

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

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The Longer Look

When the day has not been easy, but is wearing to its close; When I'm weary of well-doing, and would like to sit and doze...

Wickard Agrees with Farm Bureau

Secretary Wickard of the U. S. Dept't of Agriculture has agreed with the Farm Bureau that no ceiling should be fixed for farm prices at less than 110% of parity...

"The recent increases in farm prices have been unusually rapid, but I want to make it plain that in my opinion they are not yet out of line, for the reason that these are increases from levels which were abnormally low..."

"One of the merits of the pending bill is its acceptance of the parity principle. I assume that the bill uses the parity principle for farm prices because it is fair to both farmers and consumers..."

"As I understand the purpose of the pending bill, it is to cut off the inflationary spiral before it really gets started. If a producer's prices are fixed at a given level, obviously his costs cannot be permitted to rise so high as to wipe out his net income..."

"There is a perfectly practical and obvious reason for stipulating (in the bill) that no ceiling should be imposed on farm products at less than 110 per cent of parity, rather than exactly at parity..."

Modern and Substantial

Proof that Michigan agriculture is modern and substantial is to be found in the 1940 or 16th census of the United States.

Ten years ago only one farm in five had electric lights. Today 7 out of 10 have electric lights. Also, electric power to energize motors to pump water, provide electric refrigeration, to lighten household tasks, and do other work on the farm.

More than twice as many farm homes are on hard surfaced roads as there were a decade ago. Taxes per \$100 of value average 90 cents as compared to \$2.07 in 1930.

Less than half the farms in the state are mortgaged. Of those that are mortgaged the average debt is \$1,870 in 1940 as compared to an average mortgage for \$2,534 in 1930.

The average age of a Michigan farmer is just over 50 years. Two-thirds of the farmers have been on their farms five years or more.

Eight farmers in ten have automobiles. One farmer in six has a truck. One in three has a tractor. One in four has a telephone.

Behind the Wheel

(Continued from page one) particularly in the co-operatives, means that your fitness will be measured according to your own choice: Indifferent or inspired, steadfast or vacillating, lazy or industrious, capable or incompetent, cheerful or glum, generous or selfish, trustworthy or dishonest, loyal or disloyal—the choice is yours."

much of their rights, but little of their duties to society. The individual can well expect society to guarantee him certain elemental rights, such as freedom of speech, religion, etc., but on the other side of the ledger the individual owes to society the duty of using his talents and energies, not merely for his own profit, but for the betterment of society.

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PLAN EVENT FOR FARM TO PROSPER CONTESTANTS

Farm Bureau Members and Community Groups Take Part

By JOHN A. CHISHOLM Sec'y, Farm to Prosper Ass'n Preparations now are under way for the second annual West Michigan Farm-to-Prospcr contest round-up, to be held in Muskegon, Thursday, Jan. 29, 1942.

Cash Prizes Total \$825 Anything a farmer has done during the season to improve his farm business, as to soils, crops, livestock, buildings and equipment in the home, or in farm management and participation in community life counts toward winning one of the cash prizes totaling \$825, together with a Certificate of Merit.

The contest is divided into three divisions—full-time farmers, part-time farmers, and community organizations. A number of Farm Bureaus are entered in the last division, including the Sauble River, Carr, and Summit-Pere Marquette Community Farm Bureaus, all of Mason county; the Muskegon County Junior Farm Bureau; Brookside, Garfield, and Sitka Community Farm Bureaus, all of Newaygo county; Shelby Community Farm Bureau, Oceana.

John Houk, of Ludington, a director of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, is farmer representative from Mason county on the West Michigan Farm-to-Prospcr Contest Association board of trustees, the body which handles the contest. He won second prize in Mason county in the full-time farmers' division last year.

Illinois Creamery Joins Mid-West Producers

The Equity-Union Creamery and Produce Company of Pana and Paris, Illinois, has become affiliated with the Mid-West Producers' Creameries Inc., South Bend, Indiana, a regional marketing and purchasing co-operative, which serves producer creameries in Michigan, Indiana, Tennessee, Ohio and Illinois.

Milk Producers Ass'n at College Nov. 6

When President Fred W. Myer of the Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n opens its 25th annual meeting at Michigan State College Thursday, November 6, it will also mark 25 annual meetings at the college. The meeting is at the Union building.

BUREAU AGAINST BILL TO FIX FARM WAGES

Farmers Would Have to Pay Wages Set to Collect Benefit Payments Clark L. Brody, executive secretary of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, wrote all Michigan members of Congress Oct. 28, asking them to oppose Senator Langer's Bill, Senate No. 1435, to fix minimum farm wage rates that farmers must pay in order to qualify for any benefit payment or other advantage extended by federal law.

Associated Women

PROGRAM Annual meeting at Michigan State College Union, Wednesday, November 12.

Noon Women will take luncheon together in main dining room, second floor. 1 to 4 p. m.

Organization Rooms 3rd Floor Music—Gratiot County Farm Bureau orchestra Speaking contest finals Scrapbook, poster and limerick contest winners to be announced and prizes awarded Music—Oceana County Farm Bureau chorus

Address—Mrs. Charles W. Sewell, administrative director of Associated Women of AFBF Community Singing Resolutions Playlet

ORGANIZE GRATIOT GROUP

Twenty women of the Gratiot County Farm Bureau have organized a county unit of the Associated Women of the Farm Bureau. Mrs. Mary Johnson of St. Louis was elected chairman, Mrs. Jay Coleman of Breckenridge is secretary.

SEEDS FOR ENGLAND

The Associated Women of the Farm Bureau have been notified that contributions from Michigan farm women were part of shipments of 17 tons of garden seeds last spring.

PORK CHOPS SUPREME

Trim excess fat from 6 pork chops, season with salt and pepper and brown in skillet. Arrange chops in casserole. Over the top pour 1 can tomato soup and 1 No. 2 can of peas. Sprinkle with bread crumbs. Cover and bake 1 1/2 to 2 hours at 375°.

ROOM RATE SCHEDULE

MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING For November 12, 13 & 14, 1941

Table with columns: Hotel Rooms, Olds Hotel, Roosevelt Hotel, Porter Hotel, Wentworth Hotel, Strand Hotel, Detroit Hotel. Rows show rates for Single, Double, and Double (2 persons) with and without bath.

Garages and all night parking lots are convenient to these hotels, which are all located in the center of downtown Lansing.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING RESERVATIONS

Make them as soon as possible! Write direct to the hotel of your choice for reservations. When reserving rooms, indicate who is to occupy the room and for what nights.

WEDNESDAY, November 12—For information regarding rooms, Farm Bureau dinner tickets, etc., call at Membership Relations Department, State Farm Bureau, 221 North Cedar St., Lansing, Michigan. Telephone 21-271.

THURSDAY, November 13—For information, room service, dinner tickets, etc., call at the desks in lobby of convention hall, Fairchild theatre, New Auditorium, Michigan State College, East Lansing.

ROOMS IN PRIVATE RESIDENCES

The Michigan State Farm Bureau has a limited list of private residences in Lansing, and a few in East Lansing, where overnight lodgings can be had. The usual rate is \$1.00 per person per night where two persons occupy the room.

TICKETS FOR FARM BUREAU'S ANNUAL DINNER

To reserve tickets for the annual Farm Bureau dinner and program Thursday evening, November 13, please send cash with order for ticket reservations at \$1.00 per ticket to Membership Relations Dept., 221 North Cedar St., Lansing, Michigan. Or get tickets soon after arrival. No tickets can be held unless paid for.

More than 16,000 persons have lost their lives in accidents at highway-railroad grade crossings in the past ten years.

WANTED! car owners who say... "I CAN'T AFFORD AUTO INSURANCE" Let me point out to you how State Farm Mutual's common sense coverage results in substantial savings, over a period of time, on the actual cost of automobile insurance.

DRIVE SAFELY and CARRY INSURANCE THAT WILL PROTECT YOUR INTERESTS



A barnyard full of Hereford steers. The "white-faces" are among the most popular of beef cattle breeds.

SYNTHETIC foods may have their place in the war-time economy of some nations. But Michigan workers who are arming America for defense want meat that will "stick to their ribs"—good roasts, steaks and stews.

The farms of Michigan will sell more than \$27,000,000 worth of beef cattle and calves this year. Wherever there's a surplus of corn and other grains, steers are fattened for market.

Farmers who specialize in beef cattle use the telephone to buy young steers, order feed, and keep in touch with the market price of beef on the hoof. The meat packer does much of his buying and selling by telephone. And the amazing efficiency of the system that keeps every neighborhood store supplied with fresh, wholesome meat would be impossible without complete and dependable telephone service.

MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY "A State with Riches Blest"—No. 24 of a series of advertisements on Michigan's Natural Resources.

