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EDITORIAL

Why Farmers and Congress Say No!

The House in Congress has for the second time within six months voted to stop federal food subsidies to consumers.

This time the House voted 278 to 117 to extend the life of the Commodity Credit Corporation but to forbid the use of money by any federal agency for food subsidies for consumers.* The margin was more than enough to over-ride a veto. Similar action is predicted in the

The House voted the same distrust for the food subsidy program that farmers have expressed through the Farm Bureau, the Grange, and other groups. We understand that 98 Democrats voted against consumer food subsidies in the House. They rejected the administration's charge that a vote against food subsidies was a vote for inflation.

Why the opposition to subsidies?

There are many, beginning, perhaps, with the farmers' observation that they aren't needed. Certainly not in times of full employment and generally high wages. In these times people should be able to pay all of their grocery bills and not have to depend upon some unsolicited help from the treasury.

However, in leading the fight against subsidies, Congressman Jesse P. Wolcott of Michigan answered the question for the House. He gave what he considers and what we agree is the first reason for opposing a program of federal food subsidies to consumers. Mr. Wolcott said:

"The farmer is opposed to the payment of subsidies, that is consumer subsidies, because it is the first step to regimentation and control. The first step which eventuates in that farmer finding himself under the yoke of bureaucracy where free enterprise on the farm is destroyed.

"Where the government, through its several bureaus, tells the farmer when and what to sow, when and how much he shall reap; tells the processor what he shall process and how he shall process it; and tells the distributor how, where and when, and to whom, he shall distribute the products of our farms.

"Subsidies beget subsidies, and if we encourage the expansion of the present program, and if we do not stop the present program where it is, what have they told you is going to be the next step? It is going to be, first, the purchase of the entire citrus fruit crop. Then the purchase of the entire bean crop. Then the ultimate control from the producer to consumer of all dairy products, and finally the control of the production, processing and distribution of all foodstuffs."

Some Light on High Food Prices

Are prices for food high because of what the farmer, gets, or are they high largely because of the charges added to the cost of foods by part of the consuming pub-

The Federal Trade Commission has issued a report which calls attention to the charges which accumulate on farm products from the time they leave the farm until they reach the consumers' table.

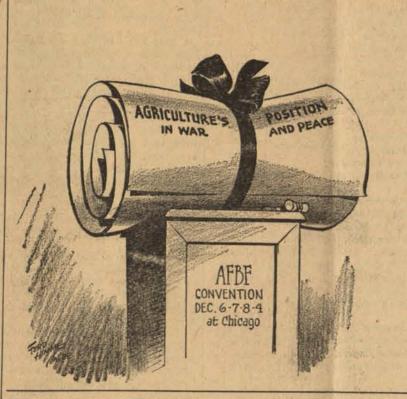
The FTC found consumers in Boston paying \$1.67 for a sack of onions for which the growers in Texas got 15 cents. Head lettuce that brought the grower 58 cents net per crate sold for \$4.80 a thousand miles away. Consumers in St. Louis paid \$2.58 for tomatoes for which producers in California got 52 cents.

The Trade Commission said that similar examples could be found in the marketing of potatoes, apples, citrus fruits, bread and other foods.

The spread between the farm price and the price the consumer pays includes payment for many necessary services in processing, transportation, and retail distribution.

But if consumers consider food prices unduly high now, and are told that because of them an inflation threatens, perhaps it would be well for them to investigate what goes on in their own dooryard. How much has the spread widened the past two years because of increases in wages for consumers who process, transport, and distribute foods? How much to cover other operating costs in the food industry, costs that are up because of higher wages being paid everywhere?

MAIN QUESTION BEFORE THE CONVENTION -



Farm Bureau Goal Is 25,000 Members in '44

County Farm Bureaus Choose Campaign Leaders And Set Goals to Gain Another 4,000 Members or More

A Michigan Farm Bureau membership of 25,000 families or more is the objective of the annual membership campaign which will be conducted by 46 County Farm Bureaus during December, January and February.

First to conduct their campaigns will be Mason, Montcalm, Isabella, Newaygo and Van Buren counties. Several of the campaigns will be completed in December. Most of the counties will do the work in January.

During January, February and March of 1943, several thousand volunteer workers enrolled more than 7,000 new members for a net gain of more than 5,000. Today the membership stands at 20,993 families.

Most County Farm Bureaus have set their goal for 1944. They have named their campaign manager. He has selected his lieutenants throughout the county, and they are building teams of membership workers for a thorough canvass of the farmers. A large, well organized and well informed group of membership workers gets astonishing results by asking every farmer to join. Berrien (1,990) Branch (1,144), Saginaw (1,400), and Ottawa (906) are examples. Last year Berrien put 225 membership workers into the campaign.

County membership goals and? ampaign managers announced so far Rivers R-3. or the 1944 membership roll call are Barry-575, Walter Stanton, Dow

ing R-1, campaign manager. Bay-450, Otto Rabe, Rhodes R-1.

Benzie-100. Berrien-2,100, Alex Gale, Sodus. Branch-1.300

Calhoun-725, Robert Farley, Al ion R-1. Cass-600. Clinton-600, Don Smith, Ovid R-2

Genesee-500. Gratiot-600, Harry Johnson, S

Hillsdale-490.

Huron-600, Karl Oehmke, Sebevaing R-1. Ingham-476, Arthur Deyo, Mason

Ionia-Howard Hile, Ionia R-2.

leasant R-1. Jackson-Clarence Pulver, Jackson

Kalamazoo-635, Charles Wheeler, passed the House 278 to 117. chooleraft R-1. Kent-250.

Lenawee-M. Ivan Hunt, Tipton. Livingston-Gale Hoisington, Fow

Lake R-1, and Floyd Beilfuss, Bear from Detroit districts. Lake R-2

Mason-650, William Dostall, Lud- Illinois Farm Bureau ngton R-1.

Morely R-2. Montcalm-Karl King, Greenville. Muskegon-200.

Leelanau 250, Robert Seaberg, Tra- ber. They did it, 101,000! verse City R-1, to manage both cam

Oakland-Mrs. Ivah Miller, Clarks-Oceana-325.

onville R-3.

Freeland R-3. St. Joseph-640, L. C. Beal, Three to Chicago.

Shiawassee-280, Hugh Burns, Per ry R-3.

Tri-County-Antrim, 100, Paul Doc tor, Charlevoix R-1. Charlevoix 100, Clint Blanchard, Charlevoix, R-1. Tuscola-750.

VanBuren-900. Thor Hagburg, Lawrence R-1. Washtenaw-Bert Amrheim, Ypsi-

How Our Congressmen Voted on Subsidies

gressmen from Michigan voted to continue the Commodity Credit Corporation after Jan. 1, 1944, but to forbid the use of any federal funds to pay food subsidies for consumers. Isabella-425, Earl Seybert, Jr., Mt. All five Democratic Congressmen from Michigan voted against the Steagell bill as amended to prohibit food subsidies for consumers. The bill

Voting for the bill were Michigan Reps. Bradley. Bennett, Blackney Crawford, Dondero, Engel, Hoffman, Jonkman, Michener, Shafer, Wolcott, Woodruff. Voting against the bill Macomb-Allen Rush, Romeo R-1. were: Congressmen Dingell, Lesinski, Manistee-200, George Short, Bear O'Brien, Babaut, and Sadowski, all

Medosta-250, Herb E. Halverson, Has 101,000 Members

Two months ago we published an editorial saying that the Farm Bureau in Illinois was out to get 8,000 Newaygo-500, Andrew Kole, Fre- more members during November in order to have 100,000 or more for Co-operatives Couldn't NW Michigan-Gr. Traverse 250; their annual meeting in late Novem-

Sodus Group Considers Blood Bank Trip

FARMERS ADOPT 7-POINT HIGHWAY

made 7 recommendations regarding highway transportation at its 24th annual meeting at Michigan State College, Nov. 10 and 11:

Reports for Farm Trucks: Farmers are not interested in wearing out their trucks needlessly, therefore the detailed records required in connec tion with certificates of war necessity etc., should be abandoned. They are troublesome to keep and contribute nothing to the farmer's productive effort. What good does it do to go into detail on tons, gallons, packages cubic feet of loads hauled, number of miles, trips, etc., on a weekly

Integrated Transportation - Farm Bureau believes that railroad, high way, waterways and airway transportation may not be in the public interest if integrated into one system as proposed by some.

War Time Restrictions on the use of motor vehicles should be terminated as soon as shortages that cause them are alleviated. We should aim for a minimum rather than a maxi mum of regulation.

Priorities for Motor Transport-War Production Board should se that vehicles and parts are provided o continue essential transportation Synthetic Rubber-This industry hould be continued after the war to 1) keep price of natural rubber at reasonable level; (2) provide addi tional markets for farm products; (3) prevent America from ever again having a rubber famine.

Federal Stamp Tax-This law should be enforced or repealed. There is much evasion.

Freedom of the Highways-Farmers and others should be free to travel the highways and to load and unload their products without being compelled under threats of violence to take membership in labor unions or to pay for services not wanted. Laws prohibiting such racketeering should be invoked. Violators of the law should be punished.

ENDS DEC. 31

Resolution Adopted by Michigan State Farm Bureau, Nov. 10-11, 1943

In order that there be no question about the tax exempt position of the Michigan State Farm Bureau and so that badly needed finances may be available to the County Farm Bureaus for carrying on programs, in the interests of the members and their or

ganization. Be it resolved, that membership credits be abandoned as of December 31, 1943, the membership be so notified and the Board of Directors of the State Farm Bureau order proper steps taken to conclude this program and to plan and initiate, in conjunc tion with a representative committee of the County Farm Bureaus, suitable plans for serving the membership and distributing such moneys as become available from the Farm Bureau Ser

vices, Inc. for this purpose, In order that "proper steps be taken to conclude this program" of membership credits, it is necessary that all members send their sales slips to the Lansing office of the Michigan State Farm Bureau as soon as possible, preferably before December 15th. No sales slips will be accept ed which arrive in Lansing after December 31, 1943.

An important change has made in the policy of handling membership credit at this time. Accumu lated credit will NOT be applied on 1944 membership dues. A check for whatever is due you will be sent in-

Because of the size of the job and of farm products against interference the scarcity of office help, it may take and violence on the part of hijack the State Farm Bureau some time to do the job. But it is hoped to have bute or toll for fictitious or needless all checks mailed by April 1, 1944. A full \$5 will be collected for membership dues in 1944.

Manufacture Tires

U. S. Senate Bill No. 1122 would truck and tractor tires to businesses established prior to June 1942 and kets should be licensed and forced to 618,193 as over November 30. The Sodus Community Farm Bureau, would prohibit co-operatives from Ottawa-1,000, Gerrit Elzinga, Hud- Berrien county, at a recent meeting, owning tire manufacturing facilities. terminal markets under the packer the national government, and authorinstructed the Rev. Floyd Barden to This discrimnatory bill was marked and stockyards act. Saginaw-1,600, Herbert Vassold, inquire as to particulars for sponsor- for vigorous opposition by the Miching a "blood bank" trip for the group igan State Farm Bureau at its annual ables are losing faith in the OPA and analyst, will address the annual dinmeeting Nov. 10-11.

Farm Bureau Assails Consumer Subsidies

Delegates to 24th Annual Meeting Say Resist Consumer Subsidies as Unnecessary and Certain to Bring Regimentation

The outstanding action at the 24th annual meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau at Michigan State College Nov. 10-11 was the unanimous indictment of the proposed program of federal food subsidies for consumers.

Four hundred and ten delegates representing upwards of 65,000 farm families declared that the food subsidy program is political, unnecessary, and certain to subject the country to almost unlimited federal regimentation.

State and National Farm Bureau officers were instructed in a resolution to continue to fight against consumer food subsidies and price roll-backs in lieu of fair market prices to farmers. The text of the resolution appears on page 4 of

The delegates and visitors numbered nearly 700 at one of the largest Farm Bureau annual meetings in years.

President Clarence J. Reid was elected for his fifth term. Carl Buskirk was re-elected vice president. Clark L. Brody was re-engaged as executive secretary and treasurer. The officers were elected by the new board of directors.

The annual meeting re-elected directors Jesse Treiber of Unionville, James Harris of Traverse City, Russell File of Niles, Lloyd Ruesink of Adrian, George McCalla of Ypsilanti, J. T. Bussey of Lake Leelanau, Forrest King of Charlotte.

I. K. Maystead of Osseo was elected director to succeed the veteran William Bristow of Flat Rock. Mr. Bristow retired after many years of service as director representing the Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n. Richard Nelson, newly elected president of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau, was elected to the board in accordance with action taken by the annual meeting in 1942 to name a Junior as the 17th director.

Resolutions on national and state affairs dealt largely with the relation of agriculture and the Farm Bureau to the war and problems brought about by the war. Prominent among the resolutions adopted and presented to the State Farm Bureau board of directors and officers for administration action were:

Farm Bureau Membership-Goal

April 1. group activity.

ed for excellent year. Pledged continued support and for their fruit and vegetable divisions, encouragement

Agr'l Adjustment Administrationproperly chosen delegates.

time boards such as those dealing eral government. with selective service, rationing of supplies and commodities and on all printed in full or are summarized in boards dealing with production and separate articles in this edition of distribution of food and fibre.

Labor Relations-We reiterate our lemand for freedom of the highways and freedom of delivery at markets for farmers and their co-operatives We urge enactment of legislation to require incorporation of labor unions. Anti-Racketeering Law-We urge

that a test be made in the courts on the state anti-racketeering law of 1943 to determine if it will protect the transportation, loading, and unloading ers or racketeers seeking to exact tri-

15 Mill Tax Limit-We oppose reprovided in the law.

state appropriations to enable State Dep't of Agriculture to supervise live three years. stock auction markets to assure financial responsibility, correct weights limit the distribution of automobile, and grades, and to prevent the spread Farm Bureaus will attend the conof contagious diseases. Auction mar- vention to represent a membership of conform to regulations applying to list of speakers includes leaders in

confusing and demoralizing. Farmers cannot produce food under uncertain-Community Farm Bureaus-350 ties and at losses. We recommend such groups were commended for the that ceiling prices assuring farmers work done. We should establish more a sufficient return on the crop be set groups so that every member may in advance of planting time. Ceilings participate in local Farm Bureau should be set at the consumers level so as not to interrupt the orderly Junior Farm Bureau-Commend- marketing system now in effect. work during the When OPA and WFA select advisors they should come from the industry Price Control and Subsidies-See they are to represent and be selected by that industry.

Repeal of Oleo Tax-We oppose the The act should be continued with its Fulmer bill HR 2400 which would companion measures covering soil destroy legislation enacted during the conservation and price stabilization. past 50 years to prevent misrepresent Needed to assist farmers in adjusting ation of this product. The situatheir production to supply and de- tion is made worse for the dairy inmand. The Triple-A should be made dustry with point requirements for nore democratic in its control. State butter being fixed at 16 to the pound AAA members should be elected and Sugar Beets-The beet sugar indus be responsible to the co-operators try is adapted to Michigan and is through direct election or choice by important in our diversified farming program. It should be encouraged War Time Boards-Farmers should and expanded. No acreage curtail be represented adequately on all war ment should be imposed by the fed-

> A number of the resolutions are the News.

MICHIGAN WELL

Probably 100 members of the Michgan State Farm Bureau are attending the 5th annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau at the Sher man Hotel, Chicago, December 6 to 9. Heading the Michigan delegation are President C. J. Reid, Secretary C L. Brody and the members of the pealing or raising the limit as now board of directors. President Reid went early to serve on the national Live Stock Auctions-We favor resolutions committee. He has served on that committee for the past

It is expected that upwards of 3,000 Farm Bureau people from 43 State ities in the field of business and agri-OPA and WFA-Growers of perish-culture. H. V. Kaltenborn, radio news

WFA. Last minute celling prices are ner of the Farm Bureau. Remember! Neighbors, If you want a square deal in this world, you have to be ready to fight for it

MICHIGAN

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Fertilizer for Spring Crops

It's good business judgment to place your order for fertilizer for spring crops with your dealer now. Getting fertilizer next spring may be more difficult than it has been. In fact, there are some indications that that may be so.

The War Food Administration and the fertilizer industry have said that at least half the fertilizer for the spring of 1944 must be shipped by the manufacturers during January and February. Farmers are asked to help. They can do so and make sure of their supply of fertilizer by ordering now and taking delivery in the

An almost certain shortage of transportation, coupled with the largest demand for fertilizer for spring-an estimated 15% over the record tonnage for spring of 1943 -are main reasons why fertilizer must be shipped early and why farmers should take delivery earlier than ever before.

The industry is confident that mixed fertilizers as prepared today can be stored safely on the farm during the winter months if kept in a dry, floored, weather proof building.

It appears now that we may have a potash problem in the spring. We have developed a domestic supply of potash which is apparently sufficient for our needs. But the manpower and facilities to produce it in quantity to meet the tremendous demand is something else. We'll have potash in our fertilizers but we may have less of it.

What We Stand For in '44

Resolution Adopted by Michigan State Farm Bureau At 24th Annual Meeting, November 10 and 11, 1943

Our supreme task as patriotic American citizens and as lovers of liberty is to do everything within our power to hasten the day of final and complete victory and the writing of a just and lasting peace. To this end we rededicate our best efforts to the production of essential food stuffs needed by the armed forces, the civilian population and lend-lease demands.

We also pledge ourselves to continue our full cooperation with all essential home-front war activities in our communities. We specifically endorse and include in this connection the war bond drives, campaigns for the United War Fund and the Red Cross and participation in the various civilian defense activities.

We demand that agriculture be recognized as an essential war industry and that it should be treated as such in the deferment of essential manpower and the allotment of materials for the production of new machinery, repairs and farm production supplies. We seek no special sympathy or subsidy. We do feel that we are entitled to equality of economic opportunity and to equitable price ceilings on our products which will recognize current production costs.

Ancient Rome Tried Food Subsidies

The following paragraphs are having wide circulation in the nation at this time. They are from a book "Caesar: A Sketch", and deal with the experience of the Republic of Rome in operating public granaries for the people of Rome. This occurred in the time of Tiberius Gracchus, who lived from 162 to 133 B.C. The book was written by James Anthony Froude and was published by Harper & Bros. in 1881. Mr. Froude

"... the younger Gracchus connected his name with a change less commendable, which was destined also to survive and bear fruit. He brought forth and carried through, with enthusiastic clapping of every pair of hands in Rome that were hardened with labor, a proposal that there should be public granaries in the city, maintained and filled at the cost of the State, and that corn should be sold at a rate artifically cheap to the poor free citizens. Such a law was purely socialistic.

"The privilege was confined to Rome, because in Rome the elections were held, and the Roman constituency was the one depositary of power. The effect was to gather into the city a mob of needy, unemployed voters, living on the charity of the State, to crowd the circus and to clamor at the elections, available no doubt to strengthen the hands of the popular tribune, but certain in the long-run to sell themselves to those who could bid highest for their voices.

"Excuses could be found, no doubt, for this miserable expedient in the state of parties, in the unscrupulous violence of the aristocracy, in the general impoverishment of the peasantry through the land monopoly, and in the intrusion upon Italy of a gigantic system of slave labor.



Marthy on Needlework

While Hiram is spending the evening Beside a sick cow in the barn I sit by the radio knitting A glove of the standard wool yarn.

And I think as I watch the bright needles How lucky I am to be one Of the folks who enjoy to be knitting At night when the dishes are done.

I can't sit around and do nothing; There's no fun for me in a nap; My nature revolts at the notion Of folding my hands in my lap.

My slowly diminishing program Of patching and darning for two I like to do that in the daytime-Besides in an hour it is through.

So always of evening in winter I pass the time briskly away With something to knit or embroider; With something to tat or crochet.

Some winters my hobby is bed-quilts. If fancy or crazy or plain. Again I hook rugs for a season, Or put on a hemstitch campaign.

Whatever it is, I am at it. With needle or shuttle or hook, And sorry I am for the people Who'd rather curl up with a book.

I bless the industrious impulse Which women who sew understand I am glad for my needle-wise fingers, And something to do in my hand. R. S. Clark 315 North Grinnell Street

"But none the less it was the deadliest blow which had yet been dealt to the constitution. Party government turns on the majorities at the pooling places, and it was difficult afterward to recall a privilege which once conceded appeared to be a right.

Jackson, Michigan

"The utmost that could be ventured in later times with any prospect of success was to limit an intolerable evil; and if one side was ever strong enough to make the attempt, their rivals had a bribe ready in their hands to buy back the popular support."

For Maximum Farm Production

Resolution Adopted by Michigan State Farm Bureau At 24th Annual Meeting, November 10 and 11, 1943

Despite the shortages of machinery and manpower, unfair price restrictions, and hampering government regulations, farmers have produced a record supply of food. We are going to do our best to continue to produce the food and fiber required for our armed forces, our allies, domestic civilian needs, and-if necessaryrelief purposes. If farmers are to achieve the maximum production, it is essential that:

- 1-An adquate supply of farm machinery and repair parts be provided without unnecessary red tape and regulations.
- 2—An adequate supply of farm labor, both year-around workers and seasonal workers, be provided when needed, and without union labor controls.
- 3-Adequate support prices be provided where necessary to assure maximum production.'
- 4—Ceiling prices on agricultural commodities and products thereof be adjusted to whatever extent is necessary in order to offset farmers' increased labor costs and other costs to secure the necessary production without subsidies. These ceiling prices should be so adjusted and established as to encourage and properly reward the production of high quality products.
- 5-All unnecessary restrictions and regulations that interfere with the production of commodities needed for the war effort be removed.

Consider the Potato

Which has the most food value—a big juicy apple, a large orange, a medium sized baking powder biscuit, or a medium sized baked potato? Anyone who answers, "all the same," rates 100 percent. The four foods are equally fattening. Each contains about 100 calories. Nutritionists of the U.S. Department of Agricu are add that the "spuds" have some other values that merit consideration, even from those on a reducing diet.

A white potato is more than three-fourths water-78 percent, on the average. Only 11 to 21 percent of it is starch-accounting for the 100 calories in a mediumsized potato. Weight for weight potatoes have onefourth as much vitamin C as oranges or lemons, and supply some vitamin A, thiamine, and riboflavin. Potatoes are also a good source of two minerals-iron and phosphorus.

Adapting One's Self

Blackstrap Molasses

ne uses his brains. That is if he has beginning to come into the ports of may be handled and restrained with the ability to adapt himself like the this country, and mer rise to huge far less risk than would be possible piano tuner in the far West. The re- proportions-20 million gallons for without the ring. In many commungion was a wild, unsettled country. Atlantic Coast ports, rearly half that ities it has been impossible to pur-When asked if he was able to make much to the Gulf Coast ports. It will chase buil rings. a living where pianos were few and be used in the manufacture of infar between he replied: "Oh, yes, dustrial alcohol which would release piano tunning isn't so good-but I for food purposes, in 18 months, ap- States of more than one issue was make a pretty fair income by tighten- proximately 75,000,000 bushels of John Campbell's Boston News Letter. ing up barbed wide fences." grain.

FARM ACCOUNT

Michigan farmers are finding that ccurate farm records are necessary in order to properly file a federal income and victory tax report. Farmers, who file tax returns without the aid of complete records, will most likely pay more taxes than they should. It is easier to determine the ly known that food policies were not income from most farms than it is being made by the Department of to determine the expenses. When Agriculture, or the War Food Admintrusting to memory, many expense istration, but by a group of brain items are forgotten. With present trusters close to the President. tax rates, overlooking a \$10 expense It has been said that these planners

A year ago the Farm Management | Just the other day we read in the Department of Michigan State College Cleveland Plain Dealer a column by developed a simplified type of farm Jay Franklin, a news commentator account book especially adapted for In the last paragraph, Commentator income tax purposes. This book did not replace the regular Michigan Farm Account Book which is kept by the farm account co-operators throughout the state. The new book is a simplified type of book which will meet the needs of the vast majority of Michigan farmers. During this past year 18,000 Michigan farmers obtained either the regular account book or the simplified book especially adapted for income tax

Michigan Farm Account Book espsing, at 30 cents a copy.

regulations pertaining to income tax. Page 1-List of records necessary for filing on (1) accrual basis; (2)

Pages 2-21-Farm expenses and lassification of same.

Pages 22-37-Farm receipts and lassification of same.

sheep and horses.

Page 44-Feed and crop inventor-

Pages 45-47-Tables for determin- from Argentina's normal nachinery.

mining net farm profit on accrual countries. This fact, combined with

crop production record.

come and expense items necessary for filing income tax returns.

Any farmer who does not have adejuate records on the past year's business will find this simplified book nelpful when trying to figure out the net farm profit for 1943. After using one of the books as an aid in summarizing the past year's business, one should then obtain a book in which to record the 1944 accounts.

Americans Grow Flax For Oils and Fats

ly for seed, not for fiber. Responding to wartime goals for 1942, they pro- ers is the fact that they will not be duced 4,402,000 acres of flaxseed- expected to feed the world after the used for linseed oil for paints, refined war, after all. While attending the edible oils, and linseed meal, a first annual meeting of the Ohio Farm quality livestock feed-compared with Bureau Federation recently, I heard about 18,000 acres planted for fiber its executive secretary, Murray Linflax for rope and twine.

The 1943 war goal of 6 million acres of flaxseed further emphasizes the importance of this crop. Flax can be grown almost anywhere in North Am- states that other countries do no erica, from Alaska to Mexico, from want our food for an indefinite per Nova Scotia to Oregon. It grows at lod. They want to become agricul altitudes ranging from 50 feet below turally self-sufficient. What they sea level at El Centro in the Imperial want of us is machinery, seed and Valley of California to 8,000 feet at technical advice. As a matter of San Jacinto, D. F., Mexico. It will fact they look forward to exchanging grow where rainfall averages 45 inches their agricultural products for our ina year, as at New Brunswick, N. J. and under irrigation where only inches of rain falls, as at El Centro.

Endorses Farm

Credit Administration

The Michigan State Farm Bureau at its annual meeting Nov. 10-11 endorsed the service being rendered farmers and their co-operatives by the Farm Credit Administration through its three branches: the Federal Farm Loan Ass'ns, Bank for Cooperatives, and Production Credit Ass'ns: The Farm Bureau said it would oppose any attempt to weaken the Production Credit Ass'ns. At the moment the bankers associations are seeking legislation to compel the government to withdraw its loans to the PCA system, or to charge 3% interest

Farm Bureau Asks Metal for Bull Rings

The Michigan State Farm Bureau adopted a resolution Nov. 11 asking the War Production Board to a locate appropriate metals and permit the manufacture of bull rings. The Farm Bureau said "Tragedies and seriou. accidents have demonstrated the necess ity of keeping a strong ring in the Almost every man can find work if Shipments from the Caribbean are nose of each mature bull so that he

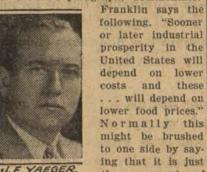
> The first newspaper in the United published in 1704.

Behind the Wheel

With J. F. Yaeger, Director of State Field Services

Now the cat is out of the bag! For some time it has been common-

item will make your tax at least had in mind an industrial United \$2.20 more. Thus a farm record is States with a cheap food program quite valuable as an aid to one's with much of the food to be import-



U.F. YAEGER

the comment of ecially for Federal Income Tax is another commentator, but more than obtainable from county agr'l agents, one trial balloon has been released or from the Farm Management dep't for the administration by Commenat Michigan State College, East Lan- tator Franklin. This gives more than passing importance to the above quo-The new book is set up as follows: tation. As we said in the opening Inside cover page-Some rules and sentence, it let's the cat out of the

In another place in the column, Mr Franklin has the following to say For the first time since the spring of 1942, an economic solution of the food crisis in the United States is a possible. That solution is buying and transporting food from South Ameri Pages 38-43-Inventories, purchases ca, both on account of lend lease and and sales of cattle, hogs, poultry, the armed forces, and for the civilian population.

"There is a glut of wheat in the Ar gentine and in Uruguay. Cut of ng depreciation of buildings and markets by the war and the Allied blockade, cattle and other foodstuffs Page 48-Summary page for deter- have been backing up the Rio Plate the normally lower standard of prices Page 49-Summary page for deter- in the Argentine would make it econining net farm profit on a cash bas- nomically possible to bring South American foodstuffs into the United Pages 50-51-Plot of the farm and States. In the Caribbean area there is a superfluity of sugar and other Page 52-Record of non-farm in tropical commodities which have been dammed way back from the United

States by the U-boat sinkings of 1942. "Shortage of shipping for many months prohibited our access to these sources of food, but that shortage has at last been overcome. We have the ships, the men and the money t transport food from overseas into the United States . . . Consumers would as a matter of fact, find themselves benefited by lower food prices, espec ially in the industrial eastern United

"In the long run, for an industrial nation low-cost foods are a necessity. What World Wants

Another matter of interest to farmcoln, make such a statement. Murray Lincoln was the only farmer repre sentative at the Hot Springs Food Conference which you will remember was a "secret" affair. Mr. Lincoln

dustrial commodities in the years to

At this same time, the Senate agricultural committee is investigating charges that foreign agriculture is being built up by American fertilizer

and American machinery, while the American farmer goes without. Senator Aiken, of Vermont, is quoted as saying, "I understand contracts have been made for purchase of South

American crops (by the United States) over a period of years. All of this, when taken together, seems to verify the charges that the New Deal planners expect to sacrifice

the American farmer and build the United States as an industrial nation. These matters should give the thinking farmer something to ponder, and certainly a sound reason why every farmer should become a member of a farm organization so that the agricultural viewpoint, as regards these matters, can be more adequately presented.

Some Get Refund on 1942 Weight Tax

Many Michigan farmers are now being agreeably surprised by the receipt from the Secretary of State of a form letter with check enclosed for a refund of a portion of the 1942 weight tax paid on their farm trucks, trailers and semi-trailers

The explanation of these refunds is briefly as follows: The 1941 motor chicle licensing law reduced the farm truck license rate from 50c to 35c per hundred pounds and provided very substantial reductions in the rates for farm trailers. Ordinarily this measure would have gone into effect October 8, 1941, but because the Legislature took a prolonged recess instead of an adjournment, this and several other new laws did not go into effect until January 10, 1942. Because of this circumstance, farmers purchasing farm truck or trailer licenses between those dates paid at the old rates, whereas the Legislature had expected that the new rates

would have been in effect. The 1943 Legislature passed H. B. 242 providing for the refund of the lifference between the new rates and the old rates. A farmer eligible for such refunds does not have to make any application therefor, as the Secretary of State has the information regarding each such instance and is sending out the refund checks.

Mice and Fruit Trees

To reduce the danger of damage to oung fruit trees by mice during winter, a good practice is the removal of mouse shelter such as straw and tall grass from around the tree. It should pe pulled away for a distance of at



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Resolution Adopted by Michigan State

men and women, the auditorium and ing programs. We call attention to the fact that these buildings have been erected without any legislative appropriations and have been financed entirely by self-liquidating bond issues and that the entire bonded debt will be retired out of earnings of the buildings within the next few

We call attention to the fact that the Michigan State College is seriously in need of additional class room and laboratory space and that such facilities cannot be provided by self- country. Another one remarked that ducer is wholly responsible for the State Legislature and the Planning er who produced it. Commission give this situation pro- Perhaps a Blessing in Disguise per consideration and recognition in connection with the program of postwar rehabilitation and expansion of any other fellow and is entitled to tributor to make his plans accordingthe State's educational facilities.

be kept free from any political interference or entanglements, we urge standing appropriation for the payment of salaries of professors, instructors and employees and for expenses of operation and maintenance.

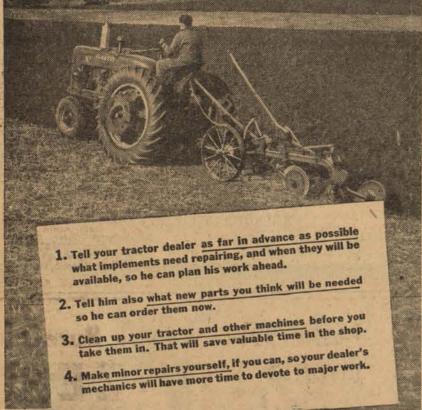
Frank C. Collar

Frank C. Collar, for many years a director of the Ingham County Farm Bureau, died Nov. 23 at his farm one of the first members of the Farm Bureau, and one of the most active and faithful workers. He helped organize the Community Farm Bureau in his neighborhood and was helping another group with its organization. Frank Collar was regarded highly by his friends in the Farm Bureau.

At least 20 milion pounds of honey have been added to this year's honey asked questions that we think any state. crop recently because the weather was adult person should know by instinct Let's Keep Our Heads sunny while sweet clover was in if not from actual experience. Busi-

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People Want to Talk **About Food Situation**

A short time ago I heard a man, a attempts these very kickers have

one who had been some of their scheming.



dance of food that the plan. MRS. WAGAR

theirs to be had without measure.

been approached by more city people month of the year for the producer. concerning farm problems than I have Before the base and surplus plan home in Wheatfield township after an That will enable us to retain labor to draw from so the actual price did

Public Knows So Little About Milk ganization called the Michigan Milk put into effect. These changes couhis hubbub about milk.

for knowing so little about milk. They influential farm co-operatives in the and co-operatively with the dairy di- and discourage the dairy farmer. vision of Michigan State College, al- None of this was brought about by

cents a hundred pounds to finance farmer. the organization to the extent that | Co-operatives have bit by bit ac-

Investigate the Investigators, Too honesty and ability and their loyalty right for a mess of nothing or worse.

By MRS. EDITH M. WAGAR | to the members, the local banker of Briar Hill Farm, Carleton, Monroe Co. each official or any business man in This is the time of year that we their home town. I also told each one We again voice our appreciation of day of family reunion or of one big fair and open minded in the matter lime, says Dr. P. M. Harmer of Mich- the Michigan State College for the meal from soup to nuts, with turkey, the should make the same investigaigan State College. In fact, a lime splendid service which it is render- oysters, mince pie and cranberry tion of the opponents of the organiapplication may reduce crop yields. ing in connection with its on-campus sauce. Folks of mature age think zation, and suggested they search the Too much lime seems to lock up avail- instructional program, its experi- more and more of the blessings of justice and circuit court records in ability of other needed plant foods mental work and extension service. real living-right living-home, fam- some cases for additional information, such as boron or manganese. Dr. We look with satisfaction on the ily and friends-contentment and se- or to go to the office of the Milk Producers itself and learn how many

an avowed relig- Base and Surplus

ious man; say that Then people would want to know when we think of all about "That vicious base and surthe multitudes of plus plan". It really had to be a long folks all over the story to get them to understand just world who are why such a plan was adopted in the hungry most of the first place and to also prove to them time, we Ameri- that it has been a benefit to the concans should thank sumer as well as to the thousands of God three times a members. One has to know some of day that we have the early experiences of the associathe great abun- tion to fully appreciate the benefits of

we have in this I told them each individual proliquidating bond issues. We there it wouldn't hurt to give a little amount he himself establishes as his fore recommend that the Michigan though at the same time to the farm- base and any milk sent to market over that base is classed as surplus. This policy not only assures the con-In a democracy like America where sumer an even supply of milk the everyone feels he is just as good as year around, but it allows the dis-

share every blessing that anyone else ly. The association knows quite ac-In order that this institution may enjoys, a shortage once in a while curately the amount of milk it is barmay prove a blessing in disguise. gaining to sell whenever it goes into People are more apt to appreciate a sales conference, but best of all it that there be a definite and adequate a commodity when it is scarce far corrected that time old period of more than they ever did when it was floods of milk in May and June and a scarcity in the fall. It has meant During the past two weeks I've a well balanced milk check every

> in any entire year before. They are was adopted the bottom simply fell much concerned about the outlook from under all milk prices during the for food shortages. I surely believe flood periods and there was a demand if we can reach them with the truth, for more milk during the lean periods. they will want us to have a fair price. So the area was enlarged from which and have the necessary machinery not increase accordingly, for the and other elements that enter in pro- scarcity disappeared. But, when the next flood came it was much more for it came from the larger area, hence Invariably I was asked about who the base and surplus plan, together made up that much talked about or- with established marketing areas was Producers Association and why all pled with proper breeding and feeding policies have made the Michigan Some of these folks astonished me Milk Producers Association one of the

> This story may not be new to many ness men were surprised but easily of our dairy farmers, but I write it as convinced when I explained that our a caution to other groups. Most of dairy organization was as democratic this turmoil has been the result of s any group could be, for every mem- war conditions. People from many per of it belonged also to a local unit other states have been encouraged where he has a voice and a vote in to come here, even many from other electing officers and selecting dele- portions of our own state came to gates to state meetings who in turn this locality for a good and many times elect officers to the state organiza- easy job with the highest wage they tion. Every dairy county has one or never before dreamed of. They want more representatives on the sales milk. Many of our farmers gave up ommittee. The sales committee sits larming entirely. Some sold off all in session with the distributors when- but a cow or two and took a better even any agreement is made as to paying and much easier job. Then price of milk. And more than that, along came price freezes and ceilings the organization works in harmony and everything else to further hamper

ways with the thought uppermost in any farm organization, although there their minds of benefitting their mem- are some who would like to put the blame there. But, it means that those They were surprised that the or- who have wanted to tie the business anization does not compel every pro- of farming with coal mining or milk ducer of milk to join up with them radical consumer groups can see this pefore he can sell milk in Detroit as was a time to strike. Not for a minreported in some of the papers. I ute do they mean to help the farmer old them each member agrees to give so that he can continue as a real

every member is guaranteed the cumulated working capital that's atagreed price of all milk delivered. tractive to some other agencies and This in itself makes it necessary for they are more than willing to camthe association in turn to sell to re- paign against us. Don't be fooled. putable and reliable distributors in This war will not last forever. Those order not to deplete the nest egg held wages will not last either. But, we of the farm will still have a job. We'll eat of our own production. We will Of course I was asked how come be independent of public relief if our such a disreputable set of officers" government will let us. So fight the managed to get in. I told them I'd fight to a finish. Never relinquish gladly give for reference as to their your self-respect or sell your birth-

Advice on Care of Electric Motors

140,000 Michigan farms which have electric service must be kept running Richard Witz, extension specialist in rural electrification at Michigan State College, offers some pointers to keep the farm motors humming:

Proper lubrication for fractional horsepower motors with sleeve bearmore acres plowed in a day or the ings means but three or four drops of S.A.E. 10 or 10W oil every three or four months. Ball bearing motors far-reaching and drastic decline in should be greased every one or two hog prices that the federal governyears with ball bearing motor grease. ment has been unable to maintain and oil. Water will rust the motor will result in heavy financial loss to and oil affects the insulation. Either all hog-raising farmers and drag down will cause serious damage.

> acuum cleaner can be used to remove the point program. dust. Dust or dirt acts as insulation and helps cause motors to burn out.

On a repulsion-induction type mo- ments for the purchase of meat and tor, the commutator segments should meat products be removed. This will be cleaned by washing with a rag on expedite the marketing of livestock, the end of a stick dampened with ker- conserve precious feed and save liveosene. Rough commutators may re- stock raisers and feeders from susquire sanding with a fine grade num- taining staggering losses which would ber 0 or 00 sandpaper. Emery paper discourage needed production in the should not be used. Carbon brushes future.

Belts too tight cause wear on the mo- ed and that the point requirements

WOULD SUSPEND TO AID MARKETS

Resolution Adopted by Michigan State Farm Bureau, Nov. 10-11

The unprecedented flood of hogs going to slaughter houses and packing plants has utterly demoralized the hog market and resulted in such a Motors should be kept free of water the announced support prices. This (all livestock prices at a time when, in Dust should be removed at regular spite of surplus meat animals, there ntervals. A tire pump or blower on a is a great unsatisfied demand, due to

We therefore demand that until December 31, 1943, all point require-

After January 1, 1944, if it is neces-Belts too loose or out of alignment sary to ration meat we urge that ause excessive wear on the belt. meat and butter be separately rationfor butter be reduced.

HELP KEEP **OUR AVIATORS** WARM

We are familiar with the slogans "Keep 'Em Flying" and "Keep 'Em Rolling." Now Michigan sheep growers and feeders have been assigned a part in the job to "Keep 'Em Warm". Aviators flying at a height of 35,000 feet are traveling in temperatures down to 60 or more degrees below zero. This requires warm equipment, shearling pelts are ideal for this pur-

The government wants 16 million shearling pelts. Michigan growers should produce 250,000 of them. From 10 to 12 pelts are required to equip one aviator.

Shearling pelts are relatively new to us, so let's explain. A shearling is a skin of a lamb having a short wool growth or the pelt of a sheep that has been shorn shortly before or after slaughter.

Contracts have been negotiated between the Army Air Corps and the tanners which call for the processing and delivering of over three-fourths of a million shearling pelts per month between now and December 31, 1943. Six Million Usual Supply

To produce these pelts now, this year when we need them, calls for full co-operation from sheep producers, co operatives, dealers, packers and tanners. We normally produce between 2 and 3 million shearling pelts in this country. Our imports have been about 4 million pelts annually. This means that we must more than double our normal production, as 20 per cent of our domestic pelts are rejects.

C. G. Randell of the Farm Credit Administration, member of the U. S. Dep't of Agriculture shearling committee, has requested the following men to act on the Michigan shearling ommittee:

E. L. Benton, extension specialist in animal husbandry, Paul Finnegan. nanager of the Michigan Co-operative Marketing Ass'n., and Don Stark, livestock marketing specialist chairman. These men are working with sheep growers, feeders, packers, commission men, auctions, and extension groups on the War Production Board, and United States Department of Agriculture program of meeting Army, Navy, and Marine Corps needs. It should be remembered that pelts from small lambs, weighing around 75-80 pounds, may be discounted, also those pelts where the fleece is loose and open. If lambs are held until they weigh 90-100 pounds, the pelts are ordinarily not discounted unless they are loose or open or have been damaged in the take off or curing. From a lamb marketing standpoint, Mr. Stark suggests growers and feeders hold their lambs after shearing long enough to produce a No. 2 pelt, which is from 1/4 to 1/2 inch of

Growers Should Be Well Paid

in producing shearlings is to make it program; first, more pelts will be a definite part of their feeding pro- produced for our military forces, and, gram. Experienced feeders know second, the growers should be well when their lambs will be ready for paid for their trouble due to the market. Use this as a basis in de-spread which exists between various termining when to shear so that the grades of shearling pelts.

lamb will have a No. 2 pelt, finished and at the proper packer weight.

Farmers should feet that the secret Two results are expected from this

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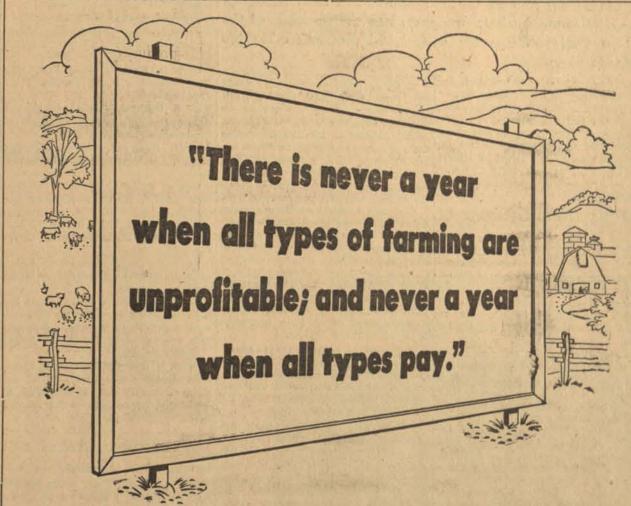
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Farm Bureau Policy On Food Subsidies

Resolution Adopted at 24th Annual Meeting At Michigan State College, Nov. 10-11, 1943

We, the 410 delegates representing the Farm Bureau members of Michigan, favor a constructive program to con- be paid for out of borrowed money trol inflation, but to have an effective program, it must provide comparable control of all of the factors which make for inflation; namely, industrial prices, farm prices, and wages. In addition, there must be an effective tax program to reduce and state Farm Bureau officials to the excess purchasing power and avoid the piling up of unnecessary debt burdens.

Farmers resent the unwarranted, unjustifiable attacks of munity Farm Bureaus and Action spokesmen for the Administration and labor leaders with Committeemen to enlist our entire respect to farm prices and the attempts to get necessary adjustments in price ceilings which are interfering with produc- production goals and that his freetion. The Administration has permitted the worst wage inflation in the history of this country and has promoted the We strongly favor the continuation worst debt inflation our country has ever experienced. The and the continuation of support relatively small increases in prices of food which would be prices necessary to secure adequate necessary in order to avoid food subsidies are inconsequential production of agricultural commod ities, but we insist that none of the compared with the enormous increases in industrial wages and funds of this agency or any other the staggering increases in the national debt which have payment of subsidies for reducing already taken place.

Farmers do not want run-away inflation. All they ask dorse the Steagall Bill (H. R. 3477) is equitable adjustment of ceiling prices only to the extent now pending in Congress as embody necessary to offset their increased costs of labor and other costs and to secure the necessary production without subsidies. That is what Congress has already directed in the Stabilization Act, but the Administration has not carried out Bureau the mandate of Congress. Instead, it has embarked upon a Officers and wholesale policy of subsidizing consumers out of the public treasury.

Subsidies and inflationary food prices can best be prevented through the encouragement of ample production of farm products. It may be necessary to establish floors under prices of certain farm products or to set definite loan values which would have the effect of "pegging" farm prices at levels which make possible the achievement of needed produc-

We feel it our duty to emphasize to our National Administration, to Congress and to the consuming public that if the farmers of America are to accomplish the unprecedented food production goals for 1944 and succeeding years they must be freed from unnecessary and impractical regulations and restrictions and must be assured of reasonable support prices in case of over-production or distress conditions occasioned by the unusual risks of wartime production.

Fair market prices are a necessity if production goals are to be attained. Farm prices must be adequate to meet the increased costs of labor, supplies and equipment. We must have a minimum quantity of labor, supplies and equipment if production goals are to be attained. Subsidies in lieu of fair market prices will not enable the farmer to meet this unprecedented demand on his initiative and material equipment. We are unalterably opposed to the principle of the Commodity Exchange Directors: payment of subsidies for agricultural production for the following reasons:

1-It is unfair and unsound for our government to borrow money, to tax returning soldiers after the war, or to tax future generations to pay the grocery bills of the consumer in a period of the highest non-farm income on record. We object to requiring our boys to both fight the war for us and to pay unnecessary costs

There is absolutely no excuse for double the national income in 1939when industrial wages are at the highest levels in history, virtually when non-farm workers, despite increased food costs, are paying the by unworkable directives. smallest percentage of their wages for

The main pressure for consumer subsidies comes from the leaders of quired for the subsidy itself. labor unions whose members on the workers in the country and whose ly to produce foods such as milk, Farm Bureau Asks increases in food costs.

-hiding behind the skirts of the low sidies keep the price down on scarce or fixed income classes, including foods and encourage their excessive widows, orphans and the aged. A consumption in lieu of encouraging stamp plan or other special arrange the consumption of plentiful and more ment could easily meet the needs of economical foods such as potatoes, such minorities without dispensing beans, bread, etc. government money to the high wage war economic distress.

save the average consumer but a few Products Co. dollars per year so the groups demanding subsidies must consider the initial amount as an entering wedge Producers Creameries, Inc.

for appreciably greater amounts later. Perhaps the present agitation county, Michigan Milk Producers PLANT GROUP and furor for consumer doles is being used as a smoke screen for boost-

ing wage levels and non-farm income. 4-Subsidies are inevitably associathe federal government to borrow ted with increasing government conmoney to help pay consumer's gro- trols and regulations. These deprive cery bills at this time, when the na- the farmer of his freedom and inititional income is at a record level- ative and subject him to constant changes occasioned by the whims of impractical bureaucrats and theorists. The experienced initiative of going double the peak of World War I; farm enterprises in our nation must be encouraged rather than hampered

5-Subsidies require large approfood at any time in history, because priations to finance their cost of adwages have increased more than food ministration and regulation and so may greatly increase taxes and government borrowing beyond those re-

6-Subsidies by rolling back the whole represent the highest paid consumer prices for scarce and costwage increases have far exceeded the butter, meat, etc., increase the con- Control of Foxes sumption of scarce foods beyond the 2-We object to high income groups normal or health requirements. Sub-

7-Subsidies and price roll-backs and salary groups. If these groups are inflationary because they amount want a government dole in this high to still further increasing the spendincome period they will demand still ing power of civilians in relation to greater donations in time of post the goods available for purchase, which is the fundamental cause of in-

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flation. They would leave additional dollars in the pockets of consumer with which they would compete for the already inadequate supply of cousumers goods, thus causing further skyrocketing of commodity prices in both the legitimate and the "black" market.

With government expenditures faexceeding government revenues it is

Higher prices are the result of in We therefore, instruct our national

continue to fight against subsidies and price roll-backs in lieu of fair

We call upon our County and Com-

of the Commodity Credit Corporation Government agency be used for the maintaining, or in lieu of increasing

State Farm Directors

We present the board of directors of the Michigan State Farm Bureau for the year ending November 10, 1944. The directors elect a president of the board. Directors are elected for 2 year terms. Names shown in black face type are directors elected at the annual meeting of the Michgan State Farm Bureau, Nov. 10-11,

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Frank Oberst, Breckenridge, Gratiot county, representing the Michigan

Carl E. Buskirk, Paw Paw, Van 3-All subsidies yet proposed would Buren county, Farm Bureau Fruit G. S. Coffman, Coldwater, Branch county, Michigan District of Mid-West

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change. J. T. Bussey, Lake Leelanau, Lee-

lanau county, Michigan Potato Growers Exchange. Forrest King, Charlotte, Eaton county, Michigan Co-operative Wool

Marketing Ass'n. *Represents State Junior Farm Bureau on board of directors of Michigan State Farm Bureau. Directorship created at 1942 annual meeting

of Farm Bureau. Clark L. Brody of Lansing is executhat capacity by the Farm Bureau board of directors.

The Michigan State Farm Bureau on Nov. 11 called attention to the increasing damage by foxes. In some sections of the state the situation is aggravated by hunting clubs which release light colored foxes. They pursue them but never kill them. The light foxes spread over a large area and mate with red foxes. The pelt of the bross breed has very little value. The Farm Bureau recommended a bounty of \$5 for each wild fox killed and legislation to prohibit the release of foxes.

Oleo Tax Repeal Bill Killed in Committee

By a vote of 14 to 11, the House Agriculture committee last month called off legistion started by its chairman, Rep. Fulmer of South Carolina, to lift federal taxes and restrictions on the sale of oleomargar-

Check now equipment needed for safe winter driving; anti-freeze, windshield wiper, heater-defroster, antiskid chains, snow shovel.

Phoxphex, a defluorinated mineral mixture available at Michigan elevators, is a substitute for steamed bone



FOOD SUBSIDY BAN NEARS VOTE

As the Farm News goes to press Dec. 3, the Senate committee on banking and currency was nearing the end of public hearings on the bill to extend the life of the Commodity Credit Corporation until June 30 1945, with the provision that no federal funds from any agency may be used after Jan. 1, 1944, to pay food subsidies for consumers.

A few days ago the House adopted the bill 278 to 117, more than enough to over-ride the expected veto. It is predicted that the Senate will pass the bill by a large majority, perhaps enough to over-ride a veto, should that test come.

The Senate committee heard agriculture first. President O'Neal of the American Farm Bureau and Albert Goss, national master of the Grange, presented testimony to show that consumer food subsidies are not needed and that they will contribute to inflation rather than curb it. They said that the subsidy is a camouflaged pay increase for consumers and a set-

ack for agriculture. Later Chester Bowles, OPA adminvage increases unless consumers get the benefit of a subsidy program. The CIO and AFL sent their national leaders to say that labor must have subsidized food. Mayor LaGuardia of Praises Michigan Farmers New York headed a list of mayors of subsidies for their constituents.

C. N. Hinman, general manager of the Farm Bureau Fruit Products Co. has been appointed one of three members of the Michigan State College

Canning Plant Committee. The appointment was made by Don S. Morgan, president of the Michigan Dr. Victor R. Gardner, director of the

meeting with college staff members ning Board. working on the subject. The college Deplores Centralization plant is interested in working with canners and producers on canning toward too much centralization of crop problems, developing new products, and improving old ones, etc.

ing in a Wisconsin "graveyard" yielded enough scrap to make 240 75-mm Governor Kelly declared that the hombs.

GOV. KELLY

Publicity Director, Huron County Farm Bureau

Three hundred and fifty Huror County Farm Bureau members packed he Elkton high school auditorium Tuesday evening, November 30, for their annual banquet and meeting. They applauded Governor Harry F Kelly vigorously as he reiterated his faith in the farmers of Michigan. Many more, unable to obtain tickets of Karl Ochmke of Sebewaing. for the banquet, flocked in after the banquet to listen to the Governor's

The banquet served, in a way, to ocus attention upon one thing that direction of Milt Ackerman. Huron County needs, and needs bady-adequate facilities to seat a crowd. And at the same time, the banquet focussed attention, too, upon the glad to paid their dollar to sit down to omics teacher. that banquet if they had been able to

Howard Nugent, speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives strator, pleaded for food subsidies, and one of Huron County's outstand oredicting a 10% increase in retail ing Farm Bureau members, was toast ood prices, and general demands for master and introduced Governor Kelly emphasizing that Huron County Farm Bureau was signally honore by having the state's war governo with them as their guest speaker.

Governor Kelly emphasized par metropolitan centers demanding food ticularly the role Michigan farmers are playing in the all-out war to pre warned that Michigan farmers probably would have to carry on for another year under the same handicaps' that they have bucked for this last 18 months-shortage of machinery, shortage of help. He stressed the importance of education and pointed out that this war had brought out plainly the advantages of education. In this war, he said, the percentage of soldiers having a high school education is far in excess of that of the last war.

Governor Kelly declared that it was of paramount importance that the soldiers now doing their duty at the Canners Ass'n. The College, through front must have their rights at home preserved. He voiced the confidence experiment station, asked the indus- that the American farmer would see try to appoint a committee to work to it that these rights are preserved. with the college staff in making the Governor Kelly praised Speaker Nucollege canning plant of the most gent for the part he has played in the value to canners and producers of preservation of our rights and express-canning crops in the state. Other ed the belief that the state would have tive secretary and treasurer of the members of the committee are Dan a reserve of more than \$50,000,000 to Farm Bureau. He is employed in Gerber, chairman, and Mark Hutchin smooth over the transition from war to peace. He referred particularly to The committee has held its first Mr. Nugent's work on the State Plan-

Governor Kelly deplored the trend government and declared that the state and county lines must be preserved, characterizing them as the Four hundred jaloples found rust- backbone of our American system. Speaking of the progress of the war,

howitzers and 480 one-ton aerial greatest spearhead democracy has ever wielded is now being thrust at

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the heart of Germany and Japan but Paint Poisoning warned that the shaft of this spear extends back home and that America Costly on Farms must hold it up. "The flower of the state's manhood," said the Governor, but pigs, cows, sheep and horses

is behind that spearhead." The Governor warned that America pointed out by Dr. B. J. Killham, ices and declared that Michigan boys Michigan State College will be falling in battle right up to

he last minute ural deferments, Governor Kelly declared that these were absolutely nec farms who are doing their part.

Two New Directors At the annual meeting, two new di

ectors were elected. They are: MSC Holsteins Charles Heckroth of Caseville, and Mrs. Karl Ochmke of Sebewaing. They On Test 15 Years replace Alfred Sturm of Pigeon and Mrs. Hal Conkey of Caseville, who retired after six terms as secretary, official test, the production of an 11-Her place was taken by George Baur cow herd averaged more than 23/2 of Bay Port, former state and county time that of the average dairy cow, president of the Junior Farm Bureau, according to the national breed as-Ray English was elected treasurer sociation. and Edmund Good of Gagetown was vice president. Ralph Brown of Ubly was the unanimous of butterfat in 17,053 pounds of milk. hoice for president to succeed him The herd average for 12 months was elf. Franklin Irion was re-elected.

At the speaker's table were: Gov- 13,841 pounds of milk. ernor Harry F. Kelly, President Ralph Brown and Mrs. Brown, Vice-Presilent Edmund Good and Mrs. Good, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Conkey, Mr. and unsprayed potatoes 70 bushels per acre Mrs. Ray English, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Leipprandt of Pigeon, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Irion of Sebewaing, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sturm of Pigeon, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Bucholz of Pigeon, Mr and Mrs. George Baur of Bay Port Senator Rawson of Cass City and Mrs. Rawson and the Rev. J. J. Klopfens tein and Mrs. Klopfenstein of Elkton and Mr. and Mrs. Albert W. Bailey of

President Ralph Brown opened the ession, pointing out the gains mad by the Farm Bureau in the past year and then called upon the secretary and treasurer for their reports. Ed mund Good presided over the election and Fred Reimer, district representa tive, came through with his usual bright after-dinner speech. phasized that a thousand member was none too small a goal for the 1944 membership drive, which is to start in a short time under the leadership

The invocation was given by the Rev. J. J. Klopfenstein of the Elkton Missionary Church and the Elkton Farm Bureau quartet sang under the

Music was provided by the Elkton high school band under the able direction of Stanley Bauman. The banquet was served by the students of the strength of the Farm Bureau in Hur- high school under the supervision on county. For 700 would have been of Mrs. Theda Lichtenfelt, home econ-

At a meeting of the board of directors immediately following the banquet, it was voted to have the next director's meeting at the home of Ray English and to have the board meetings for the winter in the form of potluck dinners at the home of members

Mexico has been pushing a big highway construction program which

last year cost nearly \$35,000,000. One-seventh of the feed given hogs

is lost in swine deaths.

Michigan livestock may be superior

must expect more and greater sacri- livestock extension, pathologist at Touching on the matter of agricul- faces and even more so if they lick

Cows are especially sensitive to ead poisoning from fresh painted surcontents of discarded paint cans or - buckets. Mineral-deficient cattle ssary and praised the boys on the especially, are attracted to rubbish piles in which careless persons some time toss old paint buckets.

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Junior Farm Bureau

By MISS MARGARET PEASE, 318 W. Cedar St., Kalamazoo, State Pu blicity Chairman

444 ATTEND JUNIORS' 8TH ANNUAL MEET

The eighth annual State Junior Farm Bureau Convention was held in vember 6, 1943. It was attended by 444 delegates and members.

Following the business session in the afternoon, new state officers were elected. President, Richard Nelson. Freesoil R-2; 1st vice-president, Ray- high school with Mr. Andrew Lohmond DeWitt, Buchanan R-2; 2nd vicepresident, Earl Seybert, Mt. Pleasant R-1; secretary, Gladys Deters, Fremont; publicity chairman, Margaret Pease, Scotts; camp chairman, Katrine Boyce, 610 E. Liberty St., Ann Arbor.

The young people attended the banquet held at the Peoples Church in East Lansing. Wilbur Saldeen, toastmaster, introduced M. J. Buschlin of the sugar beet industry, who conducted the installation of the new officers.

Norris Young, retiring president, said major accomplishments of the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau in 1943

difficulties due to the war.

lishing Junior Farm Bureaus on a ning party. We had the largest numcommunity basis, with a resulting in- ber of voting delegates. They were: crease in membership and activities. George Wooley, Velma Benedix, Marwar bond project.

Bureau in many community projects Luther, Kenneth Blackman and Heldealing with the war.

5-Produced strongest and most Juniors have had.

senior Farm Bureau membership.

year would include:

and board members to improve them in their work.

in their respective districts. 3-Complete purchase of the \$10,000

4-Publish a Junior Farm Bureau

5-Meet the demand for camp train-

6-Develop Junior Farm Bureau on

a community basis. 7—Educate new and younger members to the purpose and program of

the Junior Farm Bureau.

Square dancing and a grand march WITH FARMERS were enjoyed in the Demonstration Hall, where a party was held. Blue IN LOUISIANA feathered hats were given everyone signifying the eighth annual Junior

At midnight everyone started on that its efforts were becoming more and more of an accomplishment

FIFTY ATTEND BERRIEN CAMP

An unusual week-end was enjoyed stance a lower berth had been sold on Oct. 23 and 24 at Camp Warren, three times, once to an elderly wo-6 miles north of Benton Harbor by man, then to an elderly gentlemen. fifty members of Berrien Junior Farm Finally two soldiers boarded the Bureau. It was in the form of a miniature camp, the purpose of which was The conductor was a diplomat and to develop leadership in co-operation and recreation.

After registering, they were divided how. into competitive tribes which were the Fruit Growers, Co-ops, Food Pro- on a tour of Camp Polk. He took cessors and Dairy Products. Plans advantage of the opportunity to lowere made by the committee for cate two Junior Farm Bureau mempoints so that the tribes competed for bers stationed there: Gerald De a study of the job of the regional ior Farm Bureau on the peninsula. honors, the trophy going to the Food Vries of Holland, formerly cow test- directors for an agreement as to the BERRIEN CENTER-Berrien Processors with Barbara Preston as er in St. Clair county and Gerald responsibilities of regional directors. their chief. Relays, folk dances and Hath of Byron, formerly a member singing were enjoyed throughout the of the Campus Junior Farm Bureau.

Sunday morning, pointers and ad- the stay in the south was a day vice on determination, will power and spent in the country with the country keeping our balance with relation to agr'l agent of that county, Mr. Luno. God were given by the Rev. H. Loom- Mr. Hennink said reports that the is of Coloma Congregational church. county contains 1,600 square miles of

procedure, public speaking and news two thousand farmers who cultivated writing. Leaders in these discussions 20 acres or less. The rest of the terjie Ziliman, assistant county agricul-tural agent: public speaking, Harold over In the course of the day's tray. tural agent; public speaking, Harold over. In the course of the day's travely were; Parliamentary Procedure, Lesel Mr. Luno pointed out several charolist check to the Junior Farm Bureau by Mr. Lee and supported by Robert by Mr. Lee and supported by Robert Companies presents his check to the Junior Farm Bureau by Mr. Lee and supported by Robert Companies presents his check to the Junior Farm Bureau by Mr. Lee and supported by Robert Companies presents his check to the Junior Farm Bureau by Mr. Lee and supported by Robert Companies presents his check to the Junior Farm Bureau by Mr. Lee and supported by Robert Companies presents his check to the Junior Farm Bureau by Mr. Lee and supported by Robert Companies presents his check to the Junior Farm Bureau by Mr. Lee and supported by Robert Companies presents his check to the Junior Farm Bureau by Mr. Lee and supported by Robert Companies presents his check to the Junior Farm Bureau by Mr. Lee and supported by Robert Companies presents his check to the Junior Farm Bureau by Mr. Lee and supported by Robert Companies presents his check to the Junior Farm Bureau by Mr. Lee and supported by Robert Companies presents his check to the Junior Farm Bureau by Mr. Lee and supported by Robert Companies presents his check to the Junior Farm Bureau by Mr. Lee and supported by Robert Companies presents his check to the Junior Farm Bureau by Mr. Lee and supported by Robert Companies presents his check to the Junior Farm Bureau by Mr. Lee and Supported by Robert Companies presents his check to the Junior Farm Bureau by Mr. Lee and Supported by Robert Companies presents his check to the Junior Farm Bureau by Mr. Lee and Supported by Robert Companies presents his check to the Junior Farm Bureau by Mr. Lee and Supported by Robert Companies presents his check to the Junior Farm Bureau by Mr. Lee and Supported by Robert Companies presents his check to the Junior Farm Bureau by Mr. Lee and Supported by Robert Companies presents his check to the Junior Farm Bureau by Mr. Lee and Supported Sparks, district director for the 4-H acteristics of southern agriculture, his check to the Junior Farm Bureau Brydges that the group go on record by the Brydges that the group go on the Brydges that the group go on record by the Brydges that the group go on the Brydges that the group counties; news writing, Burton Rich- distance between farms and the ards, secretary of Berrien County type of soil made the problem of agri-Farm Bureau.

The group as a whole under the much more difficult than in areas leadership of Burton Richards disthat were closely settled. cussed the "Needs of Rural Youth". Conversations with the farmers re- SW. MICHIGAN "What Existing Organizations Are vealed that southern farmers in that Doing to Satisfy These Needs" and area are very much interested in na-

Gasoline

ed in tempo to the point where mili- the many contradicting programs and Barry. Ottawa, Berrien, St. Joseph, tary requirements for gasoline are activities that we are ready to throw and Allegan counties. duction east of the Rocky Mountains.

One-third of the men in the U. S.

army today are married.

window."

It Happened in the Michigan Junior Farm Bureau

the auditorium of the Music Building Our delegates were Helen Lundquist, Service Men, Harold Benedix and on the State College campus on No- Leon Reimink and Herman Peder- Bob Koenigshof.

> the Zeeland Grange hall with Fill- President, Arno Eschels, presided more Overisel groups; 56 were pres- Reports on the convention were given ent. Nov. 22 we met at Fennville by those who attended.

ness meeting was in charge of Ray- year. mond Slotman. Twenty-two were

Overisel was host to the Fennville and Fillmore Junior Farm Bureaus at a joint meeting Nov. 12 at Zeeland Grange hall.

Berrien-Thirty-eight members with their guests, Mr. and Mrs. DeForest Alderman of the Dehydration Depart-1-Maintenance and expansion of ment at Michigan State College, atthe Junior Farm Bureau in spite of tended the State Junior Farm Bureau Convention in East Lansing Novem-2-Adoption of policy for estab- ber 6 for an all day session and eve-3-Efforts to complete the \$10,000 ian Kerlikowski, Barbara Preston, June Norris, Harold Steinke, Richard 4-Participation of the Junior Farm Koenigshof, Ted Payne, Katheryn en Preston.

A hypotic spell was cast upon 60 fruit leadership training camp the members of the Central Berrien by Don Harlo, magician extra ordinary 6-Increased tremendously partici- of Benton Harbor. He was the specpation in senior Farm Bureau activi- ial attraction of a defense stamp ties by Juniors and former members party held at Berrien Center, Nov. 8, of the Junior group who have taken and given by the South End. They lost the Membership Drive to the Richard Nelson, president for 1942- North End. The defense stamps col-44, said major activities the coming lected at this meeting were used to ing and we enjoyed plenty of deliccomplete the Club's War Bond which 1-A training school for all officers had been started earlier in the year.

ber 22, will be a Thanksgiving dinner 2-State board members will con- at which committee, Raymond De- Rural Organization". duct regional officers training schools Witt, Barbara French, Helen Burton and Robert Burton will officiate.

Mr. Hennink's observations of the

train and claimed the same berth.

the situation. Hennink hasn't said

Mr. Hennink's nephew took him

Of considerable interest during

West Allegan-Nov. 8 we met at | State Director Ben Hennink and Mrs. Pearl School. Dr. Arnold Haugen Hennink were introduced. Ben patfrom the Wild Life Experiment Sta- ted Berrien on the back for its memtion at Swan Creek talked and show- bership and leadership. Letters were ed pictures on wild life. Twelve of read from Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lurour group attended the convention. kins, County Agricultural Agent, and

Mason-Central Junior Farm Bur-Nov. 12 we had a county meeting at eau Community group met Nov. 8

South Custer Junior Farm Bureau man, manager of the Hamilton Farm met Nov. 9 with 31 present. Tom Bureau, as speaker on "Current Lepak presided in the absence of the president. Eileen Bailey was elected Overisel-Oversiel Junior Farm publicity chairman and Joe Benak Bureau held a Halloween masquerade was elected vice-chairman. Tom Leparty October 29 in the home of Nor- pak reported the State convention. ma and Kenneth Wolters. The busi- We discussed plans for meetings next

St. Joseph-October 29 the St. Joseph County Junior Farm Bureau entertained at a district meeting, Kala- Farm Bureau mazoo, Branch and Calhoun county groups at the Mintdale Clubhouse.

Lola Fairchild had charge of the Halloween party. A short business meeting was conducted by our District President, Bob Brown, from Kalmazoo county. The remainder of the evening was spent dancing.

The Seniors invited the Juniors to chicken supper, November 2, at the Presbyterian Church in Centreville.

St. Joseph-November 6 a report was given on the State Convention. Plans were discussed for ways and means on raising money.

The next meeting will be Dec. 6 at the Grange Hall. We'll have a 'Sadie Hawkins' 'box social. Boys will bring the boxes and the girls writing. Leaders in these discussions will buy

The Kalamazoo County Junior Farm Bureau has invited the St. Joseph county group to a Christmas party

Kalamazoo - A penny-a-spoonful supper was held on November 18 at the Kalamazoo County Center Buildlous food. We had as our guest and speaker, Dr. McKinley Robinson, from The next regular meeting, Novem- Western Michigan College. He spoke on the "Necessity of Small Farms and

The business meeting was in charge of president, Clark Mowry. We made Central Berrien had a Thanksgiving plans for a district Christmas party potluck dinner and program for par- to be held at the Kalamazoo County ents Nov. 22 at the Bend of the River | Center Building, Kalamazoo, on Dec. Grange Hall near Niles. Seventy-five 10. Folk dancing, square dancing, and members and guests attended. Sing- a sideline fishpond will be the feaing was led by Raymond DeWitt. tures of this evening to come.

> ing the juice and boiling it. It is an interesting operation and recalls our own maple sugar harvest. Mr. Hennink said that the farmers who were helping in these operations were all of the same viewpoint relative to agriculture's position in the nation's af-

Ben Hennink, state director of the The county agent, Mr. Luno, asked Farm Bureau Convention. Refresh- Junior Farm Bureau, took a week Mr. Hennink to speak before the ments of cider and apples were serv- off for some southern sunshine re- County Farm Bureau meeting which cently. He and Mrs. Hennink went was held the following day. Mr. Hento Louisiana to visit Major John Van nink said that many questions were their weary way home to all the coun- Houten of the Eighth Armored Di- asked by farmers who wanted some ties in Michigan. Very satisfied with sision. The Major is stationed at first-hand information on labor unions the Junior Farm Bureau, they realized | Camp Polk and is the nephew of the | and farm organizations in the north. Henninks. He lived with them while He found farmers keenly interested attending Michigan State College. in the Farm Bureau.

trip are interesting. He admired the job that the railroad people are doing to handle the tremendous volume of traffic. Conversations with train of traffic. Conversations with train people enroute afforded considerable STATE BOARD interest during the trip. In one in-

the Junior Farm Bureau announces gram and feed shortages. Reports on the first meeting of the new Board, the annual State Farm Bureau meetof the Junior Farm Bureau for Saturing were given by Harold Frahm and succeeded in extricating himself from day morning, December 4th, at the Martin Kueffner. Farm Bureau at Lansing.

Mr. Nelson states that several im-

A report of the State Program Farm Bureau should be presented mail to some city friend or relative." with the suggestion that a state-wide | CASNOVIA-Muskegon membership contest be engaged in beginning January 1st.

Bond Drive.

cultural education and organization WINTER CAMP IN

What Program Our Organization tional agricultural issues. One farm-near Bradley, near the western Alle-Bank with Mr. Sauve financing it. er closed his remarks by saying, "We gan county line, will be the scene of

plan the program and notify the coun- 14 the committee will meet again and ders the gun. Mr. Hennink said they stopped at ties as to their quota. Those assist- make all final plans. It is compara- SOUTH THORNAPPLE-Barry two farms where farmers were en- ing were: Burton Richards, Norris ble with summer camp but on a smallgaged in grinding sugar cane, extract- Young of Berrien county; Robert and er scale,

SOUTH BATTLE CREEK-Calhoun The final summary of our discussion was as follows: Many farmers sidies for the farmers. A suggestion wants. (2) We feel that more farm-

are not represented in any active policy forming group. Farm Bureau dis- retary write to our State Farm Bur- in order to have a "representation of cussion groups should strive to in- eau, and it in turn write to other the entire population". (3) We think crease their membership and strength- State Farm Bureaus to see what en their organization if farmers are stand farmers are taking as to sub- thorough understanding of agricul to hold an effective place in relation sidies. This motion was carried. to other strongly organized groups. TRI-TOWNSHIP-Kalamazoo These groups must also study and discuss the inter-related problems of Bangs test of cattle in our county was other organized groups, in order that discussed. The chairman was asked group should have a member on the our group action may be more nearly fair to all groups. We farmers should directors. A payment to farmers for would help make the "policy determalso endeavor to spread before the animals the rendering company picks ination" of the organization more public and our government a fairer up was discussed and we wondered democratic. (5) We feel that the and clearer picture of the farmer's how we could get them to pay us Community or County Farm Bureaus place in the scheme of things. The for the animals. They used to do should work together with the exfarmer who stands in first place as a this but a few years ago it was disproducer of food and raw materials, deserves a fair consideration in our national economy.

MARCELLUS—Cass A resolution was presented by Roy Stevens, "Resolved, that we the Marcellus Farm Bureau, in order to conserve gas, tires and time of dairymen, request that the subsidy of 30c per undred and 4c per pound on butterfat be turned back to creameries or assembly plants for distribution to their patrons instead of through the county Triple-A organizations as at

REEMAN-Newaygo

The Reeman Community Farm Burau group collected \$278 for the war fund drive. It was voted it should be compulsory to have state-wide Bangs disease testing.

SOUTHWEST HILLSDALE-Hillsdale

Mr. Atkins, superintendent and vovational agricultural teacher at Camden school, gave an interesting talk in regard to the relation of the Farm Bureau to the county school system. An educational committee was appointed. Mr. Hummon is chairman. A legislative committee was appointed. Otto Gilmore is chairman.

SUPERIOR-Washtenaw Ivan Galpin moved that the chair-

man appoint a committee to draft a resolution protesting the policy of the Detroit Free Press and other newspapers in publishing unwarranted attacks on farm co-operative enterprises. This resolution was to be sent to the editors.

BUENA VISTA-BLUMFIELD-Saginaw

Sixty-seven members heard Justice Emmet Robinson discuss "Filing of

ARCHIE-Northwest Michigan

A motion was made by Robert Seaportant matters relative to Junior berg and seconded that we ask Penin-Farm Bureau must be handled by the sula No. 1 to meet with us in Janu-Board. Chief among these items is ary for the purpose of starting a Jun-

The following resolution was adopted on motion of Frank Gelnett: "Re-Planning Committee must be acted solved, that after reading our 'Michupon, as well as deciding as to wheth- igan Farm News' and the 'Nation's er the State Council of the Junior Agriculture', we wrap them up and VICKSBURG—Kalamzoo

Discussion was held concerning a The group studied parliamentary territory in which there were about Junior Farm Bureau board to dis- plained the opportunity the County President Nelson will ask the State labor unions. Norris and Banta excuss arrangements that should be Farm Bureau had to retain an attoras favoring this plan. The motion was carried. IRA-St. Clair

It was moved that the secretary orsame grade as the previously ordered carload at the prices quoted, and to Yankee Springs Recreational Area have it shipped to Marine City and have it drafted on the Marine Savings

A rising vote of thanks and appreciation was given to Mr. Sauve for St. Joseph so kindly financing the shipments of

Mr. Gave, our discussion leader, rea an account of how St. Clair Co. counties as to membership, attendance at meetings, value of farms, etc. among the members concerning subwas made into a motion that the sec-

to bring the matter before our county continued. We feel we are entitled to units which help our community. some reimbursement.

ADRIAN-TIPTON-Lenawee

Women stating that the women stressed the need for more co-operation between the farmers and the city dweller, between farmers, and maybe bringing out that a great deal of even between farmer and wife. Leo Wagner reported on the meet-

ing of the Michigan State Farm the Michigan State Farm Bureau was Bureau. He was impressed by the unanimously opposed to subsidies. democratic set-up of the organization as shown by the way the resolutions turkey at the next meeting was solved ed or rejected, and by the manner in | we have a turkey raffle as in previous which the district men served as the years. Mrs. Lena Jung made a mo employees of the delegates.

down on expenses and the precious Mrs. L. A. Webster and carried. supply of gas, and to insure the success of the on-coming Roll Call.

Farm Bureau discussed.

sidies was presented and the group pose of analyzing their problems." decided that (1) Figures so often presubsidies will not prevent inflation what proportion of the group was but truly will cause more inflation.

the time of the present crisis.

In a discussion of the present milk to farm subsidies. situation, the thought was expressed that full support should be given to the Income Tax". George E. Lands- ganizations. The current talk of a Richard Nelson, state president of burg spoke on the milk subsidy pro- supply should be considered an acmilk strike, if it is to threaten a food tivity detrimental to the war effort. LEROY-WHEATFIELD-Ingham

One question for discussion was, How many are going to take milk subsidy payments?" Some stated, although it was wrong, they were accepting payment. Mr. Glynn, county AAA chairman, stated that the County Farm Bureau president had applied for the subsidy payment. However, four members stated, in view of the fact that Farm Bureau went on record as being against farm subsidies. they were not going to ask for sub-

A discussion was held on subsidies Foster Oswalt summed up the suppanel between the farmers and the posed reason for having subsidies by saying that they were supposed to make a product cheaper to the consumer and higher to the producer. I'arold Harper suggested that the idea back of subsidies was probably advanced because we are about to mye an election. There were many orguments brought forth against subsidies; one of the main ones being that the boys who are fighting our battles would have to also pay for the privilege of us obtaining cheaper der another carload of oats of the products, in the future. Mr. Harper asked for a vote on subsidies and there were 12 against and none for

A letter was read that the County Association is against subsidies. A wonder down here whether the Presi- a Junior Farm Bureau winter camp. Esther Brown, Margaret Pease, Kala- letter was read by Mrs. Ralph Brown dent is running the country or John It will be for about 70 young people mazoo county; and Helen Lundquist that the Huron County Farm Bureau The air war in Europe has increas. L. Lewis. We are so confused with from Kalamazoo, Cass, Van Buren, and Bill Fisher from Allegan county, wants badges or uniforms to identify The camp will be from Tuesday farm soldiers. The boy who remains noon, December 28, 1943, to Saturday on the farm to help produce food is now equal to one third the total pro- the whole kit and kaboodle out the A committee met in Kalamazoo to noon, January 1, 1944. On December just as patriotic as the boy who shoul-

In behalf of the farmers of Barry county, our group requests that the

AFBF try to kill H R 2400 in Con-| WEST ADAMS Hillsdate gress, which was introduced by Rep.

TURNER-Huron

meant to him.

at Elkton, November 30.

It was suggested by our chairman, George Baur that, the hostess invite NORTHWEST OSHTEMOseveral extra guests to our meeting Kalamazoo as prospective members; so we may group started.

ALBION TWP. 1-Calhoun

Farm Bureau is to the farmer as CIO is to labor with these important differences. (1) Farm Bureau action starts with members and goes to top CIO orders start at the top and are dictated to labor. (2) Farm Bureau tells farmers the value of its organization and invites the farmer to join, but CIO organizes and forces labor

THE FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR-

Mrs. Taylor led the discussion on 'Farm Bureau's Place in the Scheme of Things". (1) We feel that farmers who do not become members of some Farm Bureau compares with other farm organization do not have much voice in the formulating of agricultural policies because on man alone A general discussion was carried on doesn't have any way of letting the government know his ideas and ers should belong to the Farm Bureau the Farm Bureau should have a ture and the farmer's views in order to be "a clearing house for agricul-The matter of having a compulsory ture and act as a spokesman." (4) More discussion groups and each County Farm Bureau Board. This (6) We think that a better relationship and understanding should exist Mrs. Alberta Ruesink reported on or be built, between the Farm Bureau the annual meeting of the Associated and other organized economic groups LAWRENCE-Van Buren

The delegates to the state conven tion gave a report of the meetings time was put on resolutions. One important resolution adopted was that

The question of whether to raffle a were presented, discussed and accept- by Mrs. Carl Buskirk who moved that tion that instead of exchanging gifts Ivan Hunt, the campaign manager, as done in the past, we bring gifts for urged the co-operation of the member- the servicemen at the Percy Jones ship in the coming campaign to cut Hospital . This was supported by

Normay Boyer introduced the topic "What Is Farm Bureau?", saying that The suggested discussion as pre- it was an appropriate topic as the sented in the State Farm News was membership drive was coming up. followed and the definition of the The definition given was-"That it was an organization of, for, and by The currently popular topic of sub- the farm families, united for the pur-

The topic of subsidy was again sented on the cost of living do not brought before the group and the present a true picture, and (2) that State Farm Bureau wanted to know for subsidy and what proportion The Americans' Creed was used to against. Motion was made that the show the spirit that be followed in group vote by sign. We went on record as being unanimously opposed

Mrs. Carter reported on the Farm Hampton P. Fulmer of South Caro- Bureau resolutions stressing "Sublina. Its purpose is to repeal all taxes sidies". In the absence of the discussion leader, Mr. Everett Young. of Charlotte, led the discussion. He For roll call each member voiced spoke on several subjects defining his opinion on what Farm Bureau the Farm Bureau as an organization of, for, and by farm families. He Members of the group are planning gave some figures which showed that on hearing Gov. Harry F. Kelly at the the farmers were not causing infla-Huron County Farm Bureau banquet tion. He chose sides and several subects were discussed. The 15 families all voted against subsidies.

The eradication of the corn borer get more interested in community was discussed and Harold Stoll stressgroups and so we may get another ed the cleaning up of corn fleids and thought that the proper authorities in Lansing should be urged to co-operate in the effort.

Archie Buck led the discussion on Farmers Fight Inflation". His topics were causes, prevention, farmer's aid

in warding it off, and checking it. An article from the Detroit Free Fress, Nov. 14, "Subsidies Pro & Con" was read and discussed. Roberta Slack made a motion that the to join or not have the privilege of secretary write a letter to Congressman Shafer opposing subsidies,

> Bang's disease in dairy cattle costs an estimated 30 million dollars annually



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Study of State Farm **Bureau Resolutions**

Background Material for Discussion in December By Our Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

> By EUGENE A. SMALTZ Membership Relations & Education

ROLL CALL QUESTION-What Michigan Farm Bureau Resolution Adopted Nov. 10 and 11 is Most Important?

This month we are to discuss the resolutions adopted by the board of delegates at the annual meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau at East Lansing Nov. 10

A copy of the resolutions has been mailed to every Community Farm Bureau discussion leader and to every Action Committeeman. The leading resolutions are published in full or are summarized in this edition of the

The purpose of this article is to describe how the resolutions originate, the process by which they are considered, and what is done about them following their adoption.

Throughout the year, but particularly in the weeks immediately preceding each annual convention of the board of delegates of the State Farm Bureau, resolutions are sent in to state headquarters from County and Community Farm Bureaus, individual members, state-wide commodity exchanges and local co-ops. They are accumulated in a file and are referred to the resolutions committee which is appointed by the president of the State Farm Bureau well in advance of each annual session. Upon authorization by the board, the President selects seven capable and well-informed Farm Bureau men and women, chosen to give proper representation to the various geographical districts and commodity interests in the state organization.

The resolutions committee meets at least two or three days in advance of the opening of the annual convention. It usually holds all-day and evening sessions reviewing all the recommendations and formulating a program for the consideration by the delegates. Reports of the commodity conferences, held on the day preceding the opening of the regular convention, are referred to the resolutions committee for consideration and for incorporation in their recommendations. The report of the resolutions committee is mimeographed and a copy given to each delegate upon his arrival to the convention. Usually on the first day of the convention the resolutions are given a preliminary reading and then on the second day they are taken up one at a time for detailed consideration and debate. They may be adopted, with or without amendment, rejected or tabled.

Usually delegates will have resolutions which they wish to offer from the floor for immediate consideration. While it is preferable that all resolutions clear through the resolutions committee, there is no desire to prevent any delegate from bringing to the attention of the convention any proposition of interest to Farm Bureau

Following the annual meeting, the administration of the Michigan State Farm Bureau reviews very carefully the recommendations of the delegates and takes appropriate steps to secure definite action in accordance with each of the resolutions. Many letters are written to various individuals, officials and agencies regarding the recommendations embodied in the resolutions. Copies of the resolutions are furnished to Michigan members of Congress and to the members of the legislature. They are accompanied by carefully prepared letters. Throughout the year, these resolutions constitute the instructions from the members to the officials of the State Farm

It is important that the rank and file of the Farm Bureau members familiarize themselves thoroughly with the position taken by their delegates on various current issues and that they present a united front on these questions regarding which their organization has taken a definite stand.

If you had anyone from your group as delegate or visitor at the annual meeting, you will want to hear from him or her at your meeting. Of course, the December Farm News will give a good report of just what the delegates decided on the most important current issues.

Carrot Has About All One Could Ask

Today's carrot is about all anyone the Michigan State College.

rates high in nutrition. cause they are a good source of carro- least troublesome of all vegetables. ticulture at Michigan State College. tene, a substance which human beings The color will stay bright through can change to vitamin A. In general any cooking. The vitamin A value the deeper the color of the carrot, the will remain intact at all ordinary growth, but there are few garden better the source of vitamin A it is. cooking temperatures. To conserve crops which fail to show extra pro-

portant item in a good diet, and because both yellow and green leafy in cooking and to serve the liquid lods. vegetables are good sources of carro- with the cooked vegetable. tene, nutritionists recommend at least one serving a day of these vegetables. They include carrots as they do other marketing or slaughter account for

sides the vitamin A they contain, car rots also are a good source of calcium

and of riboflavin. Young, tender carrots, served raw, could ask of any one vegetable, says add to a salad's appeal. Their mild flavor and bright color combine well Not only does the carrot taste good with vegetables of distinctive flavor 5 inches once each week, it is prob-

Bruises that animals receive before green and yellow-colored vegetables an annual loss of 150 million pounds in their lists of 'protective' foods. Be-of meat in the United States.

A HIRED HAND THAT NEVER QUITS



Cake and Cracker Crumbs

By WARREN E. DOBSON Before Annual Meeting of Michigan State Farm Bureau, Nov. 11

There's been a heap o' talkin' In the papers round I see. Troout some new invention They calls a subsidee; n' some it 'pears is fur it, An' some it quite again' ome talks it cool an' quiet An' some gits mad as sin; There ain't, as I kin see it No use ter stew and spout The more I hear, the less I know Of what it's all about. But one thing kinder gits me I'd like ter be app-rized-In all this subsidizing Jest who gits sub-zee-dized?

The meanly stretch o' schoolin' I had out R.F.D. Vaint match the mathematics Of Washington, D. C., ls near as I can figger There ain't no other way But that when some's receivin' Some other's got to pay in' subsidee or subsidoo Amounts to we will pay n legal tender of the realm The coin of U.S.A. Now that's jest how I figger-New debts is no surprise, But while we're subsidizin' Jest who gets subsidized?

The way my paper got it-(They fooled him like enuf) The guy receivin' payment, Was the dude that raised the stuff. Up one row-down another My figgers and the corn got mixed-Somehow I can't discover-How holdin' all farm prices down While all farm costs has riz' Is helpin' farmers as they try Growin' all the stuff they is. It's plain enuf to dubs like me No farmer gets the prize, When we start subsidizin' Who do we subsidize?

Wage charts the college fellers make All show an upward trend For labor and its product-More money we must spend; our cousins in the city, We're glad and proud to know Are really makin' out quite well Right now, they're "in the dough" The money jinglin' in their jeans Can cause, we're told, Inflation. The food and fodder it could buy Would help, not hurt, our nation; If we but give them half a chance I'm dumb, but I surmise They'd gladly pay their food bills-These folks we subsidize

On many foreign shores tonight Are boys who left our farms Once more to try and build a world Secure from war's alarms, wonder when these boys come back To settle in our hills, ire we a goin' to greet 'em With unpaid grocery bills? From now on pay the toll, Must they and all their children Recause we trade our market For a sneakin' debt-raisin' dole? 'm an ignorant old fossil, I'm neither learned nor wise-But tell me, honest Injun' Who and why do we subsidize?

Irrigate Crops Well Or Not at All

Unless enough water can be applied to soak the ground to a depth of 4 to and have an attractive color but it rates high in nutrition. Carrots rate high nutritionally be- In cooking, carrots are one of the B. Apple, extension specialist in hor-Michigan's annual average rainfall of 32 inches seems adequate for crop Because vitamin A is such an im- the calcium in carrots, though, it is duction if they can get extra watering

> Sometimes a furrow will conduct water to the garden. Porous canvas hose irrigation is widely used.

Ammonium nitrate absorbs moisture from the air readily.

MAYBE THIS ISN'T POLITICS ON FARM LABOR

During the crop season of 1943, the national and state agricultural extension forces did a rescue act on the recruiting and distribution of farm abor. They saved the situation.

Extension did so well that it will be asked to repeat in 1944, except that a bill now in Congress would put the War Food Administration in control by routing the necessary funds through the WFA.

Perhaps there's nothing political in this, but the Farm Bureau at Washington and members of Congress, notably, Rep. Cannon of Missouri, are trying to find out. Not only that, but they are seeking legislation to provide agricultural extension forces the same freedom of operation for 1944 that they had in 1943. And that includes handling their own appropriation if it is to work on the supply of farm

Last spring the recruitment of regular and seasonal farm help started out under the war man power commission and the U.S. employment service. They had it the year before, Concluding they had a lot more than they could chew, they were glad to pass it to Sec'y Wickard. A directive placed full responsibility on the county agr'l agent system, with co-oper-"For six pounds a year you may ation from the man power commishave the use of one hundred pounds, sion and employment service.

provided you are a man of known Extension was allotted \$13,000,000 prudence and honesty. He that spends for the job. It used \$9,000,000. It a groat a day idly, spends idly above placed 2,700,000 farm workers, and six pounds a year, which is the price returned the \$4,000,000 to the treasfor the use of one hundred pounds." ury. In Michigan 90% of requests for If Ben Franklin were alive today he farm labor were filled, according to A. B. Love of the State College extenwould say: "Every three dollars you invest in War Bonds today when sion service.

At the State Farm Bureau annual meeting Nov. 10-11, President O'Neal of the American Farm Bureau said that the War Food Administration working through the Farm Security Administration, used something over \$15,000,000 in placing about 50,000 farm workers.

The way that looks to us is that he agr'l extension service knew how to do a job like that and had a nationtry, and frugality: that is, waste wide system functioning on producneither time nor money, but make the tion in every county. It took on anbest use of both. Without industry other job and handled it. and frugality nothing will do, and

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