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EDITORIAL

Part of NTEA Attack on Farm Co-operatives

The National Tax Equality Association, representing largely those elements in the farm supplies and farm marketing businesses always hostile to farm co-operatives, is engaged in a series of attacks which it hopes will result in ultimate removal of the co-ops from the farm scene.

Among other things, it would have Congress repeal those sections of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1929 that declare it to be the intention of Congress to encourage farm co-operatives. Those sections say:

"It is hereby declared to be the policy of Congress to promote the effective merchandising of agricultural commodities in interstate and foreign commerce, so that the industry of agriculture will be placed upon a basis of economic equality with other industries, and to that end to protect, control and stabilize the currents of interstate and foreign commerce in the marketing of agricultural commodities and their food products:

- 1—by minimizing speculation,
- 2—by preventing inefficient and wasteful methods in distribution,
- 3—by encouraging the organization of producers in effective associations or corporations under their own control for greater unity of effort in marketing and by promoting the establishment and financing of a farm marketing system of producer-owned and producer controlled co-operative associations and other agencies."

Included in the NTEA program is a campaign to induce Congress to repeal the Capper-Volstead co-operative marketing act of 1922. The NTEA charges that it gives farmers a preference over other groups under anti-trust laws. That is not true. The Capper-Volstead act authorized farmers to act together in associations corporate or otherwise in preparing for market and marketing their farm products. Congress enacted the Capper-Volstead act to assure farmers a right they had before the Sherman anti-trust act of 1890. Congress agreed that right should have been provided for at that time. Prior to the Capper-Volstead act, enemies of co-operatives instigated anti-trust suits quite frequently.

An Old Acquaintance is Coming Back

The next major food problem to confront the nation, and agriculture in particular, will be one of a great surplus, with prospect of additional surpluses to come.

At this point in the war with Germany, War Mobilization Director James Byrnes has estimated that about 8,000,000 tons of food can be released from the war time reserve to other uses. About 2,000,000 tons of that stock is held in the United States, the remainder is in Europe, and mostly in England. When the German war ends, it is estimated that purchases of food stocks for the army will decline by as much as fifty per cent.

Beginning a year before Pearl Harbor, American farmers have responded to government appeals for increased production. In each of three seasons we have made record increases in production until in 1944 we have accomplished the greatest production in history. We are producing at 36% above what was considered normal for 1940. We won't cut back to normal suddenly or even soon. We couldn't at the close of World War I when farmers had expanded acreage and had stepped up production about a generation ahead of normal consumption.

Accordingly, in response to representations made by the American Farm Bureau and other farm organizations, Congress has provided that the government should support farm prices at not less than 90% of parity for two years after the end of the war. Parity implies an equal relationship between prices for products of the farm and prices for other goods and services.

Since the war with Germany and the war with Japan will end on dates that may be far apart, that complicates the related problems of support prices and adjustment of production. Undoubtedly, we shall have a return of production controls.

In the meantime it has been predicted that a public howl will go up when Congress appropriates funds to carry out its promise to support farm prices for two years after the conflict ends. Nevertheless, industry expects that war contracts will be adjusted to protect manufacturers from great loss; labor expects to be provided with unemployment payments to bridge the gap between production for war and production for peace. Farmers have the same problem.

This time we have the American Farm Bureau of nearly one million members and associated general farm organizations and co-operatives to present the case for agriculture.

Four Major Enemies of Mankind

There are four major enemies of mankind against which relentless wars must be waged in the post-war era with the same determination as we are now fighting on the battlefield, according to Dr. Harlow Shapley of Harvard University.

Dr. Shapley said that the people of every community should organize themselves for a systematic national war on the groups of maladies that prematurely age and kill our citizens. These are cancer, mental disease, arthritis, and the diseases of the circulatory and respiratory system.

Dr. Shapley recalled that 25 years ago, in an interval of ten months, four times as many Americans were killed by influenza as died in the first World War. Throughout the world 20,000,000 people died of influenza in those months. More recently, the first eleven days of the battle of Normandy cost in killed an average of 300 Americans a day. During those days and every day cancer takes the lives of 400 Americans. There are 5,000,000 people in the United States suffering from various forms of arthritis, with hundreds of thousands prematurely disabled.

Dr. Shapley looks to the boys and girls of today for leadership and work in a war to add years of useful life to men and women. He believes that practically every community in America that can produce a sergeant or an officer in today's armies could also produce a boy or girl who could be trained to effective service in a national army to combat disease and death.

COUNTY PROGRAMS TOPIC FOR NOV. 8

County Farm Bureau programs as they are carried out in Michigan will be the theme of the annual membership workers conference at the Union building, State College, Nov. 8. Several County Farm Bureaus will present their program and tell how they developed them. Harry Culbreth, organization director of the Ohio Farm Bureau, will speak.

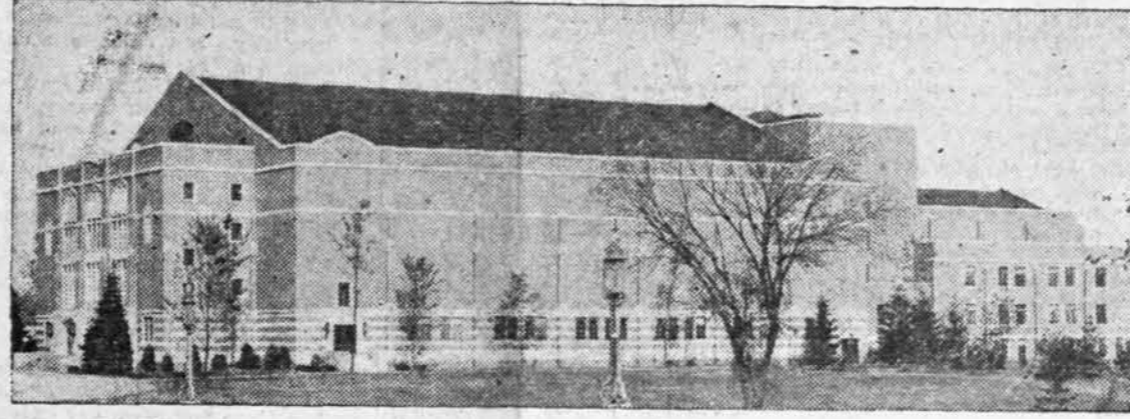
A feature of the 1944 membership workers conference and the State Farm Bureau annual meeting, November 9 and 10 will be County Farm Bureau exhibits of program material. Prizes are to be awarded for the best three exhibits.

Re-Elect Armstrong Master of Grange

W. G. Armstrong of Niles was re-elected master of the Michigan State Grange at the 71st annual meeting at Michigan State College the week of October 30. Other officers elected: Charles Flgy, Morenci, overseer; Mrs. Ila Wermuth, Holly, lecturer; Joseph Garman, Three Rivers, steward; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Brake, Bellaire, ass't stewards; Mrs. Bernice Curtis, Charlotette, chaplain; Rudolph Beuhler, Ovid, treasurer; Mrs. Helen Swanebeck, Fenton, secretary; Catherine Weber, Watervliet, Pomona; Mrs. Emma Campbell, Ann Arbor, Ceres; Martha Hale, Sumner, Fla. Executive committee: J. W. Robinson, Pellston; Irving Tucker, Allegan; Stanley Powell, Ionia; Earle Brewer, Byron Center.

Farm Bureau's 25th Annual Meeting

Place of Farm Bureau Annual Meeting, Nov. 9 and 10



MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE AUDITORIUM and FAIRCHILD THEATRE

PROGRAM

25th Annual Meeting

Michigan State Farm Bureau

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

All Meetings on Eastern War Time

9:30 a. m. Annual business meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau convenes at Fairchild theatre, New Auditorium. Ample parking facilities nearby.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.....CLARENCE J. REID

REPORT OF SECY-TREAS.....CLARK L. BRODY

12:15 p. m. Adjourn for lunch

2:00 p. m. Business session

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Nomination of directors

THURSDAY EVENING

8:00 p. m. Program at Fairchild Theatre

SONGS OF GAY NINETIES and Other Years by girls of Base Line Church and Penfield Community Farm Bureau

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS for Membership Work

ADDRESS.....EARL C. SMITH Vice President, American Farm Bureau

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

9:00 a. m. Farm Bureau business meeting at Fairchild theatre

Consideration of Resolutions

Election of directors

New business

Adjournment

PRE-CONVENTION MEETINGS, Wednesday, November 8—See complete information published on page 2.

ROOMS—See complete information published on page 2.

TIME—All meetings on Lansing or eastern war time because of restaurant and other accommodations.

RAISE \$700 TO REBUILD GARAGE

When lightning and fire destroyed the community farm machinery repair shop and garage at Chief, Manistee county, and the owner was unable to get materials for rebuilding, the Chief Community Farm Bureau took over. The foundation is in for a new building, according to Mrs. Richard Eckman, secretary.

Frank Schmucker, a member of Chief Community Farm Bureau, operated the repair shop. Extension classes in repairing farm equipment were held there last winter. A great deal of machinery was repaired during the winter, and Mr. Schmucker kept adding to his equipment. The fire wiped him out except for a little insurance. The day after the fire he began to get offers to leave the community for war work.

Chief Community Farm Bureau called a special meeting. As a result \$700 was raised and put in the bank. In the same canvass, farmers volunteered to donate logs, saw it into lumber and help build the new plant. All of this was arranged without saying anything to Mr. Schmucker about it. In a few days another meeting was called, to which Mr. Schmucker was invited. He was presented with a checkbook and the list of farmers who contributed, and was invited to rebuild his garage and repair shop and go back to work for his neighbors.

When Mr. Schmucker recovered a bit, he thanked his friends and said that he would do his best to make it the kind of a garage and repair shop that such neighbors deserve.

Buy Farm Bureau Feeds.

CO-OP CLINICS WELL ATTENDED

288 co-op ass'n directors and managers, representing 83 ass'ns, attended a series of 8 co-operative clinics held in mid-October at St. Joseph, Shelby, Grand Rapids, St. Louis, Big Rapids, Imlay City, Ypsilanti, Coldwater.

Three more such meetings are planned for the first part of December at Bad Axe, Boyne City, and Traverse City.

At the current series of meetings representatives from the Farm Bureau Services and Co-operative Public Relations and Labor Service discussed (1) the relations of farmers and their co-operatives to labor union (2) government rules and regulations affecting co-operatives in the field of labor, wages and hours, and (3) the attack on co-operatives by the National Tax Equality Ass'n.

No More Hotel Rooms For Annual Meeting

The Olds, Roosevelt and Porter hotels of Lansing notified the State Farm Bureau Friday, November 3, that they had accepted all the reservations they could accept for the State Farm Bureau annual meeting, November 9-10. The Farm Bureau membership relations dept' has a fair sized list of rooms in private homes in East Lansing and Lansing and is getting more. At this time many of the delegates have made their room reservations. Try to have a room before you arrive. If not, see Farm Bureau room service immediately on arrival in Lansing and early in the day. For further information, see Room Rate Schedule on page 2.

On the Program



EARL C. SMITH Vice-Pres., American Farm Bureau Thursday Evening



CLARENCE J. REID President, Mich. State Farm Bureau Thursday Morning



CLARK L. BRODY Secretary, Mich. State Farm Bureau Thursday Morning

Ira Community

Farm Bureau News Ira Community Farm Bureau of St. Clair county is the first to have a monthly printed publication. The editor is Earl Gove of Fair Haven who is also connected with MacManus, John & Adams, Inc., advertising agency of Detroit. As might be expected, the 4 page paper compares with the national magazines for the excellence of its printing and arrangement and editorial content. Five years ago eight families organized Ira Community Farm Bureau local. The group has grown to have a membership of 80 and a monthly publication.

MAYFLOWER BECOMES BARN

Six years after the Mayflower brought the Pilgrims to America, the famous vessel was broken up in England and made into a barn still standing on the Russell farm, 25 miles west of London.

At State College November 9 and 10

More than 29,000 members of the Farm Bureau in 47 counties and 140 farmers co-operative ass'ns affiliated with the Farm Bureau may send as many as 722 voting delegates to the 25th annual meeting of the Michigan State Farm Bureau at Michigan State College Thursday and Friday, November 9 and 10.

The resolutions committee will convene Tuesday, November 7, at Lansing to draft a set of State Farm Bureau resolutions from those presented by County and Community Farm Bureaus, co-operatives, and the pre-convention conferences of the co-operative commodity marketing groups. This year every County Farm Bureau has had an annual meeting or special meeting in the weeks preceding November for the purpose of suggesting resolutions to the state conventions.

Pre-convention meetings Wednesday, November 8, include the annual Farm Bureau membership workers' conference, and conferences of the co-operative commodity marketing groups. The co-operatives will adopt programs on which they will ask help from the Farm Bureau.

The Associated Women of the Farm Bureau will hold their annual meeting Wednesday afternoon, November 8.

The time and place of all meetings are given in the program announcements set forth on page 1 and 2 of this edition.

The State Farm Bureau board of directors holds its final business session of the year Wednesday, November 8. It will consider recommendations to the convention.

Mr. Earl C. Smith, vice president of the American Farm Bureau, and president of the Illinois Agr'l Ass'n, will address the Michigan Farm Bureau Thursday evening on the necessity of maintaining a high production level in both agriculture and industry after the war.

Matters to Come Before 25th Annual Convention

1—A proposal to amend the constitution and by-laws to provide that 17 of 18 directors of the State Farm Bureau shall be elected by districts. At present nine directors are elected at large, and seven are nominated by affiliated commodity exchanges. One director is nominated by the Junior Farm Bureau. The proposal to elect by districts has been considered at two annual meetings. During October it was discussed at seven County Farm Bureau leadership regional meetings. A district plan was recommended by those groups.

2—Formation of permanent commodity committees to represent the major co-operative marketing groups in the state to the Farm Bureau. The committees and the Farm Bureau would work together.

3—It has been proposed that the Michigan State Farm Bureau shorten its name to Michigan Farm Bureau in order to eliminate confusion as to whether or not it has a connection with the state government.

1944 Was Another Good Year

Prominent in the work done by the Farm Bureau during the past year were these accomplishments:

Membership—Increased from 20,548 to 29,029. Goal for 1945 membership is 37,500. New County Farm Bureaus were organized in Antrim, Benzie and Charlevoix counties. Community Farm Bureaus meeting monthly increased from 234 to 460, representing 10,000 families. Junior Farm Bureau increased to 86 groups. Farm Bureau families subscribing to the Michigan Hospital Service increased from 1,500 to 5,000.

Insurance Service—The Farm Bureau insurance dept', as state agent for the State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Co. and State Farm Life Co. of Bloomington, Ill., reported 99,570 automobile insurance policies in force August 31, 1944. It reported having these percentages of the entire car registration in several counties: Ottawa 36%, Gratiot 33%, Clinton 32%, Missaukee 33%, and 15 and 25% in a number of other counties. California ranks first for the number of auto policies in the State Farm Mutual, Michigan second.

The insurance dept' reported \$13,826,978 of State Farm Life insurance in force in Michigan. States having the largest volume of State Farm Life insurance are Minnesota, Illinois, California, and Michigan, in that order.

Legislation—When Congress extended the life of the OPA last June, it incorporated several very important amendments advocated by the Farm Bureau. Improvements were made in regulations applying ceilings to farm prices; consumer food subsidies were limited in amount and duration without getting further permission from Congress; right of appeal to the courts was provided for those charged with violations of OPA regulations.

A request for copper for bull rings, started by the Michigan Farm Bureau, finally resulted in the WPB allotting 500 tons of copper for that purpose. Bull rings are now available through mail order houses and local dealers.

Farm Bureau Services, Inc.—The increase in co-operative supplies services to members and other patrons in 1944 on seeds, feeds, fertilizers, petroleum products, roofing, paints, farm machinery, and other items was 12% in dollar volume, and 30% in tonnage. Wholesale distribution through farmers co-operatives increased from \$4,475,000 last year to \$6,028,000 in the year ending August 31, 1944. The tonnage of goods distributed increased from 135,629 to 152,209 tons, not including farm machinery, for the year ending Aug. 31, 1944.

Patrons purchases for the year ending August 31, were the largest on record. Many products were not obtainable in the volume desired, but the experience was much better this year than last.

Farm Bureau Fruit Products Co.—Sales of fruits and vegetables packed and marketed for co-operating producers or the year ending August 21 exceeded \$1,000,000. This was a record. The Fruit Products Co., provides management and sales services for the following affiliated co-operatives: Fruit Co-operatives Canning Co. with a plant at Coloma, Berrien County; Oceana Fruit Growers, Inc., with a plant at Hart; and the Bay Co-operative Canneries, Inc., with a plant at Essexville, Bay county. The first two can fruits. Bay is primarily a vegetable canning plant.

Wickard Answers NTEA Attack on Co-ops

Taxation in the post-war period is a matter of vital importance to co-operatives. Representatives of the National Council of Farmer Co-operatives have been invited to meet with representatives of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation and of the Treasury. Attacks by NTEA continue, but they have been answered in two important speeches, one by Secretary of Agriculture Wickard and another by Quentin Reynolds, vice president of the National Council.

Laying hens now average 142 eggs annually, or twice as many as they laid 20 years ago.

Improvement In Feed Situation

D. H. Stark, extension specialist in agricultural economics, Michigan State college, following an analysis of the state and national feed situation, says that the feed supply as a whole appears much better now than it did during August. A dark side of the picture is the transportation difficulties. Stark finds that the feed deficit areas face a critical situation as to ability to buy and move the grain from the corn belt areas.

Thick, polished plate glass has been successfully substituted for steel chutes in coal mines where there is an acid atmospheric condition and where abrasion is a factor.

Let's Get Out the Vote November 7

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Blue Evening

*I'm sort of love in my mind tonight
In a couple of ways, or three,
As I think of the things that should run right
But seem all wrong to me.
As I think of the cost in blood and tears;
In nameless horrors and helpless fears;
In hopes frustrated and wasted years,
Of this war to keep men free.*

*I'm wondering what we'll tell the boys
As back from the wars they come;
Back to the home of their childhood joys
And the arms of Dad and Mom.
Can we say, "Look, Son, we did our stuff,
We backed you up when the fight was tough,
We sent you plenty—and soon enough,
We won our war at home!"*

*Or must we matter—and blush with shame—
With our head hung mighty low,
"We spent at the track and the football game
But skipped on the USO
We struck at the shop, but we had just cause,
We voted for Party with wild hurrahs,
While Congress passed a thousand laws
And Washington planned it so."*

*Must I make excuse, when my tall Marine
Comes back to his home once more,
For ethics lower than he has seen
On ever a heathen shore?
For pressure groups in the halls of State;
For gratters gobbling early and late;
For avarice rampant, and sin and hate
While he was off to the war?*

*When the boys look round with their hard young eyes;
Hardened by vigil and flame;
Will their stout souls bristle with pained surprise
As they see us soft with shame?
No. Let them see, when the wars are done,
That the peace at home is also won.
Quit ye like patriots, every one,
To meet the eyes of your neighbor's son
And the man who bears your name!*

R. S. Clark
315 North Grinnell Street
Jackson, Michigan

Junior Farm Bureau Activities

By MISS MARGARET PEASE
State Publicity Chairman

Bay County—New regional officers are: Regional Director, Ed. Kluck; Asst. Director, Herbert Flerke; Sec'y-Treas., Doris Birch. A bowling league of 2 girls' teams and 2 boys' teams has been formed.

Munger Community—New officers are: Pres., John Fleischman; Vice Pres., Edward Reinsch; Sec'y-Treas., Agnes Lynch; rec. Chairman, Marjorie Reinke and Pub. Chairman, Julia Markel. The following new groups have been organized in the Bay-Saginaw County region: Munger, Frankenmuth and Johnson.

Berrien County—110 members of the Berrien, Cass, VanBuren Junior Farm Bureaus attended the Tri-county Junior Farm Bureau meeting held at the Decatur Town hall. Plans were discussed for the state convention Nov. 4 at East Lansing.

Our second county week end camp was held at Camp Warren, north of Benton Harbor, October 28 and 29. The camps theme was "Junior Farm Bureau in the Post War World" with discussions led by counselors Burton Richards, William Bartz and Robert Koentzshof. Classes were held on parliamentary procedure, publicity and recreation. The committee in charge included Harold Steinke, Norris Young, Albert Slekmann and Frank Simanton.

Central Berrien Community—After our membership drive 170 members and guests had a very enjoyable evening dancing to the music of the Four Duces at the Long lake club house. Present were S/Sgt. Warren Toney, Cpl. Robert Jackson, and Cpl. Carl Fisher, and Lt. Lester Keigley. Letters were read from other members in the service. We voted to contribute \$10 to both the Berrien Springs and Eau Claire Lions Clubs for the fund to send the Journal Era to all boys in the service from this locality.

Don Fields, Dorothy Bittner, Lillian Schaenfeld and Fred Schilling were appointed to act on the resolutions committee for the state convention to be held in the near future. A discussion on parliamentary procedure was led by Wesley Strong.

October 23 100 members and friends enjoyed the annual hay ride. After the ride, games and refreshments were in charge of Ed. Radewald, Frances and Lloyd Cuthbert, and Irma Hartman. Plans were made for over 30 from this area who plan to attend the state convention November 4.

A letter was read from a former officer, Wave Barbara Preston, who is stationed in New York. Resolutions for the coming year were read by Donald Fields. The following committees were appointed for the coming year: Sympathy, Maxine Walker, Betty Case and Helen Jenkins; Membership, Ed. Schmidt, Betty Hettler and John Foster.

At the next meeting the topic will be Personal Appearance with Evelyn Barkman, Elaine Dickey, John Foster and Roy Miller in charge.

Cass County—30 members enjoyed a hay ride on October 6. This was followed by a weiner roast. A Hal-

loween Party is planned for October. Hillsdale County—At a stand at the county fair from September 24 to 30 \$50 was made for our treasury by selling pop, Eskimo pies, candy, and soft drinks. Plans are being made to sponsor the Senior banquet the last of the month.

Ionia County—Wayne Chamberlain, Senior Counselor and Alice Hile installed the new officers. The new president is John Benedict. We shall meet the first and third Wednesdays.

Kalamazoo County—Daring Fair week \$50 was earned by members selling ice cream and soft drinks at the fair. Christmas cards are being sold by members in each community for our county organization. Oct. 19 plans were made for the state convention November 4. On October 14 we sponsored a dance for District No. 2 at which the following District officers were elected for the coming year: Pat Marshall, director; Gordon Stanton, asst. director and Arlene Marshall, secretary. Plans are being made for a Kalamazoo County J. F. B. Thanksgiving banquet.

St. Joseph—East Side Community Junior Farm Bureau met October 13 at the Colon high school with 29 members present. We discussed separation of the county Junior Farm Bureau into two Community groups. We meet again November 6 at the same place on November 6th.

The Senior Farm Bureau invited the Junior Farm Bureau to join them in a potluck supper and meeting on October 26th at the Centreville High School.

Washtenaw County—October 10, it was decided to have another county-wide paper drive. Committee is: Don Lundberg, chairman; Dorothea Morrison, Carol Kitcher, Marilyn Andersen and Darl LaGuire. A competitive program is being set up by a committee for the community groups. The Free Soil Community group challenged the other Community groups to a basketball game. This will start a series of matches to last all season. 47 new members paid their dues.

St. Joseph County—Mr. Houghtaling, the county sheriff delivered a message on "This Modern Generation" to 47 members at a recent meeting. Plans are being made to expand the Junior Farm Bureau into community groups over the county.

Washtenaw—We are holding discussion group meetings every two weeks at the University of Michigan library. Attending the meetings regularly are: Albert Gall, Lillian Haas, Mary Richards, Leonard Burmeister, Armin Haussler, Dorothy Brown, Irma Nowak, Hubert Beach, Curtis Hamilton, Paul Hunter, Genevieve Richards. Four groups have been conducting a month's membership drive, ending October 24. Losers give the winners a party. Juniors were invited to provide entertainment for Senior meeting at Dexter, October 26.

Ionia—Twenty-seven attended the October 4 meeting. Planned membership drive and discussed the Farm Bureau manual. Kent county Juniors were guests.

St. Joseph—Fifty attended the October meeting. June Morse, Celeste Hoppel and Doris Burgess led the group in discussion "Women in the War." Conclusion? Women's place is in the home after the war. Five delegates will represent us at the

ROOM RATE SCHEDULE MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING

At Fairchild Theatre, Michigan State College, East Lansing							
November 8 & 10, 1944							
At Lansing Hotels and Private Residences							
Hotel Rooms	Olds Hotel	Roosevelt Hotel	Porter Hotel	Wentworth Hotel	Strand Hotel	Detroit Hotel	
	125 W.	220	501	201 E.	122 S.	111 N.	
Telephone	5-9155	2-1471	2-1491	4-3019	4-2218	9-1522	
Single Without Bath	None	\$1.50	None	\$1.50	\$1.50		
Single With Bath	\$2.50 up	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$2.25	\$2.25		
Double Without Bath	None	\$2.50	None	\$2.00	\$2.00 up	\$3.00	
Double With Bath	\$4.00 up	\$3.50 up	\$4.00	\$3.00	\$3.00 up	\$4.00	

Garages and all night parking lots are convenient to these hotels, which are all located in the center of downtown Lansing.

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.

Co-op Tractor Sends U. S. \$45,000 Patron Refund

The National Farm Machinery Co-operative at Shelbyville, Ind., has returned to the U. S. Treasury a \$45,000 patronage refund on the defense machinery being made in the co-operative tractor factory.

The factory is owned by consumer and purchasing co-operatives in the United States and Canada and was producing co-operative tractors before the war. It converted to production of tank parts and other materials. The patronage refund to the U. S. Treasury follows the regular co-operative practice of refund on purchases.

KEEP 15 MILL TAX LIMIT, FARMERS SAY IN POLL

Preliminary tabulation of the recent poll of Farm Bureau members on the 15-mill amendment to the state constitution shows that Michigan farmers are overwhelmingly in favor of retaining the amendment in its present form.

One-fourth of the farmers indicate that they would favor some liberalization in the amendment with respect to the period for which the 15-mill limit might be lifted. In discussing the issue of lengthening the period for retirement of indebtedness, court houses, community recreation centers, fire departments, school sites and buildings, and similar projects were suggested as capital outlay expenditures that might be included.

This preliminary tabulation of the "What's Your Opinion?" Poll included reports from 102 Community Farm Bureaus from 37 counties in the state. A total of 1,782 farmers discussed the matter and replied to the questionnaire in time to be included in this report. The complete summary of the reports shows the following attitudes in rural Michigan:

88% favor retaining the 15-mill amendment exactly as it is at the present time. 10% favor modifying the law in some respects, but retain the 15-mill limitation. 2% favor repealing the amendment entirely.

In discussing specific changes proposed in the present law, 75% oppose any change to allow more than 15-mills tax for more than five years; 93% oppose any modification of the present amendment to enable a simple majority instead of a two-thirds majority to raise the tax limit above 15-mills.

Reynolds Speaks at Boston Conference

The important role of farmer co-operatives in the operation of the family-sized farm was explained to the Boston Conference on Distribution on October 17 by Quentin Reynolds, vice president of the National Council of Farmer Co-operatives and general manager of Eastern States Farmers Exchange.

"Cooperation in the purchase of farm supplies and in the marketing of farm products is the economic tool recognized by practical farmers and economic authorities as the effective method of overcoming handicaps in the successful operation of the family-sized farm," the Eastern States leader said.

Plant Farm Bureau Seeds.

MICHIGAN STATE FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING Pre-Convention Meetings

At Michigan State College, Wednesday, November 8

These meetings from 10:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. EWT.

Membership Relations Group	Union Bldg., Spartan Room, 4th floor
Fruit, Vegetables, Potatoes	Union Bldg., Organization Room 1, 3rd floor
Live Stock & Wool	Union Bldg., Organization Room 2, 3rd floor
Grain, Sugar Beets, Beans	Dairy Bldg., Room 215
Dairy	Union Bldg., Sun Porch, 2nd floor
Poultry, Eggs	Union Bldg., Annex, Room 107
Muck & Truck Crops	Morrill Hall, Room 121

This meeting from 1:30 P. M. to 4:30 P. M. EWT.

Associated Women of Farm Bureau.....Union Bldg., Ballroom
Luncheon for above groups.....12:30 noon EWT, Union Dining Room 2nd floor

MILK PRODUCERS ASK BETTER ODDS FOR BUTTER

Nearly 500 delegates at the 28th annual meeting of the Michigan Milk Producers Ass'n at State College, November 2 reminded the OPA that 20 ration points for butter and 2 for oleo is a situation that should be changed. The following resolution was adopted:

"WHEREAS, the number of ration points required to purchase a pound of butter is 20, while the number of points required for a pound of so-called substitute is only 2, and

"WHEREAS, the government desires the production of butter to be increased for the use of the fighting forces, and

"WHEREAS, a shortage of various oils used in the manufacture of so-called substitutes has recently been announced, therefore

"BE IT RESOLVED that we strongly urge that the discrepancy in required ration points between butter and substitutes be discontinued and that the responsible government agencies establishing price ceilings should revise pricing and point orders to represent more equitably the nutritive values and production costs of butter, and that copies of this resolution be sent to our congressmen and senators, and the OPA."

Other resolutions proposed that locals delegate certain members to devote time to getting new members, the MMPA to pay necessary expenses; that the Ass'n test be shown on paychecks; that systematic and continuous studies be made of cost of producing milk for benefit of the sales committee; that research work be done on practical value of calfhood vaccination as preventative of Bangs disease; that the Ass'n continue opposition to producer and consumer food subsidies.

Directors elected for a three year term from a field of eight candidates were B. F. Clothier, Lapeer county; L. K. Maystead, Hillsdale county; Walter Christenson, Muskegon county; Walter Carven, Ingham county.

GAY 90'S HELPED REBUILD CHURCH

Frank H. McDermid of Battle Creek R-3, for many years a member of Calhoun County Farm Bureau, told us how the Base-Line Church and Pennfield Township Community Farm Bureau came to have a group of girls who sing the songs of the "Gay Nineties."

The group will sing at the State Farm Bureau annual meeting the evening of November 9. Mr. McDermid said:

"Our church burned during a storm a year ago last May. People said we couldn't rebuild because of the restrictions on materials. But the men went into the woods and cut 20M feet on logs on rainy days. A local sawmill engaged in war work 8 hours daily volunteered to haul the logs and saw them if we would furnish the saw mill hands. So my nephew rode the minister sawed slabs and piled lumber. Others helped as needed. August 1 we had the sawed lumber ready and building began. In five weeks we had a roof on but no doors, or windows. We commenced holding church services. The rest of the work progressed as the need arose. We now have electric lights, an oil furnace, and complete inside plumbing. We started with \$2,000 of insurance money. Work and donations came freely. We now

have a completed church which is insured for \$6,000. All bills are paid. There was only one paid workman, the carpenter.
"The girls who are to sing November 9 were mostly in school at the time of the fire. They couldn't help with the construction work, so they prepared the original Gay Nineties song program and costumes to raise money for the building fund. It was well received at the largest available hall, and has been repeated at the Barry county 4-H Club Achievement Day, and at our Community Farm Bureau."

114 Cancellations

An analysis of a County Farm Bureau in Southwestern Michigan shows that the major portion of the 114 cancellations for 1944 came from members who belonged to the organization only one year. Here is the record:

Out of 114 cancellations, 65 had belonged to the organization one year; 31 had belonged two years; 11 had belonged three years; 2 had belonged four years; one had belonged five years and four had belonged six years.

This is typical of cancellation records throughout the state.

If you can keep your new members in the organization for three years the danger of losing them is greatly decreased. Does your County Farm Bureau have a program for accomplishing this?

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Farmers Who Will Retire After War
How many older farmers are going to quit as soon as the war ends and get a chance?
Quite a number. The Farm Credit Administration of Omaha has made a survey of 4,000 farm families in Iowa, South Dakota, Nebraska and Wyoming, and finds 33 percent of the owners and 12 percent of the tenants about ready to retire.
In Iowa, of the 1,648 families check-

ed, 31 percent of the owner-operators are 60 and over; 10% of tenants are 60 and over.
Most of these folks and a few in the younger brackets—a total of 38.5 percent of the owner-operators and 10.7 percent of the tenants—figure on retiring.
But, while these Iowa families have 457 planning to retire, they anticipate that 1,947 absent sons will come back to the farm after the war.
Actually, this figure is high, because parents usually overestimate the desire of boys to come back to the farm. If these boys do start farming about 70 percent will need financing. And that brings up the question of helping young men to buy equipment or land or both at high prices. Some folks who bought this way in 1919 didn't get bailed out until the high prices of 1940—Wallaces' Farmer & Iowa Homestead.

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Starting on 1945 Roll Call Now

Grand Traverse and Leelanau County Farm Bureaus have already set the dates for their 1945 membership campaigns. They plan to have their campaigns completed by January 15th.

The Pleasanton Community Farm Bureau has named a Roll Call Committee to make a survey as to the number of farmers in the community who do not belong to the Farm Bureau and are laying the ground work for the 1945 Roll Call in their area.

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We Can Do Better by Being More Tolerant

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

As I write this, the campaign is about over—all but counting the votes and doing the shouting. Each side seems certain of victory. They must have it or our country is doomed!

Which ever way it is decided, I'm sure we will all continue to live. It will be a relief to know that the leaders of both and all parties will return to the biggest job of all—that of winning this world-wide war.

To a certain degree the country has seemed to have lost sight of that job



Mrs. Edith M. Wagar

while candidates have galvanized the length and breadth of the country telling why they should be elected and the other fellow rejected in order to have a most efficient government. What a lot of war bonds could have been purchased this fall with campaign funds! It certainly will be a pleasure when one can sit back in his chair and really read something besides politics in the evening paper.

All of us have our personal opinion on what should or should not be done and who should or should not be chosen to do it. We are a country of many types of people, all endowed with the great privilege of voting. That is one of the many privileges of a democracy and one of the things our boys are fighting to preserve for us. But, as free thinking people, we can make it a greater democracy if we would be more tolerant with each other.

Just because I see and think differently than some one else, is no reason at all that I should hurt the other fellow by sneers or derogatory stories or name calling.

I hope I respect and admire my country enough that whoever is elected President, I can claim him as my President and co-operate with him in his great task. Owing to the great diversification of peoples, occupation, investment, interests, religion and politics, the job of being President is no small task in itself, but when coupled with a war, touching the re-

mostest points of the globe, it is a job that needs the support and sympathy of us all. I feel very certain our country would lose much of its superiority and prestige if its government were left to many of its critics, no matter which party they endorse.

And, there's another side to the question that we may well give thought to these days. That's how do we appear to the other folks?

The world is contracting rapidly under modern systems of transportation and publicity. If America continues to be the greatest democracy of the world, and acquires its rightful position in leadership in world affairs, our people should proceed with dignity, respect, and pride for what we have and do in this country.

I've wished many a time, during the past few weeks, that there'd be so much static in the air that our adjoining and overseas neighbors could not hear the disgusting family quarrel we have been indulging in.

I once heard a great Christian leader say that religious intolerance could be stamped out in one generation if adults would never speak deridingly of other creeds in the presence of children, and I feel the same could be said of other races, nationalities and political parties.

I saw a remarkable change on the part of both industry and agriculture in the Industrial-Agricultural Conference held at the College a few weeks ago. It was my good fortune to also attend the first one some four years ago, and I could see the improvement we had made.

At the first one, we each had our own problems and ideas and aired them as two separate and distinct groups. This time we met on more common ground and found many mutual problems, and all seemed more sympathetic to those pertaining to our group. Four years of having to do with or without many things we would have preferred to have had different appeared to have had a good wholesome effect on both groups.

Maybe if we suffer long enough, we can acquire a better understanding and sympathy with all groups. There's lots of fine folks in every group, but it usually takes denial, restriction, and adverse circumstances for us to really appreciate each other. Human nature is a great study at its best; it's alarming at its worst.

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Bunker on Chains

Growing calves need feed mangers with "growing legs". Carlyle Waltz of Mason, R-3, president of the Ingham County Farm Bureau, hangs the feed box on chains which can be adjusted by hooks at the ceiling. The free-swinging bunker facilitates cleaning the stable. The chains are easily adjusted for gradual increase of floor height and growth of the calves. (Submitted through the co-operation on the emergency farm labor program and the extension information service, Michigan State College.)

City Man's View of a Farmer

We claim a farmer is a man of ease, Who acts and does just as he pleases. He just sits back and smiles with mirth At things that happen on this earth. He eats three square meals a day, Says his prayers, then hits the hay, Dreams of gold and sunny skies, And about his home in paradise, Rises when his rest is done, Just another day begun. Not a care or thought of strife, Oh! lucky farmer, what a life!

What the Farmer Thinks

Did you ever try to get your living From the tilling of the soil? If you never did, it's thrilling, Just a heap of honest toil.

Up before the dawn is breaking, Kicking dew from off the grass, Doing chores, eating breakfast, Pancakes, bread and apple sass.

Now you're ready for your day's work And you go out on the run; There are so many jobs awaiting And you want to get them done.

There is the plowing, planting, sowing, Spraying, cultivating, hoeing, So you haven't time to play.

Then, when evening shadows gather, And you wind your way toward home, Tired, footsore, weak and weary, And you ache in every bone.

You do the chores up slowly With a heavy, aching head, And you wonder as you ponder Will you live to get into bed?

After supper, grab the paper, Read the news, and then you frown, For the price of feed is higher And the price of work is down.

After prayers are said And you slump off to bed, You lie awhile and wonder If by morning you'll be dead.

Then your dreams come on in waves, Like the motion of the sea, You dream of all the insects You kick the clothes from the bed, And tear to shreds the sheet. Get up in the early morning For you've had a good night's sleep. William Clark, Lawrence, Michigan

REP. ALBERT ENGEL PUTS IT STRAIGHT TO FARMERS

"Every farmer should stand up and be counted in an organization or he will be counted out," said Congressman Albert J. Engel in talking to Farm Bureau leaders of Mason County recently. He stated that the influence of the Farm Bureau would go far beyond the actual strength of members if they have a strong, sound program.

"Every member adds prestige to an organization" he said.

"Every farmer should belong to a farm organization and participate."

"Farmers should take time away from plowing, dragging, cooking, and baking whenever necessary and work with the neighbors on social, economic and political problems."

"If farmers expect to be heard, they must speak collectively after thorough study and discussion."

"Farmers must, through organizations like the Farm Bureau, take an active interest in politics from a non-partisan standpoint."

"Farmers should stand by those who stand by them."

"Farmers should be interested in the kind of men they have in high government places, in the right kind of government policies, in a good government program for the people, in the national debt, in equality of effort and reward and in keeping adverse influences out of government."

"To accomplish these things farmers must, in their organization, make careful study of many problems and issues and act through group strength."

"Farmers must make use of their right and duty to vote."

"If America is to be saved," Congressman Engel concluded, "it will be by farmers, who believe in our American principles, regardless of party."

Tuscola Carries Ads in County Papers

Recently the Tuscola County Farm Bureau published a quarter-page advertisement in seven papers entitled, "The Farmer Meets the Challenge". In these large ads the Tuscola County Farm Bureau pointed out that farmers produced crops which broke all records and will do so again each year that it is necessary, in spite of handicaps of shortages of implements and tools, labor, etc. The ad concluded with the following statement—"Those who seek to win the farmers' support at the polls must not forget that the farmer is a thinking man. He who would have the support of the American Farmer will have to show well that he will carry out the ideals on which this great nation was founded with liberty and justice for all. Candidates who place the needs of their country before personal benefits; who are ready to fight for the needed reforms, will get the farmers' vote in November."

Classified Ads

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Production of 821,000 ice refrigerators is planned for 1944 by the War Production Board.

BRODY TESTIFIES ON POST WAR TAX PROGRAM

At the invitation of the U. S. Treasury and the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation, C. L. Brody, president of the National Ass'n of Co-operatives, and members of the staff attended a hearing on the postwar-tax program at Washington, November 3.

The Treasury said that in order to fulfill the obligations it has assumed during the war, the Federal government must raise through taxation in the postwar years amounts greatly in excess of the present tax revenues.

Mr. Brody, as chairman of the NAC delegation, was invited to present views which the farm co-operatives would recommend or oppose in a postwar tax program. The NAC was also invited to express itself on the matter of equity between privately owned business and the co-operatives. Others attending from the NAC were R. Wayne Newton, general manager, Eugene Hensel, Columbus, Ohio, counsel, and W. L. Bradley, Buffalo, N. Y., auditor.

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3. To feature the sealed bushel bag as our distinctive package. This feature was originated by us. Our dealers voted to continue it.
4. To prevent the spread of weed seed through traffic in screenings or other sources of infestation.
5. To continue our Farm Bureau seed guarantee. Other seed companies can and do refuse to guarantee their seed. Our guarantee has created confidence in the mind of the seed buyer. On it we build and maintain our seed program.
6. To work with State and Federal seed programs. Certain details of such programs we think could well be revised. But so long as they remain law we shall respect them.
7. To strive to improve service. This is a tough assignment in days when manpower and equipment shortages prevail. But we shall try.
8. Keep Michigan alfalfa in Michigan. To do all in our power to prevent Michigan's limited crop of alfalfa seed from going out of the state. In this connection it is timely to state that out-of-state buyers are active now. Any alfalfa seed leaving Michigan renders our shortage more acute. This year KEEP MICHIGAN ALFALFA IN MICHIGAN.
9. To contribute our full share in the fight now being waged against NTEA, which would deny to farm people the rights and privileges they now enjoy through co-operative organization.

For these nine planks in our seed platform we ask your support. We do not hope to advance faster than the general farm organization movement. Rather shall it be our aim to try and keep pace with it. As the regular office-seekers say, "Your support will be appreciated."

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But they are doing another job which may not be so well known, as is shown by these contrasting facts:

In the last war, the operation of the railroads took money out of the United States Treasury.

In this one, the railroads are putting money into the Treasury.

In the last war, when the Government took over the railroads, even though freight rates and passenger fares were raised, Congress had to appropriate more than \$1,600,000,000 to meet deficits.

In this war, the railroads have been managed by their owners. A far bigger and better transportation job has been done. And, since Pearl Harbor, the railroads have turned into the United States Treasury the tremendous sum of \$3,250,000,000 in taxes—and today are paying federal taxes at the rate of nearly \$4,250,000 every 24 hours.

And, on top of all this, the railroads in the same months since Pearl Harbor have paid for the support of state, county and city governments another \$750,000,000 and are today paying state and local taxes at the rate of \$800,000 per day.

That's five million dollars a day paid in taxes—ten times as much as the owners receive in dividends.

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The air route from San Francisco to Japan via the Aleutian Islands is over 1,700 miles shorter than the route via the Hawaiian Islands.

A soldier requires 40 times as much wool as a civilian and it takes 26 sheep to provide that wool for one year.

The water buffalo exists in a truly wild state only in India, although it is known in parts of Europe and Africa.

Lincoln believed in letting the other fellow talk—he believed in asking questions, "I like the question mark," he said, "because it has a hook in it."

November Topic

"Inter-Group Co-operation"

Background Material for Discussion in November 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

"Goals of Other Occupational Groups." A study for an understanding of the programs of organized labor, business and industry.

ROLL CALL QUESTION—Name one objective of organized labor, business or industry.

Suggested Method—A panel is an effective way to present other groups' programs. Representatives of labor, business, agriculture and/or industrial groups would make up the panel. Set definite time limits for the panel. Follow panel with discussion by group, using panel to answer questions, clear up misunderstandings, etc.

If representatives of other groups are not available, some members of the group may serve as resource speakers on the various organizations and their programs.

Questions for Discussion—

1. What are the objectives—(1) economic (2) political (3) educational (4) recreational (5) cultural—of farmers, labor, business, and professional groups?

SUB-TOPIC 2

"Rural-Urban Relationship". A study of the interdependence between people on farms and those in town.

ROLL CALL QUESTION—Name some activity of common interest in which rural and urban people should work together.

Suggested Method—Informal group discussion seems best adapted to this topic. The group should be divided into small groups. (Use numbering off process.) Limit discussion by small groups to 30 minutes. Each group is to be assigned one of the following topics: (Several small groups may discuss the same topic)—

1. Name the activities in which rural and urban people have a common interest in the field of education, health, culture, government, trading in goods and services.
2. What are some of the problems in working out rural-urban co-operation, and what are possible solutions?
3. What programs could be carried out by rural-urban people working together?

Small groups re-assemble for report. Agree on suggestions for each of the three questions.

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- 6—Comparison of Goals for Business and Farm Organizations.
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Need Minerals For Livestock Health
Continued deficiency or lack of balance of necessary minerals in the livestock diet often leads to improper digestion, depressed appetite and even injury to blood and body tissue. Careful use of common feedstuffs ordinarily supplies most of the essential minerals, but usually the feed must be supplemented.

Where it is evident that mineral deficiency exists, E. L. Benton, extension animal husbandry specialist of Michigan State College, suggests this mineral formula for cattle that are on legume pasture or hay: 2 parts or 66 2/3 pounds loose salt, 1 part or 33 1/3 pounds bone meal; 1/2 ounce potassium iodide; 1/2 ounce cobalt. If no legumes are in the diet he suggests reducing the loose salt to 50 pounds, bone meal to 25 pounds, and adding 25 pounds ground limestone.

This formula can be adapted to sheep by adding 1 pound of phenothiazine to 12 pounds of the salt mixture. The formula is the same for swine as for cattle without legumes, but the salt should be reduced to equal that of bonemeal and limestone.

Details on how to feed minerals are contained in Extension Folder 77, prepared by Mr. Benton. It is available by writing the Bulletin Room, Department of Publications, Michigan State College.

GOOD IDEA TO HAVE SOME PROTECTION ALONG



Community Farm Bureau Activities

By EUGENE A. SMALTZ
Membership Relations & Education

BINGHAM, Leelanau—Members of the action committee led a discussion on voting; statistics show many eligible voters do not exercise their franchise. They urged every one to do so.

LAKE LEELANAU, Leelanau—Jos. Bussey urged everyone to get out and vote and to get others to go by furnishing transportation.

COUNTY LINE, Leelanau—Co-operation was the topic. Co-operation starts in the family and can be carried out in the home to show children examples of co-operation.

FALMOUTH, Missaukee—The topic for discussion was juvenile delinquency—its causes, who should assume the responsibility for its prevention, and steps to be taken.

FOREST HOME, Antrim—Voted to give \$5 to the USO drive. Mr. Wright was appointed as chairman of a committee to see what we can do about improving our Forest Home Community Park on Torch lake.

CHIEF, Manistee—Conservation Officer Ray Walters gave a report on the fox menace in the county. Pamphlets on "Fox and Coyote Trapping" were passed out to members. Mr. Walters discussed trapping with us.

SUMMIT-PERE MARQUETTE, Mason—Roll call was answered by telling of some example of co-operation in the home and community. It was voted to donate \$5 to the war fund.

SITKA, Newaygo—Decided to send Christmas boxes to the soldiers from our community.

REEMAN, Newaygo—The Reeman group assumed responsibility for collecting for the national war fund in the community.

SHELBY, Oceana—Discussion was on local program. Interest was keen on having names of farmers placed on their mail boxes.

NORTH OTTAWA, Isabella—Victor Pohl explained the training program being held at Mt. Pleasant. Resolution adopted asking that farmers receive more sugar for canning and baking.

BETHANY, Gratiot—Discussed how to bring members into meetings who don't attend. Suggested that our Farm Bureau promote cleaning of weeds and brush from the roads. Sent \$5 to Associated Women for the Farm Bureau Club mobile unit overseas, which serves doughnuts to soldiers on the front lines in Italy.

MONROE CENTER, Grand Traverse—A committee report on Banes Disease testing was given by H. Yonker. The plan being to have Veterinarian Beeke make the tests for us at 25c per head for all cattle over six months.

Keith Shugart and Dick Leggett were present for the Junior Farm Bureau. They gave an interesting and detailed report of JFB activities and outlined plans whereby a new group might be organized in our community. James Yonker will contact the prospective members and have them meet with the seniors to work out organization plans.

David Yonker told of plans discussed at the action meeting to have farmers cut down on working hours as a remedy for surpluses and resulting low prices.

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DECATUR, Van Buren—A proposal was made that the Farm Bureau send Christmas greetings to all boys in the service from Decatur. Guy Congdon suggested that the group put a large greeting advertisement in our local paper early in December. Since most of the boys get the paper, the suggestion was accepted and Anne Loeser put in charge.

VERGENNES, Kent—It was decided to appoint a committee of four to find farms suitable for the returning soldiers.

WEST COLON, St. Joseph—Members responded to Roll Call with their pet peeve. Later the men were requested to fashion hats for the ladies out of paper plates, crepe paper, chicken feathers, flowers, ribbons, etc. Prizes were awarded.

SOUTH FABUIS, St. Joseph—The youth program is considered to be one of the most important. It was suggested that everyone ought to help

and work co-operatively with Boy and Girl Scout Groups, 4-H clubs, and Grange and church activities.

INGERSOLL, Midland—There were several suggestions for improving the community club meetings: Bring another member to the meetings; use of the movie projector; have an occasional Farm Bureau party; Read our Farm News more to be better informed on the things to be discussed at meetings.

TOWNLINE, Van Buren—In the discussion the leader asked for resolutions which the group wished presented at the State Convention. The resolutions asked: (1) Detailed report on how and where roads are built and the cost posted; (2) Have Farm Bureau investigate to see why we can't have more efficiency and better engineering in use of funds already available rather than increase the budget; (3) Each group appoint one person to a grievance committee for county and state.

KINDERHOOK, Branch—Twenty-five members signed a pledge "To Exercise My Rights as a Citizen" as follows: **BECAUSE**—I believe in Democracy, and Agriculture is the foundation of a true democracy, the farmer must assume our responsibility as citizens. **I PLEDGE**: To vote—to urge my family to vote—to urge my neighbors to vote.

AUGUSTA, Washtenaw—The group sent two resolutions to the state annual meeting: (1) That the farmers may sign an affidavit making tractor gas tax free, as they do for farm supplies in hardware stores etc., instead of paying the three cent tax and having it refunded later. (2) That the State Conservation Department issue all hunters additional information concerning greater protection for farmer's crops, fences, and livestock.

SOUTHWEST YPSILANTI, Washtenaw—The possibility of an open season on hen pheasants was discussed. The president appointed a committee to draw up the following resolution: **Resolved**: "That the Southwest Ypsilanti group suggests open season for hen pheasants in the 1945 season because of damage to crops, suggests limits on hen pheasants to be the same as for cock pheasants."

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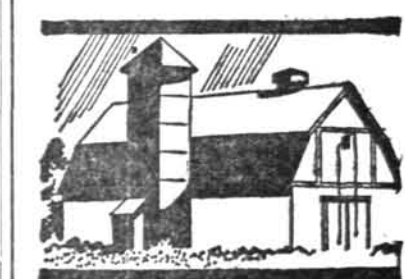
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The resolution committee presented the following resolution: "Knowing that the economic welfare of the county depends on a parity between industry, labor, and agriculture, and further realizing that parity based on 1909-14 has become obsolete on many products, we, the members of the Northwest Oakland group, petition Congress to readjust and establish a new parity based on fairness to all parties concerned." Resolution adopted and forwarded to the county resolutions committee.

DELHIAURELIUS, Ingham—To secure co-operation in the home, the following suggestions were made: (1) Discuss problems each morning if the family is small; (2) in large family, where all members cannot spend the time daily for discussion, have an hour set aside once a week; (3) children should be taught something about the financial responsibilities of a home; (4) parents should endeavor to develop responsibility on the part of the child; (5) parents and children should trust each other.

SUMMIT-PERE MARQUETTE, Mason—This group believes it is the first to complete enrollment in the surgical plan of the Michigan Hospital Service, under auspices of the State Farm Bureau; 29 families added this to their group hospitalization contract.

BLUMFIELD-BUENA VISTA, Saginaw—Mark T. Davis reviewed the early purchases of Saginaw land tracts from the Chippewa Indians. We discussed the four proposed amendments to the state Constitution. Mrs. George Kuefner reported on the county Farm Bureau leadership regional meeting at Frankenmuth.

PENNFIELD, Calhoun—Frank McDermid led the discussion on the value of co-operation. The four constitutional amendments were discussed. It was voted to send each member in the township a postcard asking him to help get out the vote. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. McDermid were hosts, with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parrott assisting. Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Wallace had charge of the entertainment.

SNOW Community F. B.—Seymour Hesche was re-elected chairman and Harold Green, discussion leader. Law-

Florida Citrus Growers Get Storm Aid For Losses

An immediate increase in the price ceilings for both fresh and processed citrus fruits to compensate growers for their storm losses has been asked by directors of the Florida Fruit Exchange, Charles H. Walker, Exchange president said this week.

WFA has established specific wage ceilings for harvesting the citrus fruit and WFA has authorized unlimited use of metal cans for packing segments and juice. Officials in WFA and OPA are giving consideration to readjustment in price ceilings for Florida growers.

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The Marines honor their dead. American casualties are at the rate of more than 570 every day of war.



TODAY—570 of our boys will pay for war the HARD WAY
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Do it today—NOW—while you think of it!



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