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### Behind the Wheel

With J. F. Yaeger, Director of Membership Relations

ABUSING FARMERS

"The President has rightly said that food will win the war, but we can't raise hogs by waving the flag and abusing farmers, or by raising false charges of profiteering. We must stick to sound economic law if we are to get the results we seek.' So said Albert S. Goss, master of The National Grange, in a radio address not so long ago.

What brought it to mind was a recent newspaper article quoting a



pointed out in its reply that farmers are not only aware that there is a war on but are assumthen some . . Mr. Goss said:

"Farmers are not profiteers. As for surplus production were removed, farmers went to work biggest crops in history, with yet more on the way if labor is available.

BURNED UP

What does burn farmers up is to have consumer minded officials, edof whom ought to know better) con- gene Smaltz of Lansing, Rob't Farley ing a fair price and a standard of county; Mrs. Garrell Hooker, Newayliving somewhat equal to that of his nau county. city cousin. To quote again from Master Goss' talk:

day approximately one-fourth that County Agricultural agents associaof non-farmers, even after including tion. rent and the produce from his own farm in the farmer's income. Let me emphasize that. Today the per capita net income of farmers is approximately one-fourth that of non-farmers. If there is any profiteering PROBLEM FOR in foodstuffs, it is after the crops have left the farm. Those who try to raise prejudice against the farmfiteers, either do not know the facts Phosphate, Potash in Plenty; or are deliberately misrepresenting the situation.'

### RESENTMENT

No wonder farmers protest against

June 13, 1942, Dr. Julius Hirsch in his article, "Why We Won't Have In- Chicago by Michigan representatives from \$20 per gross ton of 2,240 lbs.

agricultural prices-namely the great War Board. accumulated surpluses. When prices tend to rise, the government can feed these surplus crops into the market

with a steadying effort." That's just why organized farmers ers as this? Farmers organized their ment. own co-operative marketing agencies to get away from a similar strangle- in which farmers can overcome some ing, etc. give another marketing agency that dency to establish similar brakes on

If one agency is permitted to buy and sell a crop such as wheat at will and drive down the price of that crop then what is to prevent the same agency, or another, to do the same ed in the fall or sweet clover seeded from a job well done, and the knowlwith other crops? The dairy farmer who today likes to buy cheap wheat as feed may tomorrow be sorry to ant price drop. Goodness knows to do that.

(Continued on page 2.)

### AFBF LEADERS CHARGE GANGING UP ON FARMER

Declare Officials and Labor Try to Discredit Farm Bureau

Led by C. L. Body, executive secretary, 31 Farm Bureau leaders of Michigan and 42 Junior Farm Bureau members attended the annual Mid-West Farm Bureau Training School held July 19-21 at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Meetings consisted in part of reports on legislative activities by E. A. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, Earl Smith, vice-president of the organization and W. R. Ogg, legislative counselor at Washington.

All charged that farmers' view points in this fight on selling wheat below parity was submerged beneath a flood of propaganda issued by administrative officials in collusion with labor unions and others opposing parity prices and a square deal for the farmer.

The speakers were bitter in denountime. A farmer cing what they charged as "a deliberate attempt to discredit the Farm Bureau and its leaders with untruths and false implications, and to split northern and southern farmers."

Other sessions dealt with the farming their full responsibility . . . and er's responsibility in the war effort . in winning that war, and techniques of keeping his organization intact and functioning. State leaders reported the largest membersoon as they were advised of the ship in the history of their organizaneed for greater production, and the tions, Michigan ranked third in the list of states having exceeded its 1942 membership quota with the mid-west with a will, and last year raised the states leading all other sections of the country.

Michigan people who attended the This was done in spite of the fact conference included Burton Richards that practically every farmer in A. and L. R. Boyer of Berrien county, merica knows that surplus production Kermit Washburn and Mr. and Mrs. ruined his market following the last George Schultz of VanBuren county, war, and will do so again if some Mr. and Mrs. Fred Reimer of Saginaw way is not devised to prevent it. county, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Krein-The record crops were raised without er of Lapeer county, Mrs. M. N. Stickany price guarantee, overtime pay- ney of Oakland county, Stanley Powment guarantees, or any guarantees ell of Ionia county, Ray Smalley of Farmers willingly in Washtenaw county, C. F. Openlander creased their hours of labor to an of Clinton county, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. average of approximately 80 hours Yaeger of Ingham county, Dan Reed per week. Many are working over of Oceana county, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd 100 hours per week without com- Rainey of Ingham county, Mrs. G. W. plaint. That is not the work of pro- Truby of Branch county, Mrs. M. O. Hitchings of St. Clair county, Mrs. George Frost of Ingham County, Eugene Smaltz of Lansing, Mr. Farley of Calhoun county; Everett Young, itors and radio commentators (some Eaton county; Wesley Hawley, Mason county; G. W. Copenhafer Branch

Agricultural Agents Morley of Allegan county and Tompkins of Oce- be announced locally. "If figures are needed, the per ana county attended the conferences capita net income of farmers is to- as representatives of the Michigan

# FERTILIZER NO

Farmers May Supply Own Nitrogen

Except in the supply of nitrogen, for scrap metal in which the government attack by those who would again beat which six ways are open to users to is interested. down the rural standard of living and aid themselves, the supplies of fer- In the case of steel scrap, the govtilizers will not be drastically cut for ernment has set prices at 38 points Writing in Colliers magazine on the remainder of 1942 and for 1943. in the contry which consuming mills

in a recent conference of Zone 10 of down to \$14.50. It is necessary to "Of course, the government has the National Fertilizer association substract from this price the freight in its hands a powerful weapon over and representatives of the Federal charge to the consuming mill, the ment for a place on the ballot.

> ample, although there are to be diston), and the cost of getting the matinct limitations on nitrogen fertill- terial to the dealer's yard, and a fair zers because of diversions to war profit for the dealer. needs.

Some of the available nitrogen likefought the sale of wheat below parity ly will be specified for the use on belting, almost anything made of rubcertain special crops such as vegesuch a life-and-death hold on farm- tables requested by the federal govern-

In the meantime there are six ways hold by private business. Now why of the nitrogen diversion. One is to take better care of farm livestock same leverage? Especially in view manure. Another is to use greater of that fact that there seems no ten- acreages of leguminous crops that gather and store their own nitrogen to their church, or local organiza-Third step is to take greater care in tions may arrange to do that. making seedings. An increase in the use of cover crops and green manur- in the National Scrap Harvest will being crops is recommended. Rye seed- the personal satisfaction that comes

find that the shoe is on the other foot ous seedings is recommended. Use of and that it's butter that is being phosphates and potash to insure a motives has increased almost forty dumped on the market with a result. stand and gain better growth is con- per cent in the past twenty years. sidered good farm practice. Final step there's enough stored in the country is to extend the liming program to nitrogen-fixing crops.

### Any References from Your Last Employer?



# SINK A SUB

It's the Slogan Co-ops Will Use in Campaign for Farm Scrap

and farmers' co-ops are preparing to tor Hicks, Mrs. Alva Baker, and Mrs. supplies have much more favorable Lapeer and Genesee another series of county-wide drives eau will look after the young folks. Defense Transportation order No. 17, vest. It will be done soon. Dates will a ball game and horseshoe pitching. Brody, chairman of the transporta- esee county, township Farm Bureau

The Farm Bureau and the co-ops friends are invited to come. will devote themselves to co-operating in the farm drives.

Considerable scrap has been collected by co-ops, but more is needed. Farms that were missed before must be canvassed now. A careful clean-up FAILS FOR LACK on farms may bring out more scrap. In some instances a second clean-up OF SIGNATURES has brought out more than was obtained originally.

dealers may not hoard scrap. They may not ship mixed scrap metal but are required to do certain sorting to carlots. When they have a car they are required to ship it. There are more than 100 kinds and grades of

This was the information gained in located there shall pay. Prices range dealer's cost of sorting and preparing Phosphates and potash will be the scrap (usually around \$3.50 per

> Iron and steel is in urgent need. ber which has outlived its usefulness

> is needed. Anything that contains copper or brass is welcome-electric cords, wir-

> Zinc, lead and aluminum are in great demand. Farmers and their organizations who wish to donate their scrap metal

Our first reward for co-operation

The average tractive power of loco- lature.

### Gratiot Farm Bureau Picnic August 12

Farm Bureau picnic will be held Wednesday, August 12, at Brecken-ridge high school additorium. South TO AGRICULTURE Wheeler Community Group will entertain. Potluck dinner will be ser- ODT Includes Recommendaved at 12 noon, EWT. with entertainment at the table. The Farm Bureau orchestra will play, under direction of Mrs. R. D. Neikirk.

More scrap metal and rubber are Other entertainment will include Farm co-operatives, private, and membership workers organization of a program of outdoor sports and contract motor truckers who trans- 1942 for conducting the sale of war So the Fam Bureau Services, Inc., stunts for adults, in charge of Vic port farm products and haul farm bonds. co-operate with the government in A. P. Shanke. The Junior Farm Bur- operating regulations under Office of to be called the National Scrap Har- Prizes will be given. There will be effective August 1, according to C. L. to the county war boards. In Gen-All Farm Bureau members and their tion committee of the National Coun- leaders have been named to take an

New Stunt to Keep

It Alive

Michigan will not vote on a reapat the election in November.

The Michigan Council for Repreconstitutional amendment to compel not get enough registered voters to pulsory. sign petitions to qualify the amend-

The petitions were said to lack 203,000 signatures. July 2 was the the return trip is out. Contract and

Representative Government. It has petitioned Attorney General Rushton to rule that it may continue to gather Pres. Reid Announces tures and the new batch for a try at Resolutions Committee the April election.

The Council's amendment was opposed by the Farm Bureau and in the small grains to plow under in the snring are recommended.

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The Farm Bureau pointed out that F. H. Waterman . (Leelanau) when the Council drafted its amend- | (Leelanau) | Jesse Treiber . . . Unionville (Tuscola) 

# TRUCK RULES The third annual Gratiot County MORE FAVORABLE

tions From Co-ops in Order Effective August 1

cil of Farmers Co-operatives.

An ODT order effective July 1 prowould interefere with the movement Bureau. In fact, the entire county have joined in sponsoring Saturday The government says that scrap But Supporters Trot Out a back haul for reasons beyond the from one to five leaders active in locontrol of the farmer or his truckers, cal war groups. In the delivery of farm supplies, the Van Buren July 1 order promised serious interference with farm production.

The Office of Defense Transportaportionment of the state legislature tion invited the National Council's transportation committee to suggest a truck and tire conservation prosentative Government has a plan to gram for truck transportation in agrireapportion the legislature strictly acculture. The committee suggested cording to population. It drafted a that agricultural haulers reduce their president, is chairman of the farm the adoption of its plan. But it could ways, but not make that feature commileage and trips and seek loads both

ODT Order No. 17 includes the basic ideas suggested by the Co-ops' about 18,000 of a required total of quirement for 75% of a full load for last day on which the amendment private carriers are expected to recould be qualified for the November duce mileage 25% as against the same month in 1941. Truck speed is Heretofore, such a failure has been limited to 40 miles per hour. We are considered the death of such peti- limited to one delivery per day to the But not so with the Council for lal deliveries. After Sept. 1 all con-(Continued on page 2.)

President Clarence J. Reid of the Michigan State Farm Bureau has announced the resolutions committee Lansing for the attention of this community.

had nearly half the seats in the legis- Burton Richards, chairman . . . Berrien Eaton County Farm Bureau leaders As you know, the fresh fruit and veg-Mark Westbrook . . . . . Ionia (Ionia) sponsored a joint meeting of the etable industry plays a very important

# Farm Bureaus Are Active in War Work

Officers and Members Work With War Boards, Other Agencies to Sell Bonds, Organize Air Raid and Fire Defenses

Farm Bureau leaders and members in Michigan are doing their bit and more in the urgent business of winning the war, according to a summary made recently.

They are doing their everyday jobs of raising enough food to feed our people and those of our allies. They are also active in many phases of the war effort.

In commenting on this, Loyal L. Bagley, chairman of the Mason County USDA War Board wrote:

"The Mason County USDA War Board appreciates the pledge made by the Mason County Farm Bureau board of directors in offering the services of their entire county organization for the duration of the war. The value of the County and Community Farm Bureau groups in developing and locating leadership was very clearly demonstrated in our recent war bond and stamp pledge campaign in Mason county. Farm Bureau leaders took an active part in this work which made possible a complete coverage of the county in less than three days."

Bay County Farm Bureau tion from those in charge of war projects. The work of John Zeigler, Ingham and Shiawassee president of the Bay County Farm Bureau, has been so outstanding as to bring special commendation at a district defense meeting at Flint recently by Lt. Col. Harold A. Furlong,

state defense administrator. Discussions of such topics as inflation, fire defense, how to handle incendiary bombs, production quotas, etc., are program headliners at Community Farm Bureau meetings. Many of the groups have called upon the Civilian defense organizations in the counties for speakers. Motion pictures on war subjects and demonstrations of bomb and fire fighting have been a part of many Farm Bureau meetings. Saginaw and Tuscola Counties

Saginaw county estimates that 75 percent of the leadership in conducting the rural war programs come from the ranks of the Farm Bureau. In Tuscola county, the chairman of the war board, himself a Farm Bureau leader, used the Farm Bureau

Bureaus have pledged their support active part in township War Clubs. Lapeer County Farm Bureau groups

vided that all haulers must have a have taken the lead in conducting of capacity load for the return patriotic community meetings. It is card". This is used in Community trip, etc. The order was postponed estimated that perhaps 60 percent of Farm Bureaus as the basis of discuswhen the Council's transportation the rural war workers in this county committee showed the ODT that it come from the ranks of the Farm of important farm perishables and War Board is made up of Farm Burstaple products moving by truck, In eau leaders. Each of the county's many instances there could be no 13 Community Farm Bureaus has

fense activities are headed by Waldo Phillips, a member of the State Farm Bureau board of directors. Another member of the State Farm Bureau board, Carl Buskirk, heads the air warden activities in the county. Mr. Thor Hagberg, County Farm Bureau labor committee for the county. Ionia County Farm Bureau

In Ionia county, the County Farm Community Leaders Meetings Bureau pledged itself to raise \$200 for the USO. County Farm Bureau President Mark Westbrook is a county leader in all war projects.

Many community Farm Bureau groups have participated as a group in the various rubber, scrap metal, USO, Red Cross and other campaigns. Typical of such groups is the Hartford-Keeler Community Farm Bureau in Van Buren county which brought War Production Board in all the scrap paper, metal, etc., of Edward A. O'Neal, president of the their community, sorted it and deliv- American Farm Bureau Federation, war bonds throughout the rural areas that a farmer who knows the fruit Bureau.

Berrien County

Eaton County

Other County Farm Bureaus have meetings to outline the work of the had similar expressions of apprecia. Farm Bureau as it concerns war projects in the county,

> Ingham and Shiawassee County Farm Bureaus have pledged their services to the county war boards. This is typical of nearly every coun-

Washtenaw In Washtenaw County, it has been suggested that the Farm Bureau Community groups function as war clubs for the purpose of discussing war problems and distributing information relative to the war effort. One rural area contains the Willow Run bomber plant. The County Farm Bureau has urged farmers there to take appropriate measures for their share of its defense. The county board of supervisors and the county war board have promised co-operation with the

Farm Bureau.

District Representatives District organization representatives of the State Farm Bureau are assisting the local leadership. Anthony Kreiner of Lapeer has organized township War Clubs and has as sisted the county war board in a number of ways. Fred Reimer of Saginaw county has taken such an active Lapeer and Genesee County Farm part in promoting the organization of rural fire fighting units as to be asked to sit in on district and civilian defense councils. Ray Smalley of near Ypsilanti is an air raid warden.

Branch County In Branch county, Gero Heimbaugh, secretary of the County Farm Bureau, has devised a "war project score sion. Branch, Calhoun, Kalamazoo night dances for the entertainment of the soldiers from Fort Custer at the USO in Augusta.

The Community Farm Bureaus of Branch county have each named a In Van Buren county, civilian de- war service chairman. Through these officers, the county Farm Bureau has organized its resources along the lines of (1) increased food production (2) improved nutrition (3) conservation, farm inventory and co-operative use of machinery, gas and tires (4) salvage campaigns of various sorts (5) community service (6) bond purchases, USO and Red Cross campaigns.

Just before leaving for the army

on July first, Keith Tanner, director of education for Community Farm Bureaus, had a series of meetings throughout the state for Community Parm Bureau leaders. Over 450 attended and discussed such topics as (Continued on Page 4.)

# AFBF Urges Farmer on

ered it to the proper agencies. In addressed a letter June 23 to Douglas Van Buren county, a majority of C. Townson, chief of the food branch those participating in the selling of of the War Production Board, urging were from the ranks of the Farm and vegetable industry be appointed as consultant to assist the Board in Hardly a war activity of any kind making decisions on matters involv-Grange and many out-state groups as for the annual meeting, Nov. 12 and is conducted in Berrien county with in this industry. Mr. O'Neal wrote, is conducted in Berrien county with in party of the annual meeting, Nov. 12 and is conducted in Berrien county with in party. a proposal designed to give Wayne county practical working control of both houses of the legislature. It was shown by the Farm 8 Bureau that the War Production Board appoint as a consultant on fruit and vegent and members are urged to send their resolutions to Sec'y C. L. Brody at the Farm Bureau at the boards the release of the 1,500 Farm Bureau in part; "I wish to strongly urge that the War Production Board appoint as a consultant on fruit and vegent beautiful to the release of the 1,500 Farm Bureau in part; "I wish to strongly urge that the War Production Board appoint as a consultant on fruit and vegent beautiful to the release of the 1,500 Farm Bureau in part; "I wish to strongly urge that the War Production Board appoint as a consultant on fruit and vegent beautiful to the release of the 1,500 Farm Bureau in part; "I wish to strongly urge that the War Production Board appoint as a consultant on fruit and vegent beautiful to the release of the 1,500 Farm Bureau in part; "I wish to strongly urge that the War Production Board appoint as a consultant on fruit and vegent beautiful to the release of the 1,500 Farm Bureau in part; "I wish to strongly urge that the War Production Board appoint as a consultant on fruit and vegent beautiful to the release of the 1,500 Farm Bureau in part; "I wish to strongly urge that the War Production Board appoint as a consultant on fruit and vegent beautiful to the release of the 1,500 Farm Bureau in part; "I wish to strongly urge that the War Production Board appoint as a consultant on fruit and vegent beautiful to the release of the 1,500 Farm Bureau in part; "I wish to strongly urge that the War Production Board appoint as a consultant on fruit and vegent beautiful to the release of the 1,500 Farm Bureau in part; "I wish to strongly urge that the War Production Board appoint as a consultant of the part of the 1,500 Farm Bureau in part; "I wish to strongly urge that the War Production Board appoint as a consultant of the 1,500 Farm Bureau in part; "I wish to strongly urge tha C. L. Brody at the Farm Bureau at ple, heads the victory gardens for its etables, a farmer who is familiar with the fresh fruit and vegetable industry from the standpoint of the producers. . . Suttons Bay Farm Bureau directors and the coun- part in the Food for Freedom proty war board to correlate activities in gram. I am confident that the apment, no farm organization or rural John Houge . . . Ludington (Mason)
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### A Constitutional Convention?

In November, by a provision in the state constitution, the people will vote Yes or No on the question of calling a constitutional convention. The convention would be charged with making amendments to or making a general revision of the constitution. Its work would be subject to the approval of the voters at a general election.

A commission of 32 men and women appointed by Gov. Van Wagoner to study the constitution and make recommendations has reported in favor of calling a convention. The commission members advocated some 68 changes.

The commission's recommendation was not unanimous. Seventeen voted for a convention. That is a bare majority. Six, including the representatives of the Farm Bureau and the Grange, voted against it. Nine others didn't vote, and certainly were not convinced to the point where they could vote for a constitutional convention at this time.

We understand that during the sessions of the 12 committees chosen by the commission for its studies, many of the committee members expressed themselves as seeing no need for a constitutional convention, but they could and did make some recommendations within the field of their particular committee. It was noticeable later that on other questions considerable numbers of the commission members did not vote.

The Farm Bureau sees no need for a constitutional convention, and especially in these confused times. At our annual meeting in November of 1941, we said that the will of the people could be expressed more satisfactorily by submitting specific amendments from time to time. Each could be considered upon its merits. This has worked satisfactorily in years past.

The recommendations made by the commission could be considered by the legislature or by groups having a public interest and thereby brought before the people as proposed amendments. They would be subject to study and debate and a vote of the people.

### Too Much Daylight

Feb. 17 Governor Van Wagoner vetoed an act of the legislature to return Michigan to the central time belt. That gave us the present war time and put us nearly two hours ahead of sun time. City folks were hot for the new time. Farmers didn't want it because they could foresee the complications it would bring in farm operations.

Now it appears some city folks have enough of evening daylight. Under the heading of "Too Much Daylight" the Detroit News said in an editorial recently:

Daylight saving, with its protracted afternoons and evenings, has brought to many of us a great surprise. The days are amazingly long. Time, when not fully occupied, drags on slowly. And citizens generally may be heard saying that they do not like it so.

After leaving his job at the usual hour (by the clock) a man plays a few holes of golf, finishing to his astonishment, while by the sun it seems scarcely past mid-afternoon. He has his dinner, and notes a bit uneasily that the sun is yet far up in the heavens. Then with growing restlessness he attends a picture show, listens to the radio a while, reads until his eyes are tired, raids the ice box as for a midnight lunch-dees in short everything he can think of to do-and exasperated, all his resources exhausted, finds that the day is still not at its end. Finally in desperation he draws his curtains against the lingering twilight and, merely to get away from himself and his tedious diversions, goes to bed.

He has always wished for leisure, perhaps. Now he learns that although a little leisure is good, too much is worse than none, at least until he has devised means of utilizing it satisfactory and he perceives also the obverse of this truth, that man is essentially a working animal, and that without work, as useful and pleasant as may be, to fill the greater part of his hours, he would be a poor, sad creature indeed, doomed to a life of endless boredom.

It is a wholesome lesson which he will recall for consolation when his toil sometimes seems over heavy

Very well said, but wait until next fall and winter when it will be dark until nearly 9 o'clock in the morning! What will they say then?

In the meantime the farmer starts early on war time with milking and other work because of his relations with other business. He is obliged to work his crops and harvest them on sun time. So he finds himself in the fields long after his usual time.

### Reapportionment Fails Amiel G. Sundell for Lack of Supporters

(Continued from Page 1.) participate. But the Council includleaders of the A. F. of L. and CIO. The labor groups campaigned vigorously but were unable to produce from their memberships and from the general public sufficient signatures to qualify the amendment.

Amiel G. Sundell, of New Era, for many years a member of the Oceana County Farm Bureau, was killed in ed among its incorporators state mid-July in a haying accident. Well along in years, he was doing everything he could for war time production. He fell from the top of a load when something went wrong.

It's time to line grain bins.



### Practice Blackout

There's blackout on our street tonight. The shades are closely drawn. Only a candle gives us light—and that will soon be gone. No flicker of its tiny flame must penetrate the seal As earnestly we play the game that may sometime be real

No enemy tonight is near. No roar is in the sky. And what we do is not in fear. Hicks street will do or die. With sand and shovel, pump and pail we're armed in self defense Should need arise we shall not fail to fight with confidence.

We practice now the blackout hour because we seek to know How beat to cheat invading power and lay his efforts low So not in fear and not in shame but in the name of Right We calmly watch the candle flame here in our home tonight

There is no blackout of the will among us Hicks street neighbors For we shall toll our best until success rewards our labors. The Axis may be sure of it, that they shall never see A blackout of the Yankees' grit, or of their loyalty.

No blackout of the soul is here, for in each darkened room The torch of courage flashes clear, dispelling doubt and gloom. No blackout of the mind or heart, or of the drive to win. But each of us will do our part to hasten victory in.

There's blackout on our street tonight, yet We have never sensed More quiet faith in what is right; more trust and confidence in this, the homeland, vast in strength; now roused in vengeful power And armed throughout its breadth and length, than in this blackout hour R. S. Clark 315 Grinnell Street

### Women The Associated Farm American

Mrs. Pearl E. Myus, Director for Michigan

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5. Work must be given dignity

Women can also aid in the war ef

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FARM BUREAU WOMEN'S MEETING AT MID-WEST

By MRS. KATHRYN M. STICKNEY The women's conference of the find the work he enjoys and takes

Mid-West Farm Bureau States Train- pride in doing well ing School at the University of Wisconsin, July 18, was very thought pro- and inspiration to life. These should voking.

Dr. Kolb of the University said that women can help choose the kind of self-righteous and critical, if it is a life we desire in America. We true religion. must choose the ideals that make life worth while and hold to those ideals. Because, if the way of life we are fighting for does not seem worth the effort we will lose the war. Wars are won in the steadfast hearts and minds of men and women, for the morale on the home front is work for the common good. Comjust as important as that on the munities must apply themselves to battle line

It would be better, Dr. Kolb said, for us to spend less time in being critical of others, but rather spend our energy in building up these

1. The family as a source of population and the place where personality and disposition are built. 2. Respect for the land, - farmers fault finding with conditions to one

should regard themselves as ste- of focusing on the good points in wards holding and using the land our civilization. for the next generation. 3. Wealth should be distributed men should ask, "Is it good for agri-

more evenly. The extremes of rich- culture? Is it good for the nation? es and dire poverty should be Unless we can say yes to both ques-4. Co-operation should be develop- ed.

Three Good Meetings

reapportionment should be rejected.

Mrs. Oscar Sundell entertained 35

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ing done by the Ford Republic school

for boys at Detroit.-Mrs. Forrest

Dunham.

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### Oceana Women Have | Truck Rules More Favorable

(Continued from page one.) tract and private carriers must en-The Associated Women of the Farm Bureau in Oceana county reported deavor in good faith to rent or lease three excellent meetings in May, their truck prior to its departure June and July. At the May meeting from any point without a load. Such at Shelby Co-op they entertained trucks must be registered for a load their husbands and heard Rex Royal, with Joint Information Offices to be editor at Shelby tell why the proestablished posed constitutional amendment for

A general permit to Order No. 17 exempts for a period of three months, ending October 1, any contract or primembers in June. Mrs. Lyle Tompvate carrier from the 25% mileage cut, number of deliveries per day, and necessity of checking with joint information offices if the carrier is engram. Mrs. Tompkins entertained gaged in transporting farm products the group in July. Miss Helen King to market, processing places, ware-Taylor of Columbus, Ohio, spoke on houses or to other carriers, or in first aid work. She helped enroll hauling supplies back to the farm.

To conserve tires and trucks, the Farm Bureau Services, Inc., and its in the state. branch stores have taken these steps: Revised routes to save mileage, retrips as much as possible.

### Classified Ads

Classified advertisements are cash with order at the following rates: 4 cents per word for one edition. Ads to appear in two or more editions take the rate of 3 cents per word per edition.

### POULTRY SUPPLIES

POULTRY MEDICATION AT PRICES farmers can afford. Proto-4 for coccidiosis prevention. One quart \$1, medicates 64 gallons of drinking water. Phenolsulphate powder in mash or drinking water to prevent intestinal infection. Available at leading hatcheries, feed stores and Farm Bureau Services, Inc., at their stores and co-ops. By mail, postpaid, if no dealer in your community. Holland Laboratories, Inc., Holland, Mich. (7-tf-61b)

### LIVE STOCK

REGISTERED HEREFORD BULLS and helfers. We have a nice selection. Sensible prices. A. M. Todd Co., Men-tha. (14 miles northwest of Kalamazoo). (7-3-tf-22b)

### MARKET FOR WOOL

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### PULLETS

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member of its board of directors. Mr.

Pernert was also active in the work
of the Michigan Creamery Owners
and Managers Ass'n, the Dairy Products Marketing Ass'n, and the Michigan Allied Dairy Ass'n.

Farm Colons Supply

pany, Streator, Ill, (8-tf-51b)

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### DAIRY CO-OPS MOURN DEATH OF C. A. BRODY

Manager at Constantine for 27 Years; He Became a National Leader

Clarence A. Brody, for 27 years man-Creamery Co., and nationally known Brody was the brother of Clark L.

Clarence Brody devoted the major farmers' creamery and to building his com- their products, it is now". munity. The success of the creamery was shared by the entire community and extended to farmer patrons many World War. The deflation that fol- to growing crops needed most for the acquired by Mr. Brody and his farmer war caused farmers to lose their of other crops. associates at Constantine brought homes and threatened to turn homehim invitations from state and na- owned farming into a rural peasantry. pected that an attempt would be share the experience gained at Con-

and run down. However, Clarence should be governed by law and not Brody was a man of vision. He saw by the whims and fancies of some early the necessity of gathering the theorist or politician who sees eyefarmers' cream at the farm, not at to-eye with some and not with others. the creamery. He saw possibilities We should encourage each one to in mass production of the highest to save democracy. O.K. Then let's quality butter. He saw that only make democracy work at home and though a full understanding with his permit the farmer to survive with 6. Spiritual values give color, joy, producers and through their co-opera- fair prices and a decent standard tion could the plant secure cream of of living and an income comparable be cultivated. Religion makes one the highest quality and purity. His with that of his city cousin. joyous, courageous, generous, not policy for himself and the creamery was to apply work and thought to the Wheat Allotment for problems at hand, to determine the '43 Same as for '42 fort in the communities. We need to

grew to have nearly 4,000 stockhold- 17 that the national wheat allotment er patrons. Each held an equal share for 1943 would be 55 million acres in the business. The small plant grew the same as for 1942. Michigan's alto be a large structure with modern lotment is 667,303 acres. equipment and to be one of the largest producers of high quality butter 1943 crop year with approximately a in Michigan. The creamery came to two years wheat supply, the Secretary pay its farmers more than \$1,250,000 said. Even with possible low yields, annually.

growth when they desire to have good times together. Whose fault is it if we leave the satisfying of this need to commercial interests whose of directors, and secretary-treasurer. He helped organize the Mid-West Pro-Women must help to change the ducers Creameries, Inc., a co-operafamily attitude from one of too much tive including some 24 farmers cream eries in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Tennessee and Ohio. He served as its president. He was a director of the To test any proposal, rural wo Constantine Co-op, Inc., the National Milk Producers Federation, the Michigan Creamery Owners and Managers Association, the Dairy Products Marketing Association, and the Michigan Allied Dairy Association.

Mrs. Brody survives. For many ears she assisted her husband at the creamery office.

# TAKEN BY DEATH

Was Manager of St. Louis Creamery and Director of Mid-West

Fred C. Pernert, 62, for many years manager and secretary-treasurer of the St. Louis Co-operative Creamery Company, died at his home July 26. Mr. Pernert and the 1,600 farmers who came to be associated with him as the owners and patrons of the creamery developed one of the best creameries and community enterprises

Last year the group observed its 25th year in business by building a duced number of trips by waiting for brick, fire-proof plant of modern defull loads, reduced speeds, instituted sign and with ample capacity for regular checkups on tires and motor future growth. They were able to This year we may have to make transferred some tonnage to common equip it completely with the most hay out of corn and silage from al- carriers, secured loads for return efficient creamery machinery. The plant and its business spoke of the esteem in which Mr. Pernert's management and the business policies of the co-operative were held by farmer patrons and by those purchasing the production.

It was recalled when the plant was dedicated that in 1915 the creamery started with 150 members. The first place of business was an abandoned woolen mill.

Mr. Pernert took an active interest FOR SALE-A PORT HURON GRAIN in community, Farm Bureau, and separator in good condition. A Rosen-thal corn husker, nearly new. William Love, Saline, Mich. 6435-M-11, Between Saline and Bridgewater, 2 miles west of Saline. (7-2t-30p) creamery industry affairs. He was one of the founders of the Mid-West Producers Creameries, Inc., and a member of its board of directors. Mr.

ved 980,000 members. If to this is added the farm supply purchases of WOOL GROWERS SHIP YOUR WOOL marketing Co-ops, the volume reaches to 634 East Grand River. North Lansing.
Mich., for a year around wool marketing service. We buy or pool. Michigan Cooperative Wool Marketing As'n.
(8-2t-29b) years ago the figure was only \$215.

### Behind the Wheel

Continued from page one.) don't want subsidies. All they ask is an honest price fair to ferrors fair an honest price, fair to farmers, fair o labor, and fair to industry."
In a recent statement before the IN FARMING to labor, and fair to industry."

House Appropriations Subcommittee on Appropriations for Price Control, Should War Last for Several Mr. Edward A. O'Neal, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, made a similar statement. Said President O'Neal

"Farmers would much prefer to get buying power is now at the highest crop programs. Brody of the Michigan State Farm level in the history of the nation. wages they have ever received. If National Co-operatives' Committee part of his life to building a very there ever was a time when consum for Farm Production Supplies at co-operative ers could pay farmers fair prices for Washington early in July. It was

But what farmers can't understand

is why they should be singled out to fats and oils. Twenty-seven years ago Mr. Brody "take it on the chin". If farm prices was asked to form an organization to are to be controlled then why not revive the creamery. "I'll be interest- everything? Why not all prices, all ed," he said, "only if it is to be oper- profits and all wages? There may ated on a full co-operative principle." have to be a selective process so as to They started with less than 50 take care of inequities, but the same stockholders. The plant was small philosophy should apply to all. It

We're fighting a war of survival.

Secretary Wickard of the U. S. The years passed and the creamery Dep't of agriculture announced June

"America will be going into the the allotment will result in supplies Throughout his years with the Con- well above any probable emergency. stantine Creamery Mr. Brody served Domestic requirements of 500 million as manager, as a member of the board bushels could be produced on 40 million acres.'

# MAY EXPECT

Years, Government May Ration Crops

If the war lasts from 3 to 5 years, ager of the Constantine Co-operative a fair price than to be forced to de- as some authorities in the U. S pend on subsidies out of the Treas- Dep't of Agriculture war relations as a leader in the industry, died at ury to supplement market prices section think it will, farmers can exhis home July 19 at the age of 60. Mr. when this is unnecessary. Consumer pect some major changes in their

Secretary Brody of the State Farm City workers are getting the highest Bureau attended a meeting of the stated there that authorities at Wash-Farmers don't want inflation. They ington are considering the time when had a taste of that after the first the government may ration farmers miles distant. In time the knowledge lowed abnormal price rises of the last war effort and curtailing the acreage

Under such circumstances, it is extional farmers' creamery organiza- It still is a threat and that condition made to transfer a large part of the tions to serve on their boards and must not be allowed to repeat itself. wheat acreage to the production of soy beans because of the need for

The war board wants to reduce the manufacture of new farm machinery c 38% of the poduction in 1940. This would mean an enormous decrease in distribution in 1943 as compared to 1942. The year of 1941 was an unushally large manufacturing year for farm machinery, and the country had mite a carryover of new farm machinery for 1942. Most of it is out on the farms. On the other hand, the production of farm machinery repair parts will be increased for 1943.

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### VOTE "NO" ON **CONSTITUTIONAL** CONVENTION

Rural Groups Believe Revision Is Inadvisable at This Time

The Michigan State Farm Bureau is urging its membership and all citicalling of a constitutional convention constitution.

Under provisions of the constitution itself, the question will appear on the submit to the voters of the state for came exhausted. adoption or rejection a new constitu-

Governor Van Wagoner's commission on the revision of the state constitution studied the matter for about six months. Late in June the commission of 32 men and women voted more than 2 to 1 to recommend to the people that they should vote Yes on the question of a constitutional conven-

The few rural members of the commission were opposed to a constitutional convention at this time. They were out-voted on that and were outvoted on a number of other matters which they thought did more harm to rural people than they did good any where else. The commission recommended 68 changes in the constitution. Those of rural interest were discussed in our July 4 edition.

One of the last acts of the study commission was to endorse the plan of the Michigan Council for Representative Government for reapportioning the state legislature. That endorsement is passed on to a constitutional convention as a considered resion. As a matter of fact, it was probably an hour's work for a comsufficient signatures.

November of 1941 adopted a strong to vote NO in November of 1942.

The Farm Bureau said that in its changes on the merits of each quesand the people would be able to ex- Making the Best of It press their desire on proposed chang-

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### Let Us Consider What We Can Doin War Time

There Are Sc Many Things | Pleasantness during war time when That Count For So Much Now

It's just too bad that we can't all see and understand the other fellow's zens to vote NO next November on the troubles for I'm certain that everyone of us would have a far different for the purpose of re-writing the state outlook on life than we cherish most of the time if we had that vision.

Quite often when a group of farmers get together, one would almost ballot. It will ask the voters whether think that they had a priority on or not a constitutional convention trouble, and that each was clamoring should be assembled to prepare and to get his share before the supply be-

Oh! to be sure, we all have our disappointments.



how urgent the need might be. We might have a real neighborly neighbor who would come to our rescue if he could possibly drop his own work so as to help us out, but to actually hire someone! Well! We might better forget the idea and plan order that we can give a little aid to

Townspeople Lose Help, Too

But, we are not the only folks who going short-handed. Almost every business place in our towns are commendation of the study commis- feeling the lack of help. Some of them have what we might call a "quick turnover" of help, it changes every week mittee, and a last minute action tak- and sometimes, in less time than that, en when it was seen that the Coun- It takes time and patience and money cil's petition would die for lack of to train a clerk or a stenographer or an assistant of any type and it's most The Michigan State Farm Bureau exasperating to go through this trainmembership at its annual meeting in ing period only to have the help announce some fine morning that she's resolution urging farmers and others going to the bomber plant next week.

None of us can criticise the person who has an opportunity to share in judgment it is preferable to change those big paying jobs, for it's human the constitution as we go, and make nature to want all one can get, although I feel that many are short tion rather than undertake a general sighted in their decisions, for a good revision of the constitution. In this continuous job will mean much when way, confusion would be minimized, it's all over if history repeats itself. praying for our help.

It's just as aggravating and really humiliating to have a well organized and good paying business suddenly 'frozen"-all tied up and no way to move. That has happened to thousour cities and towns.

were frozen—then tires. He took on None of them has neglected her real to market. a supply of bicycles and they were home duties. When one meets with rearrange his affairs in such a way who must leave their homes to save numbers of hogs on the market usuthat he could carry on-not as he had hoped to but as he must.

He proved to those in charge that his town is a defense town. His F.H.A. building has resumed and in time no doubt his other activities will and ability to make the best of bus-

Just recently I heard about some of are having difficulty in keeping the necessary help to care for their homes. Many are closing part if not all of their houses for lack of domestic help. One women paid \$30 a week for a 2nd girl but the girl left because she could get more money elsewhere.

I'm wondering how far and how long these conditions can continue disturbing happenings are forerunners to something worse.

Wishing Won't Keep Bombers Away We've escaped bombings and scattered families and devastation and starvation, but by reports of folks going on vacation trips to California or the Yellowstone Park, one would almost think that most Americans still think none of those calamities could ever visit our country. I hope beyond all else that they never will, but it will take something besides wishing to keep our country free from all un-

### By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR Briar Hill Farm, Carleton, Monroe Co.

sponsibility. Old men are doing a younger man's work. Women ar belping in the fields or are filling some man's place in industry. Women are sewing and knitting for the Red Cross. Both men and women are doing without, are contributing to worthy affairs. Many women are making their own bread again and making soap and reviving the economical habits of years gone by.

On the other hand, we can see

many examples every day of war re-

we are a party to it.

Patriotic to Go Without These are the times when it is pa riotic to economize on necessities and go without on luxuries, to pay your debts, buy bonds, support the Red Cross and to co-operate willingly in salvage drives and saving quotas. We are all just as good as the Jones if we do these things and a whole lot better if we do and they don't.

It would be much easier for all of us to endure some of the privations and disadvantages if before we began to rebel and grumble, we would but think of the people in Greece and France who are actually starving to death, hundreds and hundreds of them every day, because their enemy and also our enemy has them hemmed in and so under subjection that they can't get anything whatever to Oh! what's a little sugar or a little tea or a banana to us in this land of surplus in comparison to their plight of nothing whatever?

Cannot we do without some of the things we are so accustomed to, in China? Just a little from each one of us would do miracles for them.

We Can Make Some Changes

And can't our own American wo men drop their crotcheting of bedspreads, doilies and tablecloths or their needlepoint or embroidering and spend that time in knitting sweaters and helmets for our own soldier boys who are now scattered all over the world? It may be your own boy or your neighbor's boy who will need them next winter. Can't we sew on pajamas or suits for the folks who are being made homeless every day in other parts of the world? None of us know how soon we may be in the same plight ourselves. We have no assurance we will have any bed upon which we can drape that lace bedspread, so let's drop our feminine fancies for the time being and give a serious thought to those who are

I wish I could bring to you all a my own rural school district and have it portray all of the earnestness and the loyalty and the joy in doing and giving that they exhibit everytime they meet, which is every two weeks. ands of essential business concerns in They are every day hard working genuine farm women such as you and For instance, one business man I. They want to help win this terrible

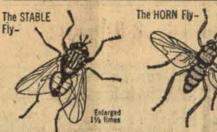
themselves. They express in a con-in turn reduces the number shipped. crete way their sympathy for the women and children where war has been

actual and heartless. Let's Be Counted as Dependable

action yet hurtful in inaction. If we can do no more we can be a market after the rush season. blood donor for there's such a great demand for it. They prefer donations of blood from those under 60 years and it seems to me almost anyone

could spare a little. Let's give careful analysis of ourselves and our time and possessions dom and blessings.

### FLIES SERIOUS ENEMY OF CREAM-PRODUCING FARMER

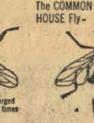


-a vicious blood-sucking insect

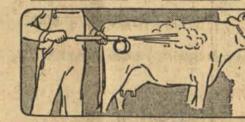
largely responsible for the sum-



and hampering the milker



-universal carrier of filth and constantly, torturing the animals disease-contaminates and lowers the quality of milk and cream



OFFENSIVE Flies are best fought with a good spray, but-Avoid spray of strong penetrat-ing odor lest it impart objectionable flavors to the milk, cream and butter

by flies to drop off 10 per cent in their summer milk production. This figure does not take into account they cause for the milker, or the loss from contaminated milk. The loss from spilled milk is often very considerable also.

Pictured above are the three kinds of flies that are the most serious pests in dairy barns. The stable fly gets a full feed of blood from the cow in a few minutes, then retires to digest its meal. He is good and hungry again by the time the cows come back for the next milking. The horn fly, smallest of the three, saps the strength of the animal by never getting off of them at all. The house fly, most numerous in barns and no biter, is satisfied to continuously them with its buzzing.

To get rid of flies you have got to get rid of their breeding places. | cine" flavored cream on his hands.

It is not unusual for cows troubled | Spreading manure from barn and barnyard not less than once a week, and breaking up the droppings in the yard and fields with a brush the annoyance and waste of time | drag so that the fly eggs and maggots are exposed to the air and sun, is extremely helpful.

A good spray will keep flies off the cows and out of the barn and stable. Care must be taken to see that it is harmless to the animal's skin and that its odor is not so offensive as to taint milk. Spray should not be applied directly on the cows, but parallel to them so as to catch the flies as they rise from the animals. Early morning or late afternoon spraying of barn walls and ceilings catches the flies while they are napping. Such spraying is best done just before the cows come into the barn and before the crawl all over the cows and irritate | milk utensils are brought in, otherwise the farmer is likely to find himself with a can of unsalable "medi-

### **MARKET GLUT MAY DROP** PRICE FOR HOGS

Before November and After January Seem Best Times to Sell

One of the most upsetting factors in the hog market has been the great variation in seasonal supply on the

Nearly three times as many hogs vere marketed last year in Chicago during the second week of January or the third week of December as were offered there during the first week in September. The average for eau, to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winall weeks during November, Decem- ners in this contest, which closes picture of a group of farm women in ber, January and February was almost twice as many as the average September.

whom I know very well was an automobile dealer and also a contractor It is marvelous the number of go down when the enormously in. Second Contest—Tell story of your go down when the enormously in. for small homes. First, automobiles garments that they have turned in creased 1942 spring pig crop comes lod in which you fed Mermash or

In fact, says V. A. Freeman of the frozen. Then the town where he lives them, it does not take long to know Michigan State College animal huswas declared outside of a defense that in every garment is knit or bandy department, there is danger zone and building was frozen and he stitched all the love and the anxiety that a large peak in numbers might was left holding the bag. Still, he's that mothers and neighbors and exceed yard and packing plant facilmade the best of it and set about to friends can feel for the loved ones ities in December or January. Large their country for us as well as for ally result in a break in prices that

Now is the time to prepare everything for market that can be made ready before November, Freeman Rural women of that type are the advises. He suggests Michigan hog return. I've marveled at his patience salt of the earth and the kind upon producers should feed the pigs so as whom America can depend. They can to have them ready and sell if possiinesses disrupted through no fault put to shame the bridge fiend, the ble before there is any drop in the frivolous society dame, the selfish market. Late May and June pigs grasper or the thoughtless pleasure may profitably be fed limited grain the wealthy women of Detroit who loving woman who is harmless in on pasture for the next three months and then fed to heavyweights and

Now is the best time in 20 years to sell sows and heavy hogs. Rather than carry over any sows that farrowed too late for re-breeding for fall pigs, the sows should be sent to market and replaced with early spring and decide to make our greatest pos. gilts that will raise almost as many and again, I wonder if all of these sible contribution to this land of free. pigs next spring and now represent a much smaller investment.

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number marketed there per week chicks you raised in 1942 on Mermash from the middle of August through 16% or 20% protein. Include such This year with a price ceiling on bought, price, number raised to 16 pork and its products, the price of weeks, cause of losses if any, amount hogs cannot go up much during the and kind of feed used, cost of feed. Mermaker rations.

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First Contest-Tell the story of the information as: number of chicks formation as time covered, average number of hens, total eggs, amount and kind of feed used, cost of feed,

value of eggs produced. Third Contest-Tell story of your cow testing ass'n record for a 12 months period in which you fed Milkmaker 24 or 34% protein. Include such information as cow testing ass'n record, average number of cows, average milk and butter fat produced, roughage and grain used. Cost of

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By EUGENE A. SMALTZ Membership Relations & Education CARLTON-Barry METAMORA COMMUNITY FARM

BUREAU-Lapeer Co. having victory gardens, home can recreation entirely. ning, sewing and mending, and farm help of all kinds. Farmers should Joins the Army help themselves, and each other, by exchanging help and tools, pooling State Farm Bureau director of educa- Discussion of the topic, "Future by good feeding, good management, ent tools in good repair. Save tires programs of Community Farm Buand gasoline and time by making one trip to town do the work of two or three.

The general opinion is that the farmers have had a pretty hard row to hae. There's more opportunity on the farm now than ever before. They shouldn't be kicking all of the time, but should put their shoulder to the wheel and pull together and leave the farmer alone and he'll work out his own destiny and solve his own problems.

CONSTANTINE-St. Joseph 1. The future depends on each and

every one of us.

2. Each state now has agricultural men looking after the interests of the farmer.

3. That farmers do not want to join any union sponsored by organized labor unions.

4. That labor unions would destroy all that farmers have accomplished for themselves.

5. Co-operation was very much emphasized. By cooperating and working together we help ourselves. FIVE-CORNERS GROUP-Eaton

A committee consisting of Mrs. Bernard Hice and Mrs. Leonard Johngroup. The regulations requiring a 75 per cent load on a return trip from FAIRGROVE-Tuscola the delivery of farm products was de- The group was divided into three The farmers will do all within their tween Youths and Adults," Adjustthat the Government should do all self-reliant and learn to do and think in business, because competition is Junior Farm Bureau is the only or been urged to raise more food, a good young people. outlet should be provided.

WEST JEFFERSON-Hillsdale tative. The less populas counties ing the production of synthetic rub-

would be in such a minority that ber. schools in those areas would be at BRIDGEPORT-Saginaw a great disadvantage. It farmers will Letter was read by Raymond Spenonly stick by their organizations they cer explaining the manufacture of can continue to make themselves synthetic rubber from farm products. heard. Organization is the best The chairman appointed a committee rights. If our government expenses and Germain to draw up a resolution

NORTHWEST-Hillsdale

County Farm Bureau Board to call a Schaw, Fischer and Weston to write and their friends to have one or two some action on giving the farmer ex speakers to talk on the topics that tra sugar for threshing crews. Mr. Smalley had discussed with usreapportionment and 75 per cent return load provision of the National the Future for Agriculture?" Most of Transportation Committee Ruling.

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WEBSTER-Washtenaw

them up, and farm them on a large training. scale with modern machinery?

women are also doing their share by on pleasure trips-but do not cut out ered the very foundation of our dem-

tion for Community Farm Bureaus Trends in Farming" developed these for several years, joined the army points: culling out, specializing in modern July 31. Keith's "background malabor saving tools keeping the pres- terial" articles for monthly discussion kets affect farming.



the Michigan Farm News. Keith has as farm people most desire, which he is less material to be purchased than been district membership representative for the the State Farm Bureau (2) decent standard of living, (3) it. It is the same principle that preson was appointed to write a letter for Eaton, Ingham and Shiawassee freedom of speech, (4) right to vote, twenty haven went a self-ond have of protest to Hon. Paul Shafer regard counties. At one time he was district (5) bartering or trading, (6) freerepresentative for Lapeer, Genesee dom to worship God. Some of the price of the calf goes up. Unusual for Eaton county as compared to and Oakland counties. We know he threats to our society are (1) Mon- war time demands have caused a for the limited amount of goods. The

clared impractical, so a letter was parts. Discussion held. Report of sent to Mr. Brody, since he is the the group Three on "Are Schools Prechairman of the National Transporta- paring Youths for Life?" Decided tion Committee. The matter of con- that they are to a certain extent. serving rubber was then discussed. Group Two on "The adjustments Be- problems. power to conserve rubber, but doubt ments can be made from moral and very much that the development of social standpoint through - the the production of synthetic rubber is church and school, 4-H clubs, teach the production of synthetic rubber is being pushed very much. We believe our young folks from the start to be MILK CONTROL ACT within its power to help the small for themselves, Group One-Farm meat packer-in fact, all small busi- youths are better informed today than ness concerns in order to keep them they were twenty years ago. The a good thing. After the farmer has ganization set up and run by the

ELMWOOD-Leelanau Minute Man Harry Ansorge read James Post discussed the proposed communication about synthetic reapportionment, and warned that rubber. Motion made and carried such a move might allow Hillsdale that Minute Man write letters to and Branch counties but one represen- our congressman and Senators urg-

weapon we have to fight to keep our consisting of Messers. Marthey, Rudd, increase there will not be enough urging the government to pass a bill to continue our schools as they are to this effect, and a copy was to be sent to Congressman Crawford and Senators Brown and Vandenberg Mr. J. D. Hawkes is to ask the We also appointed the Mesdames general meeting of all county groups a letter to Mr. Henderson to take

NORTHEAST-Hillsdale

Response to Roll Call was "What is the members responded with statements showing that the future of successful agriculture lies in sound, sane, practical unselfish organization. Mrs. Lawrence concluded the discussion by saying, "It behooves everyone to inform himself to think things through and support the things that are for the betterment of agricul-

QUINCY TOWNSHIP-Branch

Elmer Dobson is our member who serves on the War Board. We had a list of questions with which he checked each member present in regard to how well they were co-operating in the various war activities. We really went "over the top", but each one pledged to do more and a better job n the future.

WEST JEFFERSON-Hillsdale

Mr. Maystead, our Minute Man, told of attempted labor union organization of farmers in the New York milkshed. That didn't work so good. so they tried persuasion. He told of a counter group "Free Farmers, Inc." that offers an insurance policy covering up to \$10,000 property or personal damage as a result of refusing to join such unions. The Coldwater Dairy has again opened and tried to Cotton Water Bags deliver in Detroit. He says "Do we duce from cooperatives?" BETHANY-Gratiot

Bureau said an ambulance had been tains 36 gallons or nearly 300 pounds that depends upon our understanding president of the Consumers Co-operapaid for with paper collections and of water.

now the members are working for "Future Trends in Agriculture" a bond-\$300 is Gratiot's share. Each centered on conditions which are in member was asked for a bushel of our immediate community. Of what wheat or its equivalent in money to effect it will have on the farmers help buy the bond. At maturity it when wealthy men buy up farms, fix will form a trust for leadership

SITKA-Newaygo

Future trends in agriculture was Two sides were chosen. One dis- discussed. Some thought the trend cussion was on "What the Farmer would be to larger farms with more Group discussion brought out these Can Do for Himself", and the other machinery. However, the majority points: Save pennies. Little things "What can the Farmer Do as a Hin- felt it would not affect this communbuy stamps. More saving buys bonds, drance to Himself". Some of the ity because of the type of farming Turn all available money into bonds; things brought out in the discussion carried on here. Unanimous oppothese may be used later to benefit on the self-help problems were: (1) sition was expressed to corporation the farmer. Farmers are having to Keep accurate farm accounts, (2) or any large scale farming which do more of their work alone and are Reduce indebtedness, (3) Exchange would tend to disrupt the family sizputting in longer hours. The farm work with neighbors, (4) Cut down ed farm, as small farms are considocratic system. It was also pointed out that the Federal Land Bank was a great aid to the small Tarmer, enabling him to hold his land.

Labor shortages and foreign mar-

Organization is a most important step in dealing with the price level. Certain seeds formerly imported are not available, but there is no reason why these seeds should not be produced here at home. This is a job for the experiment stations.

New uses for farm produce are be ing found by industry which will help to increase farm income.

Steps should be taken to reorganize our tax system on an "ability to pay"

FRANKENLUST-Bay

Motion was made by Herbert expressing our appreciation for all he has done for the organization and club. Motion carried. John Greater Taxation Inflation Ziegler was elected to write. Motion Preventative made and supported that we go on SOUTH LINCOLN—Isabella

the wholesale and retail milk indus-

milk control act. City groups who estimated that for the period between August 20, starting at 9 a. m. condemn the price for milk, whatever August, 1939, and the end of 1941, in- For many years it has been the farmer have been the principal op- spent for war. ponents of the milk control act.

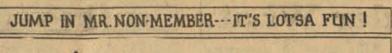
entire industry and is needed.

### Farm Bureaus are Active in War Work

"The Effect of the War on Farmers" "What We Can Do In Our Communities to Further the War Effort", etc. They took a survey of what was being done by Community Farm Bureau groups and planned additional activihigh.

Junior Farm Bureau

war this sum is to be the nucleus of ing in an awareness that we are at war, nor can it be said of them that of that fact.





### Our Tax Problem

(Continued from page 6) services' may be continued without increasing the tax burden. Careful Schmidt that we write to Tony Long perusal of tax legislation is a privilege -and a responsibility-under the democracy that we're fighting to preserve.

The cost of living in February, 1942, record as trying to solve our own was 14.2 percent higher than in 1939 transportation problems (in our own when the war broke out in Europe. communities) among ourselves so About 80 percent of this increase has that we will conserve as much gas come within the last year. This means and rubber as possible and in that that today, you are spending about way avert nationwide gas rationing, \$1.15 for every dollar you spent prior to the outbreak of the war. The reareaus have been an important part of Mr. Openlander spoke on what we son for this is, of course, that there twenty buyers want a calf and have other surrounding counties. It was will do well in the service, and we opolies, (2) war boom, (3) depress scarcity of materials for which there sion which always follows a war is a demand. There is not material boom, (4) labor unions, (5) high and productive capacity enough to taxes. Then he pointed out that make goods both for the nation's war we must not catch "sorryitis" which needs and for unifmited purchase by is a most dangerous disease, but individuals. As war production has that we as farmers need a more in increased, goods for purchase by the telligent understanding of our own people had to be curtailed. At the same time workers with increased money incomes as a result of government war time spending, have added purchasing power with which to bid up prices of goods and living.

It is estimated that during the com-The act provides for regulation of go up more—perhaps much more.

tries by a state commission. It has affect us, our family, our country and not been in effect because labor union our future need no repetition. Its groups in Wayne county filed petitions effect might be summarized by point- Saginaw & Bay Picnic for a referendum before its effective ing out that inflation would hinder date. It has required months for the war production, would lead to lack of Set for August 20 state board of canvassers to check unity among groups in the country, inthe 156,000 signatures to the petitions crease the cost of the war, and make and determine that there were at least the country weak after the war is Bureaus announce their annual pic-101,500 valid signatures of registered over. Regarding the increased cost nic at Franklenlust church grove, 6 voters. That was determined July 29. of the war if inflation runs rampant, miles north of Saginaw on M-47 the Producers of milk supported the the Office of Price Administration has west side Bay City road, Thursday, it may be, and certain dealers who flation has cost the government 21/2 Bay-Saginaw-Tuscola county picnic, want no regulations protecting the billion dollars out of the 18 billion but this year, Tuscola with a large

OPA estimates further that if infla-transportation situation, is thinking A vote of Yes will uphold the legis- tionary trends are not halted sub- about a Tuscola picnic. lature in its judgment that the milk stantially, the war cost may be incontrol act is in the interest of the creased as much as 50 billion dollars registration of all members and by the end of 1943. Inflation can be prevented in a number of ways—by Sports program throughout the day rationing, price control or increase in for men, women and children. There Increasing the supply of goods is ob. will be a horse pulling contest. All viously out. Rationing and price con- prizes will be in war stamps or bonds. trol, while necessary, are difficult to Some Farm Bureau family will take administer and enforce properly, home a \$1000 war bond, the grand There is one other way, however, that prize. is the control of inflation by reducing ers have to spend. This seems to be Juniors are asking farmers who the logical approach to the problem, plan to give a bushel of wheat to the ties. Enthusiasm and interest was and is another reason for us to be Juniors to bring it to the pienic, or expecting and willing to pay increased offer the bushel at the picnic. Sag-Recently completing a campaign other way in which the amount of provided a truck to take the wheat. for funds by which an ambulance was purchasing power can be reduced. Fred Reimer is general chairman and given the Red Cross, the Junior Farm

Money can also be diverted to the government to help pay the cost of the min Hannink has now tackled the job war and thus lesson the competition.

Fred Reimer is general charman and two shirts, two pairs of sox, a tie, a suit of pajamas and four handker-the picnic committees. min Hennink, has now tackled the job war and thus lessen the competition of gathering together \$10,000 worth among consumers for the available of wheat and other farm produce, supply of goods through the purchase This is to be sold and the proceeds of government notes which may be used to buy war bonds. After the applied against future income taxes. You can't buy loyalty, they say;

Another great threat to control of I bought it though, the other day, tion to the 16 hours per day that the rent earnings, thus adding directly to I made my bid and on the spot farmer spends in his daily job of producing food. Certainly, Farm Bureau their present purchasing power. Some measures have been taken to limit lot members can't be charged with lack- credit by restricting installment buy- of happiness, so all in all, ing, but the co-operation of the public The purchase price was pretty small. with the spirit of the measures intended to control credit is necessary for That gave devotion from the start. they aren't doing their share. Farm 100 percent success. But present if you think such things are not for sale Bureau folk are doing their part and methods and rates of paying taxes Buy a brown-eyed pup with a wagging more too . . . and those associated and buying war bonds and govern-tail. with them in doing the job are proud ment notes and attempts at restricting

credit are not enough How Big Must Our Taxes Be?

A large water bag made of treated pend upon what our local, State and crises in good shape, with a splendid have to pay tribute to deliver pro- cotton fabrics has been developed for Federal law-makers are willing to do. record of service back of them, people use in Army camps. The bags are What they will do depends to a large will turn to them naturally after the made of heavy canvass and are slung extent upon what they think the war as a better way of delivering Lowell Quidort of the Junior Farm from trees or tripods. Each bag con- "people back home" will accept. And goods and services. Howard Cowden,

we have made is so large that we cannot comprehend its size. But it is rapidly approaching the equivalent of what all the American people can produce in two years at the rate we were working in 1941. This coming year, if we produce all that the President asked for in his January, 1942, message to Congress, we might find that for every \$110 of income there would be only \$50 worth of goods on which civilians could spend it. This means that we would have an extra \$60 that should be disposed of without being used in senseless competition for the \$50 worth of goods. Here's how some of the \$60 will be used. Under present taxing methods, \$18 will be used to guard duties. pay federal taxes; \$10 may be used for the purchase of War Bonds; and months the black-out remains a ter- top of harder living at home and some of it will go for non-inflationary purposes such as life insurance and reduction of debts. That leaves ap-President has recommended that taxes be increased to take care of \$7 of this. and that social security payments be increased to divert another \$2 to the blackout has a tremendous impact on federal treasury. There still will re- living, reducing to a minimum oppor- Ira Community main a substantial amount of potential tunity for diversion, and handicappurchasing power to give momentum ping productive effort. All of Britto the inflationary trend if it is not put to a non-inflationary use-pay; for almost three years. ment of local and State taxes, savings, reduction of debt, insurance, etc.

the war and to prevent inflation.

The total cost of the commitment

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Thanks is hereby given to Orion ing year, the purchasing power in the Ulrey, Professor of Agricultural Ecocountry will exceed the supply of nomics at Michigan State College, and been demolished here and there in The milk control act adopted by goods by 11 to 15 billion dollars. If Stanley M. Powell, legislative repre- practically every city. These gaping the legislature in 1941 will be subject the people use this new purchasing sentative of the Michigan State Farm holes become more numerous in one's Cotton War Products to a referendum vote of the people in power to bid against one another and Bureau, for resource material and asgainst the government, prices will sistance in the preparation of this And with great frequency one sees. month's taxation material. Eugene that walls on either side, perhaps for

Saginaw and Bay County Farm

membership and considering the

Saginaw Junior Farm Bureau will the amount of money which consum- take part in the program. The taxes. Purchase of war bonds is an- inaw Farm Bureau Services will

### Loyalty

an educational fund for rural youth, inflation is the credit extended to con- You can't buy friendship tried and true; All the above war effort is in addi- sumers to supplement their own cur- Well, just the same, I bought that, too

### Howard Cowden

The amount and kind of taxes that If co-operatives rise to their opporwe'll be paying in the future will de- tunities and come through the war of the measures necessary to pay for tive Assn., North Kansas City, Mo.

### BRITAIN AFTER THREE YEARS OF WAR

U. S. Dep't of Agriculture Man Brings Back a Vivid Picture

By PAUL H. APPLEBY Under Secretary of Agriculture

In Britain, war atmosphere and The Royal Air Force war activity surround one-every minute of every day, everywhere, er command, talking to the boys-18, Barrage balloons dot the sky; men 19 and 20 years old-who were takand women in uniform are coming ing off for Germany, watching them and going; the windows are criss take off, and waiting for their recrossed with paper, cloth or cello- turn. In the dusk I saw the bombphane; buildings are camouflaged; ers come roaring by one a minute, air planes throb overhead; long each one manned by five of these queues of people await buses, many stores are vacant; others display and head over the channel-five signs announcing limited hours or days of service.

Emergency supplies of water are here and there-often in basements of buildings which used to be and are but that was a trivial exposure to not any more; blocks of cement, bars of steel and quantities of barbed wire The expectation of those boys was are at street and road side to be made hardly better than ten such trips. barriers against invaders; poles are And yet 85% of each new class of erected in fields or at wide places in drafted men ask for R. A. F. service. highways to make enemy landing planes all through the fields roundbe employed are working long hours; moved about.

War in the Front Yard

For almost three years war has been in the front yard, on the roof, across the channel; British men and women in great numbers have been sent to scores of places the world around, for the grim and deathly business of war. At home, after work, there are fire-watching and home

For a visitor, even after some ribly impressive thing. An Amerilong hours on the daily job. there can friend, over there for the Board are for scores of thousands extra of Economic Warfare, in leaving the hours of home-guard and fire-watch hotel just ahead of me did what I duty. The farm hands, for example, then realized I had almost done a put in harder work and longer hours score of times. He went around in than ever before, and 48 hours a the revolving door twice, because he month and occasional whole weeks couldn't tell when he was out! The on home guard duty. ain has been blacked out every night

Bomb damage is great, and widely experienced. The war never will be won just by bombing, yet the sense of actual physical damage in Britain steadily grows. Single buildings have an entire block, are empty and ruined shells. There are areas of block upon block where there is not even a semblance of the structures that chutes to convey ejected machine

had been there—only debris. Food and Clothing Rationed

It is a country where the whole business of living has been revolutionized, under a compelling neces sity to divert the absolute maximum of productive effort from ordinary things to war things. Goods other than food are taxed and controlled to limit consumption to strict necessity Food is subsidized to make it readily available to everyone, and controlled to insure its equitable distribution It is equitably distributed-much more evenly distributed than here, and probably more evenly distributed than it is in any other large nation. Yet the total available is barely enough, and monotonous. Eating is a disciplined business. Food is a subject of really hungry interest on the part of everyone.

Clothing illustrates the situation with respect to other commodities. Clothing is taxed, and sales are limers turn in ration coupons. Last fall the one suitcase I had been permitted to take over was lost from a train. I was given half a year's supply of clothing coupons, and with them was able to buy two suits of undergoes.

machinery, etc.

MEMBERSHIP RELATIONS DEP'T will issue you a card statement of your membership credit is available that year. You may present it for credit to your County Farm Bureau Secretary, together with the balance necessary, if any, to complete your payment of \$5 membership dues. able to buy two suits of underwear, chiefs. (Luckily, I got my bag back after five days). It is a country where no one wastes

time arguing about a proposed 94%

excess profits tax. There they have a 100% excess profits tax-and it is not felt that business men won't function because of it.

The business men are functioning, not for the sake of individual or company profit, but for national profit. Thousands of establishments have been closed. Thousands have shifted their businesses entirely to a servicing of government. No business concern and no individual buslnessman is nearly so well off as before the war. No one is concerned about business in the ordinary way. Everyone's business is the war.

I spent a night last fall at a bombboys, rise into the darkening sky boys going to war.

I saw something of their return. in the black dark and rain. A German followed back the first of them, and dropped bombs all around us, what those boys had experienced.

I was profoundly thrilled and movdifficult; anti-aircraft guns and pill- ed by the fine, willing courage of boxes are scattered over the land those boys. I mentioned my experscape; smoke tanks are ready here ience and my feeling to a great Lonand there to lay down smoke screens; don banker as we sat at dinner a airdromes are everywhere and air- few nights later. His comment was said in a low tone down his shirt about; millions of women, old men front as if he were afraid of being and youths who otherwise would not overheard saying a sentimental thing. "Yes," he said, "I know. people by the millions have been Whenever I think of what the cost s, and the chaos of my affairs, I think of them, and I know they're worth more than I can ever pay."

It is a country where the people who are bombed out go to work that very day as usual.

When one visits a war plant-say an ordinary factory-and sees there thousands of women making cordite and shells and bombs, one wonders how there can be left in the homes

Ira Community Farm Bureau of St. Clair county, announces that its picnic will be held at Harsen's Island August 16. The families will meet at Champion's Ferry at 10 a. m. to fill cars to capacity and save money. There will be free prizes and refreshments. All mempers are invited.

in the manufacture of little known products that contribute substantially to the war effort. For instance, cotton is used in special synthetic gasoline hose for refueling ships; in gun shells to the rear of fighting planes; air hose for heating bomber cabins and for collapsible rubber boats for the army and navy air forces.

Half of the rubber used in the U. S. before the war came from Malay, one third from the Dutch Indies.

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# Over the State With the Junior Farm Bureau

By MISS HARRYETTA SHAW of Shelby, State Publicity Chairman for the JUNIOR FARM BUREAU

## Council Approves Wheat Project

At the state council meeting at Lansing July 17, the state board and voting delegates from Junior Farm Bureaus voted to carry out the project for the purchase of \$10,000 in war

The proposition is that Junior Farm Bureau members shall solicit a bushel of wheat from farmers in their neighborhoods for the Junior Farm Bureau. It is hoped that sufficient wheat (or other products in non-wheat producing sections) may be given the Junior Farm Bureau to enable it to invest \$10,000 in war bonds. After the war, it is proposed that the bonds or income from them shall be devoted to educational work for rural young people, under the direction of the Junior Farm Bureau.

The project is to be handled on a membership basis. Each Junior Farm Bureau will be allotted an amount of wheat to secure which is in proportion to the number of members it has.

Wish you all could have packed up-

your troubles and gone floating down

up camp for the night. Tents were

planned to attend the Midwest Train-

ing School "Youth Day" at Madison,

Our Committee for the calf raffle,

We elected these officers: Presi-

George Kintner was appointed to

be news correspondent for the "Rural

Lynch from East Lansing.

and Doris Thompson.

BERRIEN

Doris Edna Eschels, Holly Wilson

The next meeting of the Group is to

be Wednesday evening, July 15 in-

stead of Monday evening, July 20 as

previously planned. It will be in the

form of a weiner roast and members

are asked to be present to make ar-

DeWitt replacing Harold Steinke; vice

president, LeRoy Hetler replacing

Robert Tillstrom; secy-treas., June

Sunday afternoon, July 26th, Ber-

rien, Cass and Van Buren county Jun-

iors enjoyed a shoreline cruise on

Lake Michigan aboard the City of

Bureau is purchasing a registered

rangements for the Madison trip.

Wis., July 18.

Marian Williams, president, has appointed a publicity committee for this Activities of project, with Earl Seybert of Mt. Pleasant as chairman, to be assisted the Junior by E. E. Ungren and Eugene Smaltz. It was recommended by the defense Farm Bureau committee that this project be begun as soon as possible, and end at the WEST ALLEGAN time of the state convention in No-

Telegrams were received from the the Kalamazoo river with us Satur-National A.A.A. Administrator, Pres- day and Sunday July 11 and 12. ident O'Neal and Secretary Blackburn Seven of us started at the Allegan of the American Farm Bureau Feder- dam Saturday afternoon in two rowation, congratulating the Junior boats and a canoe and went down Farm Bureau for their work in rais about five or six miles to a selected ing money to purchase a Red Cross spot where we were joined by five Ambulance, and the contemplated others and cooked our supper and set war bond project.

At the board meeting, June 13, Mar- provided but most of us rolled up in ian Williams gave Keith Tanner a blankets and slept under the stars by check for \$5 as a token of apprecia- the camp fire. tion for his efforts in behalf of the Junior Farm Bureau. Keith Tanner day morning, cooked breakfast and has written that he has purchased a continued our journey. It took us service man's kit which he calls a back in thought to days when this bachelor's paradise, as it provides all river was a route of travel. It made the things for a man that a wife us realize that we can have a good usually looks after. time without going a long way from

Other things discussed at this home and spending a lot of money. Council meeting were the working of We ate a picnic dinner on the bank younger age groups into Junior Farm of the river at New Richmond and Bureau work; closer relationship be- ended our trip in Saugatuck, Sunday tween Junior and Senior groups; evening. It was a wonderful experistronger instead of weaker; the ad- tional outing. visability of county and regional Our party included Mayor and Mrs. camps in addition to the state camp. Art Pahl of Fennville, Miss Helen It was brought out that the state Lundquist, home economics teachcamp is necessary, but if there should er, at Fennville, Bill Fischer, our come a time when it would be impos- president, Herman and Eva Pedersen, sible to hold a state camp, county and Leon and Richard Riemink, Doris

### A Letter From Chester Clark

Dear Friends:

It is a rainy, nasty winter morning this July 1 in our part of Australia. So we do not have our usual which is planned for the Western July 28. hard day's work of army life, but a Michigan Fair, Karl Chilberg, Wm. chance to relax for a few hours. It Hasenbank, III, and Frank Andrews. is most comfortable here by our little stove, and my tent mates are tak- dent, Richard Nelson; vice-pres., Paul ing life easy. Fortunately these win- Johnson; secretary, Hazel Mattox; ters aren't as cold as our Michigan treasurer, George Kintner; publicity winters, but it still seems queer to chairman, Agnes Fredericks. have July 4 in the wintertime.

I am well and happy. Am now a 10 stones and 8. (148 lbs.)

The Aussies-both civilians and the campers and make arrangements several times I have had a week end homes, went shopping, went rabbit- in the Jr. Farm Bureau. ing with a ferret, attended services | Guests present were: Miss Mary st a nearby Methodist church, taught Lee Lostrom, from Lansing; Wilfred Sunday school classes, and led games Battige from Muskegon and Wm. at three church socials.

My army work is medical and first aid-treating of colds, feet blisters, Nelson, Paul Johnson, John Wittbeck- LOWELL giving cholera and typhoid shots, and er, George Kintner, Wm. Hasenbank Please write.

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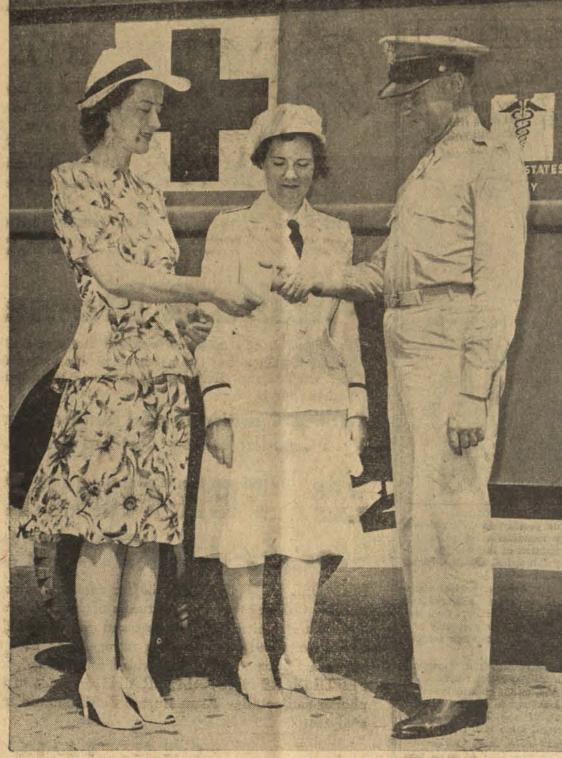
### U. S. Sends 5 Billion Lbs. Of Food to United Nations

Up to May 1 about 5 billion pounds of farm products had been delivered to representatives of the United Nations for lend lease shipments, the U. S. Dep't of Agriculture said. Lead- Norris replacing Betty Young Christing commodities according to volume ner; reporter, Dorothy Bittner replacdelivered were (1) dairy products and ing Florence French. Before the eleceggs (2) meats, fish and fowl (3) tion games were played on the lawn fruits, vegetables and nuts (4) lards, and following the election we enjoyed fats, and oils (5) grain and cereal a marshmallow roast. products.

### Junior Farm Bureaus

There are now 45 functioning Jun- Grand Rapids. We left from Benton ior Farm Bureaus in 38 counties. The Harbor and were gone for two hours average regular attendance at their and then returned to a potluck picnic meetings averages a total of 1,129 supper at Jean Clock's park also in young people. About twice that num- Benton Harbor. ber attend social and other meetings. WASHTENAW Thirty-four of the groups have adult | With the aid of the County Farm counselors from their Senior County Bureau, the Washtenaw Junior Farm

### Present Ambulance to Red Cross



using this war period to become ence for all of us as well as an educa-

regional camps could be set up to give Weed, Virginia Gretsinger, Frieda Berkshire sow and a Holstein heifer. Junior week of the Washtenaw County fair. Mason County Junior Farm Bureau Pledges for wheat are being secured Farm Bureau met July 6, at the home of Miss Ag- through the local farm co-operatives nes Fredericks. Several members and Junior Farm Bureau members, and will be taken at the county fair. The wheat pledged will be picked up during a farm to farm canvas of the county. Final arrangements are to be made at a meeting in Ann Arbor on

The regular monthly meeting was held at the home of Warren Finkbein-an intensive study of their prepara-the larger pullets is advised by E. elected are: Albert Gall, Saline, president; Katrene Boyce, Stockbridge, vice president; Gertrude Flick, Ann Arbor, secretary; Phyllis Glass, Ann Arbor, treasurer; Wilma Weber, Saline, publicity chairman; Amy Fee, Dexter, private 1st class, like my work, and American". The group elected Glenn camp chairman; Dorothy Forshee, am enjoying the experience of living Bedell, soil conservationist, to be ad- Ann Arbor, program chairman; and outside the United States. I weigh visor as well as counsellor. One of the Audrey Gilbert, North Lake, recreduties of the counsellor is to help get ation chairman.

Members were sorry to hear of the soldiers—are really grand folks. They for the camp at Waldenwoods August passing of Mrs. Gordon VanRiper, in other past years. treat us Yanks royally. During the 30 to September 5. This is the annual wife of their first president, who was camp, where the new officers and Chelsea, Mich.

Members present were: Richard the week end of July 17.

rubber shortage, gasoline rationing, can be made more effective. and loss of members to the army were The dates for the camps are August which were sent to the 1941 Michigan

Lucille Bollock; treasurer; Edna western area for the second camp.

The Berrien County Junior Farm Bureau elected officers July 13th at ton, as follows: President, Raymond ed at the next meeting July 30.

### The Garden

The Lord God planted a garden In the first white days of the world And He set there an angel warden In a garment of light unfurled.

So near to the peace of heaven That the hawk might nest with the For there in the cool of the even

God walked with the first of men. And I dream that these garden closes With their shade and their sun-flecked

And their lilies and bowers of roses Were laid by the hand of God. The kiss of the sun for pardon,

The song of the birds for mirth-One is nearer God's heart in a garden Than anywhere else on earth, -Dorothy Frances Gurney tersweet each year.

Lt. Col. Harold A. Furlong, head of shown in the background. Lieut. forces, and in behalf of the Governor the Michigan Defense Council, and Ethel Collins (center) of the Army of Michigan, I want to congratulate representative of the American Red nurse corps at Fort Custer, repre- you upon your effort. It is good to

is shown accepting from Mrs. Marion Col. Furlong said, "Your ambulance war." Williams, president of the State Jun- may serve our armed forces anywhere for Farm Bureau, the organization's in the world. Wherever it may go, it raised the \$1,500 by salvaging waste check for \$1,500. It represents our represents the Junior Farm Bureau. paper and metals, by entertainments. gift to the Red Cross of an ambulance You have given a part of yourself to serving meals, and other methods for similar to the army ambulance our services. In behalf of the armed raising money,

see people who put something extra In accepting the ambulance, Lt. of themselves into the winning of the

The Junior Farm Bureau groups

## Bullt. 221 Tells How To Select the Layers

dred twenty young people will have Mich. two successive weeks at Walden To get the increased egg production

culture. The Michigan Live Stock Exchange, The Michigan Milk Producers Association, The Farm Bureau Services, Inc., and the Farmers and Manufacturers lected pullets. Beet Sugar Association are again spon-

electrocuted when a well driving rig cedure of handling camp this year. Health is another important point leave, I've been guest in six different leaders are trained for their work came in contact with a high tension First, the responsibility for the select. for selection. Runty or unhealthy wire on July 8 at their home near ing of the campers has in a large part pullets should be eliminated before been taken over by the counties. Some the flock is housed in the fall. Nine members attended the state older person in each county has been. How to determine when a pullet council meeting and the rural youth selected and they in turn secure the has matured is simply a matter of meetings held at Madison, Wisconsin assistance of several people in the learning how to distinguish a pulcounty in selecting the campers.

Donald Anderson, Royal Clark, Oren the camp program itself. Greater pullet is near egg production is the bandaging. During combat I'm a III, Evelyn McKillop, Agnes Frede- Ford and Donald McPherson attended emphasis than ever before is to be enlarged reddened condition of her first aid man in the front lines. ricks, Harry Lynch, Anne Hamilton, the regional officers' meeting June 30 placed on the practicing of the differat Caledonia. The influence of the ent skills whereby the county program . In 1941 the average Michigan hen

23 to 29 and August 30 to September Egg Laying contest averaged 192 July 2 new officers were elected: 5. Generally speaking young people President, Donald Anderson; first vice from the south and eastern part of the president, Howard Kropf; second vice state will come for the first camp president, Aileen Myers; secretary, Those form the central and north Some Things

Myers; publicity chairman, Oren Ford. The camp staff and faculty is the The July 16 meeting was held at the same as in the previous years. Nick Vergennes Grange Hall. New officers Musselman will handle the recreationwere inducted, and nominations were al work. Mrs. Gordon Schlubatis will the home of Helen and Barbara Pres- made for a new secretary, to be elect- have charge of the dining room. Marjorie Klein will assist with the art work for program building and with the music. Mrs. Ben Hennink will have charge of the camp records. Dr. David Trout will direct the training program. Mr. Buschlen will present the sugar beet program. Norman Petersen will discuss the milk marketing problems. George Boutell will speak for the live stock industry. Jim future, cuss the present, and remem-Bliss will discuss the grain marketing ber very inaccurately. problems.

> Each county, in addition to the campers, will have its regular coun- Michigan Use of sellor present at camp. They have specific duties in the camp program.

Mrs. Carl E. Buskirk, wife of the vice-president of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, has marketed 500 to 800

How to select pullets that will be layers is explained in detail in Michigan State College Extension Bulletin 221 entitled, "Selecting Profitable Plans for the seventh annual state Layers." It is free and may be had leadership training camp for rural by writing the Bulletin Room, Michiyoung people are finished. One hun- gan State College, East Lansing,

Woods Lodge, Livingston county, in desired next year rigid selection of tion for leadership and the part that W. Henderson of the Michigan State they are to play in the future of agri- College poultry department. Crowd The Michigan Elevator Exchange, ed this fall thus reducing the labor requirements and a greater production will be obtained from the se-

One important basis for selecting soring the camp and putting their ef- pullets is earliness of maturity. The fort behind this leadership training pullet that has the ability to utilize project, which has been so successful feed and grow faster than her sisters is ant to be the one which will There are two changes in the pro- utilize feed and egg production later.

let in laying condition. One of the The second step has been made in infallible and familiar signs that a

laid about 115 eggs but selected birds

# People Will Do

1. Follow a habit until it hurts. Accept beliefs ready-made, and stick to them until Niagara Falls.

3. Follow leaders blindly, eyes shut, mouths open, ears flapping. 4. Believe their friends, even after they know them.

5. Yield to suggestions coated with flattery. 6. Work hard to establish super-

lority in the eyes of their fellows. 7. Glorify the past, discount the

# Fertilizer Expands

Michigan's use of commercial fertilizers continues to expand. In contrast to the 144,500 tons used by farmers in 1937, the sales in the state in cellophane wrapped packages of bit. 1941, including government distribution, had climbed to 190,025 tons.

### MORE COUNTIES TAKE GROUP HOSPITALIZATION

Branch, Kalamazoo, and St. Joseph Add Many to The List

Community Farm Bureaus.

nounces that members of 12 out of trated and may be obtained without 13 community groups have enrolled in the group hospitalization program. That may be a state record among Farm Bureaus. There are 725 mem-

Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau is promoting the hospital service to 14 community groups, Kalamazoo has 442 family memberships,

In St. Joseph county, 6 of 7 Community Farm Bureau groups have adopted the hospital plan. There are 450 members in the county.

Saginaw County Community Farm Bureaus are working on the hospital plans. There are more than 1,000 members in the county.

Mason and Newaygo County Farm Bureaus with 450 and 317 member families, were among the first to establish the hospital service for their memberships.

Barry and Lapeer counties with 406 and 632 member families are well into the group hospitalization program in their community groups.

### Salvage Rubber from Beaver Island

Beaver Island, 30 miles off the main land in upper Lake Michigan, has 250 inhabitants. They ransacked barns, woods, docks, attics and cellars, to produce 4,020 lbs. of scrap rubber. That is an average of 160 lbs. per person on the island.

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# Our Tax Problem

Background Material for Discussion in August by our 295 Community Farm Bureau Groups

By EUGENE A. SMALTZ

Membership Relations & Education War involves in its progress such a train of unforeseen and unsupposed circumstances that no human wisdom can calculate the It has but one thing certain, and that is to increase taxes Prospects on the Rubicon (1787)

The total expenditures of all governmental agencies in the United States have been increasing rather consistently since the turn of the century. The amount per capita and the proportion of national income utilized by goverment have risen.

In 1890, the government spent 7 percent of the national income, 15 percent in 1929, and 27 percent in 1938. Citizens have demanded more services and assistance, especially from the state and federal governments-for schools, highways, military and relief. As our civilization has become more complex, it has become necessary and desirable for the government to carry on a widened scope of activities. As a people, we have concluded that those who are economically weak-the consumer, the farmer, the laborer, the small business manmust be protected from those who are economically strong. This fact results in governmental activities to prevent monopoly, to preserve fair methods of competition, to inspect foods and drugs for purity, to regulate the hours and working conditions of labor, and to increase farm prices and in-

Trying to Pay as We Go The new Federal War tax bill affectbuying public through heavier taxas you go" plan. The new tax legislation, even with its far-reaching effect, falls far short of Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau's \$8,700,000,-000 tax goal.

Even so, the greatest tax bill in America's history may be only a starter-tax experts say that taxes in 1942 will be twice those in 1941, and based on the experience of other nations at war, will be higher in 1943-it hits everyone in every walk of life.

All this is necessary—and more too. Our total Federal revenue will be boosted to nearly \$24,000,000,000 by the new tax bill, but the War Production Board has recently announced that war spending in June alone was \$4,123,000,000, or at a rate more than twice the anticipated total revenue under existing and new tax legislation. In his message to Congress on April

27, 1942, President Roosevelt included as one of the seven points for preventing inflation:

Tax heavily, and in that process keep personal and corporate

The question confronting us is: farmers?

A Look at Tax History

In the past, property taxes supplied and state services-for schools, highways, relief, etc. The trend has been in more recent years, to reduce marily to taxes on consumption, such custom revenues, excise. as the sales tax-rather than taxes based on the ability to pay, as income state and local taxes in 1939 were taxes. During the 20's and early 30's. the direct tax burden was heavy on the farmers, more so in other states people was found unsound and tended to reduce the supply of funds available for the purchase of farms and the financing of farming, and has caused relatively higher farming costs, a mining of the soil fertility, low farm income and standard of living.

The National Income and Tax Sitof the people whose incomes were uals.) They were unable to live on of state revenue. this income and consequently had

about \$1,510 left to spend or save. ably be left for the post-war period. They were able to save about a \$100 Farm Taxes Now and in Future a year.

The GREATEST ENEMY TO HUMAN PROGRESS



destroy the revenue sources.

Some taxes—excise, sales, use and ing every American either directly or most taxes on businesses—are shifted indirectly is the first of the attempts forward to consumers. The processto reduce the purchasing power of the ing tax on hogs in 1933-34, under the med up by Edward A. O'Neil, Federa-AAA program, was shifted back to tion President. ation and adhere closer to the "pay farmers in terms of lower prices. Other taxes-income, inheritance, gift, excess profit—cannot be passed on or institution of democracy, Congress backwards, but are borne by the must face the facts courageously and persons on whom levied. The largest realistically. We must tap new sources share of the taxes on farms and farm of revenue. . . . improvements cannot be passed on to consumers through higher prices.

paid-39 percent federal, 34 percent manufacturers' sales tax. . . local, and 27 percent state.

About 90 percent of local taxes were passed on to consumers in terms of lose their force. . higher prices. The remaining 10 percent consisted of motor vehicle licenses, tobacco taxes, alcoholic-bevertaxes. All of these taxes are propor-

corporate income and taxes on estates, its recommendations that the soinheritance and gifts. The remaining called "Uniformity Clause" be abolishprofits at a reasonable rate, the word taxes were proportional in nature— ed as a menace to paving the way to 'reasonable' being defined at a low unemployment compensation taxes establishment of a graduated personal was 21 percent, gasoline taxes 21 per- income tax in Michigan and other new cent, general sales taxes 11 per cent, methods of raising revenue for State How will this new tax program and general property taxes 7 percent, mo-purposes. Abolishment of the "Unior vehicles taxes 9 percent.

a large proportion of funds for local corporate income, excess profit, and deserve support. taxes on estates, inheritance and gifts. What Can We Do As Farmers Most of the remaining taxes consisted To Get Tax Equality? of various consumption taxes—such as taxes on real estate, and shift pri- gasoline, tobacco, alcholic-beverage,

> Only 24 percent of the total federal, based on the ability to pay.

The Michigan Farm Tax Situation. In general, farm taxes in Michigan than in Michigan. A tax structure are relatively low. The 15 mill limiplacing a major burden on the rural tation has been a factor keeping farm real estate taxes low, although they were reduced decidedly from the "high which are needed to carry on the varwenties" before the amendment was passed in 1932.

Several improvements have been made in recent years in the Michigan tax structure. The property tax has been eliminated for state purposes uation in 1938-39: The 17 per cent and is now used only for local governments. The state gasoline and weight under \$500 a year-and averaged \$346 taxes are used only for highways. obtained 3.4 per cent of the national High luxury taxes are collected on the income. They paid about 22 per cent sales of liquor and beer. However, of their income as taxes-mostly in- as judged by progressive standards, direct and thus had only \$270 left the tax structure is to be condemned. to spend or save per consumer unit Sales taxes, instead of income taxes, (includes both families and individ- constitute the most important source

There are several tax problems in either to borrow or obtain relief. Michigan which need to be studied-The 13 percent of the people whose the sales tax versus the income taxincomes were between \$1,500 and the inequities in assessment of real \$2,000 a year-and averages \$1,829- estate within and among the local obtained 15 percent of the national governments. These problems are income. They paid about 18 percent relatively insignificant compared with of their income as taxes and had the financing of the war, and will prob-

In view of the past experience with The 9 percent of the people whose unequal distribution of the tax burden, incomes were over \$10,000 a year- and the urgent need for more taxes at and averaged about \$26,000-obtained the present to finance the war, it is 15 percent of the national income. fortunate that farm folks have their They paid about 32 percent of their own spokesmen on guard to watch deincome as taxes—primarily income— velopments and reflect properly the We must be ready and willing to buy and had about \$17,700 left to spend or views of rural folks. Never was farm more War Bonds than ever before. save. They saved about 38 percent of organization needed as it is in the This we must, and will, do. But along their income, or about \$10,000 a year. present unsettled times when things with this goes a further responsibility During their lifetime, the higher are happening so fast and on such a inherent in a democracy. We must income groups have been becoming vast scale. The American Farm Bu-show, by example and by our voiced wealthier. However, the state and reau Federation has been a strong opinion, that we demand 100 cents federal inheritance taxes are tending advocator of the income tax to fit worth of value for every tax dollar. to break up the accumulated fortunes. revenue collection to the ability of Naturally, war is a wasteful and ex-Characteristics of a Good Tax System people to pay. As an emergency pensive proposition. A tax system for a country should measure, the AFBF has approved (1) bring in sufficient revenue for the a general manufacturers' sales tax, studying our local, State, and Federal services requested by the citizens, "to be applied uniformly on all manu-(2) be economical to administer, (3) factured goods." This action is to are equitable, that they are fair. All be simple so that it can be under- provide an additional source of the more reason for insisting that the stood, (4) not be too difficult to revenue to meet the tremendous de- best possible business administration change as new tax sources arise, (5) mands of war, and supplements, but prevail in all units of our government, be based on the ability to pay, (6) does not replace, the AFBF's firm and that needless activities, waste, consist of taxes which cannot be shift- stand "for lowered exemptions and duplication, and inefficiency be cut to ed back to the producers or forward increased rates for income taxes, both a minimum in order that essential to consumers, and should (7) not personal and corporate, and for heavy

taxation of excess profits.

The AFBF position on the consideration of a manufacturers' sales tax "for the duration of the war" is sum-

"The nation faces a critical situation, and if we are to preserve the

"In this extremity, the American Farm Bureau Federation recommends Analysis of the total taxes paid in that Congress, in addition to lowering 1939. Approximately \$14,000,000,000 income tax exemption and raising the of federal, state and local taxes were rates, consider the adoption of a

"In normal times, there are serious objections to any kind of sales tax, on property-about 1/3 of which was but in times like these such objections The Governor's Constitutional Re-

vision Commission, which has been studying the Michigan constitution age taxes and miscellaneous business (they have recommended revisionincluding reapportionment—which is tional to income—and are not based contrary to the Farm Bureau's stand progressively on the ability to pay, that revisions to the State Constitu-Only 12 percent of the state taxes tion should be made one at a time were based progressively on the abil- each to be approved or disapproved ity to pay-such as individual income, on its own merits) has included among formity Clause"-allowing graduated About 47 percent of the federal taxes income taxes and making for "Equality were based progressively on the abil- of Sacrifice" in taxation-meets with ity to pay-such as individual income, the approval of the rural people, and

While it is obvious that the most profound changes will occur in our tax structure on the federal level, it is probable that there will be a tendency for the expenses of all the smaller units of government to advance, thus giving rise to higher municipal, school, township, county, and state taxes. Cost of local governmentconsisting mainly of compensation for personal services and cost of materials ious activities, are likely to follow the rising costs of all businesses. Proof of this is the present agitation for a materially increased appropriation by the 1943 legislature to assist in the operation of the public school system of the state. Construction and maintenance of trunk-line and local roads is going to be complicated, not alone by increased cost of material and labor, but by a very decided shrinkage in gas tax revenues and probably also in the weight tax and motor vehicle licenses. It is anticipated that coming months will witness a substantial reduction in the proceeds of the Michigan sales tax, due to de-

creased buying. War conditions will require increased State and local expenditures in spite of the outlook for decreased revenues from existing taxing methods. For instance, the legislature in special session appropriated \$5,000,000 to be expended by the State Administrative Board for defense purposes. All civilian defense activities will require additional expenditures of

public funds by local government. All this means that we, the average citizen, must be prepared to meet new and greater taxes than ever before.

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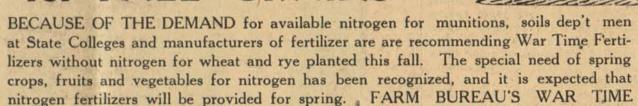
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