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EDITORIAL

Four Proposed Amendments

November 7 we shall vote on four proposed amendments to the state Constitution. The first three amendments mentioned here were proposed by the state legislature earlier this year. The fourth, dealing with a change in government for Wayne county, was initiated by citizens in Detroit and Wayne county. It so happens that none of the amendments have been considered by the State Farm Bureau in annual meeting so we have no resolutions of policy concerning them. Here they are:

No. 1—Proposed Amendment to the Constitution to change the restriction of furnishing water by any city or village to an amount not to exceed 25 per cent of that furnished by it within its corporate limits.

This amendment would permit any municipally owned public utility to sell water outside the corporation limits in such amounts as the city or village legislative body might determine. We see no harm in granting the permission asked.

No. 2—Proposed amendment to the Constitution relative to eligibility of members of the legislature to be candidates for and elected to state offices.

The amendment would permit a member of the legislature to be eligible for nomination and election to another state office without first resigning as a member of the legislature. In such cases, the term of the new office must begin sometime following the expiration of his legislative term. This amendment appears to have no objectionable features and invites approval.

No. 3—Proposed amendment to the Constitution relative to compensation of the members of the legislature.

The amendment would increase the pay of members of the legislature from \$3 to \$5 per day for the two year term. People who are familiar with the expenses involved in a term in the legislature are sympathetic to the amendment as a step in the right direction. They believe that few if any members of the legislature break even under the present rate of pay. In normal times the legislature meets for about five months the first year of the two year term, with the probability that there will be one or more special sessions the next year. At Lansing the legislator's expenses for lodging and meals are substantial. He may have continuing expenses at home. Back home again he is supposed to be at the service of his constituents at all times, which calls for more or less time away from his private business. It is to be noted, too, that considering the great responsibilities of the legislature, the expense for salaries of the representatives and senators is an exceedingly small fraction of the expenses for state government.

No. 4—Proposed amendment to the Constitution permitting Wayne county to adopt a charter.

The amendment would permit setting up in Wayne county a special form of county government. It is proposed to replace the board of supervisors by a legislative body of 21 members, and to provide a chief executive for Wayne county government. This proposal has been before the voters of Michigan in various forms in 1934, 1936 and 1942.

The Farm Bureau board of delegates has never considered the Wayne county home rule proposal at its annual meetings, nor has it been asked to do so by proponents or opponents of the plan. The Farm Bureau has considered county government in Wayne county to be the responsibility of the people living there. Certainly, until it promises to interfere with county government elsewhere. It is to be noted that there is violent controversy in Wayne county regarding the benefits to be had under the proposed Wayne county home rule amendment. For your information, we quote from the friends and foes of this amendment within Wayne county:

FOR: Citizens Committee for Home Rule in Wayne County: "100 years ago an identical form of government for all counties was set up in the state Constitution. At that time Wayne had a population of 25,000. Today Wayne's population is 2,500,000 and that growth has brought the need for governmental changes . . . prohibited by rigid constitutional form . . . Proposal No. 4 permits Wayne county to have a board of supervisors of 21 members and a chief executive, all elected by and responsible to the people of Wayne county. Representation on the board is assured every city, village and township . . . This board is now composed of 84 members of whom 66 are political appointees. The recommendations (in the amendment itself) must be approved by voters of Wayne county before they become law. When adopted (Proposal No. 4) will apply only to Wayne Co."

AGAINST—Out-County Supervisors Ass'n of Wayne County: "Proposal No. 4 takes all representation in county government away from 18 townships and 11 cities and gives the county power under a charter to take over practically all of their present functions, such as tax assessing. All basic terms in the charter are fixed in the Constitution and can be changed only by state-wide vote . . . Proposal No. 4 gives Detroit 2/3 of the board of supervisors and dominant control of writing the charter which will take the place of the Constitution in county government, thereby subjecting 450,000 out-county people to rule by Detroit . . . All Wayne county townships, villages and cities say officially by resolution, they do not want it. Wayne county now renders adequate and efficient service with the lowest tax and debt of any county of its size in the U. S. Any desirable improvements can and will be effected by statute under the present Constitution."

The CIO Political Action Committee

Sidney Hillman, head of the political action committee of the CIO, told a committee of Congress recently that his group had raised \$408,000 so far from members of the labor union.

Purpose of the political action committee is two fold: To get out the labor union vote, and to nominate and elect candidates approved by the CIO. Under federal election laws a labor union is not permitted to contribute to a political campaign, but it may use its funds in the primaries.

No doubt some of that money was spent in Michigan early last summer. Labor union people made an effort to eliminate in the primary those candidates for Congress who had stood by Michigan farmers in their opposition to food subsidies for consumers. The campaign to eliminate was not successful.

Some weeks before the primary the Farm Bureau learned what was in the wind. So it started a get-out-the-vote movement in the rural areas and explained what was going on. The men who had stood with the farmers were nominated.

The program of the political action committee of the CIO is simple. It wants to elect candidates in either of the two major parties who will accept its support and give support later.

Membership Exceeds 1,000 In 23 Iowa Counties

Iowa Farm Bureau announced recently that 23 of its County Farm Bureaus have more than 1,000 members. Benton leads with 1,743 and Beuna Vista is second with 1,400. There are about 65,000 members of the Farm Bureau in Iowa.

Michigan has 5 counties with 1,000 or more members. Berrien, 2,318; Branch 1,309; Calhoun 1,006; Ottawa 1,096; and Saginaw 1,603. Tuscola, Van Buren and Washtenaw each have more than 900.

Whole Industrial Plants Crated, Shipped to Russia

Russia has received and re-assembled two complete industrial plants shipped to her last year in crates by the United States after it was found that time and shipping space could be saved by sending the plants instead of their products, says Collier's.

One was a \$1,900,000 refinery that processes 240,000 barrels of crude oil a week; the other was a \$5,600,000 factory that produces 85,000 military tires a month.



EARL C. SMITH

Ann'l Meeting Speaker

Earl C. Smith of Chicago, vice-president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, and prominent as a spokesman for midwestern agriculture, will address the 25th annual meeting of the Michigan Farm Bureau, Thursday evening, Nov. 9, at Fairchild theatre, Michigan State College, East Lansing.

Mr. Smith has served as president of the Illinois Agr'l Ass'n since 1926. The Ass'n is the Farm Bureau in Illinois, and has a membership of 105,000 families, the largest for any state in the Farm Bureau Federation. Mr. Smith has been vice-president of the AFBE since 1936. He is prominent in the legislative work of the Farm Bureau at Springfield, Ill., and at Washington. Mr. Smith operates a grain and live stock farm in Pike county, near Detroit, Ill. His office is at IAA headquarters at Chicago.

Mr. Smith began farming for himself at 19. He became identified with

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the Farm Bureau in its formative period. He served on the first executive board of the Pike County Farm Bureau, and later as its president. He was elected to the IAA board of directors in 1923.

Bailey Resigns

Albert W. Bailey of Elkton, who has been publicity director for Huron County Farm Bureau, and a very active one, has resigned.

Jeeps, with flanged steel wheels, are used as switch engines in Australia. There are approximately 6,000 stars visible to the human eye.

THE CASE FOR CO-OPS

Their Functions for Farmers Explained

By J. H. MASON
President of Omaha Bank for Co-operatives

There seems to have developed recently, a lot of criticism of farmer-owned and farmer-controlled co-operatives—both marketing and purchasing. This has been brought about largely because of the success that co-operatives have met with. It really is a credit to them, because if they were not successful and were not doing the job they were set up to do no one would spend much time, money or effort in combating them or worrying about them.

Farmers have a definite economic need for co-operatives because of the very manner in which they live and produce goods and their requirements for supplies to produce those goods with. There needs to be no clash over co-operative theory and co-operative practice between farmers who own and control the co-operatives and other types of business. Members of the co-operative are merely putting together a business organization to look after their interests, motivated by the same urge that motivates any business.

Many Small Farm Units

There are fundamental and compelling reasons why agriculture has so readily adopted both co-operative purchasing and marketing. Taken collectively, in all of its phases in the United States, agriculture is an enormous business but it is carried on by millions of people operating small units (largely known as family-type farms) each one in competition with the other.

Because of the manner in which the distribution system has been set up in this country in the past, each one of these farmers sells the fruits of his labors in a highly competitive market—one farmer competing against the other for the sale of his product in a wholesale market. In the purchasing of his supplies, he has competed one against the other for the purchase of his supplies in a retail market.

Agents Needed

As time has gone on the farmer has seen and felt the results of highly organized business, both in the selling of his product and in the purchasing of his supplies. He has come to feel, the same as any other manufacturer or producer of goods might feel, that he sorely needed a sales manager to whom he could turn over the responsibilities of selling his product—that he also needed a purchasing agent to whom he could turn over the responsibilities of purchasing supplies, so that they would not compete one against the other for the purchase of these goods in a highly organized distribution system.

In other words, the farmer is a producer of goods and he needs a sales agency and a purchasing agency to look after his interests, the same as any manufacturer.

No manufacturer of any size would think of running his business without a high class sales agent and a high class purchasing agent. In order for the farmer to make these two agencies available to him, he has set up a co-operative and capitalized it. It is his agent and employee in the same manner as a purchasing agent and a sales manager are to the corporation.

Savings But No Profits

A co-operative has no profits, it has savings which accumulate to the credit of its members. This capital can either be retained by the co-operative for use in the business, or paid out in cash to the member, all depending on the decision that is made by the members.

A co-operative itself is operated on a cost basis. Any charges made for the service it

renders for its members over and above cost is an overcharge or an underpayment. It is money paid by the members in excess of the cost of doing business and is capital that belongs to the member.

Profit to Individual

A purchasing co-operative really is a purchasing agent who acts for the members. Any savings this purchasing agent makes in the purchasing of the member's requirements is a profit to the individual but not a profit to the purchasing agent.

It would be no more of a profit to a co-operative than the profit that accrues to the purchasing agent of a big corporation for the savings made by the purchasing agent for the corporation.

The same thing holds true in a marketing association. In reality, a group of farmers hires a sales manager to sell their product just the same as a corporation would hire a sales manager to sell its production. Any profits that the sales manager might make wouldn't be his profit but the profit of the corporation who employed him. This same thing is true for a group of farmers who set up a marketing organization—the savings that it makes are not the profits of the co-operative but of the man who produces the goods.

Marketer, Not a Buyer

A co-operative marketing organization does not buy from its members. The product is delivered to the farmers' co-operative—the co-operative merely markets or processes the product for the member, making an advance to that member on the product that is delivered.

A co-operative is a corporation and is incorporated under the co-operative laws of the various states, complying with certain federal laws setting forth what co-operatives are. In sub-section (12) of section 101 of the internal revenue code it is set forth very specifically and understandably just what a co-operative is and what it has to comply with to pass as an exempt co-operative.

A co-operative is a legal entity the same as any other corporation and can sue and be sued in its name, the same as an individual, with limited liability. It acts as an agent or hired man or an employee to perform certain functions which cannot be performed as well by the members themselves, and it has no profits but has capital.

Farmer a Capitalist

The farmer believes in property ownership—he is a capitalist because, in order to be a farmer, he must have some capital investment even though he is a tenant. Many farmers hire much help—the co-operative agency that he sets up is just another hired man he has felt in need of in the operation of his business. This sort of agency or hired man can do the job in his judgment and make a profit for him much better than he can do by his own efforts, and through a co-operative with the combined efforts of many of his neighbors he gets a better quality product or a better price for his product and better service for less money.

The co-operative agency is controlled in a democratic manner—one member, one vote—regardless of wealth, standing, or use made of the co-operative. It is the same as the government of the United States—one member, one vote. The most lowly citizen of the United States has the same voice as the most wealthy.



R. WAYNE NEWTON

MICHIGAN MAN TO LEAD CO-OPS IN NTEA BATTLE

R. Wayne Newton of Lansing has been employed as managing director for the National Association of Co-operatives, with headquarters at Chicago. The announcement was made by Clark L. Brody, president of the NAC, at Lansing, September 13.

The NAC was founded on June 27 at Indianapolis by national regional and state farmers' co-operatives, including Farm Bureau Services of Michigan. Its purpose, said Mr. Brody, is to defeat an organized campaign by certain hostile groups in business to cripple farm co-operatives. Mr. Brody said the NAC will begin by giving the public a better understanding of the co-operative marketing and purchasing activities of nearly 3,000,000 farm families. It will work with the National Council of Farmer Co-operatives at Washington to combat attacks on co-operatives such as those being made by the business groups operating as the National Tax Equality Association, with headquarters in Chicago.

Mr. Newton, a veteran of World Wars I and II has been engaged in tax and legislative work in Michigan since 1926. From 1923 to 1926 he investigated problems in farm taxation for the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Washington.

After several years as a research associate in economics at Michigan State College, Mr. Newton became legislative representative and director of membership organization for the Michigan State Farm Bureau in 1929. In 1931 he joined the staff of Governor Wilber M. Brucker at a time when relief of both farm and city real estate from excessive highway taxation was a major state issue. He resumed his work with the Farm Bureau shortly after leaving the governor's office. He assisted the Farm Bureau in initiating programs for rural school tax relief, and for securing exemption from sales tax on farm supplies bought to produce products for sale at retail.

Mr. Newton left the Farm Bureau in 1938 to organize the Michigan Retail Institute, a federation of 15 state-wide business associations, which included the Farm Bureau. He volunteered for military service in March, 1942. He was relieved from military duty in September, 1943 for medical reasons after serving as lieutenant colonel in the office of the chief of ordinance at Washington. In World War I he saw overseas service.

Eugene Hensel of Columbus, Ohio, has been named as counsel for the National Association of Co-operatives. He is attorney for the United Co-operatives, Inc., and other farm co-operatives.

Saginaw Farm Bureau Has Bowling League

Saginaw County Farm Bureau Bowling League is in its third year. Started by employees of the Farm Bureau store at Saginaw, the league has become a group of 20 Farm Bureau men and 20 women. There is a men's league of four teams and a women's league of four teams. A contest for leadership goes on in each league but the men's teams never play each other in league play. They play one of the women's teams and consider themselves fortunate when they win. All teams bowl Monday evenings for a 22 week schedule starting after Labor day. Fred Reimer says there would be more Farm Bureau bowling leagues in Saginaw county if allays were available.

Origin of Pulp Paper

When a young German paper maker, Gottfried Keller, kicked a wasp's nest on a walk through the woods in the 19th century, he was impressed by the nest's texture, which was similar to rag paper produced at the mill where he worked.

He showed it to a chemist friend, and the two concluded wasps made it from spruce tree fiber. They succeeded in making paper from wood, and thus the pulp paper industry was born.

BREATHING AT SEASHORE

Breathing is deeper and slower at the seashore than in the city because dust-free air permits relaxation of the respiratory mechanism that constantly filters and propels such particles back and out through the nose.

GETTING READY FOR STATE ANN'L MEETING NOV. 9-10

The 25th annual meeting of the board of delegates of the Michigan State Farm Bureau will be held Thursday and Friday, Nov. 9-10 at Michigan State College, East Lansing. Sessions will be held in the Fairchild theatre.

The membership of nearly 29,000 families will qualify 580 voting delegates from 50 County Farm Bureaus at the rate of 1 for each 50 families or major portion thereof. 140 associated farmers elevators may send one Farm Bureau member each as their voting delegate.

Wednesday, Nov. 8, three groups of pre-convention meetings will be held at the college. The Associated Women of Michigan will hold their annual meeting in the ball room of the Union building in the afternoon.

Membership Relations conference for county and state Farm Bureau people working on membership will be held in the Spartan room, Union building, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Co-operative Commodity Conferences will be held in the Union building and Morrill hall from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. The conference will be held in six sections: fruit, dairy, poultry, live stock and wool, muck and truck crops, and general farm crops, which will include representation from co-operatives interested in beans, grain, and the Michigan Crop Improvement Ass'n.

The commodity conferences will discuss the problems of the commodity, including prices, markets, legislation, present and post-war problems. Their resolutions will be forwarded to the State Farm Bureau resolutions committee with the request that the Farm Bureau make them part of its program for 1945.

The Associated Women, membership relations and commodity conference groups will meet for luncheon at the Union building at 12:30 EWT, Wed., Nov. 8.

The board of directors of the Michigan State Farm Bureau will meet at Lansing, Wednesday, Nov. 8, to consider regular business and to make recommendations to the board of delegates.

The state resolutions committee will meet at Lansing, Tuesday, Nov. 7, to start work on the preliminary resolutions report to be given the delegates Thursday, Nov. 9.

FARMER MAY TURN BALANCE AT NOV. 7 ELECTION

Pointing out that only 62 per cent of the eligible voters voted in the 1940 presidential election, Clarence J. Reid, of Avoca, president of the Michigan State Farm Bureau has issued a statement urging all voters to vote November 7.

"It is our duty, not only as rural and small town citizens, but as Americans," said Mr. Reid. "Voting is a right—a privilege—for which our sons and brothers are fighting in many parts of the world today. It is our duty to them and to ourselves to vote in this national election when so many crucial issues are at stake."

"Farmers and small town citizens can have a powerful voice in governmental affairs through their representatives if they will get out and vote for the men of their choice," Mr. Reid said. He added that rural people have the power to influence national politics if they will only use it.

October 18 Last Day to Register

The State Farm Bureau board of directors has called upon all County and Community Farm Bureau groups to make organized efforts to get out the vote November 7.

Proper publicity should be given registration. Persons who will become 21 on or before November 7, and those who have moved into the community but are not registered must register not later than October 18, twenty days before the November 7 election, in order to vote. In rural areas registration is with the township clerk. Applicants for registration as voters must be residents of the state at least 6 months and of the township or voting district at least 20 days. War workers and other civilians who must be absent November 7 may vote on absent voters ballots which are in the hands of township clerks now.

Improved Corn Picker Announced by Co-op

A new improved Co-op corn picker has been developed and is now being produced in limited numbers by the National Farm Machinery Cooperative, Inc., Shelbyville, Indiana. The new picker is a one man machine, as the tractor operator can manage the picker controls from the tractor seat. The machine is unusually light of draft and can be pulled easily by a small farm tractor even when the wagon is full.

Let's Get Out the Vote November 7

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Junior Farm Bureau Activities

By MISS MARGARET PEASE
State Publicity Chairman

Bay County—New officers for 1944 are Pres. Norman Behmlander; Vice-Pres. John Arnold; Sec.-Treas. Doris Birch; Publ. Chairman, Hildegard Ziegler, Recreational Chairman, Elmer Lisius and Stella Schmidt; Camp Chairman, Herbert Schmidt; Junior Counselor, William Bateson & Adolph Begick. A membership drive will end October 5.

Munger Community Group was organized by the Bay County J.F.B. on Sept. 19 at Whateer School. Officers are: Pres. John Fleischman; Vice-Pres., Edward Reinsch; Sec.-Treas., Agnes Lynch. Recreation Chairman, Marjorie Reinke; Publ. Chairman, Julia Markel.

Berrien County—Our officers were installed in a candle-lighting service, recently. Speakers at the meeting were Robert Koenigsch, south group counselor, who put forth a challenge to the new officers; William Bartz, new central group counselor; and Russell File, president of the Berrien County Senior Farm Bureau. He spoke on "Junior-Senior Relations". A report on the state board meeting was made by Raymond DeWitt, state vice-pres., and camp reports were given by Richard Koenigsch, Dorothy Neese, and Lowell Foster. A motion picture, "Soldiers of the Soil", a picture for farmers of America concluded the program.

Central Berrien Group—Initiation and installation of the new officers was held on Sept. 11 at Berrien Center. T.S. Warren Toney, a former member who has just returned from the Italian theatre of war, was introduced. Reports were given from the state camp at Waldenwoods.

Cass County—17 members attended the meeting of September 5 at the co-op hall. Installation of officers was held around a banquet table decorated with gladiolas from the garden of the new president, Robert Sprague.

Hillsdale County—New officers elected at a recent meeting at the 4-H club building in Hillsdale are: Pres., Ralph Baker; Vice-Pres., Martin Barnhart; Sec., Dorothy McLean; Treas., Foster Morrison; Publ. Chairman, Everett Denning.

Kalamazoo County—Sept. 21 the new officers were installed at an inspiring, candle-light service road by Mrs. Robert Early. Committee members, Robert Brown Edithmae Forsyth and Clark Mowry reported that plans were all set for conducting the sale of ice cream and soft drinks at the Kalamazoo county fair. The Junior Farm Bureau was to have full charge.

A district dance has been planned for October 14 at Pine Creek at which new district officers will be elected. The three community groups will undertake the sale of Christmas cards for the benefit of the county group. Lois Cheney will make sales for the Richland Group a Marcia Confer for the Northwest group and C. B. Smith for the Southeast Group. The next meeting, October 19, will be a Halloween Party sponsored by the Southeast Group.

About 80 young people attended the

summer formal at the Coldwater Country Club on June 22. Plans are being made for a District Week End camp at Cory Lake on August 12 and 13. Branch will be the host for Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Calhoun.

St. Joseph—June 19 our budget was accepted. A nominating committee was appointed for election of officers at the June 29th meeting. A committee for the paper drive and finance committee were named, the finance committee to plan the calendar for 1944-45.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Pres., Joe Hapfel; vice pres., Burdena Decker; treasurer, Doris Burgess; secretary, Helen Louise Ely; publicity chairman, Helen Brueck; Counselor, Russell Berry. The Senior Farm Bureau has invited the Juniors to a picnic the last of August, we have accepted.

Van Buren—Members gathered at Maple Isle July 21 for the regular meeting. Ben Hennink was present to settle up a challenge. An agreement was made to give our members a further chance to win and we hope this can be done. A warmer roast was the feature of the evening.

JUNIOR ANNUAL MEETING NOV. 4

The 9th annual meeting of the Junior Farm Bureau will be held Saturday, Nov. 4 at the Music Auditorium at Michigan State College. The meeting will continue through the day. The annual dinner and program will be held in the evening and will be followed by a dancing party at Demonstration hall on the college campus.

Invents Shear to Cut Tree in One Minute

Kirk Knight of Bartlett, Texas, has developed and patented a tree-shears which attaches to the front end of a tractor. Demonstrations show that it has a rated capacity of four trees, ranging from seventeen to twenty-two inches across the stump, in five minutes.

Operating on the same principle as the garden variety of hedge shears, the huge shears attack a seventeen inch pine or twenty-two inch elm as if they were toothpicks. The shears engage the trunk; they close; the tractor backs away and the tree falls, all in slightly over a minute. The machine is reported as having done an outstanding job on dam operations in Northern Texas. It is said to be doing the work equivalent to about 200 woodchoppers.

Lung Capacity

The maximum air capacity of the lungs of human adults averages about 300 cubic inches, which is ten times the quantity that is normally inhaled and exhaled—and 15 times the quantity that actually enters the lungs—at one time.

May Hunt and Fish

All men and women in the armed services of the United States, officially stationed in Michigan, have privileges of residents of this state under the fish and game laws.



Election Thoughts

*It is bound to be so till election, I guess—
Bejopping the air waves and crowding the press,
Wherever you turn on your radio dial
Political speeches pour out by the mile.
The War and the Series must take a back seat
In the papers, while Politics fills the front sheet,
And Congress has recessed to join the mad race
For Triumph and office, or shame and disgrace.
So listen to everything, Think it all through,
And don't be a dope or a smarty
For now is the time for all good men and true
To come to the aid of the party,*

*The tempo will rise through the weeks just ahead
While much that is honest and truthful is said,
And some things misleading, perverted and wrong,
Will aid the confusion and help it along.
Each wheel-horse will champ his political bit,
With dignified discourse; with wisecracks and wit,
Till up from the turmoil and out of the din
The People will speak—and one party will win.
You have to take sides, for election has come,
Who doesn't is missing the boat,
So go to the polls, be you banker or bum,
Step in and take pencils—and vote.*

*Oh, this is the well known American Way
The Elephant trumpets; the Donkey makes bray;
But America's best and America's worst
Her richest and poorest; her tast and first,
Each one has a conscience to well understand
If what he is doing is best for the land.
America's future, if gracious or grim,
The fate of his country depends upon him,
Whatever your party or color or creed
Be loyal to these till you burst,
But pray, when you vote, for the guidance you need,
And be an American first.*

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Community Farm Bureau Activities

By EUGENE A. SMALTZ
Membership Relations & Education

ELK-RIVERSIDE, Huron—Walter Schuette was re-elected chairman at the meeting, September 14 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Herford, Elkton. Edward Eicher was elected vice chairman and Albert W. Bailey discussion leader. Mrs. Ernest Tachumi was re-elected secretary-treasurer. The next meeting will be the third Thursday in October and will take the form of a pheasant dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Eicher, Elkton. It was decided to hold the membership drive to the present rolls, and another group who wish to join. The 15-mill tax limitation was discussed. The consensus was that we oppose repeal or revision.

LAKETON, FRUITLAND, DALTON, Muskegon—Hans Aagard was re-elected president of Laketon Community Farm Bureau at the last meeting at Maple Ridge school. The group includes areas of Dalton and Fruitland townships. Frank Hintz was re-elected vice president; James Mullaly was elected secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Aul Wagner, discussion leader. We favor continuing the 15 mill tax limit, but urge extension to 15 years the time for paying off improvement bonds. We enjoyed a social hour and refreshments with Mr. and Mrs. Hintz as hosts. Next meeting October 16 at Maple Ridge school, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Enevald the hosts.

HIGHLAND, Osceola—Panel discussion was held on—What are the local problems of agriculture in our county? What are the best possible solutions? Recommended: (1) Soil improvement—trying to solve our problems by organizing a soil conservation district. (2) Keep local controls—such as schools. (3) Keep 15 mill tax limitation—Both 2 and 3 have to be solved by going to the polls and voting to keep local control.

BANFIELD, Barry—Many answers were given in the discussion of "What shall we do to get back to normal after the war?"

SHELEW, Oceana—Suggested that interest should be shown in regard to teaching agriculture in our local high school. Students should be given the advantages of practical agricultural training.

SOUTH LITCHFIELD, Hillsdale—Discussion topic was "Why should rural people concern themselves with social betterment in other countries?" The consensus of opinion was that the rural people of this country should concern themselves because whenever the standard of living is raised in one part of the world it improves the standard of living in other sections. It would improve our farm conditions because there would be more demand for our farm products.

FAIRFIELD, Shiawassee—We discussed destruction of crops by pheasants. This resolution was sent back to the State Farm Bureau: "Fairfield Farm Bureau members ask that the state conservation department lengthen the hunting season on pheasants; permit the killing of male and female birds; and allow farmers to shoot pheasants at any time to protect crops."

CAPAC, St. Clair—Roll call was answered by naming one thing that we could do to improve our Community Farm Bureau. \$10 was given to the Red Cross.

PRAIRIE FARMERS, Kalamazoo—Discussion concerned the matter of farmers having something to say about keeping our country's schools open, as long as they have to pay taxes.

WEBSTER, Washtenaw—\$10 from the Webster Farm Bureau and a \$5 donation of Mrs. Robert Fee were given to the Clubmobile owned and operated by the Farm Bureau.

NORTH FABIVS, St. Joseph—Roll call question "What can we do to improve our Farm Bureau meetings?" brought the following: More discus-

—Elected the following officers: Joseph H. Pittenger, president; Bert Farrell, vice president; Marguerite Hartland, Secretary; Robert McCrory, Discussion Leader. It was decided to have the new president to appoint the publicity director and the chairman of the recreation committee. The next meeting will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Haesk, October 18.

THREE FALL JOBS FOR POULTRYMEN

Early fall is the time for three important jobs for every poultry flock owner. These are culling the old flocks, cleaning the laying house, and getting the early hatched-pullets into the laying house.

Otis B. Shear, poultry specialist of Michigan State college, advises putting the pullets indoors before the fall rains and bad weather start. The poultryman should make sure that the house is properly ventilated, with windows and doors open during the warm part of the fall.

If the pullets are now laying in nests provided out on the range, it is satisfactory to leave them there through the period of pleasant fall weather.

In preparing the laying house for the birds, poultrymen using built-up litter will find it advisable to put the first layer on the floor before wet weather comes. Culling at this season is desirable to rid the flock of unprofitable hens so that they won't have to be carried through the winter.

Spices May Do Well In Central America

As early as the 16th century, the ginger plant was brought to the western hemisphere from the far east. This plant readily adapted itself to the soils and climate of the Central American countries. Easily cultivated it yields 700 to 1,500 pounds of dried spice per acre in one year.

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Raindrop Has Its Ups and Downs Becoming Hailstone

A hailstone is a drop of rain that is carried up and down between currents of warm and cold air which alternately coat it with moisture and then freeze the coat says Collier's.

stone is cut in two, the number of times it was carried up and down before falling can be determined.

Whole Milk Selling

A quarter of a million farmers have switched from selling farm-separated cream to selling whole milk during the last five years.

AGENTS WANTED

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

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MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING

At Fairchild Theatre, Michigan State College, East Lansing

November 9 & 10, 1944

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAKING RESERVATIONS

Make them as soon as possible! Write direct to the hotel of your choice for reservations. When reserving rooms, indicate who is to occupy the room and for what nights. For example, Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith. Or, William Burns & Arthur Town. Give date of arrival. Register at your hotel immediately on arrival or telephone hotel you are in town in order to protect your reservation. It is best to register and get your room. Rooms are not held after 6 p. m. unless hotel is notified you are arriving late. Be sure to cancel reservation if unable to come.

*Send remittance with reservation.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8—For information regarding rooms, etc., call at Membership Relations Department, State Farm Bureau, 221 North Cedar St., Lansing. Telephone 21-271.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9—For information, room service, etc., call at the desks in lobby of convention hall, Fairchild theatre, New Auditorium, Michigan State College, East Lansing.

ROOMS IN PRIVATE RESIDENCES

The Michigan State Farm Bureau has a limited list of private residences in Lansing, and a few in East Lansing, where overnight lodgings can be had. The usual rate is \$1.50 per person per night where two persons occupy the room. Single occupancy of a room is usually \$2.00 per night. Write Membership Relations Dept regarding rooms in private residences. Do it early.

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Rooms For State Farm Bureau Ann'l Meeting

We advise all persons planning to attend the State Farm Bureau annual meeting at Michigan State College, East Lansing, Nov. 9-10, or the pre-convention meetings Nov. 8, to make their room reservations EARLY at Lansing hotels, and for rooms in private homes in Lansing or East Lansing. There are no hotels in East Lansing. A schedule of room rates is published on page 2. If you have a room reserved, you know where you're at. It isn't too soon to do it now. Don't put it off!

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Some Services Our Boys Would Appreciate

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

Of late I have heard more than one woman say that she feels so helpless in doing her part as each day goes by and the reports come over the radio of the hard struggle our boys are going through over there.

But, there are things any of us can do no matter how busy or how physically handicapped we may be. Just now there's something that every Farm Bureau family can participate in. That's a contribution to the Clubmobile fund that the Associated Women of the National Farm Bureau has been soliciting this year.

The Clubmobile is a truck that goes to the battle fronts carrying equipment for making doughnuts and other treats so greatly desired by our boys. Our Clubmobile has been in operation for several months on the battle fronts of Italy. None of us could do this individually, but if we all would make some contribution we would be helping to keep it in action.

I've heard from headquarters that funds are getting alarmingly low and there's danger of having to discontinue the service. We must never let this happen. I know Michigan Farm Bureau women and men are just as thoughtful and as liberal and as patriotic as those of other states, but the reports show that in this particular project we are almost the lowest on the list. So, let's get busy and put Michigan up with others. Try to imagine how happy your boy would be if he is thousands of miles from home folks and he sees a Farm Bureau truck come in sight ready to give him a home treat and a friendly smile! For his sake we can all do our part and I have faith to believe we will.

Send your contribution to Mrs. Ray Neikirk, Director, Associated Women of the Michigan Farm Bureau, St. Louis, R-1, Mich.

Just now we can send the boys of our family or any whom we are particularly interested in, a Christmas box with some of the things we know he likes. We can write the letter he's always eager to get. We can send him a picture of home, or a funny story, or a bit of verse, or we can subscribe for the local paper on his request and have it sent to him regularly. He may get several copies all in a bunch, but it will be news to him when it catches up with him.

A short time ago I received a letter from one of the boys in service who has always been active in Farm Bureau problems. He mentioned the united action of labor and said:

"We are living in a land of plenty, and are supposed to be created equal, so why should farmers work twice the number of hours for the same end? We must educate the young people to the value of organization and the right uses of organized effort."

"I believe the Junior Farm Bureau is paving the way for better group thinking and action for the future. We must see to it that every young person in the rural areas becomes interested in this movement. When I get home, I aim to help do that very thing. The Juniors have done many fine things, but there's still much to be done."

Think of planning for Farm Bureau in Italy!

A few days ago, I attended a district dairy meeting where Mrs. Vera McCrea Searles of the Dairyman's League of New York gave an address. She stressed the point that farmers should be more thoroughly organized, not only in numbers, but in interest and constant loyalty, if we as a class get the consideration we deserve and should have during the post war planning and adjustment.

Right now, one big problem facing us is the butter and oleo situation. Are we going to be satisfied with a continued disregard of all legislation for the dairy business? Legislation that has taken years of continued effort to acquire, or are we going to put up a united battle to go back to pre-war standards? In my opinion, we have a tremendous job on our hands if we ever hope to get the consuming public using butter again to anywhere near the extent it did before they were forced to use oleo. Farm women can render great assistance in this matter.

There is also our rural school system. I respect and admire many of the ex-teachers who have re-arranged their family life, and have taken up the task that qualified modern teachers ran away from, but we want to know "Where are we going from here?" in school matters. This is another problem that needs straight thinking by our farm women.

Let's none of us think there's little that we can do, for never in my life have I seen so many problems staring us all in the face, and so much confusion in the matter of attacking them.

Let's pledge ourselves that it is our duty to vote. Don't wait for anybody to tell you how to vote. Think it out for yourself. Do what you think is best for your country and your family and your business, and then vote. Don't let anything keep you from the polls if you are physically able to do so.

Let's start any job, to finish any job, or to do any job of any sort until you have voted. You can then do a full day's work and sleep better that night for exercising one of the greatest privileges of American life.

Artificial curing of hay, when put into practice by a majority of farmers, will be instrumental in saving an untold amount of valuable Michigan alfalfa which is lost annually; will permit the farmer to perform haying operations during unfavorable weather conditions; and will result in a superior quality product.

These are the conclusions reached by S. T. Dexter, associate professor of farm crops, and Walter H. Sheldon, assistant professor of agricultural engineering, of Michigan State college, following experiments at the college this past summer.

The system used by the college researchers is one that can be installed by the farmer at a reasonable cost, and stands to pay for itself in a few seasons use. Using a 2 h.p. electric motor hooked to a large air conditioning type fan, similar to that used in home cooling units, Sheldon and Dexter cured 15 tons of hay in a mow 18 by 30 feet in dimensions. The hay was put into the mow under exceptionally unfit weather conditions 24 hours after being cut. It contained between 30 and 45 percent moisture when put away, which is nearly double the amount considered safe for hay storage in an ordinary mow.

The hay was placed 14 feet deep in the barn, and because of its moist condition settled to a 10-foot thickness, packing nearly as compact as baled hay. The electric blower was operated 400 hours at a cost of about \$1 per ton. This is probably more than would be essential for routine drying.

At the Michigan State college barn, one large duct with six laterals, all laid along the floor, carried the air into and forced it through the hay. The fan circulated 10 cubic of air per minute for each square foot of mow floor space.

One of the chief advantages of artificial drying, as established by the college specialists, is being able to handle the hay before the leaves begin to shatter. It is estimated that as much as 25 percent of the hay put up by the usual methods is lost by leaf shattering. This represents the most nutritious portion of the alfalfa crop.

Hay that is artificially dried can be cut and put into the barn when the humidity is as high as 90 percent, and it is brighter and more palatable after being cured. Farmers using the electric fan method will be saved the tedious process of getting the hay dried in the field to its minimum moisture content. On the opposite side of the ledger is the necessity of using more care in placing the hay in the mow when using artificial drying methods.

Tests being conducted at Michigan State college are designed to adapt findings of experimenters of the Tennessee Valley Authority to local conditions.

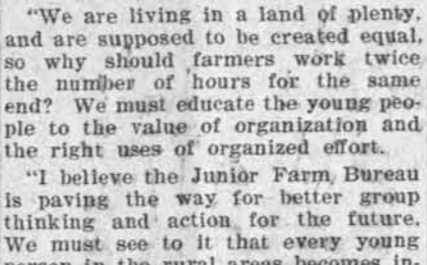
CO-OP CLINICS
OCTOBER 16-25

Farm Bureau Services, Inc., and the Co-operative Public and Labor Relations Service of the Michigan Farm Bureau and associated farm co-operatives will hold another of a series of Co-op Clinic meetings Oct. 16-25. Managers, employees, members of the board of directors and interested farmers associated with the local co-op are invited to attend.

Subjects for discussion and the men from the Co-op Public and Labor Relations Service who will make the presentation are:

Oct. 16—St. Joseph, Whitcomb hotel, 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 17—Shelby, Co-op Hall, 12:00 noon.
Oct. 17—Grand Rapids, Y.M.C.A., 6:00.
Oct. 18—St. Louis, Park Hotel, noon.
Oct. 18—Big Rapids, Bowers restaurant 6:00.
Oct. 23—Inlay City, Hi-Speed Station, noon.
Oct. 24—Ypsilanti, Huron hotel, 6:00 p.m.
Oct. 25—Coldwater, Grange Hall, noon.

Emperor Maximinus of Rome was eight feet two inches tall.



Mrs. Edith M. Wagar

Michigan Streams

There is an average of 438 miles of stream for each county in Michigan; Bay, Leelanau, and Emmet are the only counties with less than 100 miles of stream each.



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At Bat With the Bases Loaded

In the 1944 livestock production "game," the farmers and ranchers of America are certain to win another pennant for patriotic effort by an even wider margin than in 1943. An "official box score," with figures showing the numbers of livestock slaughtered in all meat-packing plants operating under federal inspection, tells the story:

| 1943 Totals (An all time record) | 1st 7 months of 1944 (Increase over same months of 1943) |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Hogs—63,431,000 | 30.3 per cent |
| Lambs—23,363,000 | 3.3 per cent |
| Cattle—11,727,000 | 24.3 per cent |
| Calves—5,209,000 | 55.9 per cent |

During these first seven months of 1944, the meat-packing industry often found itself "at bat with the bases loaded." So many animals arrived that facilities for the handling of livestock and preparing of meats were taxed to the limit. When the bases are full, the batter is under a strain. Like the batter, Swift & Company found its capacity strained during the heavy marketings. In spite of this, however, we have bought and handled more livestock than in any similar periods in our history. This was done even with the shortage of experienced help, difficulty in obtaining containers and of finding storage space with coolers already filled to the doors.

We did our best "hitting in the pinches" by buying several days' supply of livestock ahead of slaughtering capacity. This was a costly practice—but an essential one.

We are proud of the meat production records of 1943 and 1944. We had a hard job to do and we did it! But the greatest share of the credit goes properly to our team mates, the producers of livestock. For we know that these outstanding records were made under difficulties and are the result of hard work on their part, long hours, and extra effort all the way around.

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October Topic

"Aims and Objectives of Co-operative Action"

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

(We Suggest Selecting One Sub-Topic Below for Discussion at One Meeting)

By EUGENE A. SMALTZ
Membership Relations & Education

SUB-TOPIC 1

"Co-operation and the Individual"—A study of the development of a co-operative philosophy in the home, school, church, etc.

Roll Call Question—Give one example of co-operation in the home or community.

Suggested Method—Participation in informal group discussion is best demonstration of development of co-operative philosophy. So, an informal group discussion—no experts, no speeches—is suggested. Set time limit. Every person's opinion counts. Leader should aim to get all to participate. Object is to arrive at definite recommendations that may be carried out to develop co-operation in the home and community.

Questions for Discussion—

1. How does group discussion prepare for co-operative action?

2. How can home and family life be conducted to train both parents and children in cooperation?

3. Suggest things which can be done in the school to train for group activity and co-operation.

Background Material—Co-operation has been considered one of the foundation stones of democratic life. The principles of co-operative action should consequently apply to all phases of life of the individual—in the home, school, church, business and elsewhere in the community.

Democracy implies freedom and liberty for the individual, assumes that the individual is important and emphasizes human dignity. It assumes that if all the individuals in a society have considerable freedom and liberty, the desire for personal betterment will result in the development of initiative, industry, productivity and a high culture. In co-operation self gain is the driving motive and improvement of the group a result. Co-operative action is planned and carried on by members for their benefit as individuals. The individual is important as each member has the responsibility and privilege of expressing his opinions and desires concerning the practices and policies of group effort.

Co-operation should begin within the family unit in the discussion and planning of activities—business, home life, recreation, social. The parents can mutually discuss and work out their day by day activities, and can act as counselors to the children so that the latter can make their contributions and assume responsibilities in home and family life.

Group activity should be emphasized in school—in planning and carrying out activity programs, group discussion within the classroom and with in student groups. Church programs for community needs can be developed by group discussion among members. The home, school, church and other community institutions can assist in the unfolding democratic society thru group study and discussion and cooperative action. Demonstrations of autocratic and co-operative procedures might be given in these local institutions so that children recognize the values of democratic action. Children and youth should understand the values, learn the skills and develop attitudes on group activities and co-operative efforts so that participation as members of groups in community life is a natural process as adults. Then, democracy will have a sound foundation.

CO. FARM BUREAU LEADERS TO MEET

Seven district meetings of County Farm Bureau leaders with officials of the Michigan Farm Bureau will be held between October 2 and 12 for the purpose of discussing certain matters to come before the annual meeting of the State Farm Bureau, and to make recommendations to the state board of directors. People who are to be delegates to the state convention Nov. 9-10 are asked to attend the county meetings.

Subjects to be discussed will include: (1) Election of directors to the State Farm Bureau board by districts rather than at large; (2) Discussion of directorships for affiliated co-operative commodity exchanges as compared to present representation from commodity groups; (3) Establishment of commodity programs and commodity committees.

County Farm Bureau leaders' meetings will be held at these towns at places to be announced by the State Farm Bureau membership representative for the district:

- Oct. 2—Frankenmuth
- Oct. 3—St. Louis
- Oct. 4—Pontiac
- Oct. 5—Battle Creek
- Oct. 6—Paw Paw
- Oct. 11—Fremont
- Oct. 12—Traverse City

All meetings will start at 10 a.m. central war time and continue to 3 or 4 p.m. with luncheon at noon. Frankenmuth and Pontiac meetings will start at 10 a.m. eastern war time.

WKAR Farm Forum

Tune 850 on your dial. Every Monday, 1:00-1:30 p. m., E.W.T., bringing information on the discussion topic of the month.

October Theme: "Aims and Objectives of Co-operative Action."

- 1—"The Individual in Co-operation."
- 2—"Principles of Co-operation."
- 3—"The Co-operative A Community Builder."
- 4—"Co-operatives and Democracy."
- 5—"Co-operatives in the National Economy."

Army Verse

I wish I was a little egg
I wish I was a little egg
I wish I was a little egg
As woken as could be.
And when some homehead Sergeant
Would start to shout at me,
I would from my wotten, wittle self
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HIS ONLY CAMPAIGN RECOMMENDATION--



Where to Pay Farm Bureau Dues

Since September 1, 1940, the County Farm Bureaus have taken over collection of Farm Bureau membership dues. Payments should be made to your County Farm Bureau secretary-treasurer, who is listed below.

Pay \$5 Farm Bureau Dues to:

Allegan—Bert Tellman, Hamilton.
Antrim—Robert Hubbell, Kewadin.
Barry—Carl Brodbeck, Lake Odessa, R-3.

Bay—Waldo Anderson, treasurer, Farm Bureau Store, Main and Henry Streets, Bay City.
Benzie—Mrs. Dorothea Nevius, Beulah, R-1.

Berrien—J. Burton Richards, Berrien Center, R-1.
Branch—Mrs. Belle Newell, 30 W. Chicago St., Coldwater, Mich.
Calhoun—Mrs. Don Barlund, Albion, R-4.

Cass—Mrs. Richard Anthony, Dowagiac, R-1.
Charlevoix—Charles Mascho, Charlevoix, R-1.
Clinton—E. C. Norris, St. Johns, R-6.
Eaton—Frank Pifer, Charlotte, R-6.
Genesee—Fred Lang, Flint, R-3.
Grandlot—Mrs. Arthur Ballinger, Breckenridge, R-2.

Hillsdale—Mrs. Earl Scholl, 102 No. Howell St., Hillsdale.
Huron—Geo. Bauer, Bayport.
Ingham—Mrs. George Frost, secretary, Williamston, R-1.

Ionia—Charles Mattison, secretary, 335 Fargo St., Ionia.
Isabella—Mrs. E. F. Block, Mt. Pleasant, R-2.
Jackson—Leland Cuff, secretary, Jackson, R-8.

Kalamazoo—Mrs. Helen Buckham, Kalamazoo, R-9.
Kent—Ira M. Dean, Kent Co. Welfare Office, Gilbert Bldg., Grand Rapids.
Lapeer—Mrs. Adolph Broecker, Goodrich, R-1.

Lenawee—George Kunze, Adrian, R-1.
Livingston—Gale Hoisington, secretary, Fowlerville, R-2.
Macomb—Jack Harvey, Utica, R-1.
Manistee—David Joseph, Onekama.
Mason—Elmer Fredericks, Scottville, R-1.

Mecosta—Orville Miller, Morley, R-2.
Midland—Jay Coleman, Breckenridge.
Missaukee—B. E. Stethelm, Lake City, R-1.
Monroe—Laurence Wagar, Carleton, R-1.
Montcalm—Mrs. Leroy Kelpin, Greenville, R-3.

Muskegon—Harold Banta, 1801 Peck St., Muskegon Heights.
Newaygo—Mrs. Earl Smith, Fremont, R-2.

- Northwest Michigan—Mrs. Robert Seaberg, Traverse City, R-1.
- Oakland—Lucius Lyon, Milford, R-4.
- Oceanna—Mrs. J. H. Birdsall, Pentwater.
- Ottawa—Gerrit Elzinga, Hudsonville, R-2.
- Saginaw—Mrs. Rosalie Stuart, 800 S. Washington St., Saginaw.
- Sanilac—Wesley Mahaffy, Marlette.
- St. Clair—Mrs. Constance Hyde, secretary, 305 Federal Building, Port Huron.
- St. Joseph—Mrs. Ernest Fairchild, Constantine, R-2.
- Shiawassee—George Pardonnet, Corunna, R-1.
- Tuscola—Ed. F. Coler, membership secretary, Bank Building, Caro.
- Van Buren—Mrs. Crystal Hager, Lawrence.
- Washtenaw—Gordon Gill, Ypsilanti, R-3.

DISCOVERY MAY END BEET TOPPING

Dr. M. N. Mickelson of the University of Michigan medical school has announced a discovery with respect to sugar beet crowns which may eliminate topping beets in the field, would make use of the crowns in industrial chemistry, should save farmers much labor and should increase their income from the crop. Dr. Mickelson's study has been sponsored by the Michigan Farmers and Manufacturers' Beet Sugar Ass'n.

The discarded crowns of the sugar beet crop form a potent source of valuable industrial chemicals including ethyl alcohol, butyl alcohol and acetone. Lactic acid, citric acid and even butylene glycol used to make butadiene from which artificial rubber is manufactured, he declared.

Buy utilizing crowns, beet harvesting would be made far easier. Perhaps farmers would mow the tops, then pull and ship the whole beet to the factory. There a machine could be used to take off the crowns.

Mr. Mickelson said that crowns had not been used in the factory because their high mineral salt content had interfered with the sugar making process. But the mineral salts do not interfere in the large fermentation processes by which the industrial chemicals are manufactured. In fact, the mineral salts help those processes.

The salts and a plentiful supply of vitamins are as necessary to the bacteria, yeast and molds which bring about fermentation as they are to human life. Beet crowns are rich in vitamins, especially those of the B complex, and while these vitamins probably will never be extracted for human consumption since they can be made cheaper synthetically, they are especially valuable not only for direct fermentation but also to fortify other fermentable substances which may be

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Write for our free booklet, "Concrete Structures for Farm Water Supply and Sewage Disposal." It gives complete construction details. Also explains how to build cisterns and well curbing to protect your water supply.

Portland Cement Association
Dept. W-103-4, Olds Tower Bldg.,
Lansing 6, Michigan

Please send me free, "Concrete Structures for Farm Water Supply and Sewage Disposal."

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Seed Cleaning Service

The rush of cleaning seed wheat is over. The amount of choice seed sowed this fall indicates that southern Michigan should harvest some nice wheat next season. We hope that when the time comes to seed in this wheat that no farmer need lack good seed to sow. At present the alfalfa seed outlook is not the best. We hope that no one fails to save all the good red and sweet clover seed available. We want to repeat what we have said so many times:

IT PAYS TO CLEAN SEED! We have good seed cleaning machinery, as many of you know. If you are a producer who takes pride in his fields, you will not want to sow seed containing noxious weed seed that it is possible to remove.

Delays are dangerous! Every year we are obliged to disappoint many folks who intended having their seed cleaned properly. These good people are busy, like ourselves. They don't get around to bringing their seed to the cleaner in time. We are obliged to start all our machines bulking our own seed purchases before January 1 in order to get spring shipments moving on time.

We therefore now issue **FAIR WARNING TO ALL** that we cannot and will not accept any seeds to clean commercially after December 15, 1944. October and November are the months to get your seed cleaned. Do not put this off this year if you expect clean seed when you are ready to scatter it.

P.S. October is a good month to scatter that lawn grass seed you have been planning to sow. Let it get a good start this fall.

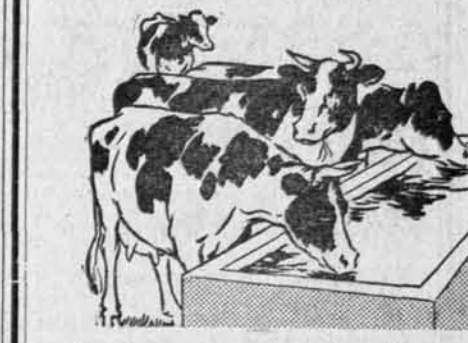
FARM BUREAU SERVICES, Inc.
Seed Dep't 221 N. Cedar St., Lansing, Mich.

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

AT LAST! Ample Farm Bureau Feeds

The Farm Bureau feed mill at Hammond, Ind., has overcome the war time difficulties caused by new help, a temporary lack of an adequate allocation of protein concentrates, and a general scarcity of feed ingredients.

We have explained to you why your dealer couldn't always supply you with Farm Bureau feeds. **THAT TIME IS PAST!** Now, you can ask for and your Farm Bureau dealer will gladly supply Farm Bureau Milkmaker 32% protein, Porkmaker 37%, Mermash 16%, Mermade Balancer 37%, Poultry Supplement 32%, or Laying Mash 18%.



Milkmaker 32% fed with 200 to 600 lbs. of home grown feed, according to quality and kind of hay, will help your cows produce their best and maintain their health. Milkmaker has vitamin D and manganese sulphate, with cobalt, copper and iron added. Milk prices, counting extras, assure a profit from good cows fed properly.

Got your own grain? Our Mermade Balancer, 37% protein, and containing Mermaker, will allow you to use 400 lbs. of your grain to each 100 lbs. of Balancer. And you'll get eggs! Poultry Supplement 32% can be mixed with 300 lbs. of your grains. It affords a chance for economy. Laying Mash 18% fed 50-50 with scratch grains assures profitable production from good hens. Mermash 16% is our famous lifetime mash, for starting, growing, and egg laying. You can depend upon Mermash 16 for healthy, productive and profitable hens.



Farm Bureau Porkmaker 37% protein is the choice of thousands of Indiana hog raisers. It contains everything necessary to balance home grains, even when fed under winter conditions. Starter, grower, and fatter. Use Porkmaker 37 for fast, cheap gains.

Farm Bureau Brand Supplies at 300 Farmers Elevators

Invents First Barn Gutter Cleaner



Above is a photograph of Martin H. Geerlings of Holland, R-3, and a member of the Ottawa County Farm Bureau. He is operating a dairy barn gutter cleaner he built in 1929, the first in Michigan.

Fifteen years ago Mr. Geerlings decided that the old laborious method of hand-cleaning the dairy barn could be improved upon. So he devised a machine that worked so successfully that it is still in use on the Geerlings farm. It is the ancestor of many other cleaners that are saving hours of labor on Michigan dairy farms.

Most any farmer can duplicate the Geerlings gutter cleaner by the use of scrap materials found about the farm, or his neighbor's farms. Total cost of the homemade contrivance was only about \$75. Upkeep consists of replacing the gutter chain about every seven years at a cost of about \$15.00.

ELEV. EXCH. SAYS BE CONSERVATIVE

Farmers elevators and their members should conduct their operations on a conservative basis from here on. In view of the fact that the war may end suddenly and bring many and confusing changes, said Stanley P. Wellman, general manager of the Michigan Elevator Exchange, at the 24th annual meeting, Sept. 6th.

The exchange reported to 94 member elevators that the dollar volume sales of grain and beans for the year ending June 30 were the largest for any year in the organization's history.

Ordinarily a large seller of Michigan grains to out-state buyers, the Exchange helped member elevators meet the feed shortage by importing 2,350,000 bushels of wheat, 1,000,000 bushels of oats and 175,000 bushels of feeding barley.

Nine co-operatives became members of the Exchange during the year: Barryton Co-op Ass'n, Charlevoix Co-op Ass'n, Dexter Co-operative Co., Litchfield Dairy Ass'n, Ludington Fruit Exchange, Traverse City Farmers' Co-operative, Tri-State Co-operative Ass'n at Montgomery, Utica Farm Bureau, Fremont Co-operative Produce Co.

Milton Burkholder of Marlette was re-elected president. Other officers were re-elected.

ASSOCIATED WOMEN Scrap Book Contest Closes November 1

November 1 is the closing date for the 1944 contest for the best scrap books of Farm Bureau articles printed in the newspapers and magazines of your county, and for publication of which local Farm Bureau people are responsible. Scrap books are due at the Michigan State Farm Bureau membership relations dept., 221 N. Cedar St., P. O. Box 960, Lansing, not later than Nov. 1. The books will be judged so that the winners can be announced at the annual meeting of the Associated Women at Michigan State College Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 8, at the Union Memorial building. Women are invited to attend pre-convention conferences luncheon at the Union at 12:30 noon, E.W.T.

Prizes to be awarded: Best book, \$15, second, \$10, third \$8, fourth \$5, fifth \$3.

Cambrila is the ancient name of Wales.