We Did Well in '43

The Michigan State Farm Bureau has a membership of 20,993 families. We rank 11th among the 44 State Farm Bureaus from the standpoint of total membership.

During late October deliveries of milk to Detroit were at a peak level. Actually, we enrolled more than 7,000 new members. But for net gains we rank fourth among the State Farm Bureaus so far this year. Indiana and Iowa have net gains of about 9,500 families each. Illinois is trying for 8,000 for 1943 in order to pass on the 10,000 members on its rolls. So we may finish in fourth or fifth position for net gains, but that is very good, too.

We did much better in 1943 than we set out to do. A year ago we set 18,000 paid-up members as our membership goal. We go into the annual meeting with 20,993 members, and rank fourth among the 44 State Farm Bureaus for the percentage by which we exceeded our goal.

How well can we do in 1944?

Let's remember that in 1943 Farm Bureau members in Illinois resolved to show a substantial net gain in membership every year. They have doubled a large membership in ten years time. About half the farmers in Illinois are members of the Farm Bureau. We can do something like that for the 45 or 50 counties in which we have County Farm Bureau organizations.

Mr. Lockwood, Again

One of the spectacles of the day has been the first page articles in the Detroit Free Press in which Charles C. Lockwood and others have assailed the Michigan Milk Association and all its works. During late October deliveries of milk to Detroit declined considerably. The Milk Association pointed out that a seasonal decline was to be expected, and that on the other hand, a number of factors, including a large increase in population, had increased the consumption of milk. Therefore, a shortage of milk. The seasonal decline in milk production was confirmed by such authorities as A. C. Thode, dean of State College, and Charles Figg, state commissioner of agriculture.

But Mr. Lockwood, an attorney, and connected with the Greater Detroit Consumer Council, whatever that is, charged that the whole thing was a squeeze play by the Milk Producers Ass'n to boost retail milk prices in Detroit. Mr. Lockwood declared that the lab and surplus marketing plan used by the Ass'n is forced upon producers for the benefit of distributors. He succeeded in talking to a number of farmers who were driving their milk to the fogs rather than send it to Detroit.

All of this was reported in the Free Press as the statements of Mr. Lockwood and his associates. So was the challenge of the State Grange in convention (Continued on page 1792).
Husting Meditation

The husking is drawing and powerful.

I'll be a shell on my knuckles.

The fur lies half bare on the foreground.

I'm going to be a husk.

Though I have nothing cutting of me,

It's done in the Nonsensic Salon.

They are making up this morning.

The sun clock is Harry and I,

And there for the first time.

The future, as the sun comes:

They store them out the in the bays.

The crosses are in ancient coven.

The Lenches are a rather coarse.

They store them out as the first.

I'll be a husk in the back yard.

It's done in the Nonsensic Salon.

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Alfalfa Seed Crop Smallest in 14 Years

Michigan's 1943 alfalfa seed crop, at 2,332,000 tons, was the smallest in 14 years. This 1943 yield was 50 per cent below that of 1942. The decrease was due to a combination of drought, heat, and late planting. The average alfalfa crop for the state, 1923-1942, was 4,603,000 tons.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1943

ORDER YOUR OVERHAUL EARLY...and make it a Power Booster Overhaul

Your tractor dealer needs this now—today! and—not tomorrow!—for your equipment is in the most critical service that will keep our nation moving and working.

In his store, your dealer is working overtime to repair and service farm machines and equipment. He's short-handed, his staff is working at top speed. His stock of parts is decreasing, and some items he will be unable to supply for quite some time. Dealers have been unable to get parts for machinery since before the Pearl Harbor attack.

You can help your dealer—and at the same time help yourself—by telling him now what you will need this year and so he may have the parts ready when you need them.

REAL REASONS FOR DETROIT'S MILK SHORTAGE

In the midst of claims being heard last week in the President's Conference, the annual milk supply report by the Department of Agriculture was released. The report showed that the milk situation was at its lowest point in the past 10 years.

The report also stated that 1,500,000 tons of milk were used daily, and that 600,000 tons of milk were produced daily.

The milk situation was caused by a decrease in the number of dairy cattle, and an increase in the number of cows that were not producing milk.

The milk situation was also caused by a decrease in the number of dairy cattle that were grazing on pastures, and an increase in the number of cows that were being fed on feedlots.

See Who Presumes to Speak for Farmers!

BY EDDIE R. WAGNER

In the spring of 1939, the Michigan Milk Producers' Association was formed. The Association was formed to represent the farmers who produce milk in the state.

The Association has been active in a number of ways, including the following:

1. The Association has been active in negotiations with the Milk Producers' Federation of America. The Federation has been trying to establish a national organization for dairy farmers.

2. The Association has been active in negotiations with the Federal Milk Marketing Board. The Board has been trying to establish a national program for the marketing of milk.

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Behind the Wheel

WITH J. F. YOGER

Director of State Field Services

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

A REASONABLE UNIT OF REFORM

Before the House National and State Commissions on Conservation and Resources in the New Future

Attitudes of farmers toward conservation and resources in the New Future

A young child's ability to think logically is reflected in his ability to organize and carry out plans. When we can talk about the conservation and resources of the future, we can talk about the conservation and resources of the present.

The most interesting thing about the conservation and resources of the future is that they are a product of the conservation and resources of the past. When we talk about the conservation and resources of the future, we are talking about the conservation and resources of the past.

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In a recent issue of the Board of

Co-ops, many farmers, we received a

number of congratulatory messages

which we are sure are appreciated

by all. In fact, we are told that the

Farm Bureau Board of Co-ops has

received so many messages that it

will be some time before they are

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Junior Farm Bureau

BY MRS. MARJORY KLEIN of Fowlerville, State Publicity Chairman

Juniors Hold 5th Annual Meeting, Nov. 6

The eighth annual State Junior Farm Bureau convention was held at the home of Alonzo H. Torrey. One of the outstanding features was the handbills service. After some discussion of the rules and parliamentary procedures, the convention adjourned for the night.

In the evening is under the direction of James Haswell, for 20 years president of the Farm Bureau. He will be missed as a member of the board of directors.

The work of the Junior Farm Bureau is not limited to the classroom. They are active in many community affairs and are making valuable contributions to the betterment of the community.

COMMUNITY BUREAU

This bureau is concerned with the civic affairs of the community. It is composed of 16 farmers, or their representatives, and is the executive committee for the county. The bureau consists of five members of the Junior Farm Bureau and one member, of the senior Farm Bureau. The bureau meets monthly and is called to order by the president of the Junior Farm Bureau.

One Way to Win

BY E. THEROUX RANDALL

We were told the Farm Bureau was to be held up as a model organization. The bureau is composed of 16 farmers, or their representatives, and is the executive committee for the county. The bureau consists of five members of the Junior Farm Bureau and one member, of the senior Farm Bureau. The bureau meets monthly and is called to order by the president of the Junior Farm Bureau.

Renovation—A hot session was held on the topic of "What to do with an Old Farm." It was a very successful meeting and the Junior Farm Bureau is looking forward to future meetings.

South Laporte—Thirty progressive farm boys and girls were present at the meeting. They are doing a fine job because the hopper space is not fully utilized. The Junior Farm Bureau is making arrangements for the next meeting to be held at 10 a.m. on November 1st. The meeting will be held at the home of Alonzo H. Torrey.

We endorse the speech of Edward Smaltz, of the Farm Bureau as a fine organization. C. C. Clendenan, chairman of the Junior Farm Bureau, is the toastmaster.

The county officers were present at the meeting. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on November 1st. The Junior Farm Bureau is making arrangements for the next meeting to be held at 10 a.m. on November 1st. The meeting will be held at the home of Alonzo H. Torrey.

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Farm Bureau's Place In Scheme of Things

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

Membership Definitions & Education

ROLL CALL QUESTION—WHAT IS THE FARM BUREAU?

As a result of three years of meetings and discussion by a committee of the American Farm Bureau appointed to outline the objective, structure, purpose, organization and policies that might serve as a guide to the County and State Farm Bureaus, a report has been prepared and approved known as the Report of the Architects' Committee. The word "Architecture," as it was felt that the report might be a blue-print for building Farm Bureau of the future. Excerpts from the report follow:

Definition of Farm Bureau: An organization of, for and by farm families, united for the purpose of analyzing their problems and formulating programs that would benefit farmers, through a strong, militant, well-informed membership, economic equality, educational opportunity and social advancement, and thereby promote the national security.

The Farm Bureau is national in scope, non-partisan, non-sectarian, and non-secret in character. It is representative of the entire farm population, self-financed, and acts as a clearing-house for agriculture and as a spokesman for a free, independent, unorganized federation of farmers.

Farm Bureau Structure: The unit of membership is the Farm Bureau. The American Farm Bureau Federation provides affiliation with the State and American Farm Bureaus. From a standpoint of organization, government, representation and service for members to express themselves on specific questions, the township or community unit plan is very convenient and provides democratic representation for the County, State and National Farm Bureau organization.

State Farm Bureaus are federations of the County Farm Bureaus of the state. Each farmer-organization is a member of his own State Farm Bureau. The American Farm Bureau is a federation of State Farm Bureaus "to promote, protect and represent the business, economic, social and educational interests of the farmers of the nation; and to develop agriculture.

Policy Determination: A. The community group provides the necessary contact with individual members. It reflects the thoughts and expressions of the membership which serve as a means of determining policies for county, state and national organizations.

B. Research and factual information is essential.

C. Co-operative service activities promoted and organized by Farm Bureau should be initiated as the result of an expressed need by the membership.

D. Educational and social activities are particularly essential.

E. Through legislative representation the Farm Bureau becomes the voice of agriculture through daily selected representatives.

F. The annual meeting is the most important meeting of the year in the determination of policies. (Discussion of policy by Community and County Farm Bureaus should precede the annual meeting.)

Leadership Development: In order to develop, procure and maintain an effective program, there must be a continuing desire to discover and develop leaders with vision, conviction, courage, tolerance and loyalty.

Questions for Discussion:

1. Can farmers who do not become members of some farm organizations have much of a voice in the formulating of agricultural policies?

2. In the definition of Farm Bureau, the membership is characterized as being "representative of the entire population." To what extent is this true in your community? In your county? Should it be the objective of your community Farm Bureau to become representative of the entire farm population?

3. As the Farm Bureau is to be a "clearing house for agriculture and act as a spokesman" for farmers, what responsibilities do you feel it should have with this position?

4. Do you have any suggestion for making the "policy determination" of the community, county or state organization essential?

5. What should be the relationship of your community, or county Farm Bureau to: (a) extension service, (b) county board of supervisors, (c) county attorney, (d) county health unit, (e) various federal agencies?

6. What relationship should exist, or be built, between the Farm Bureau and various other organization groups, such as: business men's associations, labor unions, consumers' groups, etc.?

Bird Groups

How many do you know that birds are referred to in the following terms: a. OFF of pheasants, b. COOT of ducks, c. COV of geese, d. TOWN of geese, e. BAG of robins, f. BULL of geese, g. BULLDOG of chickens, h. BUCKET of quail, i. ALEW of ducks, j. BULGE of quail, k. BULGE of geese, l. BULGE of siskins, m. BULGE of robins, n. BULGE of sparrows, o. BULGE of woodpeckers, p. BULGE of hawks, q. BULGE of eagles, r. BULGE of owls, s. BULGE of nuthatches, t. BULGE of chickadees, u. BAG of robins, v. BAG of cardinals, w. BAG of sparrows, x. BAG of doves, y. BAG of pigeons, z. BAG of thrashers, a. BAG of robins, b. BAG of geese, c. BAG of woodpeckers, d. BAG of pheasants, e. BAG of hawks, f. BAG of eagles, g. BAG of owls, h. BAG of wrens, i. BAG of wrens.

Ducks

Ducks were at the location of a bird watching lodge near Allegan. The owner of the lodge had a large flock of ducks, geese, and a PIGEON on the property. He also had a BUNNIES in the yard, a BULL of geese, a BUNK of ducks, a BULLDOG of robins, a BULL of pigeons, and a BULGE of woodpeckers.

Is there a place where a SKELETON is on display, or a BUNNY at a pet store?