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EDITORIAL Now is the Time!

Congressman Albert J. Engel of Muskegon is considered one of the ablest and best informed men in Congress. His one man investigation of construction of army camps put a stop to the waste of federal funds where that was going on. His investigation of the fabulous wages paid by some war plants called national attention to certain contracts that permitted extravagance no end. Congress forced reforms after Mr. Engel explained what he had found.

Congressman Engel learned in December that in his district the Mason County Farm Bureau was about to have a membership campaign. Drawing upon his experiences at Washington, Mr. Engel said to farmers in Mason county:

"If there ever was a time when every farmer ought to belong to some regular farm organization-now is the time.

"The Farm Bureau, the Grange and other similar organizations have been doing a yeoman's service in protecting the interests of the farmer.

"Every other group of any size is organized,-chambbers of commerce, manufacturers' organizations, retailers and wholesalers and hundreds of other organizations have their representatives down here advancing their interests which are sometimes diametrically opposed to the interests of farmers.

"Unless the farmer, through his organizations, presents his side of the case, his side of the case will not be considered here as a rule.

"The influence of your farm organization representatives down here depends in a large measure upon the individual number of farmers who belong to that organization. That is naturally so since Congress is a representative body.

"If federated farm organizations should come down here and say that they represented 80 to 90% of the farmers of America, their influence would be such that no one would dare deny them justice.

"When the farmers organize and get together to protect their interests, opposing inerests call it a 'farm bloc.' They imply that there is something wrong about the farmer organizing, and yet the fact that they are yelling 'farm bloc' is evidence that the work of the farm organization has been at least partially successful.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1944

Accept Prizes for Michigan at AFBF Convention



EUGENE SMALTZ

FRED REIMER

Michigan State Farm Bureau won for Community Farm Bureau work in | included in Community Farm Bureau our first prizes for national leader- group B states; Eugene Smaltz joined groups. Fred Reimer represented ship in Farm Bureau membership in this acceptance, and, for this pic- Saginaw-Kochville Community Farm work at the American Farm Bureau ture, accepted a first place for Branch Bureau of Saginaw county, firs convention at Chicago, Dec. 6-9. State President Clarence J. Reid largest County Farm Bureau member- est Community Farm Bureau group. ccepted a first place for Michigan ship in the nation having all members See article on page 6.

County Farm Bureau, which is the place in Group B states for the larg

Oppose Food Subsidy? Write to Congress!

When Congress reconvenes Jan. 10, ies for consumers.

est fight.

the battle to eliminate food subsidies Unless we do these things, farmers for consumers will be resumed. are in danger of losing the battle Farm groups are facing their hardagainst subsidies at a time when we are closest to winning it.

Letters, telegrams and personal Food subsidies have been voted out contacts are being showered upon in the House 278 to 117, more than members of Congress by those de- two-thirds required to over-ride a manding food subsidies. Congress- veto. The impending battle is in the men are being threatened if they Senate.

Legislation forbidding food subvote against food subsidies. By January 10 this enormous pres- sidies for consumers is an amendsure will exceed any such perform- ment to the bill extending the life ance to date by consumers groups, of the Commodity Credit Corporation. labor unions, and others. The amendment says no federal funds Farmers should support the large may be used for food subsidies. majority in Congress which is opposed Everyone wants the Commodity Credto a continuation of food subsidies to it Corporation continued. The legisconsumers. We should hold vigor- lative battle will be decided between ous community and county meetings. Jan. 10 and Feb. 17, when the life of At these meetings we should frame of the CCC ends unless renewed. The Michigan State Farm Bureau public statements in opposition to food subsidies for consumers. Copies has joined with the American Farm of the statements should be mailed Bureau, National Grange, Nat'l Counto the member of the House from cil of Farmers Co-operatives, and your district and to U. S. Senators Nat'l Co-op Milk Producers Federa-Homer Ferguson and Arthur H. tion in asking all local farm groups to Vandenberg of Michigan. hold meetings on the food subsidy Individual farmers will do well to question and get their views off to write letters to their Congressman Congress.

Farm Bureau Services, Inc., Michigan has become a manufacture and distributor of a complete line of

farm machinery. December 13 the National Farm Ma chinery Co-operative, Inc., which includes Farm Bureau Services and 10 state and regional farm co-operatives, paid \$1,000,000 for the large and long established Ohio Cultivator Co. manu facturing plant at Bellevue, Ohio. Included in the purchase are all the buildings, with 280,000 square feet of floor space, all machinery, patents, ment of the company.

The Ohio Cultivator Company

Farm Bureau Speaks **On National Problems**

22nd Year

Nearly 700,000 Farm Families Were Represented At 25th Annual Convention of the American Farm Bureau

The American Farm Bureau Federation at its 25th annual convention at Chicago Dec. 6-9 told the nation what 700,000 farm family members in 42 states recommend for maximum farm production, controls for inflation, farm supplies, relations with labor, and what they think our post war domestic and foreign policies should include.

The meeting was one of the Federation's largest. It reflected an increase of more than 100,000 members the past year. The organization has set 1,000,000 members as a goal to be reached as soon as possible.

The leading resolutions of policy adopted by the American Farm Bureau are presented in separate articles in this edition, in full, or in a summary.

Farm Production-The Farm Bureau observed that for the fourth consecutive year the American farmer has been asked to increase production. It said that for some time after hostilities cease, the ability to produce will be a major farm problem. Therefore, said the Farm Bureau, all government policies should give full consideration to protecting the ability of farmers to produce food in the amounts desired. It is vitally necessary that prices for farm products at the farm should have an equitable relationship with prices received by other groups. Furthermore, no government agency, should be permitted to lower a support price announced to farmers in order to increase production. Such a breach of faith, said the Farm Bureau, will break down confidence in all government guarantees and assurances respecting farm commodities.

Control of Inflation-The American Farm Bureau urged control of inflation by the establishment of equitable price ceilings on farm and other products and wages. It urged government to withdraw excess purchasing power through taxation, by increasing the sale of bonds, and by discouraging trade names, fixtures, and all equip- their redemption prematurely. Consumer food subsidies, said the Farm Bureau, are not only unnecessary, but they makes almost a complete line of contribute to inflation by increasing spending power. Subsidies, once established will be hard to eliminate. Consumers will call for more and more of them. Under a system of food subsidies, farmers will be subject to the whims of a food bureaucracy. Farm Supplies-The Farm Bureau resolutions said that a minimum of regulation and restriction would help obtain maximum production. That applies particularly to farm supplies. The nation was warned that large amounts of farm machinery and truck transportation will be required in 1944 to replace machines worn out the past four years. Price relationships should be such as to bring about equitable distribution of feeds throughout the nation. For the period of the war, we should encourage imports of grain from Canada, importation of meat scraps, encourage our fishing industries. Labor Relations-The Farm Bureau said that it held government, as well as unwise labor leadership, responsible for dislocation of wage structures in industry and on the farm . . when unionization is forced and frozen upon workers through undemocratic means, and ruthlessly used as a club not only against the public but against its own members, unionism cannot be said to be in the public interest. . . . We demand legislation to end these abuses and restore collective bargaining to a voluntary basis. . . We vigorously disapprove a government policy that does not require comparable sacrifices on the part of labor, but instead, forces the payment of premium wages for any work over 40 hours a week. Post-War Planning-See Page 4.



"I believe that it is in the interest of every farmer to stand up and be counted and join some farm organization."

Time Out in Subsidy Fight

The question of whether or not to continue or expand the federal government's program for food subsidies for consumers will not be settled until Congress reconvenes after the holiday recess.

It has been agreed in Congress to extend the life of the Commodity Credit Corporation for 48 days after January 1, or until Feb. 17. The anti-subsidy legislation is attached to that bill.

After the House voted to forbid all consumer food subsidies by a vote of 278 to 117, the administration strove mightily in the Senate to salvage some authority for the consumer food subsidies and price roll backs. Its efforts to substitute compromises which reduced funds but preserved the authority to subsidize failed in the Senate banking and currency committee. Finally, administration leaders asked for a short extension of time for the Commodity Credit Corporation and the current subsidy programs. They got it after the Senate banking and currency committee by a vote of 9 to 8 decided not to adopt the House version of the antisubsidy legislation. Senator Bankhead, leader of the anti-subsidy senators, said they would not oppose a 48-day extension.

In the meantime the large dailies and other publications are becoming a little more thoughtful regarding some of the objections raised to food subsidies for consumers. They are beginning to wonder where such a program of subsidies would end. They recall also that the OPA said last spring that \$800,000,000 a year would finance food subsidies and roll back food prices for consumers. Now they observe the OPA telling Congress that it should have \$1,500,000,000 every six months for food subsidies.

One informed authority points out that two kinds of subsidies are involved in this fight. There is no

and to our Senators, setting forth Letters from individual farmers why they are opposed to food subsid- are fully as important, if not more so.

MASON FIRST TO NEAR GOAL WITH 630 MEMBERS

Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau Mason County Farm Bureau, first has a way of doing things. Recently o start its 1944 membership campaign in its Kalamazoo County Farm Bur-(mid-December) reported Dec. 30th eau News-a new monthly, by the that it had 630 members and should reach its goal of 650 in a few days. distinguish the Kalamazoo group. For Mason has increased its membership instance: from 509 families. Riverton town

ship now has 142 members. Five out with 516 members has 15 Community of 9 Community Farm Bureau groups have passed their goals. has more? Forty-six County Farm Bureaus

have set their 1944 goal at 25,000 the 1943 Roll Call. She hopes to gain paid up members by April 1. Most 130 net to have 635 or more in the coming roll call and set up 1,000 as a of the campaigns will be conducted during January and February. Mason, goal for the future.

Montcalm, Isabella, Newaygo and Van Buren counties were scheduled to get under way in December. Most County Farm Bureaus are preceding their membership drive with an energetic campaign of publicity and advertising on the Farm Bureau pro-

Fox Squirrels Like White Oak Trees

gram.

Farmers who like fox squirrels on ings.

their land can do the animals a good turn by cutting red oak trees and leaving plenty of white oaks when ty board of directors is/an associate Nebraska; getting their winter wood supply, director and is entitled to vote at according to the state conservation board meetings. department. Squirrels thrive on diet of corn or red oak acorns. noon. White oak trees produce the best

produce good dens.

farm machinery. It makes the Blackhawk corn planter, one of the most accurate. It makes grain drills, plows, harrows, cultivators, mow ers, sulky and side delivery rakes, hay loaders, pick-up balers, garden tractors, manure spreaders, lime and fertilizer spreaders, potato planters and diggers.

All the machinery and implements the plant may make at this time have been allotted to the several cooperatives in accordance with their interest and markets. Presently machinery from this plant will be offered by Michigan farm co-operatives which distribute machinery for Farm Bureau Services. The National Farm Machinery Co-operative plans to manufacture farm imple ments on a very large scale as soon as government restrictions are lifted Daniel Seltzer, general manager and

ssociated with the plant for 35 years, has agreed to remain as general man way, it called attention to things that ager.

Executive committee members o National Farm Machinery who com Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau pleted the purchase, include: I. H. Hull. president, Indiana Farm Bur-Farm Bureaus. What other county eau Co-op Ass'n, Inc.; John Sims, operating manager, Ohio Farm Bureau Kalamazoo gained 127 members in Service Co.; C. L. Brody, executive secretary, Farm Bureau Services, Inc. of Michigan

Mr. Hull is president and Mr. Brody is vice-president of the National Farr Climax Community Farm Bureau Machinery Co-operative, Inc.

has the unique record of not having The 11 state and regional co-opera missed a monthly meeting since it ive associations owning the National was organized 5 years ago. It has Farm Machinery Co-operative, Inc., every Farm Bureau member family include: the Farm Bureau Co-operative Association, Columbus, Ohio; Vicksburg Community Farm Bureau Farm Bureau Services, Lansing, Mich.

group planned the bond drive for Indiana Farm Bureau Co-operative Brady township last September. Sides Association, Indianapolis; Pacific were chosen and they sold nearly Supply Co-operative, Walla Walla, Washington; Farmers Union Central Both husband and wife have a vote Exchange, St. Paul, Minnesota; Midat Kalamazoo County annual meet- land Co-operative Wholesale, Minnea-

polis, Minnesota; Central Co-opera-In Kalamazoo County Farm Bur- | tive Wholesale, Superior, Wisconsin; eau the wife of a member of the coun- Farmers Union State Exchange, Omaha,

> Consumers Co-operative Association, North Kansas City, Missouri; Canadian Co-operative Imple-

WKZO radio station at Kalamazoo ments, Ltd., Regina, Saskatchewan, white or black oak acorns or walnuts gives the County Farm Bureau five Canada; and Pennsylvania Farm Burbut lose weight and became ill on a minutes time every Friday at 12:15 eau Co-operative Association of Harrisburg

Kalamazoo has four life members National Farm Machinery Co-operanatural dens as well as a nutritious of the Farm Bureau:. Niles Hagel- tives also owns a factory at Shelby- its plants at Indianapolis and Warfood supply for squirrels, but black shaw of Climax; Clinton Buell of Osh- ville, Ind., where it manufacturers oaks, while furnishing a good diet temo; Marry McMurray of Kalamazoo, Co-op tractors, corn pickers, manure paints and barn equipment at Allitrees have very poor food and seldom them have been with the organization distributed in Michigan by Farm Bureau Services dealers.

BRODY PRESIDENT UNITED CO-OPS

Clark L. Brody, executive secretary of the Michigan State Farm Bureau, was re-elected president of the United Co-operatives. Inc., at Cleve- Seattle, land, Dec. 17.

The United Is a manufacturing cooperative and large scale purchasing organization for 7 state and regional farm supply co-operatives. United produces Unico motor oils, greases, fly sprays, and anti-freezes at

ren, Pa.; it manufactures Unico

Washington Egg & Poultry Co-op. Farm Bureau Services, Lansing, Mich. Other officers re-elected Dec. 17 include: H. S. Agster, vice-president. Pennsylvania; John Sims, secretary, Ohio; Marvin Briggs, treasurer, Indiana. Ass't Sec'y-Treas., Merritt Crouch, Alliance, Ohio.

United Co-operatives includes these

Indiana Farm Bureau Co-op Ass'n.

Ohio Farm Bureau Service Co., Colum

Penna Farm Bureau Co-op Ass'n.

Southern States Farmers Co-op, Rich-

its member organizations.

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More than a milion pounds of beeswax a year is needed for use in war usually have good dens. Red oak and J. C. Redpath of Richland. All of spreaders and pump jacks. These are ance, O. It purchases Unico gasoline, products, adhesives, waterproofing for binder twine. steel fence and roofing shells, belts, machinery, and protecand other supplies in large volume for tive covering for fighting planes

Remember! Neighbors, If you want a square deal in this world, you have to be ready to fight for it

since its beginning 25 years ago.

HOW KALAMAZOO **FARM BUREAU DOES THINGS**

it started with.

\$14,000 in war bonds.





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quarrel over authorizing government to use support prices for crops because that form of subsidy assures increased production of food and that is in itself antiinflationary. The administration argues that consumer food subsidies are the brake to stop wage increases. Congress says that food subsidies are not stopping wage increases, but rather are creating demands for more food subsidies, and are contributing to inflation by providing more money to spend.

When Congress reconvenes, Senators opposed to food subsidies will press for their elimination. The House has spoken decisively. The administration asked for time out in order to figure out another try.

Back from Tarawa

September 4 we published Embarkation Day, a poem by R. S. Clark. We knew that Mr. Clark was thinking of his son, Richard, a youth of 19 or 20, who had been with the marines in the southwest Pacific area for several months.

This week when the poem came for this edition, there was a note with it: "Richard went through Tarawa and is now in a San Diego hospital with a very serious leg wound. Casualties in his outfit were 95 per cent. We thank God that he came out alive." And so do we.

Mr. Clark said: "Richard went in with the first assault wave at Tarawa. He said in a letter that he was one of the first ashore. The first wave suffered terrific casualties. The Marines seized a slender beach head 30 by 300 feet and held there for eight hours before the second wave could force a landing. They were under constant cross fire and lay in holes in the sand all day under a broiling sun. They said it was 120 degrees.

"Richard lasted that first day and until 2:45 p. m. the second day. At that time he was with two buddies, about 50 yards out in front of the general group, working to get hand grenades into places where they would do the most good. That was when he got in the way of a spray of shrapnel. He was wounded in the right arm and side and right knee. His leg had to be amputated a few days later on a hospital ship. At present he is getting about the hospital freely on crutches.

"Richard's service in action was short, but it was in about the most bitter contest the Marines have ever fought. We are very proud of him. His spirit was not even nicked. The Marines can take it."



Christmas at Gram's

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MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

We all went to Gram's house for Christmas, The same as we always have done., There's no place like Gram's house on Hicks Street For kids to have holiday fun.

We saw Grandpa's cattle and chickens; We climbed in the barn on the hay; We followed fresh tracks in the orchard; We rode to the field in the sleigh.

And then Momie called us to dinner Cause Gram was too busy. I s'pose. She made us wash up in the kitchen And take off our extra warm clothes. The dining room looked so deelicious, And I sat by Gram, in Ben's place Right close by the big willow platter, We scarcely could wait to hear Grace.

We ate till we pretty near busted, Especially Emmy and I. I couldn't eat very much pudding On account of I'd had so much pie. One drumstick I ate, and two gizzards, And the wishbone that really was Ben's Only he's in the Navy this winter And wrote I should help with the hens.

The tree was as high as the ceiling. The best one we ever did see. And Emmy was Santa Claus' Helper And brought all my bundles to me. I got a red sled and new mittens, Two books and a keen tommy-gun. Fill always spend Christmas at Gram's house

And always have bushels of fun.

315 North Grinnell Street Jackson, Michigan

igan.

For a number of years the seed service was our sole manufacturing operation. We began by hiring the services of other manufacturers to make other supplies and equipment. Other State Farm Bureaus and farm supplies co-operatives were in the same position at that time.

Gradually, however, the several state groups accumulated savings and experiences which suggested the advantages of owning co-operative manufacturing facilities as well as co-operative distribution facilities.

The experience of the Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana Farm Bureaus in establishing a plant for blending motor oils demonstrated also what the combined volume of the three states could do for the business earnings of each of them.

The Michigan State Farm Bureau has observed that farm co-operatives can be as successful as manufacturers as any one else. Perhaps, more so, since the established distribution of several to a dozen state and regional farm co-operatives provides the plant with an assured outlet for a rather large volume.

So it has happened that the success in one manufacturing field has enabled farm co-operatives to start in another field. Such ventures have also brought together the financial assets. business experience, and merchandising volume of powerful farmer-owned co-operative groups in many parts of the United States for their mutual benefit in a common cause. 10e) 37/60 01/24

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Crawford at Mason Jan. 18

Congressman Fred L. Crawford of

Saginaw will speak to Ingham County Farm Bureau's annual farmers' meet-

ing and dinner at Mason, Jan, 18, He

will discuss farm issues in Congress.

Lapeer County Farm Bureau will

hold its annual meeting at Imlay City

Jan. 27. Lapeer Co-ops will hold its

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annual, Jan. 13 at Lapeer.

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affairs to the legislature, to Congress, government officials, to business, labor, and other groups. This fund also provides for many other State Farm Bureau activities. Out of it comes also the member's subscription to the Michigan Farm News.

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In The A. F. B. F. . . Your 50 cents maintains an aggressive, militant representation in Washington, D. C. to get farmers' viewpoint across to Congress. It finances research activities, and pays a subscription to the "Nation's Agriculture".

Associated Women of the Farm Bureau

By MRS. RAY NEIKIRK State Director, Associated Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau

Representatives from 27 states at tended the annual convention of the Associated Women of the American Farm Bureau at Chicago just preceding the national AFBF meeting. New horizons for Farm Women was the topic to which all speakers spoke

and to which the program for 1945 was directed. Each of the state women's groups

fact of the state women's groups presented its outstanding achievement for 1944. It was to be observed that securing and maintaining Farm Bureau membership is a principal activity of all women's groups.

Mrs. Sayre of Iowa said in her speech that Associated Women should build programs that meet the needs of their communities. That they must train leaders, and have definit goals to work toward.

In the discussion of the contribution of the Associated Women to Farm Bureau organization, all agreed that women have an equal responsibility in building and maintaining membership.

Our speakers included Sister Elizabeth Kenny, Sarah Gibson Blanding, dean of home economics at Cornell University, Capt, Max Schulze who told how the war dep't proceeds to feed our boys well; Carl F. Boester of Purdue university, who gave us word pictures of the home of the future. It was the best convention I have attended.

CO-OPERATIVE FARM CREDIT IS ESSENTIAL

Resolution Adopted by American Farm Bureau at Chicago, Dec. 69

The American Farm Bureau Federation has always considered a co-operative system of farm credit essential to the well-being of American agriculture. Farmers can build and maintain such a system. Time has proved that properly directed and properly administered co-operative credit institutions can weather the storms of adversity.

The need for government capital and government direction is recognized in the early stages of developing a co-operative system on a nationwide basis, but gradually co-operative capi tal should supplant government capi tal and co-operative control should sup plant government direction. Co-operative ownership and co-operative ad ministration, and not government ownership and government adminis tration, should be the ultimate goal To that end we recommend: (a) That control of the farm credit system be vested in its farmer owners and that its administration be vested in a bi-partisan board. (b) That initiative and responsibil ity in the local associations as the basic units in a sound co-operative system be encouraged and preserved (c) That funds now available be used in establishing permanent re volving funds to be made available to all units of the system when need ed to maintain their service to farm ers. (d) That Government capital when advanced to the system for any purpose, be retired in an orderly way through mandatory annual payments in amounts that would not disturb the necessary functions of the institutions (e) That immediate steps be taken to consolidate relief and emergency types of credit into one agency under the supervision of the Farm Credit Administration. Separate and inde pendent administration of these dif ferent types of credit can only lead to the development of competing sys

Make Sure of Farm Bureau FERTILIZER For Spring! Order Now and Take Delivery During Winter

WAR FOOD ADMINISTRATION and all fertilizer manufacturers are advising farmers to order NOW the fertilizers they want next spring and TAKE DELIVERY from their dealer during the winter months.

TRANSPORTATION, MATERIALS, LABOR & STORAGE problems make it necessary to keep 1944 fertilizer moving if manufacturers are to meet farmers' needs. We expect the greatest demand ever for fertilizer. We can make sure of every one being supplied if we will order now and take delivery during the winter.

FARM STORAGE OF FERTILIZER—Mixed fertilizer should be stored on the farm in a dry, floored weather-proof building. If the storage has no floor, build a raised platform for it. Fertilizer should be stored in sacks as it comes from the manufacturer. Do not pile more than 8 to 10 sacks deep.

FARM BUREAU SERVICES, INC., Lansing, Michigan

Buy at Farm Bureau Stores and Co-op Ass'ns



Embarkation Day was sent to Richard when he was at his South Pacific base. His company got a big kick out of it, especially the last stanza, and the line "Look for us in the History Book—the other Marines and me."

We thought at the time that Embarkation Day was moving and perhaps prophetic verse. And so it was. We're going to ask you to read it again with us:

Embarkation Day

"Troopin' troopin' troopin' to the sea"

Just like in Klpling's ballad—the other Marines and me. September has come cound again; the rains will soon be through So we are on our way to keep our lateral readervous. Our ship is docked. Her hold is stocked with all the warlike stores Which we will ple among the palms along the coral shores. Soon she will speed us 'ast and sure across the heaving miles To where the Japs, all well entreached, await my pals and me With the worst they have to offer—so we're troopin' to the sea.

Rumbling, rumbling, rumbling on our trip

From our Base in Way-down-under to the waiting transport ship;
Our field equipment on our backs; the last inspection done:
We're on our way to Tokio to douse the Rising Sun;
To chase the last invader from the ramparts of Cathay
And to hush the gongs of conquest on the Road to Mandalay.
Our hearts are high with confidence; our muscles trained and set.
We know the tricks of hand-to-hand and we shall not forget.
For we are Encle Sam's Marines and we have work to do—
With Freedoms Feur to battle for we mean to see it through.

Thinking, thinking, thinking as we go
Of all the things so far away we left so long ago;
Of homes and folks and happy days and youth away back there;
Of these we're thinking as we go to sail for God-knows-where.
Just keep things straight and send the tools to give the Nips whatfor
When we have scoured the seven seus and cleared the trash away.
Just keep them as they are for us and we'll return one day
And we will help to win the Peace when we have won the war.

Trooping, trooping to the sec-*

Look for us in the History Book-the other Marines and me.

Co-ops Are Becoming Manufacturers

Purchase of the Ohio Cultivator Company farm machinery manufacturing plant for \$1,000,000 by 11 state and regional farm co-operatives, including Farm Bureau Services of Michigan, is a sign of the times.

Farm co-operatives are moving rapidly to become manufacturers of their own farm supplies.

When the Michigan State Farm Bureau first began to serve farmers 25 years ago, one of the first projects was the establishment of a field seeds plant at Lansing. It was equipped with a testing laboratory and seed cleaning equipment.

The seed plant has operated ever since. It handles one of the largest volumes in the seed business in MichFarm Bureau Services of Michigan is now a partner with four to a dozen state and regional farm co-operatives in these manufacturing enterprises:

United Co-operatives—Plants for manufacture of motor oils, fly spray, and anti-freeze at Indianapolis and Warren, Pa.; paints and farm equipment plant at Alliance, Ohio.

Farm Bureau Milling Co.—Feed manufacturing mill at Hammond, Indiana.

National Co-operatives, Inc.—Milking machine plant at Waukesha, Wis.

National Farm Machinery Co-operatives, Inc.—Plant for manufacture of Co-op tractors, corn pickers, and manure spreaders at Shelbyville, Ind.; Ohio Cultivator Company, general farm machinery manufacturing plant at Bellevue, Ohio.

Where \$5 Farm Bureau Dues Goes

Eugene Smaltz of the Farm Bureau membership relations department gives us this general picture of the investment of the Farm Bureau member's \$5 annual dues:

In The County . . . Your \$2.40 (average for *`tate*) makes possible the carrying out of a Roll Call (to tell the Farm Bureau story to more farmers each yer), promotes group hospitalization to Farm Bureau m mbers, fosters Community Farm Bureaus, (giving members a better understanding of their problems, a means of expression as a group, and a social activity), promotes rural leadership training through Junior Farm Bureau, and many other services on a county level in the lines of education, health, farm production, tax problems, etc.

In The State . . . Your \$2.10 which goes to the State Farm Bureau office is supplemented with money from the insurance department and Farm Bureau Services. Money from all these sources pays for State Farm Bureau expenses relative to membership acquisition and maintenance, Junior Farm Bureau, Community Farm Bureaus; for presenting the views of farmers on public

Mason Farm Bureau Hears Stanley Powell

A strong Farm Bureau organization is able to accomplish much for farmers and is a good insurance policy at all times, Stanley Powell of the State Farm Bureau, said at the Mason County Farm Bureau annual meeting at Scottville, Dec. 18. Two hundred attended the meeting.

McCrea Speaks to Oceana Farm Bureau

Archie McCrea, editor of the Muskegon Chronicle, spoke to the Oceana County Farm Bureau annual mecing at Shelby, Dec. 11. Two hundred attended.

"War demands sacrifice," said Mr. McCrea. "Temporary deprivation must be the rule. Nobody wants to sacrifice. Most of demand profits. The disease is in the American mentality."

The average haul of a ton of freight is now approximately 460 miles. **E**^{VERY} day America's eight million fighting men consume almost five million dollars' worth of food-nearly two million dollars a meal.

And that's in addition to what goes to our fighting allies.

On top of that, America's 35 million families, working harder and eating more, must have their meals.

That gives you some idea of the job America's farmers are doing.

This food is part of the wartime load the railroads are hauling. Together with war equipment, munitions and raw materials it adds up to 11/3 million tons of freight to be moved a mile every minute of the day and night.

To keep it all on the go requires that a loaded freight train start on its way every four seconds.

This is a load that no other transportation system in history has been asked to shoulder. It is being carried with little more equipment than before the war. And as with farmers, thousands of skilled railroad workers have gone to the battle fronts.

So far, with the fine cooperation of shippers and receivers, the railroads have carried the load.

And they are determined to keep on backing to the limit the men who are fighting to protect our free American way of self-reliance, enterprise and initiative.

BUY MORE WAR BONDS



SATURDAY, JANUARY 1. 1944

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Beware of

AUTO THIEVES!

Your car is precious these

days! Protect the invest-

ment it represents with State

Farm Mutual's low-cost

Comprehensive Insurance

Coverage. It pays you for

loss or damage to your car

due to fire, theft, and more

than thirty other causes be-

yond your control. Investi-

gate today State Farm's

more auto insurance for your

money plan that has made

it the world's largest auto-

mobile casualty company!

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State Farm Insurance Companies

of Bloomington, Illinois

Kill

CATTLE

GRUBS

them with Berako!

Berako!

only few cents per head.

with Berako

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meetings, I attended the livestock and

and also to assist in feeding the

short rationed people. of our allies

be. The interference of outside

parties wholly disinterested in the in-

dustry was regarded as a great men-

ace to the dairy business. The un-

certainties injected in the livestock

industry have brought about a great

reduction in the business of feeding

cattle. In a showing of hands out of

117 present 18 were feeding the same

as last year, 98 were feeding less, 17

of whom were not feeding at all and

place of action and help finish the job

One warned us about being too opto-

mistic in having it all over in a short

time. He said, "There are over 1,000

islands belonging to Japan. If we

over tomorrow or the day after, and

I wish I might tell you of the many

culture; how we celebrated the 40th

wedding anniversary of our Waldo

,I'd like to tell you more of my trip

to Great Lakes to see a young neigh-

bor boy there in boot training. No

What We Heard at **Farm Bureau Meeting**

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

Blame the weather for the poorest oat crop, except one, since 1866 and meeting and the annual meeting of the dairy sessions. We are anxious to your name or that of Mayor Clarence begin searching for supplies on or off the American Farm Bureau Federa- supply the needs of those in services Mayhew of Elkton as among those the farm for necessary acreages of tion were the best we have held. oats and barley in 1944.

After listening to the experiences That is the advice of H. C. Rather, in Congress and with the leaders of head of the Michigan State College other farm organization as told by governmental restrictions all felt it

dency to discard a variety for 1943 performance is not warranted, he maintains, since most of the popular varieties of oats, for instance, have usually proved best within the state. Grain dealers as well as farmers already have been taking a look at available oat and barley seed for next spring. Some farmers will find suitable seed in their own grain bins, if If oats weigh at least 28 pounds to

the bushel and barley at least 44 pounds, if the seed germinates strong, MRS.WAGAR is pure and of a variety previously satisfactory, use for seed in 1944 is farm life in years gone by, so beautirecommended by Professor Rather. fully presented by their author, Anne Light, chaffy and diseased seed ought Campbell. to be used for feed and new supplies

American Farm Bureau

only there from 6 to 8 weeks before they are moved on. The choir has an alumni of over 12,000, all hoping when it's all over they can have a Walsh of Ann Arbor. I could only grand reunion. They sang spiritual and religious songs, the first number God bless you wherever you may be. being a prayer. I truly believe every boy in that group not only sang that prayer but they prayed as they sang. might be privileged to return to their

The Homes We'll Build

cipated for our future home. Our remember the war is only over to

compact-will be built according to on until the job is done." health requirements. New methods of water supply and sewage disposal are other interesting features of this in the planning. Better ways of splended meeting-how Mr. O'Neal's

results. But, the most treasured thing that most of us cling to must go in the dis- Phillips and his fine wife by holding card. That is sentiment. Many of a little special meeting in one of the us have been sentimental in preserv- hotel parlors for an hour wishing ing a great grandfather's old home them many more years together and just as it was several generations back assuring them of our friendship and and in keeping the furniture and fix- esteem; how proud we were when we tures we started housekeeping with. witnessed Michigan awarded 4 nation-If we adopt the new ways of living we al prizes for our efforts in membermust put, some of these relics with ship work during the past year.

Sister Elizabeth Kenny One of the outstanding addresses real grandmother could have had a

| Live Stock Feeders Speak On the day devoted to sectional

Our own State Farm Bureau annual

farm crops department. Any ten-

Mr. O'Neal and Mr. Brody, all realized that to represent the farm industry these days one must be on his toes all of the time in order to cope with the other fellow. We will never forget the common

33 had cut 50% or more. sense logic of Mrs. All predicted the glut we have since Pittenger's address experienced in the marketing of hogs nor the memories and all voiced their fear of its effect revived by the poems of everyday on the hog production of the coming year. Two Naval Heroes

I shall never forget the feeling I had when I listened to two naval It was a great privilege to be able heros who were sent to the meeting to to meet with so many old time friends substitute for Lieut. Commander Mcat the American Farm Bureau at Chi-Govern, of the U.S. Navy who was ill. cago. I attended the vesper service Both of these boys had been decorated arranged Sunday by the Farm Buwith the Purple Heart and cited for reau women. A choir of 54 voices Congressional honors for the bravery from Great Lakes naval post was they had shown. Both suffered injurmost interesting. Their leader, a ies so great that it seems only a mirchaplain, told us he had 1,000 in train- acle that they lived. I had a great ing all of the time, altho the boys are feeling of pride in our American youth but so mingled with humility that I felt unworthy to take the hand extended to me of one of them, John whisper the "Thank you, my boy, and That I know each of you would want me to do. Both expressed a hope that they

Our boys in service are giving more thought to religion than the folks at home realize, They will teach civilians much about Christian living on their return home.

Carl Boester, connected with Pur- take one a day this war will not be due Foundation, told us what he anti-

homes of the future will be built of those who have given their lives in new and less materials, will be more the cause. The rest of us must carry

heating our homes and at lower costs address was pronounced the best and have been studied with astonishing strongest ever made in behalf of agri-

the buggy and the cutter of other days.

They Were There When Huron Met

"I guess we must have been under the table at that Huron County Farm Bureau banquet when the Governor spoke," commented Mrs. Howard Nugent as she finished reading the account of the banquet. "I don't see at the speakers' table." Apologies, Mrs. Nugent. You were there, you but under the present short sighted and Howard and Mayor Mayhew. It was a mistake of the publicity direccould not be carried out as it should tor as he raced to make the paper. It won't happen again.

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ities.

MUST PROTECT FARMERS' ABILITY **TO PRODUCE**

Resolution Adopted by American Farm Bureau at Chicago, Dec. 6-9

Meeting our war goals in farm production is the most important responsibility of farm people. For some problem. During this period all full consideration to the nation's in-

necessary to meet these food requirements or goals. Price supports for this period have been authorized and, in many cases, directed by Congress. Failure of the Food Administration to use every

reasonable means at its command to support hog prices in line with an- Radium Proves Age nounced guarantees, and later steps taken by the War Food Administration to lower such announced support

prices in certain markets of the country constitute a breach of faith. Unless corrected immediately, this will guarantees or assurances. The adjustments involved in the ing orderly production both in peace

basic laws. Less detailed direction and author-

Benzie County Farm Bureau called ity over the AAA program should flow from Washington. Greater direction, attention to its membership campaign authority, and responsibility should through a full page advertisement in be vested in both state and county the Frankfort Patriot, county seat AAA's for the purpose of developingweekly.

programs more adapted to the local The food production records being

made are largely possible because of the years of soil conservation work that has been done. These records are also being made at the expense of much soil depletion, and require the use of many acres that would otherwise be in soil building crops. In war time, this depletion is justified, although every effort must be, made

during this period to hold this de pletion to a minimum by practical time after hostilities cease, "ability to soil conservation practices. Present produce" will be the major farm depletion of soil must be compensated for in the post-war period by placgovernmental policies should give ing greatly increased acres in soil conserving and soil building crops terest in protecting this ability of This must not be done at the expense farmers to produce food in amounts of heavy loss in farm income. The Soil Conservation Act provides government machinery for the building and maintenance of our soil resources. which are of great importance to the Nation as a whole, as well as to fu-

ture American agriculture.

Of Earth

Radium is a metal with some strikingly unusual properties. Its use in treating disease is well known Through a study of its peculiar propresult in a break-down of the con- erties scientists have been able, fidence of farmers in all government among other things, to determine the age of the Earth very closely. The method employed is too involved to transition from war production to describe here; it shows the Earth to peace production can best be achieved be about 1,600,000,000 years old. Rathrough the Agricultural Adjustment dium emanations have very great pen-Act and associated laws. They have etrating power. At Great Bear Lake, where radium ore is mined, it is imand war for obtaining balanced pric- portant to send photographic exposes and production. We support these ures out of the district as quickly as possible lest they be spoiled.

... and so did his ragged army when they laid aside their muskets and went back to their farms. There they raised the things they needed ... sheep for wool and mutton, flax for cloth they wove at home, hogs for meat and "cracklins," cattle for leather and substantial roast beef, grain they ground themselves. Wood from the surrounding forests kept them warm in winter. That was making the most of what they had at hand. That was diversified farming.

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AFBF Re-Elects American Farm Bureau President O'Neal **On Post-War World**

Resolution Adopted at 25th Annual Meeting At Chicago, December 6-9, 1943

The United States of America, citadel of human liberty and individual rights, will face grave duties and responsibilities in and to the post-war world. We can discharge these solemn obligations only through policies based on our historic ideals of Christian democracy. It would be a tragedy of world-wide proportions were we to fail to grasp our opportunity for constructive service to humanity on a world-wide basis. Actuated by the principles proclaimed in the Sermon on the Mount, we as a nation must dedicate our national energies to this monumental task, inspired by the resolute faith and fortitude that are a part of our Christian heritage which has lifted human hopes and aspirations to levels never before attained in the history of civilization.

1. International Affairs-We favor the United States of America assuming its rightful share of the responsibility for co-operation with other nations in:

(a) Holding aggressor nations in check after the end of the war. (b) Maintaining world trade policies that will give opportunity to all nations to obtain the materials necessary to maintain a sound peacetime economy, and (c) Providing the opportunity for political and economic freedom for all people;-to the end that a just and lasting peace may be maintained among the nations of the world.

2. World Rehabilitation-We favor extending aid to the people of the war-ravaged nations to relieve human suffering, but in every case, in order to avoid misunderstandings and unfortunate consequences, we should make certain that no commitment is made which our nation within reason cannot fulfill. The primary objective should be to assist them in their rehabilitation plans and programs so as to enable them to help themselves in meeting their own needs insofar as they desire and request such assistance.

3. Price and Wage Policies-We favor domestic policies that will assure full production and full employment, which will result in constantly rising living standards for all groups. To attain this objective, an equitable balance in purchasing power among all groups must be maintained.

We believe that this can best be accomplished by industry, labor and agriculture through voluntary adoption of price and wage policies based on a philosophy of abundance. Only if each group will do its part to formulate and carry out such a program, can they effectively protect the the general welfare against the development of extreinely paternalistic policies on the part of Government.

4. Constitutional Government - We recognize that as civilization becomes more complex, government must assume new functions, but we insist-

That our historic constitutional form of government with its balance of powers among the Legislative, Executive and Judicial branches be reverently observed and jealously guarded;

That the continuation of successful democracy demands that individuals and groups shall assume the greatest possible responsibility for the solution of social, political and economic problems.

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FARM BUREAUS'

VIEWS ON GOV'T

PRICE CONTROLS

control inflation.

program.

Congress.

generations.

Resolution Adopted by American

Farm Bureau at Chicago Dec. 6-9

tion reaffirms its position in favor of

a strong and agressive program to

Any plan to control inflation must

wages. Immediate steps should be

taken to reduce the excess purchasing

ceilings, where necessary and work-

able, on agricultural and other prod-

ucts. We insist, however, that price

control programs be administered in

such a manner as to be equitable among the various groups of our Na-

tion, and in a manner that will bring

products needed for the war effort.

Price ceilings for agricultural prod-

ucts should be announced for a speci-

to permit farmers to plan their opera-

lowered during such period. We in-

sist that all price-control agencies

follow the plain intent and specific

provisions of the laws passed by the

The Farm Bureau is unalterably

opposed to so-called "roll-back" sub-

sidies or government payments to

farmers in lieu of prices in the

market place which will assure maxi-

mum production. National income is

at an all-time high, having doubled

since 1939. The percentage of con-

sumer income required to buy food

is lower today than at any time on

record. To reduce the market price

of food by payments from the federal

treasury increases the inflationary

pressure, increases the demands on

our food supply, leaves more money

in the hands of the public to spend

for other goods, tends to establish for

post-war periods false standards of

fair farm prices, and necessitates ad-

ditional borrowing by the federal gov-

ernment. This means a larger na-

tional debt, with its inflationary effect

upon the monetary system of the

country, to be passed on to future

Farmers also fear that consumer

subsidies will lead to the socialization

of agriculture and the Nation. Once

established, they will be hard to elimi-

mate, and will likely develop into a

permanent and pernicious growth

upon our national economy, making

farmers subject to the whims and

caprices of an entrenched federal bu-

reaucracy. Food subsidies are like

habit-forming drugs. Having once

tasted them, consumers will think they cannot get along without them,

and will call for more and more. They

cannot get along without them, and

Farm Bureau firmly believes that not

only the immediate, but long-time in

terest of this Nation will be best

served by the immediate discontinu

ance of consumer subsidies.

forth the greatest volume of essential Sub for Teeth

The American Farm Bureau Federa-

Women's Forum Started By Huron Farm Bureau

Women will do more in the Huron Edward A. O'Neal, president of the County Farm Bureau through a Wo-American Farm Bureau Federation since 1931 was unanimously re-electmen's Forum under general direced for his seventh two-year term at tion of Mrs. Karl Ochmke of Sebethe annual convention of the organiwaing. The new plan announced by zation at Chicago, Dec. 6.9. Vice President Ralph Brown following President Earl C. Smith of Illinois approval by the newly elected board of directors.

Regional Women's forums along the lines of the community groups are planned, each with a leader, Current, matters will be discussed and the general views turned over later to the board for discussion and action if considered advisable.

Mrs. Hal Conkey, who retired as secretary after six years, was presented with a sandwich tray and a pickle dish of Fostoria ware, and Alfred Sturm, retiring director, was presented a bill fold. Presentations were made by members of the board.

81 MICHIGAN MEMBERS AT AFBF ANNUAL

Eighty-one members from 24 Michgan County Farm Bureaus attended the 25th annual convention of the American Farm Bureau at Chicago, Dec. 6-9. President Reid served on the national resolutions committee. J. F. Yaeger presided at the pre-convention conference on building the Farm Bureau membership.

The Michigan group met to congratulate two of their number, Mr. and Mrs. Waldo E. Phillips of Decatur, Van Buren county, on their 40th wedding anniversary. Mr. Phillips has nearly 20 years of service as a director of the State Farm Bureau. He is a former president of the organiza-

Farm Bureau members at the meetng for the Phillips were: Barry-Fred A. Smith, Norman Stanton, Albert Shellenberger. Berrien-Robert Koenigshof, R. C. File, Anna File, Carl T. Whetstone, William H. Bartz, Harry Nye, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Richards, Charles Branch-Earl Huntley, G. S. Coff-Calhoun-Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Farley, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Philo.

Clinton-C. F. Openlander, Gordon Hollister, P. M. Langdon, C. S. Langdon Eaton-F. D. King, F. E. Bust, Everett Young. Genesee-Madeline K. Rayner, Bernice M. Lang, George Gillespie, Bel-

Gratiot-A. P. Shankel, Mrs. Ray Grand Traverse-Keith Shugart. Hillsdale-I. K. Maystead, Ralph | Duryea, W. H. Brouse.

ingham-Arthur Deyo, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brody, Eugene Smaltz, Alfred Bentall, Ben Hennink, J. F. Yaeger. Ionia-Howard Hile, Stanley Powell, Mark Westbrook.

Isabella-Earl Seybert, Jr. Kalamazoo-C. E. White, Wallace Bingham. Lapeer-Mr. and Mrs. George Greenlee.

PRICE AND Leelanau-Mrs. Edward Kahrs.

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the mixing of proteins in such a man- as granite grit is available for the ner as to lessen their effective use. hens an excess consumption of oyster A higher percentage of the available shell will not occur.

protein supplies should go directly to

Every effort should be made to in-

crease feed supplies for the coming

year by providing adequate experienc-

ed labor, additional machinery, and

other supplies necessary to obtain

Locating a stock watering tank in

side a building with only a small part

weather protection against freezing.

ment, includes insulating sides of a

farmers use a float so that water is

only delivered as stock drink,-the

principle of the individual drinking

Chickens have no teeth. That ex-

plains the instinct of chickens to pick

up grit, gravel or broken glass, which

up food. Wise poultrymen supply

ings of oyster shell or other calcium.

Too much oyster shell can be detri-

mental, according to tests. But if a

supply of coarse, bright grit such

cup for the dairy cow

Poultry Grits

Another suggestion offered by D.

maximum production.

be equitably applied to industrial of tank exposed where the livestoc!

prices, farm commodity prices, and drinks provides one method of cold

power of the people by the adoption E. Wiant, of the Michigan State Col-

of a more adequate tax and savings lege agricultural engineering depart-

fied period and far enough in advance are retained in the gizzard to grind

tions accordingly, and should not be such grits, as well as cafeteria offer-

We favor the establishment of price tank and providing a cover. Some

Protect Stock Tank

the farmer as protein concentrates.

Sky Gardens

By ESTHER CUSHMAN RANDALL The branches of the trees now hold Within their grip white blooms of cold; Frosted fluffs that gently lie In virgin beauty neath the sky. That grew them in its garden there, From diamond dews and opal air.

These winter beauties need no sowing, Neither moisture, sun nor hoeing But vast and deep snow flowers grow Like none we gardners plant below.







as also re-elected.

Directors elected for two year erms were as follows:

Eastern Region, George M. Putman of Concord, N. H. and Warren W Hawley, Ulster Park, New York; Midwestern Region, Perry L. Green of Columbus, Ohio, and Hassil E. Schenck of Lebanon, Indiana, and Dr. O. O. Wolf of Ottawa, Kansas; Western Region, George H. Wilson

f Clarksburg, California; Southern Region, R. E. Short of Brinkley, Arkansas, Ransom Aldrich of Michigan City, Mississippi and H L. Wingate of Pelham, Georgia.

ment, to provide opportunity for profitable and satisfactory employment for men and women demobilized from the armed forces and war plants. We favor the speedy reconversion of privately-owned industrial plants to the production of peacetime goods. Agricultural land, industrial plants Heckathorn, L. R. Boyer. and unneeded inventories owned by the government should be disposed of as rapidly as practicable on terms and conditions that will make the maximum contribution to our peacetime 8. Government Finance-We believe that fiscal and tax policies should be adopted that will retard in-

possible on a pay-as-you-go basis and will encourage the system of free va Gillespie. enterprise. We urge that prompt action be taken to put into operation Neikirk. a definite program for the retirement of the public debt as rapidly as eco-

to financial grants, without Federal

control, to the states on the basis of need with local and state governments responsible for performing this function. The educational system must aid



9. Public educational opportunity must be enlarged for the youth of America and for its adult population as well. To the extent Federal assistance is needed it should be limited

To the extent that governmental aid is necessary, it should be carried on as far as possible by governmental units closest to the people, and where federal action is required, such powers should be administered as far as possible through agencies locally responsible and which can adapt such programs to local conditions.

Too great reliance upon governmental action alone will inevitably destroy our democratic institutions and lead us into some form of stateism with the accompanying loss of our freedom. Government should be the servant and not the master of the people.

5. Monentary and credit policies- to facilitate the maximum exchange We favor, adoption of domestic and of goods and services between nations international policies that will en- and between groups in our own councourage and facilitate maximum pro- try, to the end that maximum emduction, distribution, and consumption ployment and production may be achieved throughout the world. of goods and services, on a fair-ex-7. Post-War Employment-We favchange basis.

or every legitimate and necessary aid 6. Foreign and domestic tradeprivate enterprise can only be at-We favor adjustment or removal of by private industry, labor and agritained through their cooperation and their support of nation-wide policies foreign and domestic barriers so as culture in co-operation with govern-



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our citizens in the function and use of organization in behalf of their in-

dividual and general welfare. The dignity of agricultural pursuits must become more widely respected. ley, Wm. Hasenbank, Mrs. Fern Has-Urbanism must not be pitted against ruralism, for each is dependent on the other. The country and smalltown youth of America must have

equal opportunity with urban youth. 10. Medical & Hospital Care-We favor an intensive attack on the problems of better medical and hospital care for all groups. This is particularly necessary in rural areas. In general, we favor action on this problem by the voluntary organization of cooperative health and hospital associations. We stand ready to co-operate with the medical profession and other

groups in the solution of this problem 11. Domestic Relations-Neither Difficult Wire Laying agriculture, labor, nor industry can

Livingston-C. A. Burkhart. Mason-Mr. and Mrs. John Houk, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Fitch, Mr. and Mrs. David K. Smith, Wesley S. Hawenbank, Richard Nelson.

Newaygo-Paul Feenstra, N. R. Brown.

Oceana-Dan Reed. Ottawa-D.H.S. Rymer, Scott Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Andre. Saginaw-Fred Reimer. St. Clair-R. C. Wurzel. Van Buren-C. E. Buskirk, Lola F. Buskirk, Mr. and Mrs. George Schultz, Kermit V. Washburn, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Phillips.

Washtenaw-Walter E. Mast, Ray Smalley.

To establish telephone communicasolve their own problems without give tions across an almost an almost iming due consideration to the problems passable glacier in Alaska, the glacier of the others. The goal of full prowas "bombed" with reels of wire droptection and full employment through staked out in the snow by engineers.

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and plans directed toward the good Federal Government. of all instead of each striving to ob-We favor the establishment by Contain a position of monopolistic advantage. We therefore urge that all possible efforts be made by industry, agriculture, and labor to promote better relationships and more effective submit definite recommendations to cooperation between these great ec-Congress. pnomic groups for the common welfare. We call on all groups to join in conference to sincerely seek the solution of our mutual problems in the interest of the nation as a whole. 12. Our National agricultural policy must include a constructive soil conservation program and mechanism to assist farmers to adjust production to changing conditions, to assure abundant supplies of food and fiber for domestic and export needs,

and to maintain economic balance between agriculture and other segments of our national economy. Eventual destruction of our soil wealth, which would be followed by national disintegration, will be inevitable unless farm products can be traded on a fair-exchange basis for the goods and services produced by other groups.

13. Democracy-Our post-war plan ning must be done on a democratic

basis. Government agencies may furnish information but the people ed at our warehouse, 506 No. Mechani St., Jackson, Michigan. Ceiling price guaranteed. Michigan Co-operative Woo should make the decisions on plans.

TRANSPORT AFFECT SUPPLY OF FEED

Resolution Adopted by American Farm Bureau at Chicago Dec. 6-9

In view of the short supply of feeds in relation to livestock and poultry numbers, it is urgently requested that immediate steps be taken to insure that available supplies are handled in such a manner as to yield the greatest production of food for the war effort.

Price relationships should be such as to bring about equitable distribution of feeds among the various areas of the Nation. Every practical step should be taken to see that transportation facilities are provided to move feed supplies. For the period of the war emergency, we recommend that the importation of grains from Canped by an army bomber along a line | ada should be encouraged; that the feed wheat program be continued; and that every effort should be made to national and international, by the increase high protein feeds by the importation of meat scraps, by in-

creasing fishing activity, by bringing cress of a Joint Congressional Com- various protein-bearing products on mission to study these post-war prob- ships returning from foreign ports, lears, to consult with representatives and developing new sources of high of all groups in the nation, and to protein feeds.

It is urgently recommended that necessary steps be taken to prevent



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BONDS JAN. 8

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sponding to such Government re-

quests. (e) A minimum of regulation or restriction will assist in obtaining maximum production. We urge that the rationing of gasoline for farm use

bility for the development of all poland ceiling prices, and all other

Detroit Packing Company is advisslaughtering conditions they should



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such new equipment as may be neces- production supplies be eliminated. sary to meet the transportation needs The announced further restrictions on

in the War Food Administrator.



and delivery to farmers.

now dependent on increasingly worn truck equipment. We urge that steps be taken to make available truck all unnecessary restrictions of promotor and other repair parts, and duction supplies and the rationing of of agriculture. (d) We urge that full responsi-

(c) Marketing of agricultural pro-

ducts and farm supply deliveries are

programs with respect to production,

seem entirely unwarranted. icies and the administration of all Hold Back distribution, rationing, fixing of floor Lighter Hogs phases of the food program, be placed ing hog producers that under present

When asking farmers to increase hold back as many unfinished hogs production abnormally, the Govern- under the 200 lb. level as possible and ment should accept responsibility for market their good 200-270 lb, hogs providing markets currently and as through an outlet where they can get sure producers against loss when re- floor support prices.



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ND PROVEN PILOTS

Farm Bureau Activities

By EUGENE A. SMALTZ Membership Relations and Education REEMAN-Newaygo

Motion made by Mack McKenzie people who are in the service. Formal dedication will be announced later. CAPAC-St. Clair

Each responded to roll call by telling what Farm Bureau resolution adopted November 10-11 is the most 'price controls and subsidies" most important. Some said "reports for farm trucks," "farm machinery bottleneck" and "allocation of metal for bull rings.'

CHIPPEWA-Isabella

Mr. Openlander spoke on parity be tween industry, labor, and agriculture. He also discussed a chart on taxes which showed the decrease in taxes on his own farm, resulting from the 15-mill tax limitation onfarm property and the 3% sales tax. He also spoke of other organizations trying to get bills passed to repeal | ton: the 15% bill and trying to place a

higher tax on rural property. Mr. Openlander advised strengthening the Farm Bureau with more members so as to hold what we have accomplished. FRANKENLUST-Bay

A letter was received from Mr. Woodruff about the time question stating that he will take an interest in it. Motion passed that the publicity secretary write our Senators a letter of thanks for the splendid work they

were read and discussed.

Wm. Sherman, president; C. D. Knechtel, vice president; and Russell Harriman, secretary. The next meeting will be with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Byington.

White wat it the

NO FEAR OF WHAT LIES AHEAD -

LESLIE-Ingham

Mr. Jewell gave a report of State convention at East Lansing, and presented a resolution drawn up by anthat the Reeman Community Farm other group, that each group have a Bureau choose as their 1944 project representative on the County Farm the erection of a flag pole on each Bureau board. This was discussed member's property, displaying the It was suggested by our group that American flag in honor of our young only one member from a group, be a member of the board.

SOUTH BATTLE CREEK-Calhoun Our discussion leader, Mrs. Smith,

distributed copies of the American Farm Bureau resolutions for discussion. Mr. Farley brought out the adimportant. The majority considered ministration's reasons for wanting subsidies and the farmers' danger of regimentation by a great extension of the plan. It was pointed out that labor has not included its overtime pay when reporting wage increases. The farmer is asking only a fair deal and an honest showing of the facts about living costs and wages, and farm income. It was agreed that the chairman appoint a committee of three to write a brief communication to be signed by all members present and to be mailed to our two Senators and our Representative in Washing-

> "We of the South Battle Creek Farm Bureau Community group are accepting the milk subsidy, but are not approving of it. We wish to commend you on the stand you have taken, and we urge that you continue your fight against subsidies."

WORDEN-Washtenaw

This was the 2nd meeting. We elected officers as follows: president. Frank Geiger, South Lyons; vice

cational work can be perpetuated on Ovid, 38; Quincy, 53; and Union, 22. In announcing the program for the event, Dick Nelson, President of the Junior Farm Bureau stated that Mr. PUBLISH Merchele, President of State Farm Insurance Co.'s of Bloomington, Ill., JUNIOR FARM plans to be present to present his check for the final \$1,000. A year ago Mr. Merchele indicated that if BUREAU MANUAL the young people were to reach

\$9,000 he would put in the final thousand. Mr. Merchele will also give the principle address of the evening. Nelson also stated that Governor Kelly had promised to drop in for the ceremony for the purchase of the bond. The banquet and ceremony will take place in the evening at the Home Dairy Banquet Hall in Lansing.

The final total amounts of each county were: Allegan \$ 634.75 118.30 165.00 Berrien 1361.00 Calhoun 170.25 345.65 Clinton 213.05 100.00 Grand Traverse 140.00 Gratiot 241.00 Hillsdale 170.00 413.47 Ingham 157.52 61.00 Isabella 295.71 Kalamazoo 385.43 90.00 Lapeer 259.87 Livingston 413.89 Mason 233.00 Miscellaneous 375.78 Montcalm 153.75 Muskegon 60.00 Newaygo 109.76 Ottawa 41.00 Saginaw 627.74 St. Clair 34.50 St. Joe 250.00 Shiawassee 240.59 Tuscola 170.45 ten by Ada Black of Lansing. Miss Van Buren 189.17 Black is a regional director. Washtenaw 546.00

The seven new Junior Farm Burin Oceana, Benzie, Oakland, Lenawee, Jackson, Ingham and Charlevoix have clubbed together to put in the final \$260.00

is the governing body of the Junior 514 Branch Members Farm Bureau and is composed of the Have Hospital Policies presidents of all county and community Junior Farm Bureaus. The vice-Branch County now has 514 Hospital Service policies in force among presidents are guests of the council the membership of the Farm Bureau. at this meeting. Several counselors Gilead township Farm Bureau is the are also to be present. latest to have a Hospital Service

group for their members and this group for their members and this leaves but two townships in the Names Camp county, Sherwood and Bronson, without a unit.

Junior Farm Bureau

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

Junior Farm Bureau will be the first Bronson township is not yet organipurchaser of a bond in the Fourth zed for a Community Farm Bureau, so would not be eligible for a Hos-War Loan Drive, and it will be the pital group. The policies in force in only Junior Farm Bureau in the counthe various groups after transfers and try to have a War Bond of this size. new members added this quarter are: It will aslo be the only Junior Farm Bureau who will have an educational

Algansee, 74; Batavia, 43; Bethel, 34; Butler, 27; California, 25; Cold- ald Stoll, Catherine Mulder, Madeline water. 78 Gilead, 11; Girdard, 29; Kinderhoek, 48; Matteson, 15; Noble, 17;

plete book of Junior Farm Bureau

material be in the hands of each Junior Farm Bureau. The committee, composed of Al Gall, chairman, Ada Black, Gladys Deters, Herbert Fierke, Herbert Hills, and Catherine Mulder, have been working on their respective parts of the manual since camp. The work of these various individuals has been completed. Chairman Gall has compiled the material and it is now in the mimeograph department of the Farm Bureau being set up for final edition. The manual will cost each Junior Farm Bureau approximately \$2 and will be the permanent property of the Junior Farm Bureau. In construction the manual, Gladys Deters, state secretary of the Junior Farm Bureau of Fremont, wrote, "The History of the Junior Farm Bureau.' Much of this material was taken from the minutes of the annual meeting of the Junior Farm Bureau. Chairman Albert Gall compiled the section of the manual entitled "Definition of Junior Farm Bureau." The section entitled, "How Junior Farm Bureau Functions" was compiled by Herbert Fierke, President of the Saginaw Junior Farm Bureau.

Catherine Mulder, past president of wrote and edited the section "Types and Kinds of Programs". In this

Albert Gall, chairman of the Junior Farm Bureau committee for building a Junior Farm Bureau manual announces that the job has been completed. The manual has been constructed as a result of a demand from the Junior Farm Bureau that a com-

people at our camps.

might be properly trained." "Officers and their duties" and 'Parlimentary Procedure" was writ-

the prize-winning printed program of should be expanded considerably. Washtenaw Junior Farm Bureau for

Committee For 1944 State Camp Chairman, Katrene Boyce, has named the eight people of

her choice to the State Camp committee. They are: Marjorie Klein, Don-Mosier, Herbert Fierke, Robert Drury, Ruth Lamb, Virginia Gretzinger, and Chairman Katrene Boyce.

In announcing this committee, Miss Boyce indicated that the committee had already done considerable work for the 1944 camps. A letter has been sent to the counties outlining the problems to be faced on camp for 1944. Miss Boyce said: "It's been my observation that in

previous years we didn't hear about camp until the spring council meeting of April. It would be June be fore the results of the council meeting would begin to take effect in the

counties. My committee feels that we should get an earlier start. "There is another problem facing us which we alone cannot solve, because it effects the Senior Farm Bu-

reau program as well. We in the Junior Farm Bureau now realize the important part we are playing in the Farm Bureau program be educating new and younger members to the Farm Bureau program. We train the leaders of these young people at camp. The trouble is that there are so many young people that should have camp experience, but we have

n't any room for them. In the counties where there are 100 members or more, at least fifteen should be sent to camp. Using this as an average, it would mean that we would have between six and seven hundred young

"The Junior Farm Bureau realizes the importance of training a new group of young leaders each year, but we cannot do the job as it should be done because of our present policies towards the camp school. Our committee feels that we have got to expand the camp training program so that all of our Junior Farm Bureaus

Miss Boyce indicated in her report to the last Junior Farm Bureau, Board meeting that there was wide-spread approval of the way that the camp had been handled last year. She reported that her observations indicate genuine support for a full week of trainthe Fillmore Junior Farm Bureau ing for the older leaders in Junior

Farm Bureau, but the program for short-term three camps for the youngsection the committee has inserted er Junior Farm Bureau members

Miss Boyce said that Northwest





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munity presidents and vice-presidents present at the council. The council The World's News Seen Through

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1943-44. Herbert Hills of Isabella county wrote the section of the manual en-Farm Bureau." Two other sections, one entitled "Finances" and the other "The Coun-

seler and his Duties" were compiled The human body needs about 12 out of material by the state office by the committee chairman.

at the Farm Bureau building, Lans-

chele Banquet, at which time the

Junior Farm Bureau bond will be

purchased. Mr. Nelson said that the

regional directors are responsible for

having each of the county and com-

STATE COUNCIL

MEETS JAN. 8

ing.



From now on in this Junior Farm Bureau page you are going to read

Richard Nelson, president of the a lot about the mid-winter training Junior Farm Bureau said that the de. schools for officers of Junior Farm Bureau. In fact, as the editor of cisions that are to be reached at the this page, we are going to lay a lot Council Meeting will have an important bearing on the effectiveness of the of our emphasis on these district Junior Farm Bureau program for officers schools in the next few issues. this year. Mr. Nelson said that the The district officers training items of business approved by the schools are a new project in Junior state board of the Junior Farm Bu-Farm Bureau. The schools have a reau for presentation to the Council two-fold purpose. Many of the offifor decision include, dates for the cers are comparatively new to Junior regional Officers Training schools, a Farm Bureau and a school for these decision on adopting the state proofficers, using the new manual as a text-book will serve to acquaint them gram of work, a decision on whether to inaugurate a contest, and finally, with Junior Farm Bureau. Junior a discussion of the newly published Farm Bureau is getting so large that Junior Farm Bureau manual and its the regional directors are assuming much more responsibility of active The day will conclude with the Mer-

participation in the administration of Junior Farm Bureau and the schools will serve to put the responsibility of leadership on the directors. These district officers training schools are bound to be interesting.

and most of them will be held between the 15th and the 30th of January. The board of directors of the Junior Farm Bureau has decided that at

these schools the new manual will be studied and the state contest and the state program of work be thoroughly dent, Dick Nelson, as to their con- called a strike.

will publish each month the report of work of these schools.

The first shot ever fired in honor of the Stars and Stripes was at Quiberon bay in France in 1778 by order of John Paul Jones.

Michigan in particular should have a have done for farmers. A resolution complete camp set-up for themselves was passed that the secretary write to take care of the particular problems to the Governor advising him that of Junior Farm Bureau for that area we are against using the Jap prisand to save the long distance of traoners of war for farm help in Michveling. Miss Boyce indicated that igan. Motion passed that the pubshe hoped to get support for having licity secretary write Mr. Woodruff a full week's leadership training concerning the sugar beet problem camp for each side of the state with which is facing farmers in Michigan. several short-term camps for young-GENESEE No. 1-Genesee

"It is moved that this group go on record as favoring advertising over the radio and in the public press concerning the use of subsidies as it affects the farmer and the consumer,' also that other Community Farm Bureau groups take action on this. ADRIAN-TIPTON-Lenawee

Alex Peterson expressed the opinregulations are impracticable and hard to enforce.

The time situation is still a very hot potato. Dewey Harsh stated that in his investigation he was told that the time could not be changed because of the schedule maintained between some of the Adrian war plants and those in Detroit, while Toledo, Jackson, Morenci, Hillsdale and numerous other places, equally as closely connected with Detroit, have changed to the old time.

The question of who is eligible to vote at the AAA township meetings Washington and the bureaucrats. for bull rings the fact was made known that second hand rings can be accomplish this: obtained by the livestock truckers

from the stockyards and packing coming campaign.

ATTICA-Lapeer

There was some discussion of the labor requirements must be closely covered by discussion. In addition, strike. There was general approval authority eliminated. Full authority the regional directors will help the of the base and surplus method of and responsibility for handling all counties finish their plans for the payment and though they didn't ap- regular and seasonal farm labor printed program of their Junior Farm prove of strikes generally, they were should be vested in the agr'l extension Bureau. The regional directors have in favor of withholding their milk service, agreed to report to the State presi. if the Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n

tacts with the various counties. We VERNON-Shiawassee

was shown, after which Dennis Mc-Consumers Power company.

convention in East Lansing this fall, be taken to speed up its production

president, John Rockol, South Lyons secretary, Mrs. Henry Wessel, Ann Arbor, R-2; discussion leader, Henry Paul, Whitmore Lake; Recreation leader, Curtis Hamilton, Northville,

GAINES-Genesee

Topic: What can we do about inflation? Inflation does not mean good times for everybody because as prices rise everyone doesn't share in increase of wages so there is hardship for some. Farmers are not responsible for inflation as factory pay rolls are higher than farm income.' Inflation cannot be controlled by price control alone. We are afraid of inflation because depression comes after inflation. Depression has never been prevented before. Farm prices should ion that some of the federal truck not be controlled unless wages are controlled also

IF FARMERS ARE TO PRODUCE MORE IN 1944,--

Resolution Adopted by American Farm Bureau at Chicago Dec. 6-9

If the American farmer is to contribute his full share to the anticipated was cleared up by Roy Griffin. The international demand for food as the opinion of the group was that the peoples now subject to the axis na-AAA was of value but should be the tions are liberated, U. S. food produc farmers' program instead of that of tion must continue to expand. The American farmer, for the fourth con-In speaking of the shortage of metal secutive year, is being asked to increase his next year's production. To

(a) Selective Service boards must continue to defer 'essential farm workhouses when they deliver stock. Mem ers in 1944. Further withdrawal of bership value was stressed by Ivan skilled dairy, livestock, or other farm Hunt, the campaign chairman. The workers must be stopped. Every efgroup pledged full support to the fort must be made to make available additional skilled and full-time farm workers. The agencies handling farm

milk situation and the proposed correlated and existing conflicts in

(b) Very large additional amounts of farm machinery must be made available. Depreciation of machinery Thirty, members met in the home has been terrific during the past four the directors on their districts on the of Mr. and Mrs. George Pardonnet. A years. Despite the announced addimoving picture." Soldiers of the Soil" tional heavy allotments of steel to the manufacturers, it now appears that Guire spoke briefly of his work with the production and delivery for next spring and early summer will be en-Resolutions passed at the annual tirely inadequate. We urge that steps

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Study of AFBF Resolutions

Background Material for Discussion in January by Our Community Farm Bureau Discussion Groups

> By EUGENE A. SMALTZ Membership Relations & Education

ROLL CALL QUESTION-What American Farm Bureau Resolution Adopted Dec. 6-9 is Most Important?

There are always many interesting features to an annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation, one of the most important is the consideration of the resolutions which, in their final form, constitute the platform and program of the American Farm Bureau Federation for the ensuing 12 months.

The Resolutions Committee, which is charged with the responsibility of formulating the tentative resolutions, is appointed by the President of the American Farm Bureau Federation well in advance of the convention. Naturally, each State Farm Bureau furnishes this committee with its latest resolutions. There is thus no dearth of material from which the committee can begin its stupendous task of trying to develop an annual program for a great national farm organization. As is quite obvious, thre are sectional and commodity viewpoints which of necessity must be harmonized or compromised before any statement acceptable to most of the delegates to the convention can be formulated.

Looking back over 25 years of history of the American Farm Bureau Federation, it is evident that the national legislative program of our organization has been featured by a succession of efforts to secure and maintain what might be termed "equality for agriculture." In this connection, various specific proposals have been promoted from time to time such as the McNary-Haugen Bill and later on the various measures seeking to embody the "parity" concept in workable statutes.

In a democracy the most potent influence is that of an aroused and enlightened public opinion. The corporate viewpoint is well promoted by the big corporations. The labor unions maintain vast research and propaganda activities to insure that their views are given wide-spread publicity.

Only through national organization can farmers develop a national program and have the influence to secure proper publicity for their opinions and recommendations. When a great organization such as the American Farm Bureau Federation meets in annual convention and adopts resolutions, its position is given wide-spread publicity in the newspapers and magazines and over the radio, and has power with Congress and governmental agencies. It is an old and effective trick of the enemies of rural interests to state that farmers don' know what they want and are hopelessly divided, and to charge that farm leaders do not properly represent the rank and file of the family-size farm operators. Only through having a powerful organization with a

MICHIGAN FARM NEWS

STATE FARM BUREAU Robert Dostal

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Dec. 6-9.

placed as follows:

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Group A-Illinois, 44%.

Group D-Nevada, 29%.

Group B-Vermont, 31.9%.

Group C-New Jersey, 17.1%.

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Robert Dostal, 14, only son William Dostal of Ludington, R-2, los his life in a hunting accident Dec. 28. He was huntinfg rabbits with a young friend and was shot accidentally by the other boy. All Farm Bureau members extend their sympathy

Michigan Farm Bureau organizato the family. Mr. Dostal is mem tions won first places and a grand bership campaign manager for Mason championship in 3 out of 5 national County Farm Bureau." contests conducted by the American



The American Farm Bureau Federation's award for distinguished service to American agriculture was presented here Dec. 8 to Dr. R. K. Bliss, director of extension service at Iowa

made posthumously to the late Congressman Henry B. Steagall of Alabama. The Congressman's daughter.

Mrs. Myra Steagall Wall, accepted the Contest 2-County Farm Bureau award. having the largest membership with Dr. Bliss, a native of Iowa, was all members in the county members of graduated from Iowa State College in community or township organizations. 1905 and immediately went to work and meeting at least six times in 1943. Group B-1st place to Branch Coun college. He has remained in the department ever since, with the excepion of two years spent in teaching Contest 3-State Farm Bureau reanimal husbandry in Nebraska. He porting largest percentage increase in was made director of the Iowa exommunity or township organizations tension service in 1914

The late Congressman Steagall was a members of Congress for nearly 29 years, and he served as Chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee for 14 years. He sponsored much of the legislation which stabilized farm prices, and he led the fight in the House against food sub-

Berrien county's 2,000 members were sidies. He suffered the heart attack which resulted in his death only a Bolivar county, Mississippi, Group short time after he had made a speech A states (20,000 to 100,000) won its on the floor of the House on this group and national 1st places with issue.

Government Lends Silver To Take Place of Copper

for war materials. the treasury department has recently lent, to several new government-owned or operated plants, sufficient silver to take its place in their power distribution

One installation in Michigan, which would have required \$185,000 worth of copper, contains silver valued at

stantly under armed guard. The silver will be returned after the war.

Buy Farm Bureau Seeds.



By EUGENE A. SMALTZ Membership Relations and Education

February has been designated as 'Community Farm Bureau" month It is expected that every county will accept the responsibility of presenting to Community Farm Bureau program in conjunction with the membership drives. Community Farm Bureaus offer

members a means of studying their problems and advising their leaders on what they have decided is considered wise action. Community leaders face serious problems through out the coming year. The necessity for having an informed membership has never been greater.

The goal for counties is to have 'Every member a member of a Communitly Farm Bureau." This is in accord with the resolution adopted unanimously by the delegates to the state convention last November which stated "we . . hereby go on record as favoring the establishment in the extension department of the of more Community Discussion Groups to the end that every member may have opportunity of participating." Membership growth in the past few years has placed a heavy responsibility upon County Farm Bureau leaders to keep Community groups growing in pace with membership gains.

Each county board of directors has the job of developing the community program within their county. To facilitate this work, the State Farm Bureau is holding a two-day conference of people responsible for this program at Lansing, Jan. 20 and 21 to lay the groundwork for the intensive organization drive to be carried out during February.

Problems facing farmers in their community which demand solution through group action concern education, health, rural youth, the church, post-war works projects, taxation policies and many others.

Special awards will be given those counties meeting their responsibilities in Community Farm Bureau development as follows: (Awards will be made to winners in each membership district.)

An engraved gavel will be awarded to:

1. Community Farm Bureau group judged to have the best local program in 1944.

2. County having the largest number of Community Farm Bureaus formed during February, "The Community Farm Bureau Month," whica

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1944

hold at least six meetings prior to the | cept the responsibility of making Community Farm Bureaus available County having the largest total to all members in their county, and make one person responsible for carof Community Farm Bureau groups holding at least six meetings during rying out this program.

A billion more bushels of corn have been produced in the past three years, Awards will be made to representatives of the groups at the 1944 Annual according to the Middle West Soll Improvement Committee, than would State Farm Bureau Convention. To be eligible to participate in the con- have been possible without hybrid test, County Farm Bureaus must ac. strains of seed corn.



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1944, each prior to the State Annual

Multiplied by 400, an average days run of seed from the bagger, the result is still not a long period of time. Multiplied again by the number of days per seed year that the seed spont is running, the grand total is still not impressive as time goes.

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of purchase if received by the customer in original sealed branded bags."

than it would to print a statement involving no guarantee.

It costs us very little more to make good on our guarantee because we make our seed good enough to take that kind of guarantee. Insurance costs money. But it is a good insurance not only to know your seedsman, but to know your seed. And to know that your seedsman knows his seed well enough to guarantee it. And further, to provide you with the means of knowing you receive that for which you pay. We believe that you believe in that kind of insurance. This policy is in keeping with the slogan "Organized for those it serves."

> FARM BUREAU SERVICES, INC. Seed Dep't, Lansing, Mich.



(50,000 to 20,000) honors with a coun-Because copper is urgently needed Hunterdon County Farm Bureau, New Jersey, Group C (1,000 to 5,000) won 1st place in that group with 1,151 No entry for Group D (500 to 1,000 systems.

What states lead in having the largest percentages of their farmers as members of the Farm Bureau? That vas contest 5. Here are the winners:

\$15,000,000 and, therefore, is con-

TO CONSIDER **GROWING PROBLEM OF WATER SUPPLY**

The Michigan State Farm Bureau has been invited to participate in an all state water conference at Lansing, January 28. The conference is sponsored by the State Dep't of Con servation, Michigan State College and the State Planning Commission.

supply of water will be the main top-

Water in its relation to agriculture will be on the day's program.

The discussion will be led by C. V.

Ballard of Michigan State College. In-

cluded in the discussion will be re

ports on the increasing difficulty of

securing domestic farm water in

many parts of the state and possibilities of remedies to prevent spring

run offs and the effect of water on

"Michigan is just now beginning to

realize that we do not have an inex-

haustible supply of water-at least where and when it is needed," accord

ing to P. J. Hoffmaster, conservation

director. "In many municipalities the

means of properly conserving what

The conference planned for Janu-

ary will bring together representa-

tives of various state and federal

departments as well as industrial con-

cerns, municipalities, counties and

farm organizations. The Farm Bu

Many areas

Ways and means for conserving

The contests were intended to stimulate membership effort, and to build and strengthen Community Farm Bureaus. Michigan competed with states n Group B, those having memberships from 5,000 to 20,000. Michigan Contest 1-Community or township

Farm Bureau having the largest mem-State college. The award was also Group B-1st place to Saginaw-Kochville Community Farm Bureau,

Saginaw county, Michigan, with 243

clear-out program, can we offset such mis-statements.

At the annual conventions of the American Farm Bureau Federation held in Chicago, in 1942 and 1943 the first afternoon and evening was devoted to a roll call of the states in which one or more of the leaders of each State Farm Bureau told of the problems which the Farm Bureau folks in his state were facing and what they were doing about it or what they thought ought to be done. This was an intensely interesting feature of the convention and helped each person in attendance to formulate a comprehension of the national agricultural situation in advance of consideration for the report of the national resolutions committee.

FARM BUREAU SERVICES ANNUAL MEETING

Stockholders of Farm Bureau Services, Inc., re-elected officers and directors at the annual meeting held at Michigan State College, Dec. 14, as follows:

President, Roy D. Ward, Dowagiac co-op Ass'n; vice-pres., Carl E. Buskirk, Michigan State Farm Bureau. Directors-Tom Berghouse, Falmouth | Won't Drink Milk

Co-op Ass'n; Alfred Roberts, Co-op Milling Ass'n, Pigeon; Everett Collar, Coopersvile Co-op Elevator Co.; C. J. Reid, W. E. Phillips, Russell File,

G. S. Coffman, Michigan State Farm Bureau. Clark L. Brody of Lansing equal to Michigan's with 1,624 miles tary.

problem of water supply is becoming increasingly serious. The Services report showed that it are having difficulty in obtaining an had purchased supplies co-operatively in the amount of \$5,631,348.67 for 141 adequate supply. Farmers in parts of Southeastern Michigan, in many cases farmers' co-operatives which are stockholders, and in turn for their are having trouble finding water that farmers. The services reported a net is not tainted with salt or sulpher. margin for the year of \$209,519.26. It is about time that we get together all the information we can about It declared a patronage dividend of water and try to work out ways and 3.8% to its patrons on the year's

business. The dividend was paid in Services class AAA stock. Four per cent in cash was paid on all outstanding AAA stock. The services reported assets of \$1,232,511.12 and a net worth of \$883,257.91.

reau has been invited to participate A recent survey showed that 49 per cent of adult women and 44 per cent

No other state has a shore line was re-engaged as executive secre- on the Great Lakes. Michigan also has approximately 5,000 inland lakes.



by sending a number of representa tives Included in addition to agriculture on the program will be discussions on water and its relation to forestry power, industry, commerce, commun

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ity, recreation, pollution, inland lake level control and flood control. The program will be headed by Dean E. L. Anthony, of the Department of Agriculture, Michigan State College; Dean S. T. Dana, School of Forestry and Conservation, University of Michigan and Hoffmaster .

FOR JANUARY

Time: 12 to 12:30 CWT

1 to 1:30 EWT

Theme: Farm Policy for 1944.

Jan. 3-Farm Issues for 1944.

Jan. 10-War Time Food Policy.

Jan. 17-Taxation and Price Con-

Jan. 24-Farmer-Labor Relations.

Jan. 31-Farm Transportaion Prob-

MONDAY ROUND TABLE

AGENTS WAN The Insurance Department of the Michigan State Farm Bureau

has many openings for agents to represent the State Farm Insurance Companies in Michigan. We would appreciate hearing from any of our Michigan Farm News readers if they are interested in talking the proposition over with one of our managers. It would be very helpful to us if any of our readers would suggest the names of likely agent prospects in their nearby cities and towns. The remuneration is good. This is a particularly good time to start. Address your inquiry to

INSURANCE DEP'T . MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU 221 North Cedar St. Lansing, Michigan

lems. Eighty-five per cent of the world's nd area lies north of the equator.

New Feeding Efficiency?

1944 may also be the dawn of a new era for the men who feed live stock and poultry. Not the "normal times" we knew, but an opportunity to continue in use the knowledge we learned of the nutrition of live stock and poultry during the feed shortages.

An Unrestricted Feed Program?

1944 may allow us to go on an unrestricted feed program. A program that will make it possible for you Farm Bureau feeders to get all the Mermash, Milkmaker, and Porkmaker you need, and to forget the substitutes you were forced to use in 1943.

We'll Pledge High Quality Feeds

1944 will see the quality of Farm Bureau feeds held at the highest point. Mermash will still be fortified with Mermaker. Milkmakers and Porkmaker will carry irradiated yeast and manganese sulphate to help your cows and hogs and keep them healthier and more productive.

Are You Ready?

1944 will call for a renewal on your part of an all-out effort to build the sort of Cooperative Program you want. Are you ready? Once more we sincerely wish you all a "Happy New Year."

FARM BUREAU SERVICES, INC., Lansing, Mich.

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