmers be- of a building, fully equipped, with falonging to the bargaining group. Un. cilities to accommodate an assembly employment compensation the same up to 1,500 persons and quarters to as other Labor; 16 weeks at \$16.00 hold most any kind of an agricultural per week for farmers that quit farm- event, entirely free of debt, and locating and decide to do some other work ed on a 104 acre tract of land. When a majority of other labor gets two weeks vacation, with pay, the former about the state of farmer should receive the same. The est is 60 by 120 and provides an agricost of vacations to be added to the cultural exhibit hall or livestock show price of food.

"Protection of the farmers by the is a two-story section, 50 by 36. A courts the same as given other union smaller assembly room on the second labor. floor seats 250. On the first floor be-

"Also a large part of the farmer's low are the kitchen, heating plant and investment that he produces food rest room facilities. with his equipment, which cost him How It Was Done 21/2 hours of farm labor for each The story of how the farm organihour of shop labor in building the zations of Kalamazoe county obtained equipment. The same applies to the such a building, erected and equipped processing and merchandising of at a cost of \$15,000, reads almost like farm products. The farmer is in the a fairy tale.

middle. All he asks is to have his Following the initial trip to Lowell, income brought to the level of the the Junior Farm Bureau called a people he buys from and the people meeting of representative farmers he sells to. And, there is only one from all farm groups and asked them way he will get that position, and to invite a friend. The possibilities (Continued on page five) that is by organizing.

110 FAMILIES

TO MEMBERSHIP

Meeting; Campaign Will

Continue

Twenty-seven members of the Ea-

"We do not believe to raise farm would require raising food prices EATON ADDS more than 50 per cent."

You can interpret it anyway you want to.

COUNTY AGENT County Agent B. C. MeHencamp of Charlevoix County said, "You can't do much about better prices for spe-

cific crops until you raise the general price level of farm commodities." And that hits the nail right on the head in our opinion.

Agent Mellencamp has been serving on County Farm Bureau enrolled 110 Charlevoix county farmers for 17 years. He is popular there. It takes the first week of the Brody roll call a good man to stay on the job that long.

DIVIDENDS

All dividends are not measured in cash. Pride in one's work, experi- Grange hall.

At the annual meeting Forrest King, ence, etc., are dividends equally valustate Farm Bureau director from Eaable. As Mr. V. I. Tyler of Ionia ton county, said the Eaton campaign county and Master of the Portland Grange put it to me: "Money is just getting under way. The workcouldn't have bought what I've learn- ers agreed with him. They made

ed during the past two years as Mas- plans to go on. The annual meeting started with a ter of this Grange. I've had an experience that I couldn't have secured the secretary-treasurer's report for in any other way."

Master Tyler is right. Many times the year. President Martin Garn was it's the things that we don't get paid for the mean more to us than those

spare.

at Washington,

from the state fund rather than on a 50-50 basis as was provided in the bill when it first passed the senate. Registration of Farm Names

Senator Brake's bill providing for the registration of farm names and the protection of such registered names in connection with advertising or the promotion of purebred stock or other specialized farm products was passed unanimously by the senate and has now gone to the house.

Disconnection of Farm Lands

The house has passed and the senate is considering Representative Bird's bill providing for the disconnection of farm lands from cities and villages. The purpose of this measure is to relieve farm property from municipal taxes for services which are usually not available. The recent Group Supports Principle law along this line applied to villages above 500 population and cities of not more than 7,000 population. The Farm Bureau asked that the law be

re-enacted without any maximum or minimum population limits. Rep. cities of less than 8,500 population Ann Arbor, January 29. Some 25, Were Welcomed at Annual and would be for a two-year period.

guests included representatives of Washtenaw county newspapers, city Farm Trailer Licenses The houe committee of roads and business and civic groups.

bridges has reported favorably a bill Before the annual meeting Washby Rep. J. I. Post of Hillsdale relative tenaw Farm Bureau had 355 members. to license rates for farm trailers. As and all are paid up. The county's amended the bill provides that for participation in the Brody roll call for families in the organization during each trailer and/or semi-trailer Farm Bureau membership in 1941 has weighing not over 2,500 pounds and the organization well on the way to campaign in late February. They owned by a farmer, used exclusively the 500 mark.

were welcomed by other members at in connection with farming operations Rex Talladay of Milan, F. R. Clethe annual meeting held at Charlotte of such farmer and not used for hire, ments of Saline and Neil Nixon of the license rate shall be 35c per 100 Dexter were elected directors. Clarpounds. At present the rate is 50c ence J. Reid of St. Clair county, presi-

up to 1,000 pounds and \$1.00 above dent of the State Farm Bureau, discussed the Farm Bureau's program. Washtenaw Resolutions

They Joined Bohemian supper. The members were introduced. Frank Pifer gave another said that agriculture should

directors for a three year term. Fran- Farm Bureau in early Februarydirectors for a three year term. Fran-cis Bust was elected to the board Washtenaw 88, Branch 78, Lapeer 13, to achieve these ends. The Farm Bur-cia Bust was elected to the board Calheren 105 Owing to compare the second secon

1,000 pounds.

It was a very enjoyable and educa-Surviving are Mrs. Tanner, two sons tional day, and one which other and a daughter, James H. Tanner of County Farm Bureau groups might Detroit, John C. of Scottville, and consider. Alice Jane, at home.

WASHTENAW COUNTY FIVE MILK BILLS

WELL ATTENDED

Agriculture

IN LEGISLATURE ANNUAL MEETING There has been no decided progress Marketing Ass'n at the State Farm month. The two bills relative to tax- Wednesday, March 5. ing oleo have had some informal of Parity Income for

discussion in the legislature but no formal committee action has been taken. The house committee on agriculture

Three hundred and forty-three perhas devoted some time to considera sons attended the annual/meeting and tion of the new milk marketing bill Bird's bill applies to all villages of dinner of the Wastenaw County Farm but no big hearings have been held. more than 200 population and all Bureau at the Methodist church at Apparently no decision has been reached by the committee as to what it intends to do.

> The so-called gallon jug bill to le galize marketing milk in gallon containers has been discussed at length in the house at various times. After many amendments had been added. it was returned to the agricultural committee for further study. Apparently other sections of the law will have to be amended as well as some in the bill if the desires of its sponsors are to be realized.

The dairy products advertising bill to promote the consumption of milk and milk products was introduced in the senate by Senators Elmer R. A resolution pledged the County Porter of Blissfield and Ernest C. Farm Bureau's support to the princi-Brooks of Holland. Funds would be ple of parity income for agriculture, raised through a levy of 1c per pound

The annual meeting starts at 1 p of butterfat produced during the first m. For members making reservations not be asked to stand more than its 15 days of June of each year. The in advance, the Ass'n will serve a fair share of the defense tax program. money would be collected through complimentary luncheon of lamb at Two hundred eighty-four families It was agreed that an aggressive, in- the processors and distributors. It 12 noon. There will be a meeting for starting at 10 a. m. Wool producers

The fire box on some of the steam locomotives now in service would locomotives now in service would for the State Fain Dataset and published with others in our April 5 Junior Farm Bureau for its work in hold an automobile with room to pending legislation at Lansing and published with others in our April 5 Junior Farm Bureau for its work in (Continued on page two) manufacture and sale of filled milk utilization of wool. Prof. E. L. Benton of Michigan State College will

Tickets for the dinner are 75 cents per plate. Owing to cash with order, to the Membership Relations Dep't, Michigan State Farm Bureau, 221 No. Cedar street, Lansing. Reservations should be made by April 1. The April 5 Farm the house of representatives where News will carry a final announcement regarding the Brody dinner.

> give an illustrated lecture and answer questions on wool management. Stanley Powell, sec'y, will make the annual report for the Ass'n. Directors will be elected.

The Wool Ass'n had a good year in 1940. The volume of wool marketed was 50% greater than for 1939. The returns in most instances were several cents a pound above the prices paid by private buyers.

The Ass'n is receiving 1941 consignments at the warehouse at 728 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. Advances Ezra T. Benson, executive secretary upon delivery are: medium wool, 23c of the National Council for Co-opera- 1b.; fine wool from breeding flocks, tives, will address the annual meeting 21c; fed lamb wool, 18c. These ad-

of the Michigan Co-operative Wool vances may be increased. in dairy legislation during the past Bureau, 221 No. Cedar St., Lansing, ton and will have news of importance

to wool producers. His organization includes 4,000 co-op groups in 48 states. They handle 11/4 billion dollars of products annually for 2,000,000 members.

ISABELLA BUREAU WANTS STATE TO **FINISH JOBS**

Corn Borer, Bangs Disease, and Beet Sugar Prices Are Mentioned

The Isabella County Farm Bureau at its annual meeting at Mt. Pleasant, January 22, adopted resolutions of policy on corn borer control, the govment sugar beet control and price program, farm credit, weed control Bangs disease control, sales tax, regulation of oleo sales, and land use.

The Bureau demanded that the state require clean up for corn borer and provide funds for carrying out such orders. If sugar beets are to be controlled as to acreage, then the government should not allow the price ct sugar to be depressed so that it is lower than the index prices for all foods.

The County Farm Bureau urged a weed control law that is effective and cited the Illinois law. The state was commended for its success in eradicat-

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WOOL ASS'N

AT LANSING

Ezra Benson Sec'y of Nat'l

Council of Co-ops

Will Speak

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Farm Supplies and Defense Program

Clifford V. Gregory, associate publisher of Wallace's Farmer, has been appointed head of the priorities section of the agricultural division of the National Defense Commission.

What does that mean to farmers? /

It means that the federal government's requirements for national defense projects may divert to those projects more or less of certain basic materials used in farm supplies. Such supplies may become difficult to get, and we may see some substitutes.

Mr. Gregory has said that there is a tight situation in the production and utilization of zinc. This is an immediate farm problem since zinc is used in the manufacture of fence and roofing. Also in the manufacture of feeders, brooders, and numerous other items.

There will be an analysis of substitutes available to the farmer in the several fields affected, Mr. Gregory said.

We are advised by the agricultural division of the National Defense Commission that there need be no fear regarding supplies of fertilizer for spring. The Commission is looking ahead to next fall and spring to foresee and forestall, insofar as possible, any situation that might react to the disadvantage of farmers.

The Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau Mrs. Pearl E. Myus, Director for Michigan

The Associated Women of the Farm Bureau in Michigan are co-operating with the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau in a project to send needed garden seeds to Eng-hand Cash contribution (Lapeer), Mabel Weingartz, land. Cash contributions are being sent to Mrs. Pearl Myus of Lapeer, R-2. She reports contributions from:

Home Economics Clubs-Clayton, Nellie Smith, Shelby, A. B. Butler, Portland, Mrs. Nelson Bauman, Ithaca, Marion Erwin, Stony Lake (Shelby), Community Farm Bused

Stony Lake (Shelby).
Community Farm Bureaus— Lawrence, Lena R. Webster. Peninsular No. 1, Mrs. Gertrude Crampton.
Henrietta-Waterloo, Agnes Moeckel. Grand Center, Russell Bush.
Grand Clenter, Russell Bush.
Grand Blanc, Mirs. John Evatt.
Golden (Hart), Helen A. Gilliand.
Sebawa (Portland), William Glerman.
Wakeshma (Fulton). Forrest Snyder.
Fairgrove, Akron), Ethel M. Bender.
Binsham, (Ubly), Norma A. Hoover.
Binsham, (Ubly), Mrs. Claude
Wotters.
So. Theoremetic (Activity)

LIMERICK & POSTER CONTEST tearful young October bride

Has a big dootor bill. Because to make pie crust I tried." "My dear, it's the shortening you use, Substitutes you must learn to refuse; Next time just try lard, You don't need to try hard, To turn out the ples he will choose."

Florence Shankel, Wheeler, Gratlot County of the Michigan farm organizations have met and have made real pro-Above is an example of type of gress in harmonizing their viewlimericks sought by the Associated points. Women in their limericks and poster Similar initiative and assumption contest to call attention to the food of responsibility is just as important values of Michigan farm products. with officers, directors and members The contest is limited to Farm Bureau of county and local organizations. members, and closes September 30, The members of our respective organ-1941. A prize of \$1.00 will be given izations need to regard membership for each poster or limerick accepted as the assumption of responsibility by the judges. Mail limericks and and an opportunity to serve their or Michigan. posters to Limerick & Posters Con- ganization and the cause of agricultest Dep't, Associated Women of the ture rather than just paying their Farm Bureau, 221 N. Cedar St., Lan- dues and expecting to receive several sing, Michigan. times as much in direct returns. early part of January was that the The officials and employees of the Farmers Union, Grange, National larger state, regional and national or-Council of Farmer Co-operatives, and ganizations need to put forth a greatthe American Farm Bureau Federaer effort to bring about an under tion were farther apart than ever bestanding of the situation on the part that in the states its program be co- fore. Surface indications did suggest of the local organizations and their that such was the case but I saw evimembership. The member and local dence while there that there was less organization, on the other hand, need obstinacy on the part of farm organto put forth a real effort themselves ization leaders to absolutely insist on to seek information and understandthe enactment of their own program ing of these gigantic problems having whether or no, just because it was to do with their welfare. theirs.





The Blizzard

A blizzard rages from the west across the Inland Sea Strumming a wild aeolian harp in every tortured tree. It howls defiance in the night to life in every form And nature bows her head before the fury of the storm.

The fox will not be out tonight to ply his murderous trade; The very weasel in his den lies hungry and dismayed; The owl within his hollow tree perches in downy ease Nor fares he forth to seek his prey against such winds as these.

The air is rife with driven snow that swirls and cuts and stings; That leaps and sweeps and seeks and sifts, shaking its feathery wings; That eddies down the mounting drifts; that heaps itself in piles Along the dunes, across the marsh and down the forest aisles.

Outside our cozy home we hear the wintery hullabaloo And we are glad to be in-doors, with no more chores to do. Each living thing around our place is stabled snug and warm And none need hump its back with cold or shiver in the storm,

The stable doors are shut and braced. The horse-tank lid is tight. The hen-coop door is double barred and battened down tonight The wind may r'ar and rip and tear; We sit beside the fire And our suppply of good oak chunks is all that we require.

The simple blessings of the home are ours in fullest measure And every blast that blows without enrichens our good pleasure, For we have light and warmth and love; security and peace; We've weathered lots of storms before, and this one too shall cease

Tomorrow when the sun comes up I'll take my trusty scoop And dig a brand new batch of paths to barn and sty and coop; All in a morning newly white I'll clear the corniced stack And shake out cornstalks for the stock, in plenty, without lack.

The storms of life that buffet us are conquered when we say In utter faith and confidence "This too shall pass away" When time alone can cure an ill it is not worth a sigh, So here we sit and let it storm, my Worthy Wife and I.

nittee or a subcommittee thereof, ap-|Chaplin makes this statement: pointed by its chairman, together with "We want to live by each other's the President of the Council, to repre- happiness-not by each other's missent the Council in conferring with ery. Machinery that gives abundance other farm groups for the purpose of has left us in want. We think too developing the details of a national much and feel too little. More than farm program.' machinery we need humanity. More This statement in my judgment

than cleverness we need kindness and ndicates the brand of farm organizagentleness." ion leadership needed in these crit-And to quote Walter Lippmann: cal times. There is no place in the present picture for farm organization officials who will not co-operate with other groups and depend upon dema-

gogic conduct, wise cracks, braggalocio and pretension that their own ribly what is low and false, revealing organization has all the wisdom. whatever is great. There is no peace The individual who feels that his of mind for the frightened and no

organization is the only one that happiness left except among the Finish the Job counts or represents the farmer and brave." therefore must have its own way

other leaders to actually get results must serve as the badge of the farm organization leader of today and to-

morrow. ors of the Michigan State Farm Bureau under the leadership of President Reid are exemplifying the type of leadership so essential to the needs of the hour by each voluntarily calling on their neighboring counties and assisting in setting up their member-

ship campaigns. They are aggressive in formulating a program based on the instructions of our membership as expressed by the annual meeting last November. Also recently fifteen

local initiative on farm legislation. Farm Groups Divided support to the Milk Producers Ass'n on Dep't of Agr. Bills in its efforts to improve the milk market. It asked the county board of Michigan farm organizations found Agriculture only the Board itself so evenly divided Feb. 14 at Agriculture only the Post bill passe supervisors to help. Group hospitalization service inter-

ests Washtenaw members. They in-on the merits of the Walsh and Post Senate March 4, under a special order structed their board of directors to bills for reorganization of the State Sponsors of both bills and the farm investigate the zoning of rural tele- Dep't of Agriculture that they tabled groups seek to get the Dep't of Agriculture that they tabled groups from of politic phone areas. They said they favor a the matter. The Walsh bill aimed at culture free of politics. change in the AAA program to

make it fit Michigan better, and especially Washtenaw county farm-

CO-OPS CONSIDER GROWER WHILE SELLING SURPLUS

Some Dump Fruit but Co-ops Believe in Stimulating Public Interest

Why has this past year's market for cherries been broken from 2% c to the grower at pack time, to a basis that may indicate 1%c to 1%c to them for 1941?

Dumping by certain private interests, down to prices the lowest since 1932. These people are severe critics of farmer owned co-operative canning plants.

While this has been going on, the co-operatives, headed by A. J. Rogers of Cherry Growers, Inc., of Traverse City, C. L. Brody and C. N. Hinman of Farm Bureau Fruit Products have enlisted the aid of every group in Michigan and the nation that could do something to promote interest in cherries and move the canned goods.

The National Ass'n of Food Chains caused thousands of stores to have a national Cherry Week to help move the 1940 surplus. State and national food councils are promoting cherries The aid of hotel and restaurant "In the end, all depends upon groups has been asked. Large quantiwhether men see themselves great ties of cherries have been moved, and ly or meanly. These are times which the effort continues to get the surplus try men's souls, exposing most ter- out of the way before the 1941 pack.

Isabella Bureau Says

(Continued from page one) ing Bang's disease from herds in the northern half of Michigan. It was urged to provide funds to complete the work.

(Contined from page one) the same field for the Farm Bureau. Earl Seybert, Jr., president; Victor The Farm Bureau's system of farm- Pohl, vice-pres.; Mrs. E. F. Block, er legislative minute men was en- sec'y-treas. Pat Hathaway, John dorsed as a satisfactory means for Farmer, Maynard Gilmore, Howard The members of the board of direct- bringing legislative information to Kennedy and Ivan Gillespie, directors. local meetings and for developing All reside at Mt. Pleasant, R-1.

Classified Ads

Classified advertisements are cash with order at the following rates: cents per word for one edition. Ads to appear in two or more editions take the rate of 3 cents per word per edition.

LIVE STOCK INVESTIGATE! TOWN LINE U. S. pproved white leghorn chicks or sexed nales from our own ROP hens, backed y H years of ROP breeding. Triple in-pected chicks from triple tested and

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a bi-partisan commission and an ployed director, along the lines of Conservation Dep't. The Post would transfer the appointment of th

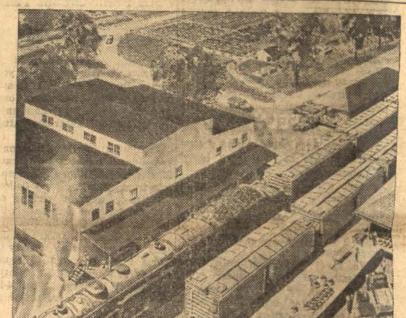
YIELD and QUALITY depend upon PLANT FOOD in the BOTTOM HALF of the FURROW-SLICE

From mid-season on, most of the roots of most crops feed in the bottom half of the furrow-slice. Do you provide a good supply of plant food for them? And where they need it?

It will pay you to insure an adequate supply of nitrogen in the bottom half of the furrow-slice by plowing down GRANULAR 'AERO' CYANAMID with cover crops and crop wastes.

This treatment is an effective and economical substitute for farm manure.







Thornapple (Middleville), Flossie So. Lincoln River (Scottville), Mrs. Leon-ard Mattox.

Wales (Smith Creek), Mrs. C. S.

Parson, Sauble River (Free Soil), Ellen R.

Three Rivers, Dorothy King, Phelphs (Charlevoix), Chas. Mascho,

World Crisis in Agriculture

(Continued from page four)

"The Farm Bureau recommends ordinated through the Agricultural Extension Service."

The American Farm Bureau Federation officials are confident that securing these reforms will probably occasion the hardest battle it has ever fought. Bureaucracy has already become thoroughly entrenched and consideration has been given to placing an officer in every agricultural county in the country who will be directly responsible to the Secretary of Agriculture and otherwise streamlining the Federal Action Agencies with more direct control from Washington. It is up to every bona fide farmers' organization to get into action before it is forever too late.

follows:

tional plan for agriculture.

Federal agencies and other national

I have been able merely to mention a few of the major considerations which characterize the thinking of the best informed agricultural authorities today. It is noticeable that they are putting more emphasis than ever mending detailed plans but are rebefore on achieving a complete and questing authorization to work with co-ordinated program in place of the more or less piecemeal methods of the Tarm groups to the end of solidifying. past. The realization is growing that insofar as possible, all agricultural permanent and long range objectives interests behind a sound program. that really remove the roots of our agricultural ills must be realized if look for agriculture been more serthe living standards of agricultural ious. World war conditions have re-America are to be conserved.

The accomplishment of such a task National defense programs will un- antry. is not easy and will require time, doubtedly result in an increasing Let us make the best use possible of cost of taxation and an increased the advantage afforded us by increas. cost of labor and materials used in ed employment in the defense emergency to get our house in order. At opinion that differences between nabest the situation of agriculture will not be a rosy one but we can adjust the great influence of agriculture in Farmers Are Responsible For Their Future

The major responsibility rests with the farm people of the United States the farmers themselves and their or- are united on a sound farm program ganizations. Nothing short of the there has been no difficulty of getting united action of our four national the necessary legislation and adminisorganizations can be tolerated if the tration endorsement. result is to be achieved. A common "The committee recommends that it. expression heard in Washington the the Council authorize the policy com-

We Must Not Depend So Much on Uncle Sam

This sentiment was definitely stated and made public by the National The magnitude and seriousness of Council of Farmer Co-operatives as the task of better organizing and coordinating the over seven million eau

"Your committee on agricultural small units or farms comprising the policy has reviewed possibilities of agriculture of the nation is a stupensolutions to the immediate and the dous undertaking. Its greatness overlonger time problems of agriculture. whelms us and paralyzes our initia It is our belief that sound national tive. We are inclined to dodge the farme plans can be developed which will issue and hope in some way things give an adequate basis for their solu- will work out all right.

tion. In its consideration, however, Another emaciating complex we it was felt that the co-ordination of all have developed is that of looking to major farm groups was equally as im- the government to do what we should portant as the development of a naand must do for ourselves. We should never do more than ask Uncle Sam ELECTRIC WATER SYSTEMS "Because of this we are not recom-

to supplement our own efforts. We must face the situation reso-

lutely, courageously and with a realization that only by relying on and exercising our own initiative and ef-fort will we remain free or maintain 728 E. Shiawassee St., Lansing. (3-tf-45b)

"At no time in history has the out-Doing nothing or depending upon the government to do everything for us is heading us toward incompetence, suited in a loss of export markets. dictatorial control and eventual peas-

We must tackle the job ourselves doing each day, month and year the things that lead us toward the great agricultural production. It is our objectives.

If we cannot see the whole way let tional farm organizations should be us each do our part in the light of our present knowledge and vision with the faith that each step will bring FOR SALE-MISCELLANEOUS the United States behind a national

light for accomplishing the next and program for solution of the problems. greater objective. It means putting the emphasis on the real values of

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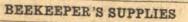
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show to rules and regulations. They

Some Folks Need Help

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study all that he should know. When

Our Attitude Toward Laws

law. Too many of us think that our

laws are made to govern the other

or evade paying some legitimate tax-

it, Johnnie will try to do likewise.

Some Disgraceful Practices

I know one man in particular whom

acquire our habits, many times to

STOCKMEN SAY IMPORTS OF BEEF WILL BRING FIGHT Plan to Help Foreign Born came from countries of great restric-tions upon the common folks. They

sion to law. But they were quick to Livestock Exchange Speaks for 23,321 Producers at Annual Meeting

Aroused by reports that the United States may lift import restrictions I think is one of the best Americans on fresh beef from the Agentine, delethat I have ever known, yet he has gates to the 23rd annual meeting of not acquired his citizenship papers. I the Michigan Live Stock Exchange at Lansing Feb. 22 gave notice that any such action would meet with pleasant evening together and a of us, for he prefers that above every-fierce resistance. The Exchange and other Michigan farm organizations were asked to take action to forestall any such change of policy.

Two hundred delegates were present. They represented 23,321 farmer members of the Exchange, said John

Want Auction Sales Reports

In another resolution the Exchange ever met. No one who knows him asked the legislature for an Act to questions his loyalty to our country. He's so in earnest about it all that a citizen when asked if he could be Thru the recent registration of President of the Mnited States said, igan. On the other hand, I'm somewhat

The Exchange delegates renewed disturbed about the indifference that their support for the establishment of is shown by our own folks regarding a system of federal live stock reports on the Detroit stockyards.

country. We found fellow. We have too many who feel Co-operative live stock producers also that we have that it's all right if they can only get want farmers and truckers hauling by with it,-like using one set of live stock to market exempt from the license plates for more than one car- license fees required by the Michigan public service commission. The resoor do a little huting out of season and lution had unanimous support. Prithe thousands and one other minor or vate commission firms at the Detroit perhaps major evasions of law and stockyards endorsed the idea in a letter to the Live Stock Exchange dele-The example it sets isn't wholesome, gates. for if the old man can get away with

Paid Farmers Over \$4,000,000 George Boutell, manager of the Ex-

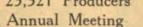
change's treminal at Detroit, report An then I'm also non-plussed about ed that the co-operative had handled some of the special privileges some 24% of the total receipts at Detroit I was glad to be part of it but it has people enjoy. I don't just understand for 1940. The Exchange paid farmers why certain officials and lawmakers more than \$4,000,000 for live stock. of our state can acquire courtesy Mr. Boutell said that the average sale police cards that will "fix a ticket" was 5.2 head as against 14 head 10 years ago. The average check to the American citizens. Most of us born park in restricted sections or park farmer was \$92 in 1940 as against next to a fire hydrant or pass on the \$203 in 1930.

The Exchange delegates decided I feel that we should be truly democratic in our government. All citizens against changing the name of their should be alike in observing laws organization to avoid mistakes in that are made for all, regardless of identity with another organization at the Detroit yards. The directors ex-In fact, I feel lawmakers should im- plained that there were many compose upon themselves a strict obedi- plications and the loss of a valuable



name had to be considered

Re-elect Directors President Frank Oberst of Breckenridge, Secretary John O'Mealey of Hudson, and Arthur Ingold of Riga, were re-elected as directors for three year terms.



compel some 50 live stock auction sale and concentration points in Michigan to make weekly reports of live For Dormant Spraying stock receipts and sales to the com- DORMASOL" ... Emulsible, 98% minmissioner of agriculture. The pur- eral oil. Ranked at the top for oil dealiens, we learned that we have a "Oh! No! I am the busy. I have a pose of such reports, the Exchange said, would be to provide complete live stock market reports for Mich-

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THREE

secretary of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, told nearly a thousand of Michigan's live stock producers that agriculture must have a complete and co-ordinated program to solve the problems of low farm income, low purchasing power, farm surpluses, and lack of export markets. The At the Exchange's annual dinner complete address is reported in this

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Saturday evening, Clark L, Brody, paper. See page 4.



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to each by the judge passing on their application Cause for Self-Examination This is a step in the right direction.

caused me to do much since in the way of self-examination. There we all sat, quite complacent in the fact that we were genuine for them if they run a red light or

that way. Nobody could question our citizenship. We were true examples of the best country in the world! That's fine,--- if it were only so,

RED

What is a true American anyway' A true American citizen is one who position or influence. is granted the privilege to share all of the freedom, all of the rights, all of

the hopes, all of the possibilities and ence of law and prove to others that all of the responsibilities of this great they are sincere in their job. country. But more than that, a true I feel that the party bickering that American is one who will obey all of

our lawmakers are indulging in during the laws of America as well. these anxious times is another form These privileges and responsibilties and restrictions are just as appli- of law evasion. There's no need of anyone searching other states for sin, cable to the person who was born here and who came from generations

we've got plenty of it here under the f American born, as they are to those roof of our own glass house. Let's not be to critical of the of other lands who have sought them foreigner who has come to our shores y choice.

groups will be invited to participate amination, he's all confused and his in the programs of recreation and mind is a blank and, he doesn't pass. sociability. They will be urged to I watch every list and am disapexhibit the mementoes they brought pointed each time to find his name O'Mealey, secretary, from their native countries and to not there. Yet he's one of the most demonstrate the costumes and cus- quiet, honest, law-abiding men that I

their sorrow.

Each represented some distinct group have begun to think he never will.

splendid co-operative spirit was thing else But it has been difficult

shown. Plans were developed for him to master our language and

month of May when all foreign he gets up before the judge for ex-

large group of peo- job collecting garhage."

discipline

right side.

What Makes A True

American Civizen?

toms of other lands. Should Bring Us Together It is the hope of the sponsors to bring about a better feeling among all I'm, reminded of the story I once groups and to create a genuine Ameri- heard about an alien about to become

ple in our country

who are not yet

citizens. We feel

we can do much to

encourage them to

become part of our

another large group

who have become

can spirit of oneness for all.

Raises Questions About

Ourselves

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR

I attended a meeting at our county

seat recently as a representative of

the Farm Bureau to consider the sub-

ject of Americanization for every citi-

There were about thirty present.

within the county. We had a very

Americanization Week during the

zen within our county.



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We Set The Examples I fear many of us are very un-American at times, even if we do self-imposed observance of law and feel so smug in our citizenship. We order.

There's much to be done in Americould set a far better example to canization work, but we had better those whom we call foreigners. I've often wondered just how they make a beginning at home. The rest ook upon us in many of the things will follow naturally.

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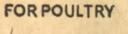
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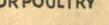
that we do.

I once heard a recent immigrant Although the first alr-conditioned ay that he was non-plussed to know passenger car was not placed in oper what our traffic signs really ation until 1927 there are now approxnean when they read 35 miles per imately 12,000 such cars in use. hour and our folks go past them at 50 miles.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 1941

The World Crisis and the Future for American Agriculture as a Business

An Address by Clark L. Brody at the Annual Dinner of the Michigan Live Stock Exchange at Lansing, February 22, 1941

By CLARK L. BRODY

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Executive Secretary of the Michigan State Farm Bureau-A GRICULTURE today is confronted with new and unusually difficult problems, never before experienced by the farmers of the nation. These involve major readjustments in both our production and distribution function and will require a much more effective and complete organization of the industry than has been practicable to establish in the past. The promptness and efficiency with which we can establish an effective program that will enable agriculture to adapt itself to the requirements and limitations of the times will undoubtedly be of the utmost importance to the farmer in maintaining his standard of living, with the privileges and opportunities that make life satisfying and worthwhile.

All our troubles of the past decade such as surpluses, low purchasing power, and competitive foreign products have been greatly multiplied and brought to a staggering climax by the tragic events in Europe the past year. This has come with a swiftness and magnitude which has so confused and dazed us that we are finding it difficult to think and plan constructively. Under such circumstances it is only possible to briefly outline the situation with the hope of stimulating further thought on the serious problems of the day and possibly make some small suggestions that may prove helpful. Let us briefly review and analyze the situation with a view to considering a solution of the difficulties and accomplishing the major readjustments involved.

The Position of American Agriculture foreign countries were their chief siderable to teach us some things that other groups in our population. The maintaining fair prices. the 1930's.

ide from 1930 to 11,218,000 pounds. 1939 inclusive the ratio of prices re- Fruit of Modern Methods ceived to prices paid, based on 1910- The United States has a 400,000,000 1914 conditions, was 78 per cent of bushel surplus of wheat. Canada has parity. This means that the dollars 500,000,000 bushels, an amount sufreceived by the farmer during the ficient to supply all the importing 1930's for his farm production would nations of the world. Thousands of

world. Agriculture Needs a

Complete Program The defense program in putting agricultural agencies. men back to work unquestionably will help the agricultural situation, but it will fall far short of taking up the than the prices of his products so that he may not be to a correspondingly

demand and prices. the farmer is suffering from an in- fense and public welfare. adequate share of the national income, low purchasing power, crushing surpluses, lack of export markets, facilities and organization to adjust agricultural production to demand and

disturbed world conditions generally. We need a sound, aggressive, co-ordinated and complete agricultural program. We need to remove the causes of our trouble as well as to provide temporary relief. A genuine improvement in our system of distribution and relationship to the consumers of agricultural products is needed. We need to use more of our ingenuity in adapting our farm production to the needs and welfare of the consumer and getting it to his table in a more economical and serviceable way.

Fortunately our experiences in the past fifteen years with the Federal Farm Board, the AAA and other efforts have furnished considerable temporary relief and have done con-

For the year 1940 the total national competitiors. Now due to the surplus will work and also what will not income was 76.9 billion dollars. Of production their competition is in the work. They have indicated more this amount 8.9 billions, or 11.6% United States. Ordinarily we export clearly the necessity of placing the represents farm income. However, 40 per cent of our prunes, 30 per cent emphasis on permanent and lasting the farm population of the United of our raisins, 12 per cent of our ap- results rather than on emergency or States comprises approximately 24 ples and 45 per cent of our winter temporary remedies.

per cent of the total, so with only pears. Oranges, canned peaches, wal- Crop loans, parity and benefit pay-11.6% of the total income the people nuts and pecans were formerly taken ments and subsidies have for the time engaged in agriculture receive only by foreign countries in sufficient being brought additional income to about one-half as much per capita as quantities to materially aid us in the farmer and afforded much deserved assistance.

prices the farmer has received have The corn belt has 300,00,000 pounds The farmer is fully entitled to this been seriously below their proper re- of surplus lard. Europe is eating a financial aid and it has been reflected lationship to the prices of the things product made from whale oil. In in business because of the resulting he has had to buy. This was true 1937 our lard exports were only 19 increased purchasing power of the even before the depression years of per cent as great as in 1925, having farmer. Furthermore even though decreased from 57,402,000 pounds to agriculture appropriations have reached huge sums during the last decade

supply and demand.

(1) Increasing Consumption of Farm

the best informed people believe that Products by the American People

I think all will agree that a great slack due to the loss of our export opportunity for extending the outlet markets combined with greatly in- for farm products lies in increased meat. They were claiming that meat safer method than leaving it entirely in a recent address made the follow. reased production of farm crops, domestic consumption of the products Besides there is danger that the of our farms. The continuation and farmer's costs will rise more rapidly expansion of the stamp plan and purchases of surplus commodities for relief and low income families should be encouraged and extended. This fense program stimulates domestic can be greatly augmented through an educational program emphasizing the

importance of proper nutrition and

CLARK L. BRODY

The studies of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Bureau of Home Economics and the National Resources Committee show that approximately incomes of less than \$500 per year. The \$500 annual income group compared with the \$100 per month families purchase only 56 per cent as much meat, 38 per cent as much fruit, 43 per cent as much dairy products. 57 per cent as many eggs and 58 percent as many vegetables.

President Roosevelt said in his inthe total is small compared with what augural address in 1937: "The test of our progress is whethour Federal Government is doing for Even with increased incomes due to the defense program, there is the ton Farm Bureau and the twentywill not spend their increased income for food and clothing but for nonessentials which add little to their

and live stock products. that time was very evident. Diet ing marketing quotas made effective Britain. cranks, food faddists and others were by a vote of a substantial majority making false statements concerning of the producers concerned is a much of the National Defense Commission. was a cause of rheumatism, high to government action. blood pressure, hardening of the ar-

teries, kidney diseases and other all- in accomplishing the adjustment of ments. The Country is Learning to

Appreciate Food Values in Meat The Board is telling American

housewives through a nation-wide The foregoing analysis shows that good health as a factor in national de- and daily program of newspaper, magazine and radio advertising than

The further we permit such methat is now recognized as a greater ods to develop through inaction on our source of more dietary essentials part the less freedom we shall have than any other single food. One fourin working out our own destiny. ounce serving of meat, for example, Likewise for many years the Nawill supply 24 per cent of the protein. tional Council of Farmer Coopera-14 per cent of the calories, 15 per cent tives has advocated a plan for temporof the phosphorus and 20 per cent of the iron required for the normal diet arily taking commodity surpluses off the market through surplus pools for of the moderately active adult.

semi and non-perishable commodities. The board has been giving atten-Such a plan was operated successfully tion to many problems. One of them last year by the Dairy Products Maris lard. . . Lard is one of the importketing Association. It is estimated ant products of the livestock and that several cents per pound was addmeat industry. Seventy-two per cent ed to the price the farmer received at of the nation's lard supply comes little or no additional cost to the from 13 corn belt states including consumer. A total of \$33,000,000 loan-Michigan. We have at the present ed by the government to finance the time a lard problem in this country caused by such factors as increasing Products Marketing Association is lard supplies, competition of other fat, and reduced lard exports. This is price of butter above 291/2c per pound. a marketing problem that can be solved by such research and sales proto reduce the spread between producmotion as can be expected from the er and consumer will increase con-Live Stock and Meat Board. sumption of agricultural products and

The importance of the National Livestock and Meat Board's educa tional program on the vitamin content of meats is evident when it is considered that the nation has be two-thirds of the families of the come vitamin-conscious. In 1939, for United States receive monthly in- example, it is estimated that the pubsaving of hundreds of thousands of comes of less than \$100 per month lic spent about \$75,000,000 for vitamdollars on citrus fruits alone. and that four million families have in products over drug store counters. We Need A National Land It is encouraging to know that vi-Use Program tamins are being produced in our

feedlots, pens and pastures and that National Livestock and Meat Board publicity is telling the public that it ginal lands not adapted to agricultur- of the House of Representatives: al production, and good farm living, may secure them in steaks, chops, removing them from production. Babroasts and stews. Of course, these policies should be

accompanied by a much more aggres- has been the cultivation of marginal that have developed among the varsive and complete grading and qual- lands. Too many struggling people are jous

tural products in that part of the culture plant in the United States, to educational program through a year legislation to make marketing agree. States not in some way to feed the give more permanent balance between around program of newspaper, maga- ments available on a voluntary basis starving millions of Europe when we zine, and radio advertising and pub- to producers of all crops. At the pres- have such an abundance. Undoubted. (6) The co-ordination of federal licity to broaden the markets for meat ent time marketing agreements and ly the inclusion of farm products in quotas are available only on tobacco, the lend-lease legislation will aid in The Board was organized in 1922. rice, cotton, wheat and corn. Orders holding and restoring our market for The need for such an organization at and marketing agreements establish- agricultural products with Great

> Chester Davis, agricultural member ing statement regarding our export

Unless we do show our initiative trade in farm products: "Let no one delude himself into production to demand we are facing thinking that the old order in this direct government control of more country will be restored unchanged. and more of our operations. I am afraid we may emerge in a In fact, as this is being written, I world in which all international trade understand that plans are being con-

will be carried on under close central sidered in Washington for the governcontrols" . . . "business under government direction." "I am in favor of every possible

aid to the expansion of use and consumption of our farm products in the U. S. But fact remains that more than half of our farmers have been drawing a major share of their income from producing commodities that depend to large extent on export sales. And I am not in favor of giving up without a struggle the chance for American farmers to sell in world markets.

(5) Adjustment to a Balanced Agriculture

There seems to be little question. however, that we shall have to depend to a much greater degree upon home consumption for our outlets, fitting pool has all been repaid. The Dairy our production to domestic needs, increasing the consumption of our still in existence and maintains the products by the low income groups through educational campaigns and More efficient marketing methods constructive government aid, discov ering new uses and outlets through research and orderly management of surpluses, co-ordinated with effective benefit both producer and consumer. land use policies constitute the field For example, the citrus growers in which lies our hope. We can solve through improvements in marketing our problems and adjust ourselves to methods on the New York market the changed situation and by so doing have effected a saving of \$38 per car be all the better off because of the which on the total volume means a experience, if we will.

(6) Co-ordination of

Agricultural Agencies Recently the American Farm Bureau Federation presented the follow-Coupled with this should be a na- ing statement in part to the Sub Comtional program for purchasing mar- mittee on Agricultural Appropriations

"Farmers have become increasingly concerned over duplication of effort son states, "The most serious mistake and overlapping and even conflict

"For example, there are seven

"There are five agencies that are

"There are five agencies dealing

"There are four agencies engaged in

"There are seven agencies engaged

'There are four agencies directly en-

serve the soil and improve fertility

"There are five agencies assisting

"Six agencies are engaged in water

"Assistance with marketing prob-

"There are five agencies helping

farmers carry out grazing improve-

lems is given by five agencies.

farmers with woodland planting and

and to encourage terracing.

forest conservation.

conservation.

ment programs.



only purchase 78 per cent as many bushels of corn are locked up under Protection for Industry overalls, groceries and other neces- government loans in the cribs of and Labor

sities and conveniences as the same Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and other "The millions of dollars of expendiamount of money would buy before states. Grapefruit is so plentiful that ture for National Defense are putting health and well being. the first World War. The latest data the producer gets as low as 10 cents a floor under the income of both inavailable for 1940 indicates that last per box. Modern methods have elimdustry and labor. Under the national year this index including government inated many of the hazards of turkey defense program, industry is protected payments was '81 per cent of the pre- raising and made it possible to over- in its investment on contracts written war level. At the depth of the depres- produce. New plantings of orange, on a cost plus basis. It is already cherry, lemon and peach trees will reaping enormous profits out of the sion in 1932 it stood at 61 per cent. come into bearing in a few years. Farm Factors Increasing rapidly expanding expenditures. In-These illustrations all go to show dustry is permitted, under the excess During the 1930's the situation had that we are confronted with the most profits tax legislation, to write off

Before 1910 a substantial part of

grown increasingly difficult in spite serious problems in adjusting the within five years the entire cost of of all the efforts of our government production and distribution of agri- plant expansion out of the profits on to help the farmer. The increased cultural crops to the consumption its defense contracts and, in addition, tillable acreage occasioned by the capacity of the markets. World War No. 1 when food was need- Other Factors Increasing ed to win the war amounted to Farm Surpluses 40,000,000 additional acres brought Due to the lack of effective agricul- earnings may have been before any

into production. The constantly increasing use of has not been able to adjust produc- industry is allowed to keep at least in 35,000,000 acres that were formerly the period of 1925 to 1929 as a basis, tax is 50 per cent. occupied with growing animal feed in the depression year of 1932 indus-

Farm Surpluses

other marketable crops. slow industrial activity, and unem- 47 per cent of pre-war parity. ployment comprise a list of domestic This is further aggravated by the

A more concrete idea of the situa- through governmental restrictions. few illustrations of the results of been some increase in population, but moved the causes of agricultural dis-

these developments. During the first the rate of acceleration has been world war the annual production of much less than existed during the cotton by foreign countries was ap- period preceding the world war and A Program For Agriculture proximately 7,000,000 bales compared events point to a further declining to 12,000,000 bales of foreign produced rate of increase. cotton at the present time. In former years we exported 7,000,000 bales of our increased agricultural production cotton grown in the United States, in the United States was absorbed by but in 1940 less than 2,000,000 bales the rapidly increasing population of of domestic cotton went to foreign out- the United States. We can no longlets. This situation has resulted in er count upon a growing population to a surplus of 8,000,000 bales not includ- absorb the surplus. ing the 1940 crop which will add an- Our agricultural situation has been

other 2,000,000 bales of surplus cot- greatly aggravated by the self-sufficiency policies of foreign nations ton. resulting in the production of crops 20 Years of Farm Expansion

In 1919 and 1920 we produced in formerly supplied by our own exports. the United States 35,636,000 boxes The situation has been seriously acof citrus fruits compared to 122,679,- centuated by the development of the 000 boxes in 1939 and 1940, an in- totalitarian powers in Europe and crease in production of citrus fruits Asia. Their invasion during the past markets for agricultural producers; large grower in California stated that nental Europe has reprived us of most trade relations policies;

in former years Haly and other of our export customers for agricul-

the American Farm Bureau in a have too little, statement presented to the House Sub Agricultural Appropriations Commit-

normal earnings during the pre-war

plete or permanent solution.

siderations:

authorities, co-operative and farm or-

ganization leaders believe that an ef-

consumption of agricultural pro

(2) Orderly management of tem-

tween producer and consumer prices.

ducts by American consumers;

porary or cyclical surpluses;

Farmers Should Develop Effective Advertising for their Products

So it is of great importance to both itself that an aggressive educational purchase and use additional food products in their more lucrative circumis permitted to earn 95 per cent of its base period, no matter how high these ers as well as the needy.

Most of our farm products excel in tural policies in the past agriculture excess profit tax is charged, and then health and nutritional elements, yet (2) Orderly Management for we are devoting comparatively little Agricultural Surpluses power machinery and equipment on tion and demand as has been the case 50 per cent of these excessive profits, attention to acquainting the consumer

being forced into the production of trial production declined to 59 per improving its position under the na- dairy, poultry, meat, vegetables and farm organizations. This too is one case. In this connection, too, bringcent while agricultural production re- tional defense program. Wage rates, fruit products are of the highest of the promising fields of accomplish- ing into production of more land Also improved machinery in all mained at 100 per cent. Industrial already far above the level of farm order. If our agricultural output were ment to reduce farm surpluses. The through irrigation projects should be Also improved machinery in an mained at 100 per cent. Industrial already tal and small but owned by a few large concerns in- California Fruit Growers Exchange stopped until consumption catches up methods of production, hesitant and but agricultural prices went down to highly organized groups have already stead of by millions of small farm has \$600,000 invested in a by-products with production.

factors that have made the problem fact that since 1910 our birth rate tioned surpluses, low purchasing pow-tensive and elaborate educational and into a flour used in various industrial The American farmer must be profactors that have made the problem fact that since 1910 our birth rate for advertising program that money of agricultural surpluses increasingly has declined and the number of immihas declined and the number of initial grants has been greatly decreased clear that the expenditure by the gov- could buy. Due to the difficulties years been demonstrating the great agricultural products in our home ernment of 5,508,000,000 dollars dur- and obstacles of organizing and co- extent to which the soy bean and markets. In other countries the stan-A more concrete idea of the situa-tion can be gained by mentioning a During the last thirty years there has ing the past eight years has not re-units into an effective program we concrete idea of the situa-tion can be gained by mentioning a During the last thirty years there has units into an effective program we converted into industrial uses. As the farm family itself is on a much tress and does not constitute a com-are permitting the venders of worth-yet, however, only about 5 per cent lower standard than is true in the 1940 had 9.625 people listed as perless substitutes to filch away from of the total agricultural research has United States and we cannot permit manent employes, and it spent \$23. us the market for our good farm pro-to do with new uses for agricultural farm products grown with cheap la-720,000 of which \$16,927,000 was for The best informed agricultural ducts with their God given health and products It is important to bear in bor and low living standards to enter personal services in the field. nutritional values. Agriculture as a mind, however, that to aid agricul- our markets without reducing our The Farm Bureau whole is not fulfilling its responsi-ture this research work needs to be own people to the same level. As an Recommends clude the following five major con- we wish to consume our products.

National Live Stock and Meat (1) Encouragement of increasing Board Sales Promotion

But I wish to call your attention to Facilities

meat products which is being done by efforts to increase domestic consump- farmer.

your National Livestock and Meat tion, organization and legislation are ation has been revealed by the Na- ted and approved by the producers depends upon the outcome of the war, as a unit at minimum cost. tional Livestock and Meat Board con- themselves for the purpose of enabl. It is believed that a Nazi victory erties of meat than in all the previous to consumer needs and demands.

trying to raise cattle on land meant cessive costs, and confusion and inity program so as to place our products in the hands of the consumer industry and labor. For according to er we provide enough for those who in the most serviceable and attractive on land suitable only for grazing. co-ordination makes it difficult for condition. The Citrus co-operatives,

the Pacific Egg Producers, the Hamil- these people to change their occupa- planning. danger that many of these families three co-operative creameries that are marginal lands back to purposes for members of the Midwest Producers which God made them. Is it fair to agencies that have direct relationship

ter are demonstrating the results of loans" the defense program and agriculture products and the extension and in- people. The present land use policy with landlord-tenant relationships. campaign encouraging all groups to quality programs would be a most direction. Also if necessary after demonstrations of farming methods. stances. Coupled with this should be proving our service to the consumer, government to lease sufficient good well organized and conducted adver- In promoting such a program we agricultural land from the lowest bid- gaged in promoting programs to contising campaigns extolling the merits shall be rendering a real service to ders to avoid excessive overproducof agricultural food products. We both fortunate and less fortunate tion of our major and basic crops. should reach the well-to-do consum- people and contributing to the de- The combination of the surplus comfense of our country as well as help- modity pools and the land purchasing ing ourselves.

More emphasis needs to be put on power machinery and equipment on then and demand its has been the case of per cent of these as per the case of per cent of these as per the case of per cent of these as per the case of per cent of the case of the case of per cent of the case of t advertising activities. The vitamins for agricultural products by the gov- on individual farms from production "Labor likewise is maintaining and and nutrition and health values of ernment, agricultural colleges and to get benefit payments as is now the

greatly bolstered these wage levels." units their sale and consumption and research plant. The walnut (4) U. S. Markets for However in view of the above-men- would be promoted by the most ex- growers are grinding walnut shells American Farmers

(3) Improvement of Marketing

only for timber, to raise crops or fruit convenience to the farmer. Lack of The government is justified in aiding farmers to carry out their own farm

ment control of all surpluses.

tion, in purchasing and turning these Excessive Duplication controlling 26,000,000 pounds of but. kid these poor people longer by to and contacts with farmer committees in the States.

better grading, improvement of qual. More effective regulation of grazing ity, standardization, and marketing of and range practices in relation to for- assisting farmers with farm managelarge volume production. Similar estry and livestock production is also ment problems. practices with other agricultural being advocated by well informed tensification of existing grading and of our government is a step in this constructive step in the way of doing other efforts have proved insufficient, something to help ourselves, and im- provision should be made for the in land-use planning.

and leasing policies could be so handl-

ed as to enable each individual farmer to grow what he likes and the farmer would not have to suffer the

"At least three agencies are assisting farm women with home management problems: "For example, the Farm Security

tions and institutions interested in anges in Brazil, f. o. b. ship, is 55c the administration of the AAA, the the farmers' and consumers' welfare. to 60c per box while the cost of pro- Soil Conservation Service, the Comducing oranges in California is \$1.75 modity Credit Corporation, the Surper box. Besides, such imports would plus Marketing and Disposal Division the excellent work in promoting the In addition to educational advertis- cancel all our efforts to regulate sur- (including the Stamp Plan, Crop Inconsumption and sale of meat and ing and health campaigns and other pluses and maintain parity for the surance, and the planning activities of the Bureau of Agricultural Econom-

Whether or not our export markets ics) must be combined and co-ordinat-(3) Improvement of marketing fa-Board under the direction of Delmar needed that will make effective mar- will be permanently lost cannot be ed so that the whole group may rencilities and methods designed to de-H. LaVoi. Since 1922, more inform-keting agreements and quotas initia-predicted at this time. A great deal der maximum service to agriculture

"To achieve co-ordination at Wash-(4) Protection of United States cerning the nutritive and health prop- ing the farmer to adjust production would permanently deprive us of our ington, the Farm Bureau recommends crease in production of citrus truits Asia. Their invasion during the past of over 244 per cent. We annually consume 17,000 cars of lemons but and France together, with the block. consume 17,000 cars of lemons but and France together with the block- agricultural products in every way dustry. The board is an organization Farm Bureau, the Nat'l Council of democracies win we shall be confront. Board, appointed by the President and last year we produced 28,000 cars. A ade conditions surrounding Conti-trade relations policies: rade relations policies; (5) Adjustment in the entire agri-ducting a nation-wide research and Farm Bureaus have worked for sonable nor humane for the United Farm Authority. might properly be called the National

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Administration alone, which deals with only a small fraction of all the farmers, last year had 17,463 permagram, of which \$20,834,000 was for field services in connection with rural

fective program would need to in- bilities either to ourselves or to those sponsored and developed by organiza- example, the cost of producing or- "We recommend, specifically, that

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change.

Kalamazoo Jr.

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community Farm Bureaus, the Grang-

Supervisors Become Interested

While these committees were look-

in the past. The supervisors named

a committee to contact the agricul-

the recreation park property might fit

tions for an agricultural center.

into the plans of the farm organiza-

A joint committee from the county

farm council and the board of super-

visors looked over the 104-acre plot

which included a number of horse

barns and a grandstand, all in a run-

were possibilities there and upon re-

Road Commission Co-operates

county road commission, which under

state law has supervision over parks

owned by the county, to erect an agri-

The supervisors then authorized the

Agri'l Center

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

Over the State with the Junior Farm Bureau

By CHESTER CLARK of Howell, R-2, State Publicity Chairman for the JUNIOR FARM BUREAU

Bureau meeting Feb. 26.

NORTH LAPEER

peer meeting.

STATE BOARD ACTS ON ISSUES AT MEET FEB. 22

Members Plan State Farm future camping. Sports Festival

Events

Several decisions relative to the the subject, "Resolved that the Jr. state organization of the Michigan F. B. should have a more aggressive Junior Farm Bureau were made by program". A selected list of guests the board members at the state board are to be invited. meeting in the Junior Farm Bureau office in Lansing, Saturday, Febru-

ary 22. Board members, present were Dick Bureau Started Anthony, Richard Christensen, Betty Mills, Chester Clark, Richard Koenigshof, Marian Frost, Alice May Wells,

Howard Hile, Herbert Schmidt, Ed Martus, Robert Smith, Carlton Curwith the idea. Arrangements were made then to carry the idea to the rey, and Harold Fromholz. The resignation of Kenneth Mc-

Curdy as director of District 4 was es and other rural groups. accepted. President Dick Anthony appointed Mr. Tornga of Allegan county to serve as temporary director. Later the members of that district will fill the vacancy by an election.

Cecil Hess of Jackson was called in for a brief discussion concerning the property formerly used for grand cirquestionaires the members have been filling out.

State Festival Committee President Anthony appointed six tural groups and determine whether members to act on the Sports Festival committee: Herbert Schmidt, Bay County, chairman; Jeanette Swisher, Cass; Ralph Bohrer, Grand Traverse; Charles Bennett, Hillsdale; Robert Munsell, Livingston; and Richard Christensen, of the college J. F. B. This committee was given power to arrange for the festival at their dis- down condition. They agreed there cretion

The duties of a district director, eau, and plans for carrying out a district program were carefully and the land. thoroughly outlined by the board members.

A good part of the discussion in the afternoon, was given over to the duties of the district directors.

Start Work for 1941 Camps

It was decided to start the work on needs of the farm organizations. cultural center building to fit the camp for the 1941 season by securing planning committee is now working Dr. O. S. Wormingham of the Amerion a 10-year development program can Youth Foundation for a series of which calls for an expenditure of over three lectures. The dates and places \$80,000 in the next decade to provide for these lectures are as follows: Dis- picnic facilities, erection of additional trict 3, Monday evening, April 14 at buildings as the needs require and Sand Creek public school. District 2, the reconditioning of the grandstand Tuesday evening, April 15 at the new and construction of baseball dia-Kalamazoo Agricultural Center, Kal- monds, football gridiron, softball field amazoo.' District 7, Wednesday eve- and other athletic facilities for the ning, April 16, North Branch high rural schools of the county.



Worthwhile Activities Prove Council Meets April 5 Young Folks Think of The next council meeting was set for Saturday April 5th, at which time the Future

a special feature will be a debate on WEST HURON COUNTY Carlton Currey reports a meeting

Friday evening, February 21. Charles Rogers, of the Detroit Packing Com- put on a radio broadcast over Station pany told of the organization of the meat. The annual district snow festival was held Sunday, February 23, with Bay and Saginaw county groups

as guests ST. JOSEPH COUNTY were discussed and all were enthused.

Two recent meetings of the St Joseph Jr. Farm Bureau, A round HOLD FOURTH table discussion on the subject, "Why a Junior Farm Bureau" was participated in by Dorothy King, Donald Webster and June Rockwell, followed by group discussion. A party meeting Members and Their Senior ing into their various assignments of January 20th held at the Center

the county board of supervisors was ville Grange Hall featured Magician offered the opportunity of purchasing Vern Snook of Colon. Games and conthe long abandoned recreation park tests were led by Florence Wall and Owen Custer. The party was a farecuit racing and also for county fairs well honor to Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hughes. June Rockwell reported a patriotic meeting held February 3.

HILLSDALE COUNTY Hillsdale county members have recently been entertained by the Hillsdale Grange. Reports concerning J. F. B. projects were given, including

the painting of names on rural mailboxes, and gathering of old iron in Moscow, Reading, Fayette, Litchfield, and Allen townships. The Grange Chorus furnished entertainment. A on February 6.

commendation of the farm council, the supervisors purchased the property WASHTENAW COUNTY Charles Finkbeiner, manager of the a mortgage about to be foreclosed on

Dexter Co-operative Co., was the guest speaker at the Washtenaw J. F. B. meeting at the Farm Bureau reports Secretary Amy Fee. Mr. Finkbeiner gave an informal talk on co-

operatives before a group of 24 memmeeting at the Farm Bureau Store featured a top-notch talkers contest Grover Colby and Robert Fitzimmons. Grover Colby was declared winner. roller skating party was held on Bureau group was very interesting. March meetings will be held on the

11th and 25th. GRATIOT COUNTY The annual Valentine box social of Mourns Arthur Edmunds

St. Louis gymnasium. Banquet comcleverly decorated by Carl Ballenger are Kenneth Helsel of Wheeler and of sympathy and respect: Donald Cole of St. Louis. COLLEGE J. F. B. Richard Christensen says plans for the annual M. S. C. Jr. Farm Bureau spring term formal party are well underway, and reports a business meeting of Feb. 20. CASS COUNTY Bob Addy, of the State Farm Bureau, was guest speaker of the Feb. 4th Cass J. F. B. meeting reports Dick Anthony. O. I. Gregg of M. S. C. will speak on landscape architecture at the Mar. 4th meeting.

Lapeer J. F. B. now has a play in the making, "Percy Tears Loose". Characters will be selected soon. Ben Hennink was at a recent North La-GRAND TRAVERSE Several varied projects are keep-

ing the Grand Traverse members on the go according to Harold Fromholz. They participated in the annual meeting on February 13, helped the Seniors hold a farm machinery day recently, and on one Friday evening of each month the J. F. B. members

WTCM. The group has been asked company, and spoke on the cuts of to put on the banquet on April 16 for some 600 rural school teachers of Northern Michigan.



Guests Hear Stanley Powell

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ture

The fourth annual Berrien County test. Junior Farm Bureau banquet is his-It was held Feb. 10 at the Berrien Springs Methodist church. Stan- and, dance at the new Kalamazoo ley M. Powell, Legislative Counsel of the State Farm Bureau, was guest Recreation Park was extended to all speaker. Mr. Powell's topic was "Our people of the district. Place in Government and Agricul-

Committee Chairman Harold Steinstage comedy, and other entertainment as events of the evening. Hon-

orary guests were the Senior Farm box social Valentine party was held Bureau board of directors of Berrien county, Co. Agt. Harry Lurkins and Mrs. Lurkins, State Director Ben

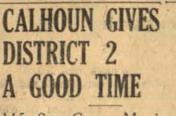
Hennink and Mrs. Hennink, State President Dick Anthony, and others. The Berrien Co. J. F. B. program

as it was outlined has been working Store in Ann Arbor on January 28, out very successfully, reports Publicity Chairman E. H. Thompson Susanna Zech, regional chief of Berrien Springs, Baroda, and St. Josbers and their guests. The Feb. 11th eph, has announced that that group will conduct an amateur show in early March. Noble Wolcot of the Sodusbetween Lillian Haas, Barbara Merkel, Eau Claire group says a popular

movie will be shown in some community center by members of his group. A large district meeting of February 21, and on February 25 a Cass, Van Buren, and Berrien counjoint meeting with a Senior Farm ties is proposed to receive the district loving cup award.

Central Calhoun Group

the Gratiot Juniors was held at the Arthur M. Edumunds of Battle Beebe Hall the evening of the 14th. Creek had the friendship of great During the business meeting Doris numbers of Farm Bureau members Cowdrey reported plans for the Junior- throughout Michigan. He had been Senior Banquet of Feb. 20th in the a membership worker for more than



Awarding of

Trophies

The counties of District 2 were entertained at a Valentine dance by Calhoun county members the evening of February 11. Features of the event were the showing of movies of the Waldenwoods and Clear Lake summer leadership camps, and the presentation of four awards.

A district attendance trophy, the ed to Kalamazoo county for having carried out the best project of 1940. President Willard Frost accepted the trophy.

Calhoun county received a trophy for having placed in the state's county program contest, President Russell Vincent receiving the award for his group. District Director Marian Frost received the silver trophy presented District 2 for winning second place in the state 1941 district program con-

An invitation to attend the afternoon and evening dedication program County Community Center building at

There were 115 at the party, including ten guests from Hillsdale County J. F. B. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hennink ke of Sodus reported group singing, of East Lansing, and Alice May Wells, Director of District 3, were present

> Hillsdale Juniors to **Entertain Nearby Groups**

By FLORENCE BENNETT The Hillsdale County Junior Farm Bureau had a Valentine party with a box social February 6 at the club building.

On February 20 we had a joint meeting with the five senior discussion groups and the Hillsdale Grange as our guests.

Keith Tanner was with us and led in an interesting discussion of the problems that confront the youth of today.

The Junior Farm Bureau are entertaining officers of the state organization and the five counties in our region at a banquet and party March 20. The groups which will be invited are Branch, Lenawee, Calhoun, Jackson and Washtenaw. Dr. Burnham will be the speaker.

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Bay Juniors Plan Home Talent Show The annual Bay County home tal. the Wire

ent show, being sponsored exclusively this year by the Bay County Junior Farm Bureau and local 4-H clubs of that county, will be given the evenings of March 6, 7 and 8, according to a report by Herbert Schmidt,

Tony Long of Bay City is general chairman. His chief assistant is Carl Festerling of Munger, Herbert Schmidt is publicity chairman. Fidelis McDonald and Howard Frieman are in charge of ticket sales.

The show was sponsored last year by the WLS Barn Dance players. It should net the farm youth groups about \$200. Entertainers will be farm | erative. folks with outstanding abilities from all parts of the county.

The first evening, Mar. 6, the show "Little Brown Jug", was presented to will be given at the Pinconning High Jim Edgel, representing Calhoun school. The evenings of the 7th and county. A silver trophy was present- Sth it will be given at the Handy High school in Bay City. All three pro-

> grams will start at 8:00 P. M. 4-H members are participating in a poster contest as a means of advertising the show. Winning members will for several days in February. Florbe given free tickets.

things serve.

A brave soul is a thing which all

Just Under

Kalamazoo Junior Farm Bureau pliected 17 tons of junk and sold it for \$228.33. They will use it for rganization expenses

Oceana Junior Farm Bureau is investigating a camp site in that county. Arthur Norton has written a play, presented at farm organization conerences at Hart and Shelby,

Grand Traverse Juniors are handy at serving luncheons and dinners for large groups . . . and it's a good busi-They served the Farm Bureau ness. meeting February 13 and a dinner for the Traverse City Farmers Co-op-

West Montcalm Juniors met Febnary 20 with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Murlick to plan for the Montcalm County Farm Bureau's annual ban-

"Ma Fritz and Her Young 'uns" ap peared on Junior Farm Bureau programs over college station WKAR for some months last year. WHO of Des Moines, Iowa, presented them ence and Ethel have an opportunity to work for station KMA.

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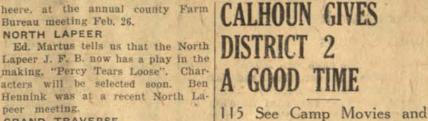
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EXAMPLE: Brown and Smith live across the road from each other, one mile from the nearest Bell telephone line. What would be the construction charge to them for a line extension to their homes.

SOLUTION One mile of line is required. The new plan allows 3/10 mile of line construction for each applicant without charge. The two would be entitled to 6/10 mile without charge. The remainder, 4/10 mile, would cost 45c for each 1/10 mile, or \$1.80 per month, divided equally, so Smith and Brown each would be charged 90 cents per month, over a fiveyear period, for construction of the line. (The construction charge is in addition to the regular monthly service charge.)

LIVINGSTON COUNTY Wally Pipp, former New York Yan-

kee, first baseman, showed movies, "Batting Around the American League", before a large crowd of Livingston and Washtenaw J. F. B. members at the Howell Co-op Hall, Feb. 3rd. A Livingston business meeting, games, led by Frances Sharp, and an ice cream party concluded the evening. Horace Taylor entertained the Livingston members at his home near Brighton the evening of Feb. 17. A short business meeting, introduction of guests, games by Frances Clark, a cold hayride, and refreshments were the major events. A radio play was presented by the Juniors, under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Jonck-

Detroit Stockyards

20 years. Mr. Edmunds died Da mittee chairmen were Frank Reis, cember 17. Mr. Edmunds and his sis-Kendall Puhlman and George Cox. ter, Mrs. Cross were fatally injured Alida DyRyckie was appointed re- December 7 when they were struck freshment committee chairman for by a truck on the highway in front the Feb. 28 meeting. The hall was of the Edumunds home. Recently, the Central Calhoun Community and Lowell Quidort. New members Farm Bureau adopted this resolution

> Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to call from our midst our beloved brother, Arthur Edmunds, there fore be it.

> Resolved that the Central Calhoun county group of the Farm Bureau extend their deep sympathy to the bereaved family; also that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the members of the family and to the Michigan Farm News, also a copy spread on our records.

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Our Young People

Background Material for Discussion in March by the 197 Community Farth Bureau Groups

FARM BUREAU

Farm Bureau Invites Youth

By KEITH A. TANNER

Membership Relations & Education FOREWORD-Democracy has been groups have stated, in their minutes, the key-note of our discussion so far that they are inviting the Junior this year. With the present changes Farm Bureau, or their representative, in population trends, we find that the into their meeting this month to paryoung people in the United States be. ticipate in a debate and to answer tween the ages of 18 and 28, will in questions pertaining to the Junior fourteen yars from now, hold the Farm Bureau; so I am leaving that majority vote in our democracy. This portion of the discussion up to the emphasizes the importance of a two- Junior members. Don't hesitate to fold job confronting us in our Ameri. ask them as to their Junior organizacan way of life. First, acquainting tion.

these young people and ourselves with the problems of the world which figures again this month. Twentyare taxing the strength of our demo- five percent of the people in the cracy; second, practicing the funda. United States are farmers. 21% of mentals of democracy in our homes, schools, churches, community meetings, and making it a way of life national income is all the farmer rerather than something to be used only ceives for his share. On this ten when we find it convenient and profit. percent of the national income the able

Adult and Youth Relationship in young people's gatherings. If youth were allowed to contribute and participate in proportion to their ex-perience and ability in solving, dis-cussing, and planning the affairs of the family, school and meeting, there would be a sound construction to the source of the outstanding schools in the source of the outstanding schools in the source of t

would be a sound constructive relationship between all members of the before ninety-five percent of the family and community.

Almost all of the Community

Lets analyze the national income the wealth in the United States is owned by farmers, but 10% of the farmer educates 31% of the boys and girls. It is found that two out of

I don't think that problem of father every ten women in the United States and son, or adult and youth relation-thin would be classified as a problem ship would be classified as a problem, ten children in the culture dollar farm children, but only one dollar ticed in the home, in the school, and in young people's gatherings. If

there were more than 200,000 persons confined in our state and federal prisons and reformatories. There are about 60,000 committed annually to these penal institutions. Approximately 600,000 persons were sentenced to the city and country jails of the nation in 1933. In order to control crime, we employ over 300,000 public and private police.

This crime problem is a youth probem because 14.5% of the crime is ommitted by youth between the ages of 15-19; 27.1% of the crime by youth between 20-24 years old; 19.6% by youth of 25-29; or 61.2% of the crime is committed by persons between the age of 15 and 29 years of age. Good wholesome adult-youth relationship will help in decreasing this tendency.

We are never too old to learn or too young to profit by the experiences of others. Youth can gain a great deal from the experiences, knowledge, and stick-to-activeness of adults; while adults can profit much by being tolerant with youth and absorbing their enthusiasm, vim, vigor and new outlook on life. Let's make that son and daughter one of our partnerslet's have that kind of democracy in the home.

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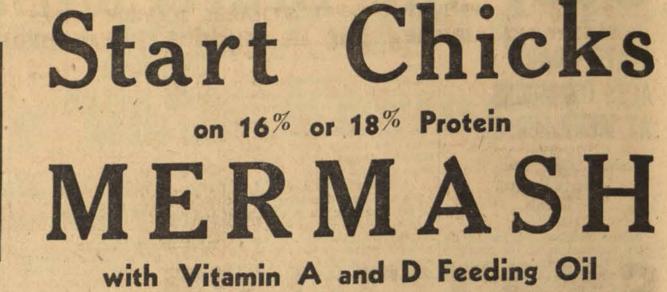
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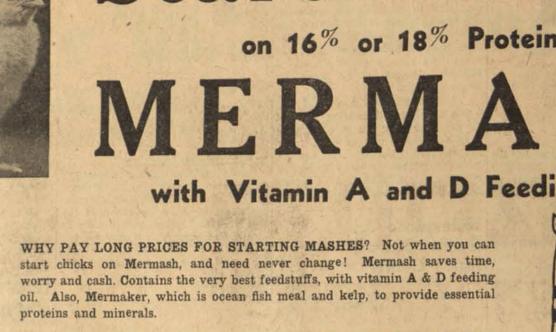
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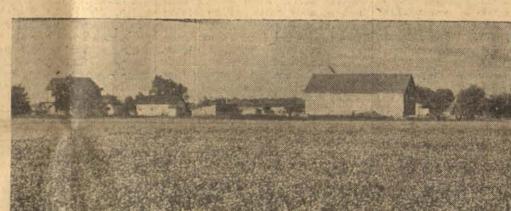
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Democracy in the home or school mal education stops. is too often confused with liberalism please. But that is not democratic, because majority rule should govern this task. the activities of the group. The dis-

ence and vision plays as important part in determining the solution to group problems.

child we are supposed to think as a thing for education and culture. child, act as a child and speak as a "Two-thirds of our world are pooraway childish things.

I heard a speaker at an educational hover at the boundary line of poverty meeting not too long ago, who em- and insecurity, or below it." children to participate in the re-He said he would rather have his son past decade.

or daughter miss a year in high dergarten training?

*Some of the rural organizations are trends further. bending all efforts to training youth and in promoting better youth-adult the proportion of youth in our popularelationships.

These Groups Train for Democracy have the opportunity of belonging to years. But on the other hand the prothe 4-H club. Then the high school portion of people over sixty has boy and girl have their Smith-Hughes shown a gradual increase and it is projects, home economic clubs and expected the next decade will show a Future Farmer of América organiza- still larger increase. tions. These organizations are doing As late as 1870 more than half of much in blending a constructive at the population was under twenty. In titude, a healthy association, and a 1930 less than 40% were under this

better understanding between parent age. It is estimated that only 30% and children. The Michigan Junior Farm Bureau People over sixty years of age rose

with forty-eight groups and 3,000 from 1 in 20 in 1870 to about 1 in 12 members; three weeks of camp and in 1940. It is probable that this 410 campers are studying those prob- group will rise to 1 in 8 by 1950 and 1 lems which will give them poise, in 5 by 1980.

leadership ability, and the mechanics Crime is a Youth Problem to attack those problems which will There is a great deal less crime in he confronting them when they take the country than in the city. But this over adult responsibilities. problem bears consideration. In 1930,

outstanding schools in the world but M RS. PRICE-a noted White M RS. PRICE—a noted breeder of White Holland Turkeys — not only grows vigorous, big bodied, well fleshed birds, but also develops feath-ers of that particular quality and finish which crow only on the well but people come to the age of interest in the issues of social living, their for-

Adult life is the time for the study -letting the children do just as they of social problems, yet most of our bird. STONEMO helps do that ec-onomically. It enables the Turks to get more mutrition from the feed-make every pound count-and keeps the di-gestive system in good order. communities are not organized for

cussion as to what will constitute the out of every 38 adults, 16 did not fin-In the United States we find that desire of the group is determined by ish grammar school, 16 did not finish the past experiences and the future high school, 5 graduated from high goals of the members. Thus experi- school and one graduated from col-

This lack of education is closely correlated with the fact that one fifth Possibly we should use some of the of the families in the United States philosophy employed by the Chinese. were living on an average annual The Chinese teach their children they income of \$491 in 1929. This income are a year old the day they are born. did not provide the minimum for We are taught that when we are a basic necessities, let alone, leave any

child, and that when we reach our always poor! Two-thirds of the Amerimaturity we are supposed to put can people-two thirds, of the richest nation of the globe-continually

phasized the need for getting young Population Trends in the United States From 1920-1930 the decline in the sponsibilities of the home, associating birth rate in the United States was with other children to learn to give more than twice the decline in most and take, and directing their think- of the decades of our history. The ing along logical, constructive lines. number of children under 5 years of He stated that he felt that the kind- age per 1,000 women from 16 to 44 ergarten was the most important years of age has dropped from 976 in grade in the school. It deals with the 1800 to 350 in 1934. There has been child when he is forming most of his an average decrease of 60,000 in numhabits and his mind is most plastic. ber of births each year during the

We should keep in mind such facschool than to miss the kindergarten. tors as schools, youth organizations, How many rural children have kin- unemployment, old age pensions, and child labor while analyzing these

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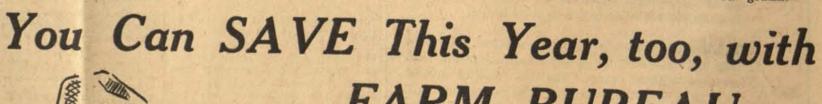
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